

**Construction Industry Council
Construction Workers Registration Board**

Meeting No. 002/15 of the Construction Workers Registration Board was held on Wednesday, 22 April 2015 at 3:30pm at Conference Room, CIC Headquarters, 15/F, Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Summary notes of the Construction Workers Registration Board Meeting No. 002/15:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights
2.1	CIC/CRB/M/001/15	<p><u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting</u> The revised minutes of the 1st meeting of CWRB for 2015 were confirmed.</p>
2.2.1		<p><u>Appointment of Chairperson of the Review Board</u> Mr Chow Luen-kiu was appointed as Chairperson of the Review Board for the term from 1 February 2015 to 31 January 2018.</p>
2.3.2	CIC/CRB/P/009/15 (Progress Report and for Resolution)	<p><u>Sub-committee on Senior Workers Assessment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of 31 March 2015, 2,502 people passed the simplified specified training course to become registered skilled workers including 938 expired provisional registrations. • Between 1 January and 15 April 2015, a total of 1,724 applications were received through the Senior Workers Registration Arrangement. • Starting from May 2015, HKCIEGU and CSWGU would be given more subsidy for hiring additional staff to handle a large number of applications arising from senior workers registration arrangement. • Four additional trade unions including Hong Kong Shipbuilding, Machinery Manufacturing, Electrical and Steel Industries Employees General Union, Hong Kong General Union of Lift and Escalator Employees, Hong Kong Electrical & Mechanical Engineering Professional Employees Association and Harbour Transportation Workers General Union were authorised to provide assessment for Group 2 senior workers registration.

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2.3.4	CIC/CRB/P/011/15 (For Resolution)	<p><u>Revised Steering Structure, Revised Programme and Additional Budget for the Development of the CWRS</u></p> <p>Members endorsed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishment of the Working Group for Template-on-card Contractors and its terms of reference; • the revised programme, including the need to select a date as “switchover day “ to replace the old workers registration cards with the new one; and • allocation of additional budget to enhance the functions of CWRS, including hiring IT personnel, setting up technical support team and expenses that are necessarily incurred in the production, mailing and same day switchover of new workers registration cards.
2.3.5	CIC/CRB/P/012/15 (Progress Report)	<p><u>Task Force on Data Analysis</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From October 2014 to January 2015, the findings of the telephone survey on workers attendance were broadly consistent with previous surveys. • As of 31 December 2014, it was estimated that 232,828 registered workers were engaged in the construction industry (truck drivers and workers carrying out non-construction works were excluded). • Reviewed by a professional company on the methodology and procedure currently adopted, the results revealed that nearly 90% and over 80% telephone surveys vetted had passed the random and data entry checking.
2.3.6	CIC/CRB/P/013/15 (Progress Report and for Resolution)	<p><u>Sub-committee on Registration Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 20 construction sites had confirmed to participate in the first round of on-site trial of reasonable measures, which was expected to be completed in June. • From January to March this year, a total of 629 workers submitted applications for renewal through the 2nd round of outreach service provided by WRO. • It was approved that the description of work of “Construction Plant Mechanic” and “Mechanical Fitter” would be maintained and guidelines would be prepared to define skilled mechanical maintenance personnel with specific proof of training credentials would not be regulated under the Ordinance. • The service provided to first time applicants for workers registration by three trade unions currently providing registration renewal service was approved.

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2.3.7	CIC/CRB/P/014/15 (Progress Report)	<p data-bbox="629 242 1733 272"><u>Task Force on the Promotion of Remaining Phase of Prohibition of CWRO</u></p> <ul data-bbox="629 280 2051 627" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="629 280 2051 395">• Subsidies would be provided out of the existing publicity budget to trade unions for organising approximately 30 briefing sessions on construction sites to explain the requirements of “designated workers for designated skills” to workers. <li data-bbox="629 403 2051 518">• The production of TV advertisements to promote Senior Workers Registration Arrangement and the “designated workers for designated skills” provision were almost completed. The production of animated videos had been finalized. <li data-bbox="629 526 2051 627">• Promotion of “designated workers for designated skills”, senior workers registration arrangement and trade tests targeting workers with less than 10 years’ work experience would be conducted on public works construction sites starting from May this year.
2.3.8	CIC/CRB/P/015/15 (Progress Report)	<p data-bbox="629 643 1061 673"><u>Workers Registration Offices</u></p> <ul data-bbox="629 681 2051 796" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="629 681 2051 719">• As of 31 March 2015, there were 344,557 registered workers. <li data-bbox="629 727 2051 796">• From November 2014 to March 2015, 1,934 workers registrations were processed for applicants who had completed the green card safety training course on the same day.

Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed by the Construction Workers Registration Board can be made available to Council Members from the Workers Registration Secretariat upon request.