

**Construction Industry Council**

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Meeting No. 002/13 of the Construction Industry Council for 2013 was held on Friday, 26 April 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)	
		James KWAN	(JK)	
		LAI Chi-wah	(CWL <i>i</i> )	
		Robert LAM	(PHL)	
		Christopher LEUNG	(KYL)	
		Lawrence NG	(LN)	
		Derrick PANG	(DP)	
		Kevin POOLE	(KP)	
		Bay WONG	(ByW)	
		Mike WONG	(MW)	
		WONG Sze-chun	(SCW)	
		Chi-sing WAI	(CSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
	Choi-kai AU	(CKA)	Director of Buildings	
	Ada FUNG	(AF)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)	
In Attendance		Charmaine WONG	(HWW)	Development Bureau
		Lionel LAU		Hong Kong Housing Authority
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Charles WONG	(CWG)	Director – Training and Development
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Senior Manager - Council Services
		Shirley LEE	(SyL)	Manager – Council Services
Apologies		Teresa CHENG	(TC)	
		Tak-ching MAK	(TCM)	
		Wai-wai YU	(WWY)	

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 4:18pm.]

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

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/001/13 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for 2013 held on Friday, 22 February 2013 at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

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

Nil.

**2.10 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Construction Site Safety for 2013**

Members received a brief report by HWC on Paper CIC/CMT/P/017/13.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 1.4 – Hong Kong Housing Authority was invited to share its three-prong approach to fostering site safety.
- Item 1.5 – The draft Guidelines on Safety of Lift Shaft Works (Volume 3 - Throughout Occupation Stage) would be reviewed by the Task Group on Site Safety of Working in Lift Shaft.
- Item 1.7 – Safety Alert - “Avoid Using Ladders for Working at Height in Repair, Maintenance, Alteration and Addition Works” would be further reviewed by the Labour Department and the Task Force on Safety of Repair Maintenance, Alterations and Additions (RMAA) Sites.
- Item 1.8 – Safety Alert No. 001/13 - “Safe Use of Mobile Scaffolds for Repair, Maintenance, Alterations and Addition Works” would be issued in May 2013.
- Item 1.11 – Safety Alert No. 002/13 – “Adoption of Method Statements on Sites” would be issued in May 2013.
- Item 1.14 – It was proposed for consideration a safety alert to be issued on promoting the use of 110V hand tools for the construction industry.
- Item 1.15 – Construction Safety Week would be held from 27 –

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- It was proposed to promote the adoption of pay for safety scheme to subcontractors and lower-level subcontractors. LN put forward the possibility of including this measure as a provision in the standard form of domestic subcontract, which could be considered and discussed by the Task Force on Standard Contract Provisions for Domestic Subcontracts.

**TF-SCDC**

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/017/13.

*[CSW left the meeting at this juncture.]*

**2.11 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Procurement for 2013**

Members received a brief report by TCC on Paper CIC/CMT/P/018/13.

TCC reported that the summary report was basically self-explanatory. The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 1.4 – A Procurement Fact Sheet No. 001/13 on “The Competition Ordinance” attached at Annex A would be uploaded to CIC’s website for reference by various stakeholders and the public alike.
- Members were invited to attend the Competition Law cum Security of Payment Forum organised by CIC on 3 May 2013.
- Item 1.6 - The preparation of the Guidelines on the Selection of Consultants (to be re-categorised as “Reference Materials on the Selection of Consultants”) are being finalised. Owing to the fact that KP had taken up a new role as Chairman of the Com-ENT, Com-PCM would appoint another member to take up the position as the Chairman of the Task Force on the Selection of Consultants and Contractors.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/018/13.

**2.12 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Meetings of Construction Industry Training Board for 2013**

Members received a brief report by CW on Paper CIC/CMT/P/019/13 and Paper CIC/CMT/P/020/13.

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The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 1.12 – In response to the manpower survey conducted by HKCA, CITB accepted the proposal for organising curtain wall and aluminum window fixing course.
- Item 1.13 – To increase the attractiveness of the training scheme, the trainee allowance and requirements for instructing staff under Voluntary CCTS would be adjusted to align with those of the mandatory CCTS.
- Item 2.4 – The increase of manpower and other resources to handle extra workload after the expansion of CCTS was approved.
- Item 2.9 – Training resources required for the sixth phase of ECMTS was approved for providing 1,285 training places. In addition, a budget HK\$3.5 million would be reallocated to set up a training ground in Shatin.
- Item 2.13 – A manpower research project team was formed to update the enhancement study of construction industry manpower forecasting model. It was anticipated that two reports on manpower forecast on workers and on technicians, supervisors and professionals would be submitted to CITB in July and October 2013 respectively.
- Item 2.16 – A review report on full-time courses was prepared suggesting an immediate revamp of basic craft courses to cater for the current trends and manpower demand of the market.
- Item 2.18 – The proposal for providing simulation training, the revised course syllabus and required resources would be submitted to CITB for consideration.
- Item 2.19 – A report on CIC staff utilization and cost of training was submitted to CITB with recommendations on human resources, cost control and training cost per graduate.

To help workers set clear goals and directions for continuous learning to obtain quality-assured qualifications, a Member pointed out that considerations should be given to align the skill levels of workers with the qualifications framework.

Members had no comments on other items in Papers CIC/CMT/P/019/13 and CIC/CMT/P/020/13.

**2.13 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Construction Workers Registration Board for 2013**

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Members received a brief report by PC on Paper CIC/CMT/P/021/13.

The following issues were highlighted:

- An analysis of workers' attendance was being conducted to keep track of the number of days construction workers worked in construction sites in each month. A telephone survey would be carried out in the second week of May 2013.
- A card reading device would be developed jointly with the IT Department to collect data and record workers' attendance.
- Item 2.3 – In addition to MTR stations, CWRB would explore the possibility of setting up worker registration offices at public housing estates. This initiative would also help build the image and create publicity for the Council.
- Item 3.1 – The last financial report of the then CWRA had been submitted for comment by the then CWRA members. Subsequently, the report was circulated to CWRB members for information.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/021/13.

**2.14 Any Other Business**

Advised by AnCN, Hong Kong General Building Contractors Association, Beijing Construction Association and Macau Construction Association formed a triple alliance recently to facilitate and enhance communication and collaboration between the three parties. On this basis, a seminar which aims to improve safety measures at construction sites as well as to promote safety awareness among stakeholders would be organised in Hong Kong at the end of the year. CIC would be invited shortly to consider being a supporting organization of the event.

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm.

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