

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Environment

Meeting No. 001/19 of the Committee on Environment (Com-ENV) was held on 19 March 2019 (Tuesday) at 2:30pm at Board Room, CIC Headquarters, 38/F COS Centre, 56 Tsun Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Summary Notes of the Com-ENV Meeting No. 001/19:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights
1.1	CIC/ENV/M/003/18 (for discussion)	Confirmation of the Progress Report of the Previous Meeting Members confirmed the Progress Report of the previous meeting held on 27 November 2018.
1.2	CIC/ENV/M/003/18 (for discussion)	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting Item 3.2 - McKinsey Interim Report will be reported in Com-ENV meeting on a yearly basis. CIC Secretariat will monitor the progress of the McKinsey recommendations closely in order to observe the proposed timeline. Item 3.2 - CIC commissioned Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency to proceed with the Consultancy Services on “Preparation of a Guidebook on Sustainable Construction and Development of a Sustainable Construction Assessment Scheme” on 12 March 2019. Phase 1 and Phase 2 of this project will be completed in 16 months.
1.3	CIC/ENV/P/002/19 (for discussion)	Progress Update of Consultancy Services on Development and Implementation of CIC Carbon Assessment Tool The representative from the Cundall Hong Kong Limited (Cundall) reported the status of stakeholder engagement plan, pilot programme and BEAM Plus integration. Approximately 70 civil and building projects have committed to participating in the pilot programme. With a view to developing an accurate and local representative database for the tool, Cundall will further engage construction stakeholders such as hospital and public housing projects.

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		<p>Training sessions will be conducted for the pilot projects in late March 2019.</p> <p>Positive feedback was received from BEAM Society Limited (BSL) and Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC) regarding the proposal of integrating the tool into BEAM Plus New building. Cundall will arrange meetings with BSL and HKGBC on a regular basis to discuss relevant issues.</p>
1.4	CIC/ENV/P/003/19 (for endorsement)	<p>Recommended Research under CIC Research and Technology Development Fund</p> <p>Mr. Rex CHAN reported the progress and assessment result regarding the CIC Research and Technology Development Fund (Fund). A total of 13 sustainability-related applications were received in 2019, one research has been shortlisted based on the assessment criteria, namely “Promoting the use of recycled aggregates derived from demolition waste in Precast and Cast In-situ Concrete”.</p> <p>Prof. CS POON presented the scope, market value and implementation plan of the shortlisted research. Members suggested that the research scope should include the life cycle cost evaluation and review of government specification to develop a strong business case for the research. Members endorsed the report. CIC Secretariat will issue the formal contract to The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and target to commence the research in the 3rd quarter of 2019.</p>
1.5	CIC/ENV/P/004/19 (for information)	<p>Progress Updates of Consultancy Services on Improving Environmental Performance of the Hong Kong Construction Industry</p> <p>PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) presented the progress, key findings and the implementation plan of the consultancy services. Members suggested that PwC should engage with more construction practitioners to make the implementation plan more practical. CIC Secretariat requested PwC to arrange focus group meetings and phone interviews with the proposed action parties. For the next step, PwC will present the revised final report to the working group and steering committee of this project for further consideration.</p>

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1.6	PowerPoint Presentation (for endorsement)	Progress Update of Unification of CIC’s Carbon Labelling Scheme (CLS) and HKGBC’s Green Product Accreditation and Standards Scheme (HK G-PASS) Dr. Benny CHOW updated Members on the action items and timeline of the promotion plan. The proposed name “CIC Green Product Certification” and its logo were endorsed. CIC and HKGBC will jointly organise a launching ceremony in the 4 th quarter of 2019.
1.7	PowerPoint Presentation (for information)	Update from BEAM Society Limited (BSL) and Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC) Dr. Benny CHOW briefed Members on the progress update of its projects and activities, including development of Green Design Guide, Hong Kong Smart Green Building Design Best Practice Guidebook and an Energy Performance Database and Diagnostic Analytics Dashboard.
1.8		Any Other Business Members were invited to provide construction-related feedback on the consultancy services “Review of the Mechanism for Encouraging a Quality Built Environment (QBE) through Gross Floor Area (GFA) Concession” initiated by the Building Department. CIC Secretariat will circulate the list of recommendations to Members’ for further review. Ms. Grace LAM updated Members on upcoming major events in CIC and will present the preparation work for the CIC Sustainable Construction Award 2020 in the next meeting

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