

Construction Industry Council
Committee on Construction Safety

Meeting No. 004/17 of the Committee on Construction Safety (Com-CSY) was held on Thursday, 30 November 2017 at 2:30 pm at Board Room, 38/F, COS Centre, 56 Tsun Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon.

Summary Notes of the Com-CSY Meeting No. 004/17:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights
4.1	CIC/CSY/R/003/17 (for discussion)	Confirmation of the Progress Report Members confirmed the Progress Report of the previous meeting held on 31 August 2017.
4.2	CIC/CSY/R/003/17 (for discussion)	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting Agenda item 3.4 – Details were reported under Agenda item 4.9 (to follow up the progress of the Safety Experience Training Centre). Agenda item 3.7 – To review and revamp the existing exam framework for application of registered Electrical Worker to increase safety measures in exam questions, Development Bureau (DEVB) reported that Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) agreed to discuss in relative examination committees for considering increase safety elements.
4.3	(Presentation) (for information)	Discussion on Two Recent Serious Accidents in Related to Lift Shaft Works EMSD and Labour Department (LD) gave a PowerPoint Presentation with follow up actions. After deliberations, Buildings Department (BD) would follow up if there's any mandatory requirement of the partition when more than one lift is installed within a common lift shaft in their requirement. In addition, CIC would follow up if there's any mandatory safety training for lift workers in training

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		courses. Com-CSY Chairperson suggested the Task Force on Site Safety of Working in Lift Shaft to explore the possibility for further safety promotion with relevant parties where appropriate.
4.4	CIC/CSY/P/018/17 (for approval)	Progress of the Task Force on Work Safety of Repair, Maintenance, Alterations and Additions (RMAA) Sites (TF-RMA) The Meeting No. 002-17 for the restructured TF-RMA was held on 31 October 2017. After deliberations, Com-CSY Members approved the revised Terms of Reference and suggested to invite representative from Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) and Hong Kong General Building Contractors Association (HKGBCA) in membership list. [Post Meeting Notes: Two sessions of CIC seminar on External Work Safety were held on 11 Dec 2017 at the CIC Zero Carbon Building. Over 250 people attended.]
4.5	CIC/CSY/P/019/17 (for approval)	Progress of the Task Force on Safety of Bamboo Scaffolds (TF-SBS) A dinner meeting of the TF-SBS was held on 2 November 2017. CIC Secretariat would follow-up with relevant committees of Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA) and service providers for identifying suitable working platform. After deliberations, Com-CSY Members approved the revised Terms of Reference and suggested to invite representative from BD in membership list. [Post Meeting Notes: CIC Secretariat with some planking service providers have attended HKCA Safety and Health Committee meeting on 9 January 2018 to explore possible type of planking can be required for the closely-spaced bamboo scaffolding with different main contractors.]
4.6	CIC/CSY/P/020/17 (for approval)	Progress of the Task Force on Site Housekeeping (TF-SHK) Com-CSY Members approved to dissolve the TF-SHK. On the other hand, Com-CSY Chairperson suggested to sustain the promotion of posters.

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4.7	(Presentation) (for information)	<p>Construction Safety Week 2017 and the Associated Activities</p> <p>Jointly organised by the Development Bureau (DEVB) and CIC, Construction Safety Week (CSW) 2017 was successfully held from 21 to 26 September 2017. This year, around 600 people attended the Conference, 8 out of 31 entries awarded the Temporary Works Excellence Award, 200 industry stakeholders joined the relay competition in the Carnival, 519 participants formed the world's "Largest Human Image of a Safety Vest" in the Carnival and was recognised by Guinness Work Records, over 3,000 people participated the Carnival, over 220 industry practitioners visited 9 exemplary work sites, and over 1,000 people attended the CCSAS Award Presentation Ceremony.</p> <p>[Post Meeting Notes: The commemorative booklet of CSW 2017 was published in late Jan 2018. CSW 2018 would be held from 21 to 29 May 2018.]</p>
4.8	CIC/CSY/P/021/17 (for information)	<p>Report on Breakfast Roundtable</p> <p>The breakfast roundtable aimed to discuss the role of CIC to further enhance construction safety in Hong Kong was held on 25 October 2017. The meeting was attended by industry stakeholders who were representatives from developers, main contractors, sub-contractor associations and worker unions. Participants shared their views on some good practice among different main contractors, some suggestions to CIC and the whole industry in future, and also some suggestions for participants to consider. After deliberations, Com-CSY Chairperson encouraged Members to consider the suggestions and promote construction safety in soft angle.</p>
4.9	CIC/CSY/P/022/17 (for information)	<p>Progress of the Safety Experience Training Centre (SETC)</p> <p>The Meeting No. 002-17 for the TF-SETC was held on 12 September 2017. Since the commencement of the SETC project, 17 progress meetings were held. The Consultant has developed the detailed design and undergoing tender preparation stage currently. The next TF-SETC meeting would be tentatively scheduled after the award of tenderers.</p>

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4.10	(Presentation) (for information)	Progress of the Experimental Learning on Site Safety 2017-18 Jointly organized by the CIC and the Hong Kong Construction Association, the opening ceremony and the first training course of the Experimental Learning on Site Safety 2017-18 was held on 8 November 2017 at Noah’s Ark of Ma Wan. Ir HON Chi-keung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), DEVB, Ms Ada FUNG, Com-CSY Chairperson, and Ir TSUI Wai-tim, Vice-President cum Chairman of Health and Safety Committee of HKCA were the officiating guests. This year, 10 faculties/ departments from 8 tertiary institutions were willing to join this programme. A leaflet of this programme was under preparation for further promotion in tertiary institutions.
4.11	CIC/CSY/P/023/17 (for information)	Implementation of Mandatory Use of Safety Helmet with Chin Strap in the Construction Industry and Effective Date LD reported that revised “Guidance Notes on the Selection, Use and Maintenance of Safety Helmets” would be issued in June 2018. Safety helmet with chin strap (not limit to I-type or Y-type) would become law enforcement criteria. LD would start mass promotion and issue the letters to inform trade unions, associations, professional bodies and public organisations before issue the revised Guidance Notes. After deliberations, LD would consider to enhance promotion on safety helmet with side protection when working at height in the revised Guidance Notes as suggested by a Member. In addition, Com-CSY Chairperson suggested to form a new Task Force to discuss “Individual Safety Behaviour and Safety Performance”. CIC Secretariat would follow-up.
4.12	(Presentation) (for information)	The XXI World Congress on Safety and Health at Work 2017 and Post-Congress Technical Visit Ms Ada FUNG, Com-CSY Chairperson and Ms Angela YUEN, Senior Manager-Council Services, joined the XXI World Congress on Safety and Health at Work 2017 in Singapore from 3-6 September 2017. In the Congress, it mentioned that “Vision Zero” by seven golden rules, including take leadership

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		<p>and commitment, identify hazards and risks, set targets for safety, ensure a safety system, use safe and healthy technology, improve qualification, and invest in people. Moreover, they visited 3M Innovation Centre to know more about their innovation products, such as fall protection system, Personal Protective Equipment and products for road safety.</p> <p>They also took part in the Technical Visit on Construction Safety in Singapore from 7 to 8 September. The two-day visit was jointly organised by the OSHC and the Hong Kong Federation of Occupational Safety and Health Associations. The visit covered meetings with the Ministry of Manpower of Singapore and with the Land Transport Authority; as well as two site visits, including one to a prefabricated pre-finished volumetric construction site and another to Construction Productivity Gallery, Workplace Safety and Health Learning Gallery of Building Construction Authority.</p>
4.13	CIC/CSY/P/024/17 (for information)	Tentative Meeting Schedule for Year 2018 The meetings for the Com-CSY in Year 2018 are tentatively scheduled. The CIC Secretariat would issue a notice of meeting to Members for confirmation before each meeting.
4.14		AOB (a) Safety Shoes According to the suggestion from CIC Chairman, CIC Secretariat was exploring suitable safety shoes for different trades of workers to enhance safety when working in construction sites.

Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed at the Committee on Construction Safety and the full progress report can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.