

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 003/19 of the Construction Industry Council (CIC) for 2019 was held on Friday, 21 June 2019 at 2:00pm at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Present	: CHAN Ka-kui	(KKCh)	Chairman
	CHAN Chi-chiu	(CCC)	
	CHAN Kim-kwong	(KKCN)	
	CHAN Pat-kan	(CPK)	
	CHOW Luen-kiu	(LKC)	
	Ivan FU Chin-shing	(FI)	
	Ada FUNG Yin-suen	(AF)	
	Alex KWAN King-fai	(KFK)	
	Stephen LAI Yuk-fai	(SLI)	
	Eddie LAM Kin-wing	(ELM)	
	Amy LEE Sau-king	(LSK)	
	LO Hong-kam	(LHK)	
	Kenneth MO Kon-fei	(KM)	
	PAN Shu-jie	(PSJ)	
	Derrick PANG Yat-bond	(DP)	
	Rocky POON Lock-kee	(LKP)	
	Simon WONG Hin-wing	(SWhW)	
	Ken WONG Kin-wai	(KnW)	
	Eliza WONG Yeuk-lan	(EWYL)	
	Ringo YU Shek-man	(RiYu)	
LAM Sai-hung	(PSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)	
CHEUNG Tin-cheung	(TnC)	Director of Buildings	
Connie YEUNG Kwong-yim	(CYG)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)	
In Attendance	: Joey LAM	(DS1)	Development Bureau Housing Department Executive Director Director – Collaboration & Trade Testing Director – Hong Kong Institute of Construction Assistant Director – Industry Development & Estates Office Assistant Director – Human Resources & Administration
	Vera CHAN	(VCML)	
	Albert CHENG	(CTN)	
	Alex LEUNG	(AL)	
	Francis WONG	(FW)	
	Stephen HO	(SnH)	
	Cheryl IP	(CI)	

LEE Oi-yen	(OYL)	Assistant Director – Finance & Registration
Miranda YEAP	(MYP)	Senior Manager – Corporate Secretariat
Senia HO	(SaH)	Manager – Corporate Secretariat

Apologies : CHUNG Kwok-fai (CKFi)
YU Sai-yen (SYYu)

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 4:20pm.]

Contingency Matter

Members noted that the following two major events of the CIC scheduled for 22 June 2019 (Saturday) would be held in one of the hotels in Admiralty on Hong Kong Island:

- (a) Construction Industry Outstanding Young Person Awards Presentation Ceremony 2019; and
- (b) Young Construction Conference 2019.

In view of the protests on 21 June 2019 causing emergency road closures in the vicinity of Admiralty and Wan Chai, and some public transport services had been suspended or diverted, the Chairman invited Members to consider whether it would be necessary and appropriate for the CIC to reschedule the two events. He invited Ms. Lotus CHOI, Senior Manager – Corporate Communications, to update Members on the latest developments.

After discussion, taking into consideration participants' safety and traffic conditions, Members unanimously resolved to reschedule the two events. Ms. CHOI was tasked to follow through the re-arrangement urgently.

Lotus CHOI

[Ms. Lotus CHOI left the meeting after the discussion.]

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

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/002/19 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 2nd meeting of 2019 held on Friday, 26 April 2019 at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

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

The Chairman invited MYP to brief Members on the remaining matter arising from the Council Meeting No. 002/19.

Item 2.31 of The Committee on Construction Procurement (Com-Meeting CPT) had been requested to organise a sharing session/workshop on the MiC contract. The Com-002/19 CPT Secretariat had already visited and met various MiC suppliers and contractors to better understand their procurement needs. Subject to approval, a study on construction procurement would be conducted and the findings would be disseminated in about six months' time.

3.27 Summary Notes of 1st Meeting of Committee on Environment for 2019

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/077/19.

TnC highlighted the major items of the last meeting as follows:

- Item 1.2 – The preparation of a Guidebook on Sustainable Construction and the development of a Sustainable Construction Assessment Scheme had already commenced. The first draft would be delivered in October 2019, with the final version expected to be completed in 2020. The Guidebook and the related materials would serve as references for the industry to implement sustainable construction in the long run.
- Item 1.3 – The pilot project under the consultancy study on Development and Implementation of CIC Carbon Assessment Tool had been launched in September 2018. The project was in good progress. Subject to collection of sufficient data, a local database would be produced and hopefully be launched for use in September 2019.
- Item 1.6 – With regard to the unification of the CIC's Carbon Labelling Scheme and the HKGBC's Green Product

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Accreditation and Standards Scheme, the unified schemes were renamed as “CIC Green Product Certification”. The new scheme would be officially launched in October 2019.

Members had no comments on the other items stated in the Paper CIC/CMT/P/077/19.

3.28 Summary Notes of 2nd Meeting of Committee on Productivity for 2019

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/078/19.

RiYu highlighted the major items of the last meeting as follows:

- Item 2.2 – There were updates on the following matters:
 - The dashboard for displaying the productivity KPIs had almost been completed. The Com-PRO Secretariat would be working further on the publicity of the dashboard display.
 - Regarding the project on the development of on-site façade processing robot with the Technical University of Munich, whilst the financial issue had been settled, the Intellectual Property (IP) issue remained unresolved. As an alternative, the Com-PRO Secretariat would explore the possibility of cooperating with the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) on the robot development, based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed previously between the CIC and the HKSTP.
 - The Com-PRO Secretariat would follow up with the Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical (E&M) Contractors on the assignment brief for the study on process re-engineering for the E&M trades.
 - For the research and development project on concrete skip, the IP right would be co-owned by the CIC and the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC). If deemed necessary, an alternative arrangement on the IP right would be further discussed with the HKPC on completion of the concrete skip project.

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- The research study by Nano and Advanced Materials Institute Ltd. (NAMI) was in good progress. Payment to NAMI had been made according to the agreement. Final research findings were anticipated to be ready for presentation by NAMI in March 2020.
- The Com-PRO Secretariat had conducted a briefing for around 40 attendees on the application for CIC research fund on 30 April 2019. The practicality of a proposed research and its potential for wide adoption in the construction industry had been highlighted for the attendees' reference.
- Item 2.3 – The Com-PRO had endorsed the research proposal on the Development of an Appraisal Framework for Assessing Prefabrication and MiC Content for Buildings in Hong Kong, in collaboration with the Chu Hai College of Higher Education. The budget of the 6-month project was HK\$690,000.
- Item 2.4 – The three strategic directions for the business plans of construction productivity for years 2020 – 2022 were (i) Factory-based Construction; (ii) Mechanised Construction; and (iii) Other Initiatives. The associated timeline and budget (HK\$9.8 million for 2020) had been endorsed by the Com-PRO. Besides, the Com-PRO would continue contributing to the promotion and adoption of DfMA in the construction industry.
- Item 2.5 – The cost of the 9-month consultancy study on Establishing an Accreditation Scheme for Robotics and Automation Systems for the Hong Kong Construction Industry, in collaboration with the HKSTP, was around HK\$1.5 million. The deliverables of the project would be (i) assessment standard; (ii) testing guide; (iii) operational framework; and (iv) strategic plan to facilitate implementation of the accreditation scheme. The three pilot trades for the project included welding, painting and plastering.
- Item 2.6 – On the preparatory progress of the CIExpo 2019 which would take place in December 2019, the Organising Committee has been working very hard to solicit sponsorships and promote booth applications.

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- Item 2.7 – Other business items of the Com-PRO included:
 - There would be a technical visit to Japan by the Com-PRO. Arrangement and liaison for the visit logistics was in progress.
 - To enhance work safety, the Com-PRO would encourage a wider adoption of metal scaffolding in the industry. The Com-PRO was of the view that metal scaffolding should gradually replace bamboo scaffolding as far as practicable.

On the item of CIExpo 2019, CTN supplemented that the CIC had sought support from the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR and a trip to Beijing for liaison and promotion purposes would soon be made with the participation of the DEVB. Besides, there would be another trip to Japan later for promoting the CIExpo 2019 as well. CTN remarked that marketing efforts would also be extended to the local stakeholders including construction companies, producers and associations.

On the issue of replacing bamboo scaffolding with metal scaffolding, CTN added that he would propose the matter to the Com-EXE for discussion in due course. The CIC should then move along with the direction to be formulated by the Com-EXE. In this connection, DP (Chairperson of the Committee on Construction Safety) echoed the view of the Com-PRO. He recapped that it had been suggested at an earlier Council meeting that metal scaffolding should be more widely introduced to and used in government construction works.

Members had no comments on the other items stated in the Paper CIC/CMT/P/078/19.

3.29 Summary Notes of 3rd Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2019

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/079/19.

AL highlighted the major items of the last meeting as follows:

- Item 3.3 – There would be adjustments in the application

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requirements and the application fees for trade tests, with effect from 1 January 2020.

- Item 3.4 – The 3-year training quotas from 2019/20 to 2021/22 had been approved by the CITB.
- Item 3.5 – The number of training places for “Collaborative Training Scheme” and “Approved Technical Talents Training Programme – Senior Tradesmen (Diploma) & (Certificate)” for 2020 had been approved by the CITB.
- Item 3.6 – In consideration of the upcoming government funding, there would be an increase in the monthly training subsidies for the full-time courses, namely Certificate in Construction and Diploma in Construction, from HK\$3,600 to HK\$4,800 for 2019/20 subject to funding approval by the Legislative Council Finance Committee.
- Item 3.7 – The strategic development and the proposed manpower establishment for promoting the “Whole-person Development” by the HKIC Student Development Department had been endorsed for implementation.
- Item 3.8 – The visit to Germany and Switzerland jointly by the CITB and the HKICMB would be held in October 2019.

Members had no comments on the other items stated in the Paper CIC/CMT/P/079/19.

3.30 Summary Notes of 2nd Meeting of Construction Workers Registration Board for 2019

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/080/19.

KM highlighted the major items of the last meeting as follows:

- Item 2.4.1 – Messages via various channels had been widely sent out to workers, labour unions and trade associations to remind construction workers of the deadline for provisional registration on 30 June 2019. On the application closing date, the service hours of the Kowloon Bay Service Centre would be extended to 8:00pm.

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- Item 2.4.2 – The work of the newly formed Sub-committee on Worker Development and Welfare was well noted. In particular, the pilot programme “Construction Workers Festival” would be organised in conjunction with the signature project “Construction Month 2019”.

Members had no comments on the other items stated in the Paper CIC/CMT/P/080/19.

3.31 Any Other Business

3.31.1 The Chairman invited MYP to brief Members on the upcoming major events (June – August 2019) of the CIC. They were:

- 22 June 2019 (Saturday) – (i) Construction Industry Outstanding Young Person Awards Presentation Ceremony 2019; and (ii) Young Construction Conference 2019
[These two events would be rescheduled.]
- 23 June 2019 (Sunday) – Construction Industry 5-a-side Football League 2019
- 29 June 2019 (Saturday) – Lo Pan Dinner 2019 and Outstanding Apprentice Award Presentation
- 4 July 2019 (Thursday) – “Building Hong Kong Building Your Future” Charter Signing Ceremony
- 12 July 2019 (Friday) – CIC Construction Luncheon
- 14 July 2019 (Sunday) – Construction Industry Volunteer Award Presentation Ceremony and Lo Pan Service Day 2019
- 15 July 2019 (Monday) – Young Lo Pan Award Presentation Ceremony 2019
- 2 August 2019 (Friday) – CIC Corporate Culture Fun Night
- 22 – 27 August 2019 – WorldSkills Kazan 2019

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3.31.2 AF briefed Members on the following work of the Committee on Building Information Modelling (Com-BIM):

- A 12-hour BIM competition for the public and tertiary students had been successfully held in the previous week. All activities had been well received by the participants.
- The Com-BIM would be joining hands with the Com-CPT to look at the areas relating to the BIM procurement contracts, BIM standard procurement specifications, etc.

3.31.3 DP briefed Members on the work of the Committee on Construction Safety (Com-CSY), as follows:

- The Construction Safety Week 2019, a joint event of the DEVB and the CIC, had been organised during 20 – 27 May 2019 and attracted over 1,000 participants.
- Activities on the theme of Innovation in Safety were ongoing. They would last for a year and be extended to the Construction Safety Week 2020.

Concerning the frequency of occurrence of the Construction Safety Week i.e. whether it should be organised annually or biennially (probably on a rotational basis with another DEVB-CIC joint function “Considerate Contractors Site Award Scheme”), the Chairman invited the Com-CSY to review the situation.

Com-CSY

At this juncture, DP and some Members expressed the opinion that for industry recognition programmes of similar nature or purpose, such as the safety awards, perhaps it would be appropriate to consider consolidating the efforts and resources of different organisers e.g. the CIC, the Labour Department (LD), the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC), etc. to achieve synergy effects and at the same time reducing the number/frequency of events. In this regard, DP supplemented that he had already kick-started the communication with the LD and the OSHC on the said matter.

However, for upholding the momentum in the industry and in the interest of the construction workers, some other Members commented that it would be good to have the award and recognition arrangements intact.

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After deliberation, the Chairman concluded that the interest of construction workers should always be accorded priority.

3.32 Tentative Date of Next Meeting No. 004/19

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, 16 August 2019 at 2:00pm at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

All to note

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