

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 003/13 of the Construction Industry Council for 2013 was held on Friday, 21 June 2013 at 2:30pm 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
		Allan CHAN	(SKC)	
		Anthony CHAN	(AnCN)	
		Siu-hung CHAN	(SHC)	
		Hau-wai CHEUNG	(HWC)	
		Tai-chong CHEW	(TCC)	
		Paul CHONG	(PC)	
		Luen-kiu CHOW	(LKC)	
		Reuben CHU	(RCU)	
		LAI Chi-wah	(CWL <i>i</i>)	
		Robert LAM	(PHL)	
		Christopher LEUNG	(KYL)	
		Tak-ching MAK	(TCM)	
		Lawrence NG	(LN)	
		Kevin POOLE	(KP)	
		Bay WONG	(ByW)	
		Mike WONG	(MW)	
		WONG Sze-chun	(SCW)	
		Wai-wai YU	(WWY)	
	Choi-kai AU	(CKA)	Director of Buildings	
	Ada FUNG	(AF)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)	
In Attendance		Grace LUI	(GL <i>i</i>)	Development Bureau
		Charmaine WONG	(HWW)	Development Bureau
		Lionel LAU	(LYL)	Hong Kong Housing Authority
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Godfrey LEUNG	(GyLg)	Director – Workers Registration
		Charles WONG	(CWG)	Director – Training and Development
		Katherine TAM	(OKT)	Senior Manager - Finance
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Senior Manager - Council Services
		Belle HO	(CYH)	Manager – Council Services
		Shirley LEE	(SyL)	Manager – Council Services
Apologies		Teresa CHENG	(TC)	
		James KWAN	(JK)	
		Derrick PANG	(DP)	
		Chi-sing WAI	(CSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 5:15pm.]

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

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/002/13 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 2nd meeting for 2013 held on Friday, 26 April 2013 at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

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

Nil.

**3.10 2nd Meeting of Committee on Environment and Technology for
2013**

Members received a brief report by CT on Paper CIC/CMT/P/026/13.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 2.3 – HKCA presented Hong Kong’s Construction Industry Vision 2020 to Com-ENT at the meeting.
- Item 2.4 – HKU would be commissioned to conduct the Research on River Sand Substitutes for Concrete Production and Cement Sand Mortar Production (Phase Two).
- Item 2.5 – The carbon labeling scheme implementation proposal was endorsed which would be carried out in collaboration with Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC), Hong Kong Accreditation Service and the University of Hong Kong (HKU).
[SCW, Head of Department of Civil Engineering of HKU declared interest at the meeting on this issue.]
- Item 2.6 – The Hong Kong Construction Industry Performance Report for 2001 – 2011 was updated in response to the comments given by Com-ENT members.
- Item 2.7 – The proposition to conduct the phase two study on strategic implementation of prefabrication and modular construction would be discussed at the next committee meeting.

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- Item 2.8 – The design guiding documents on Eurocodes were circulated to Members in March 2013.
- Item 2.9 – Reported by AF, the draft report on the roadmap for BIM implementation prepared by the Working Group on Roadmap for BIM Implementation would be issued shortly.
- Item 2.10 – Industry’s views and needs on how the readily available technologies (i.e. RFID, GPS and sensor technology) could be adopted easily by the construction industry to monitor the movement of construction waste were ascertained.
- Item 2.11 – CIC Conference 2013 on “Construction Innovation: Technology and Productivity” would be held on 29 November 2013. The steering committee was chaired by KP.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/026/13.

3.11 2nd Meeting of Committee on Subcontracting for 2013

Members received a brief report by MW on Paper CIC/CMT/P/027/13.

The following issues were particularly highlighted:

- Item 2.4 – Instead of engaging a consultant to conduct a consultancy study, a task force, chaired by ByW was formed to deliberate and review the feasibility of introducing DRA system in the subcontract level.
- Item 2.5–Led by DEVB, the Working Group on Security of Payment Legislation for the Construction Industry had recently completed the first round of discussion on identifying essential elements and framework of the legislative proposal. A public consultation would be conducted in early 2014 and the bill would be introduced to the Legislative Council in 2015 – 2016.
- Item 2.6 – The SRS had been operating smoothly since its implementation in January 2013.

A Member shared his observation that Com-SBC had been delivering extra work well beyond the duties and responsibilities assigned in the establishment of the committee. Furthermore, in view of the fact that the tasks carried out by Com-SBC and Com-PCM had often overlapped with each other in certain areas, it was therefore proposed to conduct a review of the terms of reference of the committees. Another Member had a different view,

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in that Com-SBC provided a good platform for effectively addressing the issues faced by construction workers.

Chairman said that the terms of reference of respective committees would be reviewed at the upcoming retreat.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/027/13.

[SCW left the meeting at this juncture.]

3.12 3rd Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2013

Members received a brief report by CWG on Paper CIC/CMT/P/028/13.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 3.1 – Simulator training would be added in the training of machine operations, which would increase the training productivity.
- Item 3.3 – Working Group on RMAA Manpower Research and Working Group on Standardisation of Labour Return of Construction Sites were established. A seminar would be organised in August 2013 to introduce the manpower forecast reports and to explore possible means to collect data on RMAA.
- According to the work schedule of the manpower research team, it was anticipated that two reports on manpower forecast respectively on workers alone and on workers, technicians/supervisors and professionals would be submitted in September 2013 and April 2014 respectively.
- Item 3.12 – Four intermediate trade testing workshops would be set up at three correctional institutions. The inmates were encouraged to take the intermediate trade tests to develop their occupational skills.
- Item 3.14 – A full-time course graduates referral scheme would be launched to attract more people to join the construction industry.
- Item 3.18 – The short course on curtain wall and aluminum window installation was commenced in April 2013. 66 apprentices had enrolled in the course.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper

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[RCU and AF left the meeting at this juncture.]

3.13 4th Meeting of Construction Workers Registration Board for 2013

Members received a brief report by PC on Paper CIC/CMT/P/029/13.

To clarify item 2.2, Members were advised that the rental of a shop at Nam Cheong Station was HK\$10,000 per month. [TCC declared interest at the meeting on this issue.]

PC pointed out that CWRB took on a broader role after the amalgamation was effected. Hence, it was essential to effectively integrate and rationalise the tasks and responsibilities in order to realise the intended benefits of the amalgamation. To ensure smooth and efficient operations as well as the successful completion of new tasks, the knowledge, skills and competence of the staff required to support the Council, such as data analysis, should be enhanced. It was suggested that an effective and flexible deployment of manpower should be adopted wherever and whenever necessary.

In response to the comment, Chairman advised that a consultant was appointed to review the operations and effectiveness of workers registration scheme and subcontractors registration scheme. Some interviews would be arranged with certain key Members.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/029/13.

3.14 Any Other Business

Jointly organised by CIC and DEVB, HWC reported that the Construction Safety Week was successfully held from 27 - 31 May 2013 with a lot of positive feedback from participants and stakeholders.

Representing CIC, HWC attended the meeting of the LegCo Panel on Development on 1 June 2013. In principle, HWC expressed his support for the government to continue conducting feasibility study

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for sea reclamation subject to minimising the impact on environment, traffic and residential neighborhood wherever practicable.

In response to a Member's suggestion, the Council essentially agreed Council Members to propose participating in overseas study missions if the programmes were considered to be relevant and useful for the future development of the industry.

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

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