

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 004/20 of the Construction Industry Council for 2020 was held on Friday, 14 August 2020 at 2:00pm at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Present:	CHAN Ka-kui	(KKCh)	Chairman
	CHAN Chi-chiu	(CCC)	
	CHAN Kim-kwong	(KKCN)	
	CHAN Pat-kan *	(CPK)	
	CHUNG Kwok-fai *	(CKFi)	
	Ivan FU Chin-shing	(FI)	
	Ada FUNG Yin-suen	(AF)	
	Thomas HO Kwok-kwan	(KnH)	
	Eddie LAM Kin-wing *	(ELM)	
	Amy LEE Sau-king *	(LSK)	
	Ricky LEUNG Wing-kee *	(RyL)	
	LI Tat-wai *	(LTW)	
	LO Hong-kam *	(LHK)	
	Kenneth MO Kon-fei	(KM)	
	PAN Shujie	(PSJ)	
	Derrick PANG Yat-bond *	(DP)	
	Rocky POON Lock-kee	(LKP)	
	Simon WONG Hin-wing	(SWHW)	
	Ken WONG Kin-wai *	(KnW)	
	Eliza WONG Yeuk-lan	(EWYL)	
	YU Sai-yen	(SYYu)	
	Ringo YU Shek-man	(RiYu)	
	LAM Sai-hung	(PSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
	YU Tak-cheung	(TCY)	Director of Buildings
	Connie YEUNG Kwong-yim *	(CYG)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
In Attendance:	Francis CHAU	(DS3)	Development Bureau
	Vera CHAN *	(VCML)	Housing Department
	Albert CHENG	(CTN)	Executive Director
	Richard PANG *	(RPg)	Director – Industry Development
	Stephen HO	(SnH)	Assistant Director – Industry Development & Estates Office
	Cheryl IP	(CI)	Assistant Director – Human Resources & Administration

LEE Oi-yen	(OYL)	Assistant Director – Registration & Technology Fund
Miranda YEAP	(MYP)	Senior Manager – Corporate Secretariat
Senia HO	(SaH)	Manager – Corporate Secretariat

** attended the meeting online via Microsoft Teams*

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 4:45pm.]

**4.26 Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting
(Open-door Session)**

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/003/20 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 3rd meeting of 2020 held on Friday, 19 June 2020 at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

**4.27 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting
(Open-door Session)**

The Chairman invited MYP to brief Members on matters arising from the last Council Meeting No. 003/20. MYP reported as follows:

Item 3.32 In response to a Member's enquiry on the continuation of waiver of the construction workers registration fees, the Paper CIC/CMT/P/091/20 had already been discussed and approved in Agenda item 4.21. Subject to the Secretary for Development's approval, the wavier initiative would be extended for another 12 months beginning October 2020.

4.28 Summary Notes of 3rd Meeting of Committee on Building Information Modelling for 2020

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/095/20 and received the leaflet on Celebration of BIM Achievement 2020 tabled at the meeting.

AF highlighted the following two items:

- Entry for the Celebration of BIM Achievement 2020 would be

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closed on 13 October 2020. There were three categories of achievement award, namely BIM Projects, BIM Organisations and BIMers. The first BIM Celebration had been organised in 2014; the current awards 2020 was already the second run.

- The Com-BIM has been organising a lot of subject-related events, seminars/webinars, activities, etc. for industry stakeholders. AF appealed for Members' support and participation.

LKP raised some comments and recommendations on the development of BIM training courses/programmes for due consideration by the Com-BIM and AF was receptive to the ideas.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/095/20 without further comments.

4.29 Summary Notes of 2nd Meeting of Committee on Construction Safety for 2020

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/096/20.

DP highlighted the following item:

- In view of the recent fatal accidents in construction sites, the Com-CSY launched the industry-wide construction safety campaign "Life First" in August 2020. The campaign aimed to gathering efforts from stakeholders to enhance safety awareness among construction workers and strengthen safety standards in the construction industry.

In response to PSJ's enquiry, DP informed the meeting that the Com-CSY had planned to update the industry on those serious and/or fatal accidents on a quarterly basis, in order to raise stakeholders and construction workers' alertness on safety.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/096/20 without further comments.

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4.30 Summary Notes of 2nd Meeting of Committee on Productivity for 2020

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/097/20.

RiYu highlighted the following four items:

- The two tender awards, namely “Establishing a Certification Scheme for Construction Robots” and “Driving DfMA Adoption to Enhance Productivity for E&M Works in Hong Kong Building Projects” had been approved by the Com-PRO.
- Based on the justification of the delay caused by COVID-19, the two requests for extension of research/consultancy time on “Smartphone as Next-generation Monitoring Devices for Construction-induced Vibrations and Noise” and “Design and Develop 2.5m³ Concrete Skip with Remote Control of the Gate” had been approved by the Com-PRO.
- On the 2021 Business Plan and Budget, the estimated budget of the Com-PRO was around HK\$7.1 million. The proposed activities included publicity for DfMA, a technical forum, etc. in 2021.
- A project “Application of Maturity Method for Determination of Early-age Concrete Strength in Hong Kong Construction Industry” had successfully applied for the CIC Research and Technology Development Fund. The funding amount was HK\$700,000, with a project duration of 9.5 months.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/097/20 without further comments.

4.31 Summary Notes of 2nd Meeting of Committee on Construction Business Development for 2020

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/098/20.

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LKP highlighted the following two items:

- The revamping from the Committee on Construction Procurement (Com-CPT) to the Committee on Construction Business Development (Com-CBD) had been completed. A webinar had been organised on 20 July 2020 to introduce the new Com-CBD to the public.
- The establishment of the Task Force on Greater Bay Area (GBA) and the project of GBA Business Directory had been approved by the Committee. The work and preparation on the latter, such as collection of data in the nine GBA cities had been going on in full swing.

In response to ELM's enquiry about the possibility of setting up a Task Force on construction procurement requirements (or something alike) under the Com-CBD, LKP agreed to communicate with him to explore the matter in more detail in due course.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/098/20 without further comments.

4.32 Summary Notes of 2nd Meeting of Committee on Environment for 2020

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/099/20.

FI highlighted the following two items:

- The tendering exercise for “Consultancy Services on Sustainable Construction Certification Scheme on Green Finance” and “Consultancy Services on Development and Implementation of CIC Carbon Assessment Tool (CAT)” had been progressing well.
- In the light of the green developments, Members' support and wide adoption of the CAT in works projects were called for at the meeting.

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Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/099/20 without further comments.

[FI left the meeting at 5:00pm.]

4.33 Summary Notes of 4th Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2020

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/100/20.

SYYu highlighted the following three items:

- To meet the market need, the CITB had approved to add a new trade “Offsite Rebar Automation Cut and Bend Operator” to the “Intermediate Tradesman Collaborative Training Scheme”. Communications with the respective trade associations had been made.
- The DEVB had entrusted the CIC to manage the Urban Forestry Support Fund – Trainee Programme (UFSF-TP). The work and proposals related to the UFSF-TP would be approved by the DEVB direct, and the CITB’s approval was not required.
- The admission/intake updates were shared with Members at the meeting. The situation seemed a bit better than last year.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/100/20 without further comments.

4.34 Summary Notes of 2nd Meeting of Construction Workers Registration Board for 2020

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/101/20.

KM highlighted the following item:

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- The 2019 and 2020 (up to July) figures of new registrants (i.e. newly registered construction workers under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583)) were as follows,

2019 a monthly average of ~2,500 increment

2020

Jan & Feb a monthly average of ~1,700-1,800 increment

Mar ~3,100 increment

Apr ~5,800 increment

May ~7,900 increment

Jun ~9,000 increment

Jul ~9,300 increment

Members discussed on the atypical increase in the number of registered construction workers over the recent months. It was uncertain whether the circumstance had been related to the lately implemented COVID-19 relief measures and that more people registered as construction workers in order to meet the eligibility for the anti-epidemic subsidies. Members were concerned that the rapid increase in the total number of registered construction workers might unintentionally give rise to untrue and inaccurate unemployment/underemployment statistics.

Members agreed that the Council would need to monitor the situation and the upsurge in number of registered construction workers with some measures. One of the possible channels was through controlling the issuance and renewal of “Green Card”. CTN agreed to convey the message to the secretariat of the Construction Workers Registration Board and the Committee on Construction Safety for consideration.

**CTN,
CWRB &
Com-CSY
Secretariat**

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/101/20 without further comments.

4.35 Any Other Business

4.35.1 CIC Event Calendar (mid-August – October 2020)

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MYP briefed Members on the following forthcoming major events:

19 September – October/November
Art in Construction (CIC-ZCP)

8 October
E&M Go! 2020
(Kowloon Bay International Trade & Exhibition Centre)

9 October
Employers Luncheon and Appreciation Ceremony
(Royal Plaza Hotel in Mong Kok)

9-13 October
The 45th Anniversary of Construction Training in Hong Kong Exhibition (CIC-ZCP)

11 October
The 1st Hong Kong Construction Skills Competition and Hong Kong Construction Industry Trade Testing Centre Open Day (HKCITTC)

16 October
Construction Safety Week 2020 – Kickoff Ceremony and Conference
(Kowloon Bay International Trade & Exhibition Centre)

16-18 October
The 45th Anniversary of Construction Training in Hong Kong Exhibition (+WOO Phase II in Tin Shui Wai)

18 October
The 1st Hong Kong Construction Skills Competition (HKCITCC)

22 October
Construction Safety Week 2020 – The 26th Considerate Contractors Site Award Scheme Award Presentation Ceremony

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(Kowloon Bay International Trade & Exhibition Centre)

25 October

The 1st Hong Kong Construction Skills Competition
(HKCITCC)

28-30 October

The 45th Anniversary of Construction Training in
Hong Kong Exhibition (Times Square in Causeway Bay)

31 October

Award Presentation Ceremony of Scholarship for
Family Members of Registered Construction Workers
2020 (HKIC Kowloon Bay Campus)

4.36 Tentative Date of Next Meeting No. 005/20

The next meeting was scheduled for 23 October 2020 (Friday) at 2:00pm at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong. **All to note**

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.