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A New Publication of the Construction Industry Council
“Guidelines on Handling Construction Work Injury and
Fatal Accident Cases”

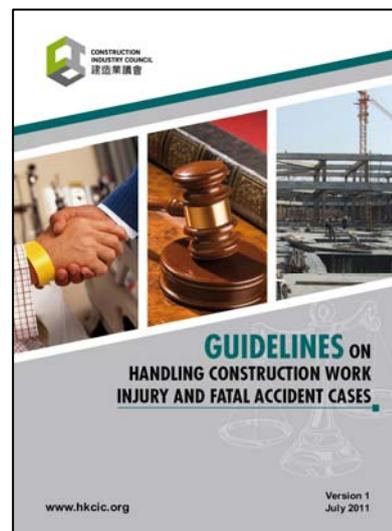
Hong Kong • 22 July 2011 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released a new publication entitled “Guidelines on Handling Construction Work Injury and Fatal Accident Cases” (the Guidelines). The Guidelines set out the framework for handling construction work injury and fatalities.

Introduction

Under the existing provisions of the Employees’ Compensation Ordinance, when a construction worker sustains injury/dies as a result of an accident arising out of and in the course of employment, compensation is payable to the injured person/the deceased’s family members. To avoid time-consuming and expensive court proceedings which may ensue, a Task Force on the Application of Mediation on Construction Injuries Dispute under the Committee on Construction Site Safety (Com-CSS) of the CIC was set up to review the applicability of mediation for resolving work injury and fatality claims. Accepting that mediation would be an effective dispute resolution mechanism, the CIC has developed a set of guidelines on the whole injury compensation process to facilitate workers’ and employers’ understanding of their rights and obligations.

Publication of the Guidelines

Mr CHEUNG Hau-wai, Chairman of Com-CSS said, “Covering important information about each stage of the injury compensation process, including notification of work injury, sick leave clearance, medical and compensation assessment, establishment of liability, compensation calculation, and mediation as an alternative to litigation, the Guidelines are comprehensive enough for both workers and



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employers. Hopefully the publication will give both parties a better grasp of the procedures and help protect their respective interests in the event of construction work injury and fatal accident cases.”

The Guidelines are available for download at the CIC’s official website <www.hkcic.org>.

About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 2007 under the Construction Industry Council Ordinance Cap. 587. The CIC consists of a chairman and 24 members representing various sectors of the industry including employers, professionals, academics, contractors, workers, independent persons and Government officials.

The main functions of the CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry’s needs and aspirations to Government, provide training for construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

To learn more about the CIC, please visit website <www.hkcic.org> for further details.

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