

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 002/14 of the Construction Industry Council for 2014 was held on Friday, 25 April 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.

Present	:	Shing-see LEE	(SSL)	Chairman
		Andrew CHAN	(AKYC)	
		Allan CHAN	(SKC)	
		Anthony CHAN	(AnCN)	
		Paul CHONG	(PC)	
		Luen-kiu CHOW	(LKC)	
		Reuben CHU	(RCU)	
		Chi-wah LAI	(CWL <i>i</i>)	
		Stephen LAI	(SLI)	
		Robert LAM	(PHL)	
		Christopher LEUNG	(KYL)	
		Lawrence NG	(LN)	
		Derrick PANG	(DP)	
		Melissa Kaye PANG	(MKP)	
		Kevin POOLE	(KP)	
		Mike WONG	(MW)	
		Sze-chun WONG	(SCW)	
		Wilfred Shek-chun WU	(WSCW)	
		Siu-wai HUI	(SWH)	Director of Buildings
	Ada FUNG	(AF)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)	
	Albert LAM	(AL <i>a</i>)	Acting Permanent Secretary for Development	
In Attendance		Charmaine WONG	(HWW)	Development Bureau
		Victor TAI	(VT <i>i</i>)	Development Bureau
		Lybra LAI		Development Bureau
		Lionel LAU	(LYL)	Housing Authority
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Charles WONG	(CWG)	Director – Training and Development
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Director – Registration Services
		Alex LEUNG	(AL)	Deputy Director – Training and Development
		Miranda YEAP	(MYP)	Senior Manager – Council Services
		Belle HO	(CYH)	Manager – Council Services
Apologies		Siu-hung CHAN	(SHC)	
		Hau-wai CHEUNG	(HWC)	

Tai-chong CHEW (TCC)
Tak-ching MAK (TCM)

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 3:35 p.m.]

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

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/001/14 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 1st meeting of 2014 held on Friday, 28 February 2014 at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

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

AL reported that the Course Advisory Panel expressed that workers passing the trade test on window frame installer would not be recognised as Qualified Persons for the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) as the Buildings Department had specific requirements for such qualified persons under MWIS. Nevertheless, the Course Advisory Panel agreed that the checking on newly installed aluminium windows should be included as one of the test questions for skilled workers to enhance awareness in this area.

2.8 1st Meeting of Committee on Construction Safety for 2014

Members were briefed by CT on Paper CIC/CMT/P/009/14.

The following issues were highlighted:

- There were ten fatal accidents since the beginning of 2014. A forum for frontline workers was being conducted to review the safety measures. The role and distribution of work responsibilities of the Labour Department, CIC and Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC) would be discussed.
- Item 1.3 – Members were briefed on the Construction Safety Week 2014 and the associated activities to be held in May 2014. The Chairman invited Members to attend the Opening Ceremony of the Safety Week on 26 May. The HKSAR Chief Executive was also invited to the event. It was expected that about 2000 people would practise Qigong in the Kai Tak Cruise

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Terminal, which hopefully would break the Guinness world record.

- Item 1.5 – The Work Plan and Budget for 2014 were noted. The occurrence of ten fatalities this year was taken into account when the Work Plan was being formulated. Some Members of Com-CSY were of the view that the budget for Com-CSY should exclude the Safety Week related events.

In response, the Chairman said that the Committee could apply for additional funding if necessary.

- Item 1.6 – The Council approved the proposed list of co-opted members, with the nominated co-opted members outnumbering the Council Members joining the Com-CSY.
- Item 1.7 – The formation, terms of reference and membership of the Task Group on Application of Innovative Design to Enhance Construction Safety were approved.
- Item 1.8 – The progress of the two Task Groups under the Task Force on Work Safety of RMAA Sites was noted.
- Item 1.10 – The Safety Alert No. 001/14 was approved in principle with some minor amendments. The Safety Alert was published on 17 April 2014.
- Item 1.11 – The latest progress on the Safety Promotional Activities with OSHC was noted.

Separately, CT supplemented that HWC had led a team to visit the safety facilities in Korea with OSHC. LKC suggested a Safety Training Centre, similar to the one he visited in Korea, could be set up in CIC. The Committee on Construction Safety would consider whether there was a need to establish a Safety Training Centre and consider suitable sample equipment seen in Korea. CITB could also advise on the facilities required.

Com-CSY

CITB

CWG reminded Members that the Management and Safety Training Centre was relocated to Kowloon Bay recently. The Chairman added that there was already a trade test on safety under the Green Card system.

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

[PC left the meeting at this juncture.]

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2.9 **2nd Meeting of Committee on Environment, Innovation and Technology for 2014**

Members were briefed by KP on Paper CIC/CMT/P/010/14.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 2.2 – Regarding the proposal on off-site cutting, bending of rebar and testing of rebar in prefabrication yard, the Secretariat had arranged a meeting among DEVB, CEDD and BD and would provide an update later this year.
- Item 2.3 – The nomination of co-opted members for Feb 2014 – Jan 2016 was endorsed.
- Item 2.4 – The organising of the CIC Innovation Award with the budget shared equally by the Com-EIT and the Committee on Productivity and Research (Com-PNR) was endorsed.
- Item 2.5 – The commissioning of BIM Advisory Service was endorsed.
- Item 2.7 – The progress update on BIM was noted.
- Item 2.8 – The progress of the Research on River Sand Substitutes was noted.
- Item 2.9 – The progress of the Task Force on Schematic Design for Application of RFID, GPS and Sensor Technology in Monitoring the Movement of Construction Waste was noted.

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

[RCU left the meeting at this juncture.]

2.10 **1st and 2nd Meeting of the Construction Industry Training Board for 2014**

Members were briefed by DP on Paper CIC/CMT/P/011/14 and CIC/CMT/P/012/14.

DP said that the CITB would offer more part time and short term courses, e.g. E&M training. The ratio of instructors to trainees would also be enhanced.

DP suggested that the training ground should be fully utilized and

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upgraded.

Members noted the new sub-committee structure under CITB proposed in Annex A of Paper CIC/CMT/P/012/14.

A Member representing the labour union requested that labour unions should also be eligible to participate in the Collaborative Training Scheme. DP said he would consider such proposal and liaised with the Member on this issue.

Members had no further comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/011/14 and CIC/CMT/P/012/14.

2.11 **2nd Meeting of Construction Workers Registration Board for 2014**

Members were briefed by IW on Paper CIC/CMT/P/013/14.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 2.3.3 – Measures attracting workers to register as senior workers included, amongst others, the reimbursement of the application fee of their first successful assessment within the first year after amendments to the CWRO.
- Item 2.3.4 – Workers who had obtained exemptions under relevant ordinances would be granted the same exemptions from skills registration under CWRO.
- Item 2.3.5 – The result of the new survey on data analysis would be reported in the next meeting.
- Item 2.3.6 – A consultation on the Construction Workers Registration System (CWRS) was conducted in February – March 2014. To accommodate the industry's comments and needs, the launch of CWRS, which was originally scheduled in October 2014, would be delayed. It was expected that the CWRS would be launched by end 2014.

The Chairman commented that it would be better to launch the CWRS earlier as the system could help analyze the data of construction workers. After the launch of the CWRS, there would not be any need to conduct survey. Nevertheless, sufficient testing should be conducted before launching.

- Item 2.3.7 – A new Task Force on Reviewing the Outflow of

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Construction Workers was established.

- Item 2.4 – At the request of Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, Ir CHUI Wai Sing was replaced by Chief Electrical & Mechanical Engineer/General Legislation of EMSD (currently being Ir Eric PANG Yiu Hung) as member of CWRB.

Regarding item 2.3.4, LKC requested that the new trade of arboriculture be added.

CWRB

Members had no further comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/013/14.

2.12 Any Other Business

1. Members were briefed by KYL on the meeting of the Committee on Productivity and Research held on 24 April 2014.

Regarding the membership of the Committee, co-opted members would be invited from the Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA) and the Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors (HKFEMC) to provide additional expertise and advice.

The CIC Funded Research, Work plan and Budget 2014 were also mentioned. Details would be provided in the summary report to be submitted at the next meeting.

2. A Member representing the labour union requested that the workers' uniform be unified. The Chairman asked CWG to follow up on the issue.

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3. CWG said that the production of the next series of "Dreams Come True" TV drama would start soon. He solicited Members' support in providing some actual sites of repair and maintenance to facilitate the production.

2.13 Tentative Date of Next Meeting 003/14

The next meeting was scheduled for 20 June 2014 (Friday) at 2:30 p.m. at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road,

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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********