

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 005/14 of the Construction Industry Council for 2014 was held on Friday, 24 October 2014 at 2:30 pm at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Present	:	Shing-see LEE	(SSL)	Chairman
		Andrew CHAN	(AKYC)	
		Allan CHAN	(SKC)	
		Paul CHONG	(PC)	
		Luen-kiu CHOW	(LKC)	
		Reuben CHU	(RCU)	
		Stephen YIM	(SnY)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
		Chi-wah LAI	(CWL <i>i</i>)	
		Stephen LAI	(SLI)	
		Robert LAM	(PHL)	
		Christopher LEUNG	(KYL)	
		Melissa Kaye PANG	(MKP)	
		Mike WONG	(MW)	
		Wilfred Shek-chun WU	(WSCW)	
		Siu-hung CHAN	(SHC)	
		Hau-wai CHEUNG	(HWC)	
		Tai-chong CHEW	(TCC)	
		Chi-sing WAI	(CSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
	In Attendance	:	CHEUNG Tin-cheung	(Tn <i>C</i>)
		Dominic CHOW	(DCW)	Development Bureau
		Lionel LAU	(LYL)	Housing Department
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Alex LEUNG	(AL)	Director – Training and Development
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Director – Registration Services
		Cheryl IP	(CI)	Senior Manager – HR & Admin
		Katherine TAM	(OKT)	Senior Manager – Finance
		Miranda YEAP	(MYP)	Senior Manager – Council Services
		Thomas TONG	(TT <i>g</i>)	Chief Research Consultant
	Belle HO	(CYH)	Manager – Council Services	
Apologies	:	Ada FUNG	(AF)	
		Siu-wai HUI	(SWH)	Director of Buildings
		Tak-ching MAK	(TCM)	
		Lawrence NG	(LN)	

Derrick PANG (DP)
Kevin POOLE (KP)
Sze-chun WONG (SCW)

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 4:10 p.m.]

**5.8 Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting
(Open-door Session)**

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/004/14 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 4th meeting of 2014 held on Friday, 29 August 2014 at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

**5.9 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting
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Nil.

**5.10 3rd Meeting of Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO
Amendments**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/040/14 and had no comments on the items.

Members were briefed by AL on the following issues raised in the SGICA Meeting No. 004/14 held on 22 October 2014:-

- Item 4.1 – Most of the provisions of the Amendments Bill were scrutinised in the third Bill Committee Meeting held on 20 October 2014. It was expected that the examination of the bill would be completed at its fourth meeting to be held on 5 November 2014. If the examination proceeded smoothly, the Second Reading debate and Third Reading could resume in the Legislative Council Meeting in December 2014. The Amendments Bill was expected to be commenced in March or April 2015.
- Item 4.3 – Regarding the publicity plan of the Amendments, CITB and CWRB would jointly implement promotional and publicity activities.
- Item 4.4 – Members noted that the demand for trade test would be increased in the coming two years as a result of the

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Amendments. Hence, a number of measures to address the demand were being formulated, e.g. additional trade tests to be conducted during weekends and evenings on weekdays.

DCW supplemented that there would be a transition period of 24 months after the commencement of the Amendments Bill. Promotion and publicity would be conducted through the Announcement of Public Interest (APIs).

The Chairman said that resources for inspection and enforcement for the implementation of prohibition requirements under CWRO would be reviewed in due course.

5.11 5th Meeting of Construction Workers Registration Board for 2014

Members were briefed by PC on Paper CIC/CMT/P/041/14.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 5.3.6 – The 3rd round of telephone survey was conducted in June to August 2014 by the Task Force on Data Analysis. A data analysis report would be uploaded to CIC Website in November for the reference of the public. The average number of working days had dropped as compared to the results of two previous surveys. Up to 30 June 2014, it was estimated that about 220,000 active workers were currently engaged in the construction industry and about 166,000 workers working at construction works on any given day (excluding truck drivers and workers carrying out non-construction works).
- Item 5.4.1 – To simplify the fee calculation of the applications for registration and renewal, the "Construction Workers Registration (Fee) (Amendment) Regulation" ("Regulation") (Cap 583B) were proposed to be amended. Members endorsed the proposed amended "Regulation" which would be submitted to the Secretary for Development for approval and gazette.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper

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5.12 3rd Meeting of Committee on Construction Safety for 2014

Members were briefed by HWC on Paper CIC/CMT/P/042/14.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 3.3 – Prof. Albert CHAN of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University shared the study and design on anti-heat stress clothing for construction workers in hot and humid weather.
- Item 3.4 – Members were informed of the progress of the Task Group on Application of Innovative Design to Enhance Construction Safety, including safety belt, application of RFID and site monitoring.
- Item 3.5 – The Guideline on Jump Lift would be issued shortly.
- Item 3.6 – A Guideline on wearing life jacket would be issued shortly. A workshop on how to wear life jacket would be held on 4 December 2014.
- Item 3.7 – Members endorsed the Construction Safety Poster on working at height safety No. P-CSY-001-14 which was published on 19 September 2014. It was recommended that working platform instead of ladder should be used when working at height.
- Item 3.8 – A consultancy brief was being prepared for the Method Statements for high risk work.
- Item 3.9 – A guideline would be issued on licence for new comer and probationer.
- Item 3.10 – A survey would be conducted on Administration Charges for Reporting of Site Accidents.
- Item 3.11 – The experience sharing presentation on Safety Visit to Kaohsiung, Taiwan and the 9th Taiwan Safety Culture Forum would be postponed to the next Com-CSY Meeting.
- Item 3.12 – The representative from Mass Transit Railway (MTR) shared the “iPromise Campaign” video to Com-CSY Members.

A Guideline on heat stress was issued last year. The Chairman asked if HKCA followed the recommendation of providing 15

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minutes rest to the workers in the morning and afternoon session. SKC replied that the measure was implemented in a flexible manner. In response, the Chairman stressed that the measure should be implemented systematically and requested that follow up action be reported in Council Meeting.

SKC

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/042/14.

[PC, RCU and MKP left the meeting at this juncture.]

5.13 2nd Meeting of Committee on Procurement and Subcontracting for 2014

Members were briefed by MYP on the Com-PNS Meeting held on 17 October 2014.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Wording was slightly adjusted in the MOU to be signed between CIC and NECUK. The MOU was approved.
- Translation and legal vetting of the FAQ document on NEC3 was in progress.
- The work plan of the Task Force on Competition Law and the budget for the production of a 2-minute animation video on bid-rigging in 2015 were endorsed.
- The revised Terms of Reference for the Special Group on On-demand Bonds and the recommendation to engage a law firm to draft the standard form and conditions for on-demand bonds were endorsed.
- The Reference Materials on the Selection of Consultants was endorsed.
- Legal vetting of the Standard Form of Domestic Sub-contract was in progress. A separate Task Force to work on a simplified version as Stage 2 was suggested for the way forward.

With regard to the Standard Form of Domestic Sub-contract aforementioned, the Chairman raised his concern over a letter dated 15 October 2014 issued by HKCA to the Chairman of the

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Task Force, copied to CIC Chairman and Chairman of Com-PNS, stating that they were not comfortable with the potential implications of introducing the Standard Form as developed due to practical considerations.

The Chairman expressed his concern and asked SKC, Chairman of HKCA on the reason for HKCA's objection. SKC explained that the Standard Form was impracticable as it was too lengthy and would deter people from using it. MW supplemented that the original intention was to draft a Standard Form which was easy to use and understand. As such, he suggested that the proposed Standard Form could be targeted for medium to large scale projects while a simplified version targeted at small scale projects could be produced at a later stage. The Chairman requested HKCA to adopt a positive attitude by sending representatives to participate in the discussions at the task force meeting again. SKC agreed to the proposed way forward. As such, the legal vetting for the existing draft Standard Form would be put on hold, pending the further deliberation of the Task Force and the Com-PNS.

- The Task Force on Subcontractors Registration Scheme (SRS) decided not to proceed with the categorization of subcontractors under the SRS.
- Regarding the issues on Allocation/Sharing of Risks in Construction Contracts, HKCA hoped that a separate study could be commissioned to look into risks sharing between the Contractor and the Employer in construction contracts. Relevant interested parties would be invited to a meeting to discuss the way forward.

[TCC and MW left the meeting at this juncture.]

5.14 7th Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2014

Members were briefed by AL on Paper CIC/CMT/P/043/14 and the progress of the Meeting No. 008/14 held on 10 October 2014.

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The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 7.4 – Members approved the target number of graduates and the total training places for cooperative training schemes in 2015 as well as the estimated expenditure of \$107 million.

A Member asked for the number of workers trained by CIC in 2014. AL replied that the figure should be based on the number of graduates in 2014 which would be over 4,000 but less than 5,000.

- Item 7.6 – Members noted that the amendments to CWRO had more impact on trade tests than on training courses, which included adding 17 new construction trade tests and intermediate trade tests for the proposed trades, following up the test questions of intermediate trade tests in 10 trade divisions related to plant operation, and revising the trade testing arrangement of the Bricklaying, Plastering and Tiling (Master) to include the trade of mason.
- Item 7.7 – Members noted that task forces under CITB were re-structured in early 2014, so the terms of reference for the new term of course advisory panels required minor revisions. It was also proposed to adjust the number of members and composition to enhance consistency so as to listen to comments from various parties.
- Item 7.9 – Members approved the arrangement for providing intermediate trade tests on Metal Scaffolding and Timber Formwork (Building Construction) for trainees at training centres and also accepted the budget of \$130,000 for establishing 7 testing stations for intermediate trade test of Timber Formwork at Siu Lun Street Training Ground.
- Item 7.10 – Members agreed to provide "Advanced Course on BIM (Architecture)", "Advanced Course on BIM (Structure)" and "Advanced Course on BIM (MEP)". Each course would last for 30 hours with a fee of \$2,500 per trainee.
- Item 8.7 – Members approved the establishment of a workshop for a welding training course in the Sheung Shui Training Centre with the estimated expenditure of HK\$965,800. Modifications would be required for the proposed ventilation

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system. It was expected that 2 classes would be held in 2015 and the operation expenditure of each class would be HK\$288,000. The proposal of the additional welding course and budget would be submitted to Com-ANF for approval.

- Item 8.8 – Members approved the proposed revision to the tower crane operation course, including the change of the number of training days to 40, class capacity to 3 trainees and new course content. The proposal of purchasing a whip-typed tower crane at the cost of HK\$3,000,000, the recruitment of 2 time-limited instructors and the additional approximately HK\$40,000 of trainee allowance per year was also approved.
- Item 8.9 – The proposal of running additional classes for Measurement Technician Assistant Training Course was approved. 60 additional training places would be provided and the expenditure for trainee allowance would be HK\$1,080,000. A lecturer would be recruited on a time-limited contract for conducting the extra classes. The 20-day training on computer applications of these classes would be contracted out if necessary, the cost of which was estimated to be HK\$200,000.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/043/14.

5.15 Any Other Business

Nil.

5.16 Tentative Date of Next Meeting 006/14

The next meeting was scheduled for 12 December 2014 (Friday) at 2:30 p.m. at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

All to note

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

*******End of the Open-door Session*******