

**Construction Industry Council**

**Committee on Construction Business Development**

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Meeting No. 002/22 of the Committee on Construction Business Development (the “Com-CBD”) for 2022 was held on Thursday, 2 June 2022 at 2:30pm at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Present	: Rocky POON	(LKP)	Chairperson
	Rayson WONG*	(RaW)	Ch Structural Engr (Development and Construction) of Housing Department
	CHAN Kim-kwong	(KKN)	
	Calvin CHAN	(CaC)	
	Marvin CHEN	(MCh)	
	CHEUNG Man-tim*	(MTC)	
	Ivan FU*	(FI)	
	Conrad FUNG	(KKF)	
	Thomas HO	(KnH)	
	Louis LEE	(LMHL)	
	Ricky LEUNG	(RyL)	
	Eddy TSANG	(TPC)	
	WONG Ka-lung*	(KLWg)	
	Simon WONG*	(SWHW)	
	Andrew YOUNG	(AYMC)	
In Attendance	: Thomas HO*	(TH)	Chairman
	Albert CHENG	(CTN)	Executive Director
	Percy HAU	(PHu)	Ch AS (Works) 7 of Development Bureau
	Jim MO	(HTY)	AS (Works Policies 4) 4 of Development Bureau
	Raymond AU*	(RA)	Representative of Mr. J Scott MACKENZIE
	Daniel SUEN	(DSn)	Director – Industry Development
	Thomas TONG	(TT)	Assistant Director – Industry Development
	Chris LAU	(CLu)	Senior Manager – Finance (only for items 2.3 and 2.4)
	Timothy LEUNG	(TLG)	Senior Manager –

	Raymond NG	(RayN)	Construction Business Development Senior Manager – Information Technology (Acting) (only for item 2.3)
	Eric JIANG	(EJ)	Manager – Mainland Liaison Services
	Hilda WONG	(HiW)	Manager – Construction Business Development
	Jason CHAN	(JaC)	Assistant Manager – Information Technology (only for item 2.3)
	Wilson LO	(WiL)	Assistant Manager – Construction Business Development
	Liza LI*	(LaL)	Senior Officer – Mainland Liaison Services
Apologies	: Tony HO	(HYK)	Prin AS (Works) 4 of Development Bureau
	J Scott MACKENZIE	(JSM)	

\* attended the meeting online via Microsoft Teams

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LKP welcomed the new members who were joining the Com-CBD meeting for the first time.

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, LKP reminded Members to declare any potential or actual conflict of interest with item(s) to be discussed at the meeting. No declaration was received during the meeting.

#### **2.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting No. 001/22**

Members took note of the paper CIC/CBD/M/001/22 and confirmed the minutes of Meeting No. 001/22.

#### **2.2 Matters Arising from the Last Meeting**

Following the item 1.4 from the previous meeting regarding the establishment of the Task Force on RMAA Market Study, TT reported that a Committee on RMAA (Com-RMAA) would be set up to oversee all the RMAA matters within CIC. Upon establishment of the Com-RMAA, the Task Force on RMAA

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Market Study would be overseen by Com-RMAA instead of Com-CBD. The establishment of Com-RMAA was endorsed in the Executive Committee (Com-EXE) meeting held on 20 May 2022 and approval would be sought in the upcoming Council meeting scheduled on 17 June 2022.

[Post-meeting notes: With reference to Task Force on RMAA and as agreed by members at Com-RMAA Meeting 001/22 held on 4 August 2022, the Chinese name of Com-RMAA would be “裝飾及維修專責委員會”.]

**2.3 E-services Upgrade for Levy Collection**

CLu, RayN and JaC briefed Members about the Levy E-service Upgrade. The Upgrade aimed to provide quality data collection for market analysis and to improve user experience in current electronic levy form submission. The upgraded system was planned to be rolled out on 4 July 2022 with a target of 100% e-submission.

LKP enquired if submission by mail or fax would still be available for contractors who might not be familiar with the e-system. CLu responded that a grace period for submission by mail or fax would be allowed after rolling out the e-service system. CIC would promote the new platform through seminars and training materials, and review the feedback from the users. CTN echoed that a grace period should be provided and CIC would provide support to contractors in need.

RyL showed support on the e-system and considered that the e-service for levy collection would be beneficial for data collection for future research study.

[RayN and JaC left the meeting at this juncture.]

**2.4 Business Plan 2023 of Committee on Construction Business Development**

TLG briefed Members on the paper CIC/CBD/P/004/22 regarding the Business Plan 2023 of Committee on Construction Business Development. The Business Plan 2023 was prepared with reference to the 3-year strategic plan of Com-CBD approved in 2021.

Members endorsed the Business Plan 2023 and associated budget

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in the paper CIC/CBD/P/004/22. The same would be further endorsed by Com-EXE in September 2022 and approval by Council in October 2022.

[CLu left the meeting at this juncture.]

**2.5 Progress Update on Task Force on Strategic Review for Uplifting Construction Capacity**

LKP updated Members on the progress of the Task Force. The Draft Report was approved by the Task Force on 24 March 2022 with numbers of potential initiatives recommended.

Informal discussion with professional consultant institution, contractor associations, subcontractor associations, labour unions and material associations were conducted between late April and mid-May to collect views and to get buy-in on the recommended initiatives.

PHu enquired the target completion date of the Study and reminded CIC to seek comments from Development Bureau (DEVB) on the Draft Report at the earliest opportunity.

LKP responded that the Final Report of the Study would be issued in Q3 2022 tentatively. There were communications with DEVB on this Study and further discussion would be made if needed.

Members took note of the work progress.

**2.6 Progress Update on Task Force on Greater Bay Area**

FI briefed Members on the progress of the Task Force. In the past few months, CIC had been doing the preparatory works for setting up a Mainland Liaison Office (the “Office”) in Mainland China, became a member of Consultative Committee on Guangdong-Hong Kong Co-operation (Guangzhou Nansha) (CCGHKC), and participated a discussion forum organised by the Qianhai Authority.

EJ reported the progress of the establishment of the Office and the registration of the CIC Guangzhou Office. The rental of the Office would be proceeded upon approval was sought at the upcoming Council meeting scheduled on 17 June 2022. EJ added that legal advice was being sought for the requirements and taxation

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arrangement of the Chief Representative for CIC as required under the registration in Guangzhou. CTN remarked that the setting up of the Office, recruitment of staff and registration of the CIC Guangzhou Office were prerequisites for the Office to be put into operation.

PHu advised that DEVB had communicated with the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and supported the establishment of the Office. He further suggested CIC to consider arranging courtesy visits to relevant Mainland authorities during the SmartHK event to be held at Guangzhou in mid-September 2022 in conjunction with any proposed opening ceremony of the Office.

CaC enquired the position of CIC in joining the CCGHKC. EJ suggested that CCGHKC had provided a platform to facilitate cooperation and to promote greater scope of exchange between CIC and Mainland counterparts. FI supplemented that smart city planning was being discussed under this Committee.

LKP suggested the opening ceremony of the Office to be officiated by the Hong Kong Government officials as well as the CIC representatives as to establish a clear image of CIC in the Mainland. TH shared with Members that he had suggested the Secretary for Development on another occasion to invite the Chief Executive to officiate the opening ceremony of the Office. TH requested the Secretariat to work out a detailed schedule and speed up the process.

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KnH enquired whether renovation works would be required for the Office. EJ responded that minor decoration work was expected and the relevant costs were allowed in 2022 budget.

Subject to further review on the need for approval from the Council, CTN suggested kicking start the office setup and registration procedures with Members approval.

With deliberation, Members approved the setup of the Office.

[Post-meeting notes: The Secretariat kicked start the Office setup upon Members approval. Approval on the Chief Representative of CIC Guangzhou Office was sought at the Council meeting held on 17 June 2022. Council approved the Chief Representative on 17 June 2022. The lease agreement of the Office would be signed in late June and the registration certificate for Registered

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Organisation (RO) was expected to be issued by Public Security Department in late August. After local bank opening and record at Public Security Department were completed, the Office would be put into operation in early September, tentatively.]

**2.7 Any Other Business**

TLG briefed Members on the latest development of the security of payment legislation (SOPL).

Further to the Technical Circular on implementation of the Security of Payment (SOP) Provision in public works contract issued on 5 October 2021, DEVB circulated a draft bill on SOP to the SOPL Task Force members on 14 April 2022 for consultation which would end on 15 June 2022. CIC had shared and discussed the major concerns and suggestions with respect to the bill received from the industry with DEVB on 1 June 2022. DEVB would, in collaboration with CIC, arrange public briefing on SOPL in 2022 Q3.

KnH and MCh pointed out that the draft SOP bill was restricted to the SOPL Task Force members on a “need-to-know” basis, that members of the professional institutions were not able to access the draft bill and to provide their feedbacks. KnH asked if a wider consultation would be conducted before it was tabled for legislation. LKP suggested that the draft SOP bill was also circulated to the members of Building Contractors Committee of DEVB.

**2.8 Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for 15 September 2022 (Thursday) at 2:30pm at Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay.

**All to Note**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

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