

## **Construction Industry Council**

Meeting No. 001/14 of the Construction Industry Council for 2014 was held on Friday, 28 February 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.

Apologies	Siu-hung CHAN Luen-kiu CHOW Mike WONG Ada FUNG Tak-ching MAK	(SHC) (LKC) (MW) (AF) (TCM)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 4:15 p.m.]

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

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/006/13 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting for 2013 held on Friday, 6 December 2013 at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

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

Nil.

**1.11 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Committee on Construction Site Safety for 2013**

Members received a brief report by HWC on Paper CIC/CMT/P/007/14.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 4.3 – Two Task Groups under Task Force on Work Safety of Repair, Maintenance, Alterations and Additions (RMAA) Sites were set up.
- Item 4.4 – The administration charges on some sub-contractors were reported to be too high which deterred the reporting of construction accidents. SMS Message would be sent to construction workers to remind their right of reporting accidents and a survey would be conducted to take stock of the administration charges.
- Item 4.5 – Safety Alert No. 005/13 – “Excavation Works in the Vicinity of Underground Utilities – Buried Gas Pipes and Cables” was published.
- Item 4.6 – Construction Safety Week - Round Table Discussion with RMAA related associations held on 3 December 2013 was noted.
- Item 4.7 – CIC jointly organised the Seminar with Hong Kong Federation of Occupational Safety and Health Associations on 12 December 2013 and 16 January 2014 on the use of reduced voltage hand tools in construction site.
- Item 4.8 – The presentation by Environmental Protection

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Department on air quality health index system was noted.

- Item 4.11 to 4.12 – Members of Com-CSS appreciated the demonstrations by LSCM and HKU in the last Committee Meeting.

Technical Seminar on Safety of Lift Shaft Works (Guidelines Vol 3 – Throughout the Occupation Stage on Building) was held on 12 February 2014 with about 300 participants.

The Chairman pointed out that there were 5 death cases this year and requested stakeholders to put more efforts on uplifting the construction safety.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/007/14.

**1.12 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Environment and Technology for 2014**

Members received a brief report by KP on Paper CIC/CMT/P/008/14.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 1.3 – Hong Kong Rebar Importers & Stockists Association gave a presentation on their concerns with the burden of the on-site testing and the efficiency of the rebar processing on-site. They said that it could be solved by product certification and off-site cut & bend of reinforcement. The Secretariat would follow up with Development Bureau on the way forward.

The Chairman declared that he was the Convener of the Panel for the Testing & Certification in Construction Materials Trade, of Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification. The Chairman said that the product certification of some materials was quite new in Hong Kong and more promotion would be required.

- Item 1.6 – Regarding the Working Group on Roadmap for BIM Implementation, the following issues were highlighted:
  - The tender for consultancy service to carry out the preparation of BIM standards (Phase One) would be

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finalised as soon as possible.

- Promotion activities for BIM would be conducted throughout the whole year.
- Capacity of BIM Professionals - The Secretariat was working with HKIBIM and training institutes in setting out a framework for registration of BIM professionals and accreditation of relevant BIM training courses. A Member pointed out the two different levels of BIM usage, one being the modelling and the other being application. As a whole, education on BIM would be important.

Members had no further comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/008/14.

**1.13 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Subcontracting for 2014**

Members received a brief report by CT on Paper CIC/CMT/P/009/14.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 1.3 – HKCA objected to extend the current Dispute Resolution Advisor (DRA) system adopted in the main contract to subcontract. The Task Force would explore a different system similar to but not a direct extension of the current DRA system adopted in main contract for the use in the subcontract.
- Item 1.4 – ICAC expressed disappointment about the Task Force’s decision on refusing the ICAC’s recommendation on adding to the Standard Form an anti-bribery clause. The Task Force and Com-SBC opined that the principle of Standard Contract Provisions for Domestic Subcontracts was to produce precise and simple documentation, and to avoid repeating requirements which were already required under relevant legislation. It was also agreed that:
  - the draft Standard Form should be published on CIC’s website for industry’s access aiming to collect more views from the industry on the draft.
  - both English and Chinese versions of the draft Standard Form should be subject to legal vetting including the usage of language to improve readability.
- Item 1.5 – The new Task Force was requested to review the Subcontractor Registration Scheme (SRS) and to consider the necessity of mandatory registration of subcontractors.

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- Item 1.6 – It was targeted to reduce the turnaround time of processing SRS application from 8 weeks to 6 weeks in 2014.
- Item 1.7 – Development Bureau advised that views could be further expressed on the proposed Security of Payment Legislation for the Construction Industry in the upcoming industry consultation.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/009/14.

**1.14 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2013**

Members received a brief report by AL on Paper CIC/CMT/P/010/14.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 6.3 - The surcharge payment for retaking the trade tests and intermediate trade tests within the respective stipulated 1-year and half-a-year periods was revised.
- Item 6.4 - Workers with expired provisional registration would be allowed to take the simplified Specified Training Courses (STCs) of all construction trades during the period from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.
- Item 6.7 - A monthly training allowance of \$2,800 would be given to the trainees of the Construction Supervisor/ Technician Training Programme upon receiving the 6-month on-the-job training in the wake of completing the 18-month classroom training.

DP said that in the last CITB meeting, 3 objectives were set for the Board. They were improving the quality of training and trade tests, increasing training and trade capacity, as well as enhancing the quality of instructors and ensuring their continuous development.

Four new tasks forces were formed to oversee and implement works relating to the above three objectives and to propose any improvement measures to the CITB. They were Task Force on Training, Task Force on Trade Testing, Task Force on Contractor Cooperative Training, Apprenticeship Scheme and On-the-job Training, and Task Force on Sub-contractor Cooperative Training, E&M Training and Subsidy Scheme.

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From now on, CITB would hold meetings every month.

The Chairman commented that when the government funding for the Enhanced Construction Manpower Training Scheme was fully utilised, the number of training places to be provided would depend on the financial capability of CIC.

Regarding item 6.10, CKA reminded that the passing the trade test on window frame installer did not imply that the workers were qualified for the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS).

AL responded that he would convey the message to course advisory panel. The standard of trade test on window frame installer would be reviewed so that they could match with those of the MWIS.

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Members had no further comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/010/14.

**1.15 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Construction Workers Registration Board for 2014**

Members received a brief report by PC on Paper CIC/CMT/P/011/14.

The following issues were highlighted:

- The targets of CWRB in 2014 were set out and the progress would be reported to the Council Meeting.
- The second manpower survey was conducted with 5,000 respondents. PC proposed to conduct such telephone survey on a regular basis, say every two or three months. A survey company could be commissioned to conduct the telephone survey with a report to be issued for each survey.
- PC requested that the supervision of the operation of Worker Registration Office should be handed back to CWRB. CT responded that a consultant had been appointed to look into the matter and the initial recommendation was that the supervisory function should be handed back to CWRB.

The Chairman asked about the progress of Construction Workers Registration System. PC replied that the project was in progress and it was expected that the system would be ready by end of this year. The only hurdle at the moment was to integrate the security information into the registration card.

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Members had no further comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/011/14.

**1.16 Any Other Business**

CT said that there was an article in a magazine named Discovery issued by Cathay Pacific Airways Limited which highlighted ZCB project.

**1.17 Tentative Date of Next Meeting 002/14**

The next meeting was scheduled for 25 April 2014 (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*\*\*\*\*\*