

**Construction Industry Council**

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Meeting No. 001/10 of Construction Industry Council for 2010 was held on Friday, 22 January 2010 at 2:30 pm at Room 1201, Murray Building, Central, Hong Kong

Present	:	Keith KERR	(KK)	Chairman
		Russell BLACK	(RB)	
		James CHIU	(JC)	
		Chun-wa CHOI	(CWC)	
		Jan-ming KO	(JMK)	
		Wo-hei LAM	(WHL)	
		Shing-see LEE	(SSL)	
		Chun-yuen TSE	(CYT)	
		Koon-sun WAN	(KSW)	
		Billy WONG	(BW)	
		Conrad WONG	(CW)	
		Wai-wai YU	(WWY)	
		Chai-kwong MAK	(CKM)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
	Choi-kai AU	(CKA)	Director of Buildings	
	Ada FUNG	(AF)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)	
In Attendance	:	Charmaine WONG	(HWW)	Development Bureau
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Charles WONG	(CWG)	Director (Training)
		Theresa CHAN	(TCN)	Senior Manager (Finance)
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Senior Manager (Council Services) 2
		Yvonne MAK	(YM)	Manager (Council Services) 4
Apologies	:	Mr. Francis BONG	(FB)	
		Dr. Andrew CHAN	(AC)	
		Ms Teresa CHENG	(TC)	
		Tat-tong CHEUNG	(TTC)	
		Ir Thomas HO	(TH)	
		Stanley HUI	(SH)	
		Peter LEE	(PL)	
		Mr. Edgar KWAN	(EK)	
	Mr. Thomas KWOK	(TK)		

**MINUTES**

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**1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/M/006/09 and approved the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting for 2009 held on 9 December 2009 at Murray Building.

**1.2 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting**

Matters arising from the previous meeting were covered at the later part of the meeting.

**1.3 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Environment and Technology for 2010**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/001/10.

The Committee supported in principle the proposed research on carbon labeling standards for construction materials but its objectives would require some fine tuning in order to meet the needs of the industry.

Recently, the Committee was presented with some studies on new technologies in particular in the area of greening. Since there would be commercial interests associated with each of the new technology, the Committee would consider prudently in promoting the new technologies.

The Committee received an invitation from the Bills Committee on Buildings Energy Efficiency Bill of the LegCo to attend its meeting on 9 February 2010. The Committee generally supported the Bill. Members agreed that CIC should write to the Bills Committee to express support and would also suggest that the Bills Committee should also solicit views from the Hong Kong Green Building Council. The Committee Chairman and the Secretariat would prepare a written reply to the Bills Committee.

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1.4 **4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Committee on Manpower Training and Development for 2009**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/002/10.

The term of reference of the Committee would be reviewed in the new term of the CIC.

In response to Members' comments, the Executive Summary on the Manpower Research will

- (a) add a section on the interpretation of facts and data adopted in the study;
- (b) add appropriate reference;
- (c) recommend ways to take forward the findings; and
- (d) recommend appropriate training strategies.

The Committee would prepare an action plan for the consideration of the CITB.

**Com-MTD**

HKCA would submit a study report to CIC on measures to promote training in the construction industry. This would provide some inputs to CIC before drawing up its overall training strategy.

**HKCA**

1.5 **1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) for 2010**

Members received a verbal update on the meeting of the CITB on 6 January 2010.

CITB endorsed to commission an university to conduct a study to find out -

- (a) why people, including ethnic minorities, are reluctant to join the construction industry and what can be done to attract them to join the industry;
- (b) the public image of the construction industry and CICTA; and

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- (c) the views on courses provided by CICTA and the possible improvement measures if the courses are not attractive enough.

The study would help develop more effective marketing and recruitment strategies and the design of the training courses. Funding for the study was allowed for in 2010 Budget.

The number of the applications for the Apprenticeship Subsidy Scheme (Trial) was 146 which was almost double the original quota at 75. In view of the imminent need of workforce for the forthcoming construction projects, Members endorsed an increase in the budget to meet all the applications. CITB would derive an appropriate mechanism to handle similar situation in future.

CITB

## 1.6 Guidelines Published by the CIC

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/003/10.

The views expressed by Members on the status of guidelines published by the CIC were summarized as follows:

- i. all guidelines should be considered as recommended good practices; and
- ii. guidelines should be categorized under the following levels –
  - Level 1: code of practice - they are guidelines of good practices that the industry should follow, such as the Guidelines on Safety of Tower Crane; and
  - Level 2: guidelines of recommended good practices for certain mode of project delivery that the industry should follow if they choose to adopt the corresponding mode of project delivery, such as Guidelines on Partnering.

After deliberation, Members inclined to adopt the two-level system approach.

To limit the liability of CIC, Members agreed that

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disclaimers should be included in CIC guidelines. The CIC Secretariat would fine tune the disclaimers for each type of the guidelines after seeking legal advice.

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The Secretariat was requested to make effort to categorise the guidelines already issued by CIC under the two levels as set out in 1.6 (ii) above .

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**1.7 Any Other Business**

Nil.

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

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