

Construction Industry Council

The 6th Meeting of the Construction Industry Council for 2009 was held on Wednesday, 9 December 2009 at 2:30 pm at Room 1201, Murray Building, Garden Road, Central.

Present	:	Keith KERR	(KK)	Chairman
		Russell BLACK	(RB)	
		James CHIU	(JC)	
		Chun-wa CHOI	(CWC)	
		Thomas HO	(TH)	
		Stanley HUI	(SH)	
		Thomas KWOK	(TK)	
		Wo-hei LAM	(WHL)	
		Peter LEE	(PL)	
		Shing-see LEE	(SSL)	
		Chun-yuen TSE	(CYT)	
		Koon-sun WAN	(KSW)	
		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
	Phoebe LEUNG	(PLG)	Manager (Council Services) 2	
Apologies	:	Francis BONG	(FB)	
		Andrew CHAN	(AC)	
		Teresa CHENG	(TC)	
		Tat-tong CHEUNG	(TTC)	
		Jan-ming KO	(JMK)	
		Edgar KWAN	(EK)	
	Billy WONG	(BW)		

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On behalf on the Council, the Chairman sent his condolences to the family of Mr Billy WONG regarding the passing of his beloved wife.

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/M/005/09 and approved the minutes of the 5th meeting for 2009 held on 30 October 2009 at Murray Building.

6.2 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

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

6.3 4th Meeting of Committee on Construction Site Safety for 2009

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/057/09.

Members noted that the Task Force on Site Vehicles and Mobile Plant was reactivated to review the operation of small and medium sized trucks in view of a recent fatal accident caused by the fall of a “farmer truck”. The Task Force would consider whether to extend the scheme for installing closed-circuit television (CCTV) from major construction plans to small and medium sized trucks.

Apart from accident rates, the Committee considered that the workplace fatality rates should deserve more attention of the industry. A task force would be set up to focus on the strategic development of site safety with a view to devising plans and actions for enhancing safety performance at construction sites.

The Committee had discussed the use of scaffoldless in-shaft lift installation system and the Task Force on Site Safety of Working in Lift Shaft would follow up on the findings. The first draft of the guidelines on safety precautions for lift shaft construction works was being reviewed and would be finalized by the first quarter of 2010.

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The Task Force on Behavioural Aspects of Site Safety was studying the subject through discussions with different local organisations and Tsinghua University and would propose the way forward which might include research for consideration by the Committee in due course.

For the revised Guidelines on Site Safety Measures for Working in Hot Weather, a Member advised that water spraying was an effective way of cooling the work environment. However, the Guidelines should include measures to address the concerns relating to Legionnaires' Disease.

6.3.1 Revised Guidelines on Safety of Tower Cranes

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/058/09 and endorsed the Guidelines on Safety of Tower Cranes (Version 2) for publication.

6.4 **6th Meeting of Committee on Environment and Technology for 2009**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/059/09.

Drafting of the Guidelines on Trip Ticket System for Disposal Construction & Demolition Materials in Private Sector Works was near completion. The Guidelines would be circulated to committee members for comment and submitted to the CIC for endorsement in early 2010.

Members noted that the preparation for Research on Adhesion Technologies for External Wall Tiles and Rendering progressed well. A funding request would be submitted to the Committee on Administration and Finance (Com-ANF) for consideration.

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In view of the potential shortage of the supply of river sand, a Task Force on River Sand Substitutes Research was set up to define the framework for the proposed research with a view to identifying alternative materials to relieve the dependency on river sand.

The Committee was considering some new research proposals and would submit them to the Com-ANF for consideration in due course.

6.5 Guidelines on Partnering

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/060/09 and endorsed the Guidelines on Partnering for publication.

The Development Bureau expressed that the Government would actively support the adoption of the Guidelines. However, it would not be practical for the Guidelines to be implemented mandatorily in all Government projects. Members concluded that the CIC guidelines should serve to provide best practice for reference by the industry instead of imposing an obligation on stakeholders for implementation. To facilitate future review of the recommended practice, the CIC Secretariat should devise a mechanism to collect feedback from the industry. The aforesaid messages should be conveyed to the industry through the “Foreword” section of each set of guidelines.

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6.6 Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods in Public Works Projects

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/065/09 regarding the government approach to alternative dispute resolution methods in public works.

6.6.1 Guidelines on Dispute Resolution

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/061/09. It was agreed to revise Chapter I of the Guidelines on Dispute Resolution to clarify the recommendation by adding the phrase “for those contracts adopting this approach” to the end of the first paragraph. The “Foreword” section of the Guidelines would highlight its purpose to recommend best practice for reference by the industry while stakeholders would be encouraged but not mandatory to adopt appropriate dispute resolution methods for different types of works projects. Subject to the aforesaid amendments, Members endorsed the Guidelines for publication.

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A Member advised to standardise style and formatting of all CIC publications. The CIC Secretariat would engage copywriting services to standardise the style and format of the publications, and polish the writing. Another Member suggested giving thank-you notes to parties

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contributed to the preparation of the guidelines. The
CIC Secretariat would follow up on the suggestions.

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Members also noted that the Committee on
Subcontracting cancelled its meeting in November 2009
due to the lack of quorum for the meeting.

**6.7 5th Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for
2009**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/062/09.

Members noted that the Civil Trades Cooperative Training
Scheme received positive responses from the industry. To
ascertain the training needs for the Scheme, the CICTA would
keep close communication with government departments and
employers to collect details of the awarded contracts for
forecasting the manpower requirements.

In addition, the CICTA would recruit new immigrants and ethnic
minority trainees in particular those living in the vicinity of Tin
Shui Wai and was considering measures to help them resolve the
language problems during training.

On heritage training, the CICTA would offer two training
courses within the coming few months.

6.8 Any Other Business

The final report of Research on Demand and Supply Models for
Construction Manpower Forecast would be submitted to the
Committee on Manpower Training and Development for
discussion at its meeting scheduled for 21 December 2009. A
Member advised that the construction industry would need to
devise human resource strategies to address manpower issues
and requested the Committee to give a presentation to Members
to facilitate deliberations on the subject.

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There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned
at 4:10 pm.

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