Construction Industry Council

The 4th Meeting of the Construction Industry Council for 2009 was held on Friday, 28 August 2009 at 2:30 pm at Room 1201, Murray Building, Garden Road, Central.

Present :	Keith KERR Russell BLACK Andrew CHAN James CHIU Chun-wa CHOI Thomas HO Edgar KWAN Thomas KWOK Wo-hei LAM Peter LEE Shing-see LEE Koon-sun WAN Billy WONG Conrad WONG Chai-kwong MAK	(KK) (RB) (AC) (JC) (CWC) (TH) (EK) (TK) (WHL) (PL) (SSL) (KSW) (BW) (CW) (CW) (CKM) (CKA) (AF)	Chairman Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) Director of Buildings for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
In Attendance :	Charmaine WONG Christopher TO Charles WONG Theresa CHAN Ivan WONG Phoebe LEUNG	(HWW) (CT) (CWG) (TCN) (IW) (PLG)	Development Bureau Executive Director Director (Training) Senior Manager (Finance) Senior Manager (Council Services) 2 Manager (Council Services) 2
Apologies :	Francis BONG Teresa CHENG Tat-tong CHEUNG Stanley HUI Jan-ming KO Chun-yuen TSE Wai-wai YU	(FB) (TC) (TTC) (SH) (JMK) (CYT) (WWY)	

MINUTES

<u>Action</u>

4.1 **Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/M/003/09 and the amended Page 2 tabled at the meeting. Members then approved the minutes of the 3rd meeting for 2009 held on 31 July 2009 at Murray Building.

4.2 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

4.2.1 Letter to the Development Bureau soliciting the support of the Architectural Services Department to encourage NGOs to adopt the recommended measures for protection of workers' wages in public funded works projects as well as other guidelines as issued by the CIC from time to time.

The letter would be prepared and issued upon the **CIC** publication of the guidelines on recommended measures. **Secretariat**

4.3 4th Meeting of Committee on Environment and Technology for 2009

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/039/09.

The Committee was in the process of investigating how the trip-ticket system (TTS) adopted in public works could be implemented voluntarily in private sector projects. Though being invited by the Environment Bureau to comment on the practices of main contractors in implementing the voluntary TTS, the Committee decided not to provide advice at this stage as the matter was still being discussed within the Committee.

On proposing practical research projects, CIC Committees and Members could initiate them for consideration by the CIC in parallel with the review by the Committee on Administration and Finance on financial aspects. The allocation of research funding should depend on the needs of the industry on the proposed projects. Assigning a fixed research budget might not meet the changing needs of the industry. Members also agreed that application and dissemination of research findings would be important subjects to address. The Committee would further deliberate the issue with reference to Members' views.

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4.4 4th Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2009

Members took note of the Civil Trades Cooperative Training Scheme launched by the CICTA. Subject to the demand of the industry, contractors being capable of offering approved training courses to their employees would be entitled to join the Scheme. As contractors would provide specialists and necessary plants and equipment for training under the Scheme, it would be more cost-effective for the CICTA to run the courses in collaboration with the contractors. In addition, the Scheme would also encourage direct employment of workers by contractors. While the Scheme would begin with trades suggested by the industry, other trades would be considered subject to sufficient demand from the industry.

Regarding training courses on heritage conservation, the CICTA is currently studying the course contents and would suggest the way forward.

4.5 **Any Other Business**

Nil.

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

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