

Construction Industry Council
Construction Industry Training Board

Meeting No. 004/14 of the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) was held on Tuesday, 20 May 2014 at 2:30 p.m. at Conference Room, CIC Headquarters, 15/F, Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Summary notes of the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Meeting No. 004/14:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions / Progress Highlights
4.1 & 4.2	CIC/CTB/R/003/14	Confirmation of progress report of the last meeting Chairman welcomed Mr. Ho Wai-wah and Mr. Fu Chin-shing to attend the CITB meetings in the capacity of being a Taskforce's Member. Members confirmed the progress report of the 3 rd CITB meeting in year 2014 held on 15 April 2014.
4.3	CIC/CTB/R/003/14	Matters arising from the last meeting Members noted that the management had a discussion with the representatives of a labour union on 19 May 2014 to explore the room for cooperation. The initial thinking was to develop other cooperative training schemes to work with labour unions or other suitable organizations/industry stakeholders under the existing framework making reference to the mode of Sub-contractor Cooperative Training Scheme. Further study would be made in this direction and would be reported to CITB in due course.
4.4	CIC/CTB/P/125/14 (for discussion)	Amendments to Names and Terms of Reference of Task Forces, Membership of Task Force on Training and working groups under its purview Members agreed to amend i) the names of two taskforces to Task Force on Contractor Cooperative Training and Apprenticeship Scheme and Task Force on Sub-contractor Cooperative Training, On-the-job Training, E&M Training and Subsidy Scheme as well as their related terms of reference due to the rearrangement of the function to follow up On-the-job Training Scheme; ii) the membership of Task Force on Training and of Independent Review Working Group under its purview; and iii) the related terms of reference of working groups under the purview of Task Force on Training.
4.5		Verbal report of Task Force on Training Members noted the above and would follow up the impacts of the amendments of the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance on the CIC training courses and the possible changes needed to be made.
4.6	CIC/CTB/P/118/14 (for information)	Summary notes of 1st meeting of Task Force on Trade Testing on 16 April 2014 Members noted the above and would follow up the impacts of the amendments of the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance on the CIC trade tests. Members also accepted the request of the Hong Kong Construction Association to cancel the requirement of having ground investigation operators to take revalidation tests for renewal of certificates.

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4.7	CIC/CTB/P/119/14 (for information)	Summary notes of 1st meeting of Task Force on Contractor Cooperative Training, Apprenticeship Scheme and On-the-job Training on 8 May 2014 Members noted the above and would follow up on how to further promote and enhance the compulsory Contractor Cooperative Training Scheme to boost the quantity of training and to ensure the more equal distribution of training places among various trades.
4.8	CIC/CTB/P/126/14 (for information)	Summary notes of 1st meeting of Task Force on Sub-contractor Cooperative Training, E&M Training and Subsidy Scheme on 15 May 2014 Members noted the above including the progress report/training outcomes of the five training/subsidy schemes. The direction for development of various schemes was also explored and the issue of high drop-out rate and low level of participation of individual schemes would be followed up and reviewed. In addition, the proposal of opening up cooperative training schemes to non-members of trade associations would be studied.
4.9	CIC/CTB/P/120/14 (for information)	Summary notes of 1st meeting of Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments on 25 March 2014 Members noted the above.
4.10	CIC/CTB/P/121/14 (for discussion)	Tender Report on Excavator Simulator Members agreed to accept the tender submitted by the China Engineers, Ltd at the contract price of \$3,050,000 (which was within the amount budgeted) to supply six excavator simulators for training and one simulator specific for the use of instructor.
4.11	CIC/CTB/P/122/14 (for discussion)	Short-term measures proposed for shortening waiting time for trade tests Members noted the short, medium and long-term measures proposed to tackle the persistent increase in the number of applications for trade tests and accepted the short-term means of first recruiting 4 trade tests instructors and 4 general workers on time-limited contracts for those 4 trades having longer waiting time for one year. The total annual budget would be about \$2.7M.
4.12	CIC/CTB/P/123/14 (for discussion)	Proposal to subsidize “DVE Programme - Technician Course” Members agreed to subsidize four technician courses under the “DVE Programme –Technician Course” with training places being estimated at 400 and related expenses at \$10,472,000, which would be covered by reallocating half of the budget originally reserved for subsidizing the Contractor Cooperative Training Scheme for E&M Trades in 2015, and thus no additional expenditure be required.
4.13	CIC/CTB/P/124/14 (for information)	Summary notes of 3rd meeting of Working Group on Standardization of Labour Return of Construction Sites on 16 December 2013 Members noted the above.