

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 006/14 of the Construction Industry Council for 2014 was held on Friday, 12 December 2014 at 2:30 pm at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Present	:	Shing-see LEE	(SSL)	Chairman
		Andrew CHAN	(AKYC)	
		Allan CHAN	(SKC)	
		Paul CHONG	(PC)	
		Luen-kiu CHOW	(LKC)	
		Ada FUNG	(AF)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
		Chi-wah LAI	(CWL <i>i</i>)	
		Stephen LAI	(SLI)	
		Robert LAM	(PHL)	
		Christopher LEUNG	(KYL)	
		Lawrence NG	(LN)	
		Derrick PANG	(DP)	
		Melissa Kaye PANG	(MKP)	
		Wilfred Shek-chun WU	(WSCW)	
		Siu-hung CHAN	(SHC)	
		Hau-wai CHEUNG	(HWC)	
		Sze-chun WONG	(SCW)	
	Siu-wai HUI	(SWH)	Director of Buildings	
In Attendance	:	Albert LAM	(AL <i>a</i>)	Development Bureau
		Dominic CHOW	(DCW)	Development Bureau
		Lionel LAU	(LYL)	Housing Department
		Wai-wai YU	(WWY)	ZCB
		Andrew CHAN		ZCB
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Alex LEUNG	(AL)	Director – Training and Development
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Director – Registration Services
		Gui-yi LI	(GYL)	Director - ZCB
		Miranda YEAP	(MYP)	Senior Manager – Council Services
		Belle HO	(CYH)	Manager – Council Services
Apologies	:	Tai-chong CHEW	(TCC)	
		Reuben CHU	(RCU)	
		Tak-ching MAK	(TCM)	
		Kevin POOLE	(KP)	
		Mike WONG	(MW)	

Chi-sing WAI (CSW) Permanent Secretary for
Development (Works)

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 3:30 p.m.]

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

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/005/14 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 5th meeting of 2014 held on Friday, 24 October 2014 at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

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

Item 5.12 The Chairman invited SKC, President of HKCA to
of Meeting update Members on the implementation of the
005/14 measures stated in the Guideline on heat stress by
HKCA's members. SKC replied that the measure
was implemented but not in a rigid manner. The
Chairman said that it was important for HKCA to
implement the guideline and to understand the spirit
of the guideline in the interest of the industry and
the public at large.

Item 5.13 A consultation was conducted in December 2014 by
of Meeting Mr. K. C. Tang, Chairman of the Task Force on
005/14 Standard Contract Provisions for Domestic
Subcontracts on the way forward. Out of 9 non
government task force representatives, 6 responded.
HKCA continued to indicate non-participation and
the other 5 indicated support to go ahead for legal
vetting of the draft Standard Form of Domestic
Subcontract.

The Chairman strongly requested HKCA to send representatives to participate in the discussions at the task force meetings. SKC agreed. The Chairman concluded that the proposed Standard Form could serve as a reference material while the simplified version could be used by the industry

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practitioners. Legal vetting of the draft Standard Form would proceed.

6.9 Goals and initiatives of the Construction Industry Training Board

AL gave a presentation on the Goals and initiatives of the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) to Members.

CITB had three key objectives. They were –

- a) Enhancing the quality of training and trade testing
- b) Increasing the quantity of training and trade testing
- c) Continuous enhancement and development in the quality of instructors

These objectives would be achieved using short term, medium term and long term measures.

CITB's short term measures included the following –

- a) Re-organization and standardization of the committees and groups under CITB
- b) Setting up of four new Task Forces
- c) Adopting New CITB Structure
- d) Shorten queuing time for trade testing such as sharing resources within various training centres
- e) Shorten queuing time for training
- f) Review the effectiveness of different training schemes

Medium term measures comprised of –

- a) Allocating more training places to mandatory CCTS
- b) Consolidation of collaborative schemes to one unified scheme
- c) Centralized coordination of trades for collaborative training to be specified in works contracts

Long term measures included

- a) Mandatory CCTS (or CICTS)
- b) Advancing semi-skilled workers to skilled workers' level
- c) Enhancing training facilities of CIC

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Finally, the status and progress on shortening the waiting time of trade testing as well as the revamp of CIC Graduation Ceremony were reported.

ALa supplemented that DEVB, in principle, agreed to the implementation of short term, medium term and long term measures. He had the following comments on the initiatives of CITB –

1. While strengthening the measures in achieving the goals of CITB, attention should be paid to improve the drop out rate and retention rate of students.

The Chairman requested AL to report on the progress of item 1 at the next Council meeting.

AL

2. The cost effectiveness of different training courses provided by CITB had been reviewed. It was noted in the long term measures that mandatory CCTS (or CICTS) was proposed to be adopted for all public sector projects. ALa reminded that strong justifications should be provided as to why such training cost be borne wholly by the public sector rather than by the construction industry. Assessment on the pros and cons on the proposal for mandatory CCTS should be provided in the justification to facilitate the funding applications.
3. In order to attract young people to join the various training programmes, a proper career ladder was essential.

On item (3), the Chairman advised that AL had initiated to draft the development ladder for construction practitioners. AL said that liaison with VTC was in progress regarding collaboration in the articulation of courses for possible qualification advancement of CIC graduates. The development would be reported in the CITB and Council meetings as appropriate.

AL

[SLI left the meeting at this juncture.]

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6.10 **8th and 9th Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2014**

Members took note of Papers CIC/CMT/P/047/14 and CIC/CMT/P/048/14. Members had no comments on the items.

DP supplemented that new KPIs for the drop out rate and retention rate of students were in place. Besides, the draft document on the CICTS was ready for initial consultation with stakeholders.

6.11 **4th Meeting of Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/049/14 and had no comments on the items.

6.12 **6th Meeting of Construction Workers Registration Board for 2014**

The Chairman suggested organising a press briefing to promote the Phase Two Prohibition of the CWRO, benefits of the worker registration card and scholarships for the workers' children. The representatives of the workers should be invited to the press briefing.

Members were briefed by PC on Paper CIC/CMT/P/053/14.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 6.4.1 – CIC Services Centre (Sheung Wan) had started operation in November 2014. The services provided by worker registration offices had improved.
- Item 6.4.7 – The Construction Workers Registration System was on schedule. Site testing would be conducted in March 2015.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/053/14.

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6.13 4th Meeting of Committee on Environment, Innovation and Technology for 2014

Members were briefed by CT on Paper CIC/CMT/P/050/14.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 4.2 – Review of the Study on Product Certification of Steel Reinforcing Bars for Use in Construction Works in Hong Kong showed that the proposal was feasible for adoption in Hong Kong. CEDD had started engaging possible scheme owners with DEVB.
- Item 4.3 – All key testing for the River Sand Substitutes Research had been completed.
- Item 4.4 – The Assignment Brief for the Survey on the Potential Utilisation of Prefabrication Yard in Hong Kong was approved.

ALa requested adding the following requirement in the Assignment Brief for the Survey – Assessing the viability of establishing Prefabrication Yard in Hong Kong and the possible synergy that could be produced with the prefabrication yards in the Mainland.

CT said that the proposed requirement would be added as an addendum.

- Item 4.6 – In order to solicit the adoption of BIM in the industry, preparation of BIM standards to facilitate the submission of GBP to statutory authorities was recommended.
- Item 4.7 – All latest copies of the draft BIM Standards were available on CIC's website for public access.
- Item 4.8 – The updated events plan of BIM Year 2014 was noted.
- Item 4.9 – The work plan for Year 2015 was noted.

The Chairman said that he and CT recently had a meeting with the representatives of the Environment Bureau. They pointed out that even with the extension of landfills, the space available for construction waste would be limited. It was suggested that action be taken to reduce the amount of construction waste.

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Therefore, the Chairman requested and CT agreed that an item on Reduction of Construction Waste would be added to the work plan of Com-EIT in 2015.

CT also added that recommendations on reduction of construction waste would be made in the McKinsey report and that the issue had been followed up by the Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC) and Business Environment Council (BEC) Joint Working Group on construction waste management such as the publishing of Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Report.

ALa supplemented that a survey was proposed to analyse the quantities and compositions of the construction waste generated from public works and private works projects, as mentioned in item 4.1.

- Item 4.10 – The CIC Innovation Award would be launched in 2015.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/050/14.

6.14 2nd Meeting of Committee on Procurement and Subcontracting for 2014

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/051/14 and had no comments on the items.

6.15 3rd Meeting of Committee on Productivity and Research for 2014

Members were briefed by KYL on Paper CIC/CMT/P/052/14.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 3.2 – The tendering process of the consultancy study - Benchmarking the Construction Trade Productivity in Hong Kong was completed. The other three consultancy studies would be re-tendered due to inadequate tenderers.

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KYL declared that the tender assessment was conducted by the secretariat and he was not involved in the process.

- Item 3.4 – To enhance the overall performance and competitiveness of the Hong Kong construction industry, the research outcomes generated from the research projects would be shared and disseminated to the industry.

CT supplemented that the Research Journal would be distributed worldwide.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/052/14.

6.16 Any Other Business

A Member requested to put all future powerpoint slides in relation to presentations within the Boardvantage, so that Members could refer to them in the meeting.

6.17 Tentative Date of Next Meeting 001/15

The next meeting was scheduled for 6 February 2015 (Friday) at 2:30 p.m. at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

All to note

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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