

Construction Industry Council

Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments

Meeting No. 003/15 of the Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments was held on Tuesday, 2 June 2015 at 5pm at Conference Room, 2/F, Kowloon Bay Training Centre, 44 Tai Yip Street, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon.

Summary notes of the Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments (SGICA) Meeting No. 003/15:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions / Progress Highlights
3.1	CIC/ICA/R/002/15	Confirmation of Progress Report of the Last Meeting Members confirmed the progress report of the second meeting in 2015 held on 23 March 2015.
3.2		Matter Arising from Last Meeting To study how foreign workers can obtain skilled worker registration in Hong Kong in response to the implementation of “Designated workers for designated skills” provision. Members suggested CITB to explore the feasibility of the below three means: 1) to recognise trade tests in other places; 2) to organise trade tests based on the requirements of CIC at trade testing sites of other places; 3) to allow pre-arrival enrolment for foreign workers to shorten their waiting time of trade tests in Hong Kong.

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3.3	CIC/ICA/P/005/15 (for information)	Report on the Works of CITB for the Amendments to the CWRO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were on average 1,850 applicants of trade tests per month, which was about 23% more than that of 2014.• After the Amended Ordinance was effective, the number of trade tests conducted per month was 70% of the estimate.• To boost the application number and capacity of trade tests, Trade Testing Centre had started promotion together with CWRB Secretariat, staff recruitment by phases and opening up testing workstations.• The Steering Group would review the actual application number of trade tests, in order to develop and adjust the work plan for an optimal use of allocated resources.
3.4	CIC/ICA/P/006/15 (for information)	Report on the Works of CWRB for the Amendments to the CWRO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A total of 3,543 workers applied for skilled workers registration through Senior Workers Registration Arrangement as of end of May 2015.• The results of on-site trial of reasonable measures would be made known to other contractors who did not participate in the first round of trial by organising briefing sessions.• Publicity including printed materials, promotional video, TV and radio advertisements, SMS, briefing sessions and production of card holders had been done to promote Senior Workers Registration Arrangement and trade test. CWRB Secretariat proposed to form outreach teams responsible for promotion at construction sites with a view to boosting the number of skilled worker registration.• CWRS would be launched in phases starting from December 2015. The old workers registration cards would be fully replaced by new cards in one go scheduled for mid 2016.

Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed at the Steering Group of Implementation of CWRO Amendments can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.