

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 004/10 of Construction Industry Council for 2010 was held on Friday, 25 June 2010 at 2:30 pm at Room 1201, Murray Building, Central, Hong Kong

Present : Shing-see LEE (SSL) Chairman
Andrew CHAN (AC)
Hau-wai CHEUNG (HWC)
Tai-chong CHEW (TCC)
Thomas HO (TH)
Wai-wah HO (WWH)
Jan-ming KO (JMK)
James KWAN (JK)
Wo-hei LAM (WHL)
Tak-ching MAK (TCM)
Koon-sun WAN (KSW)
Billy WONG (BW)
Conrad WONG (CW)
Mike WONG (MW)
Kam-hung YU (KHY)
Chi-sing WAI (CSW) Permanent Secretary for
Development (Works)
Ada FUNG (AF) for Permanent Secretary for
Transport and Housing (Housing)
Choi-kai AU (CKA) Director of Buildings

In Attendance : Charmaine WONG (HWW) Development Bureau
Christopher TO (CT) Executive Director
Charles WONG (CWG) Director (Training)
Ivan WONG (IW) Senior Manager (Council Services) 2
Guiyi LI (GYL) Senior Manager (Research)
Yvonne MAK (YM) Manager (Council Services) 4

Apologies : Siu-hung CHAN (SHC)
Teresa CHENG (TC)
Luen-kiu CHOW (LKC)
Stanley HUI (SH)
Peter LAM (OKL)
Joseph LEE (HWL)

MINUTES

Action

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/M/003/10 and approved the minutes of the 3rd meeting for 2010 held on 30 April 2010 at Murray Building.

4.2 Matters Arising

4.2.1 The Committee on Manpower Training and Development would consider the appointment of Co-opted Members with specific expertise on a need basis.

Members were advised to consider nominating more female members within the industry to the CIC committees or task forces.

4.2.2 The Committee on Environment and Technology would commence the discussion of the key performance indicators for the construction industry at its coming meeting on 2 July 2010.

4.3 2nd Meeting of Committee on Construction Site Safety for 2010

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/024/10.

The Guidelines on Safety of Lift Shaft Works (Volume 1) would be published soon. Appropriate publicity programme such as a press conference might be considered.

The Labour Department would be invited on a regular but informal basis to report the statistics of construction works related accidents.

A new Task Force on the Review of Construction Method Statements was established for review of method statements and construction sequences and the necessary consultancy exercise.

The committee would reduce the number of task forces by dismissing some task forces of which their tasks had been completed and set up new task forces only when there would be new specific issues to handle.

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4.4 2nd Meeting of Committee on Subcontracting for 2010

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/025/10.

Members noted that the terms of reference of the Committee on Subcontracting (Com-SBC) were revised to reflect the current work of the Com-SBC in the area of dispute resolution.

Having considered the findings of the survey conducted by HKU on the outstanding payment problems, the Com-SBC set up the following three task forces:

- Task Force on Dispute Resolution Documentation was set up to prepare sample contract clauses setting out the alternative dispute resolution methods recommended in the Guidelines on Dispute Resolution to be published by the CIC.
- Task Force on Security of Payment Legislation was set up to consider the viability of a long-term strategy for resolving the outstanding payment problems through legislation.
- Task Force on Standard Contract Provisions for Domestic Subcontract was set up to derive a short-term solution to help minimise the outstanding payment problems faced by subcontractors.

The Com-SBC would consider different measures to help improve the security of payment in parallel with the discussion on the security of payment legislation. Some Members opined that robust justifications would be required should the enactment of the legislation be recommended.

4.5 Any Other Business

AC declared that he was the President of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE). A letter from HKIE inviting the CIC to nominate persons for Hall of Fame 2010 was tabled at the meeting. As the CIC was representing a variety of stakeholders in the construction industry, to avoid missing any one group of industry participants during the consideration of nominations, CIC was not in a good position to make such nomination.

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

******End of the Meeting******