

Construction Industry Council

The 2nd Meeting of the Construction Industry Council for 2009 was held on Friday, 3 April 2009 at 2:30 pm at Room 1201, Murray Building, Garden Road, Central.

Present	:	Keith KERR	(KK)	Chairman
		Russell BLACK	(RB)	
		Francis BONG	(FB)	
		Andrew CHAN	(AC)	
		James CHIU	(JC)	
		Jan-ming KO	(JMK)	
		Edgar KWAN	(EK)	
		Thomas KWOK	(TK)	
		Wo-hei LAM	(WHL)	
		Shing-see LEE	(SSL)	
		Koon-sun WAN	(KSW)	
		Conrad WONG	(CW)	
		Wai-wai YU	(WWY)	
		Chai-kwong MAK	(CKM)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
		Ada FUNG	(AF)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
		Choi-kai AU	(CKA)	Director of Buildings
In Attendance	:	Kevin POOLE	(KP)	Airport Authority Hong Kong
		Alan AU	(AA)	Development Bureau
		Yun-cheung CHAN	(YCC)	Development Bureau
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Theresa CHAN	(TCN)	Senior Manager (Finance & E-Services)
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Senior Manager (Council Services) 2
		Phoebe LEUNG	(PLG)	Manager (Council Services) 2
Apologies	:	Teresa CHENG	(TC)	
		Tat-tong CHEUNG	(TTC)	
		Chun-wa CHOI	(CWC)	
		Thomas HO	(TH)	
		Stanley HUI	(SH)	
		Peter LEE	(PL)	
		Chun-yuen TSE	(CYT)	
		Billy WONG	(BW)	

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2.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/M/001/09 and approved the minutes of the 1st meeting for 2009 held on Friday, 27 February 2009 at Murray Building.

2.2 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

2.2.1 Promulgation of CIC guidelines

The Com-ANF would deliberate on the issue.

2.2.2 Submission of discussion papers by committees

The Secretariat would follow up on the issue.

2.2.3 Presentation on Construction Standards for Infrastructures

The presentation was given under Agenda item 2.5.1.

2.2.4 Progress on discussion of security of payment

The progress was reported under Agenda item 2.4.

2.3 1st Meeting of Committee on Construction Site Safety for 2009

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/014/09. The Committee reviewed the work plan and would prioritise efforts in enhancing repair, maintenance, alternations and additions (RMAA) works safety and implementation of site safety training requirements. The Committee believed that workers' awareness of site safety could be increased through promoting the use of the Silver Card. Members noted that the Silver Card under the single issuer system had better quality control than the Green Card handled by a couple of issuers. However, making the Silver Card mandatory would require amendment of the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance. Hence, administrative measures could be advocated such as imposing a requirement on the percentage of the Silver Card holders as necessary and appropriate to particular projects.

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To promote the installation of gondolas in new residential buildings, the Committee proposed and Members endorsed to issue a letter, as set out at the revised Annex A of the aforementioned Paper, to the Buildings Department (BD) recommending the BD to issue Practice Notes or Joint Practice Notes together with the Lands Department and the Planning Department in that respect.

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2.4 2nd Meeting of Committee on Subcontracting for 2009

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/015/09. The Committee deliberated on the priority issues in relation to security of payment. Two sets of guidelines on dispute resolution mechanisms and protection of workers' wages would be prepared. The Committee would also explore ways to promulgate the implementation of contract-based subcontracting.

2.5 2nd Meeting of Committee on Environment and Technology for 2009

The Committee reviewed the work plan and was considering some worthy industry initiatives for deliberation in 2009-2010. Two Task forces were formed to study the strategic roles to be played by the CIC in supporting construction-related practical research and to work out a research brief on adhesion technologies for external wall tiles for consideration by the Committee.

2.5.1 Review of Construction Standards for Infrastructures

Mr Yun-cheung CHAN, Chairman of the Task Force, presented the review findings and the way forward for construction standards for infrastructures. Members also took note of the report from the Task Force as set out in the Paper CIC/CMT/P/016/09.

Members noted that a lot of resources and technical expertise would be required if CIC planned to keep track of the changes of the specifications and standards and to co-ordinate with concerned parties for the corresponding updates. The Com-ENT would further deliberate on this issue when considering the findings on construction standards for buildings.

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[YCC left the meeting at this juncture.]

2.6 **1st Meeting of Committee on Manpower Training and Development for 2009**

In relation to the Manpower Research for the Construction Industry of Hong Kong, the development of forecast models of manpower supply and demand was completed. The Committee anticipated that the research report would be available in May 2009.

2.7 **2nd Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2009**

CITB supported the launch of the first phase of the Youth Work Experience and Training Scheme in 2009 to offer initially 60 places to young people aged between 18 and 24 on four construction trades which could ultimately be expanded to 400 places if the pilot scheme was successful. CITB was also considering a proposal from the Construction Workers Registration Authority on splitting trade tests of six designated trades.

2.8 **Any Other Business**

The Chairman advised all committees to review the current work plans and to set tasks and deliverables for the coming year. **All**

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

[TK and CKA left the meeting at this juncture.]

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