

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 002/15 of the Construction Industry Council for 2015 was held on Friday, 24 April 2015 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)	
		Hau-wai CHEUNG	(HWC)	
		Paul CHONG	(PC)	
		Reuben CHU	(RCU)	
		Chi-wah LAI	(CWL <i>i</i>)	
		Stephen LAI	(SLI)	
		Robert LAM	(PHL)	
		Christopher LEUNG	(KYL)	
		Lawrence NG	(LN)	
		Melissa Kaye PANG	(MKP)	
		Sze-chun WONG	(SCW)	
		Wilfred Shek-chun WU	(WSCW)	
		Ringo Shek-man YU	(RiYu)	
	Chi-keung HON	(HCK)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)	
	Siu-wai HUI	(SWH)	Director of Buildings	
In Attendance	:	Dominic CHOW	(DCW)	Development Bureau
		Irene CHENG	(ICG)	Housing Authority
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Alex LEUNG	(AL)	Director – Training and Development
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Director – Registration Services
		Cheryl IP	(CI)	Senior Manager – Human Resources & Administration
		Miranda YEAP	(MYP)	Senior Manager – Council Services
		Belle HO	(CYH)	Manager – Council Services
Apologies	:	Siu-hung CHAN	(SHC)	
		Luen-kiu CHOW	(LKC)	
		Tai-chong CHEW	(TCC)	
		Ada FUNG	(AF)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
		Kevin POOLE	(KP)	
		Tak-ching MAK	(TCM)	
	Mike WONG	(MW)		

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 5:00 p.m.]

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

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/001/15 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 1st meeting of 2015 held on Friday, 6 February 2015 at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

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

Nil.

**2.10 1st Meeting of Committee on Environment, Innovation and
Technology for 2015**

CT briefed Members on the Paper CIC/CMT/P/014/15.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 1.1 – The progress of the Research on River Sand Substitutes for Concrete Production and Cement Sand Mortar Production (Phase Two) was noted. SCW declared interest with respect to the research.
- Item 1.2 – Ten new carbon intensive construction materials were added to the Carbon Labelling Scheme. Around 400 people were trained for the awareness and auditor courses. A number of applications on rebar, structural steel, and ready-mix concrete were received. Liaison with local and overseas suppliers would continue for the wider promotion of the scheme.

ICG added that a meeting would be arranged among the Housing Department, CIC and HKGBC to discuss the development of the Carbon Labelling Scheme of CIC, Green Building Product Labelling Scheme of HKGBC and Construction Product Certification Scheme of the Housing

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Department. The CIC Chairman agreed that there should be more cooperation among the different parties and to explore ways to unify the different carbon labelling schemes to avoid confusion and facilitate adoption of the schemes by the industry partitioners.

- Item 1.3 – Members of Com-EIT endorsed the publication of the Hong Kong Construction Industry Performance Report for 2013 and noted the major suggestions received from members for future publications.
- Item 1.4 – The aim of the Research and Survey on the C&D Waste in Hong Kong was to collect data on C&D waste composition for better strategic planning in construction waste management. The committee was recommended to seek support from EPD to set up a task force to manage the progress of the survey.
- Item 1.5 - A number of comments were received regarding the Assignment Brief for BIM Standards to Facilitate the Submission of GBP for Statutory Authorities (Phase One) and would be incorporated into the assignment brief for further discussion in the next meeting.
- Item 1.6 - The theme for Year 2015 would be “BIM Training, Intelligence Sharing, and Recognition of BIM Professional’s Qualification”. Four categories of proposed activities were noted. The European Union invited AF and one of our staff to Brussel to study its applications on BIM.
- Item 1.7 –A presentation on the proposed Emission Control for Non-Road Mobile Machinery was delivered during the Com-EIT meeting.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/014/15.

2.11 1st Meeting of Committee on Procurement and Subcontracting for 2015

MYP briefed Members on the Paper CIC/CMT/P/015/15.

The following issues were highlighted:

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- Item 1.3 – The concerns that the Code of Conduct appeared to be setting a stricter standard than the requirement of the law and the Commission’s draft Guidelines was noted. The classification of the Code of Conduct on Competition Law as Reference Materials and renaming the document were preferred. The consultant would further review and fine-tune the draft reference materials on competition law taking into account members’ comments.
Item 1.4 - The Reference Materials on Frequently Asked Questions on NEC Collaborative Contracts would be further reviewed by the Task Force before publishing. A series of Case Books on NEC Projects in Hong Kong was proposed to be produced. The first NEC ECC Project Manager Accreditation Programme (Hong Kong) training class was held from 9 to 13 February 2015 at ZCB. The class was attended by more than 25 participants. The same training course would also be conducted in May, July, September and November this year.
- Item 1.5 – Members took note of the update on Subcontractor Registration Scheme (SRS) Operations and approved the proposed membership of the Management Committee of the SRS for its new term of office from 16 July 2015 to 15 July 2018.
- Item 1.6 – A half day seminar/briefing session on the selection of consultants was proposed to be held in August or November 2015.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/015/15.

2.12 1st Meeting of Committee on Productivity and Research for 2015

CT briefed Members on the Paper CIC/CMT/P/016/15.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 1.2 - Representatives from the DEVB introduced the “Proposals to Support Construction Professional Services” submitted by the Working Group on Professional Services under the Economic Development Commission and

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comments from Members of Com-PNR were sought.

- Item 1.3 – The Principal Investigator delivered a presentation on the work plan of the “Assessing the Performance of the Hong Kong Construction Industry, KPI: An International Comparison” consultancy project. The project would tentatively commence in April 2015 and was scheduled to be completed within 15 months.
- Item 1.4 – The Consultant, McKinsey delivered a presentation on the latest proposals under the strategic direction “building capability to enhance productivity”. The current situation and challenges were also discussed.
- Item 1.5 – The progress of several CIC Funded Research Projects was noted.
- Item 1.6 – The details and progress of the CIC Innovation Award were noted. Advertisements were placed in the flight magazines of various airlines to enhance the publicity of the Award. CT added that the Award had its significance because Hong Kong ranked very high in terms of its physical infrastructure according to the Global Competitiveness Index 2014-15 but lagged behind its counterparts in terms of innovation.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/016/15.

2.13 1st and 2nd Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2015

A verbal report was made by AL on the progress of the 1st Meeting of CITB at the last meeting. AL briefed Members on the Paper CIC/CMT/P/018/15.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 2.3 – The professional development and progression pathways for construction practitioners who started their career after leaving Secondary 3 or as semi-skilled workers as well as the route for those who started their career after leaving Secondary 6 were noted.
- Item 2.5 – The use of the remaining 79 subsidized places under DVE Programme–Craftsman and the related budget

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to subsidize the construction industry related Telecommunications and Surveillance Technology stream under DVE (Digital Electronics Technology) Programme were approved.

- Item 2.7 - The subsidy to course fees for Senior Construction Workers Trade Management Course, Specified Training Course and Skills Enhancement Course that commenced on or after 1 February 2015 was approved. There would not be any subsidy to trade test fees from 1 April 2015 while the remaining amount of the Government's funds would be used to subsidize the ECMTS courses. All these measures would additionally train around 1,640 graduates. When the funding for ECMTS was used up, CIC would cease to use the name. Training places would continue to be provided through CIC full-time short courses and various cooperative training schemes. For trainees taking full-time short courses on trades classified as having manpower shortage, their trainee allowance would remain to be \$320 per day in 2015 and would be reviewed in early 2016.
- Item 2.8 – The incentive schemes to encourage workers to apply early for trade tests were revised and the incentive scheme without quota and its estimated financial expenditure were accepted. In addition, the recruitment of manpower in stages and related financial estimates according to the lower limit (59,000 man-time) and the upper limit (77,000 man-time) as estimated for the testing capacity in 2015 and 2016 were agreed.

AL delivered a powerpoint presentation on the WorldSkills Sao Paulo 2015. The objectives of the competition were to:

- (a) Promote the craftsmanship and techniques in the construction industry with the aim of enhancing the professional image of practitioners;
- (b) Facilitate technical skills exchange through competition and advancement of craftsmanship;
- (c) Promote the image and popularity of CIC; and
- (d) Attract more new blood to join the construction industry

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The competition was also known as the “Skill Olympics”. It was held every two years with over 60 years of history. Over one thousand young skilled people of 22 years old and below from 50 countries would demonstrate individual and collective technical skills to perform their professional skills.

WorldSkills Sao Paulo 2015 would be held from 11-16 August 2015. Intensive training in trade skills and assessment as well as soft skills training were provided to the four Hong Kong competitors. A press briefing session was held on 23 April 2015 to enhance the publicity of the competition.

Members had no comments on the items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/017/15 and Paper CIC/CMT/P/018/15.

[PHL left the meeting at this juncture.]

2.14 2nd Meeting of Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments for 2015

IW briefed Members on the Paper CIC/CMT/P/019/15.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 2.3 - Report on the works of CWRB for the amendments to the CWRO:
 - The 3 authorised trade unions handled 1,064 applications for Senior Workers Registration during the pre-launch period from January to March 2015.
 - CWRB Secretariat had invited contractors to conduct the first round onsite trial run of the Codes of Practice on “Exempted Works” and “Instruction and Supervision” starting in April. The second round would be carried out in September / October after evaluating the results of the first trial run. The relevant Code of Practice would be formulated by referring to the “Instruction and Supervision” being undertaken currently on construction sites.
 - 1,700 workers renewed their registration via the Outreach Registration Renewal Service. WRO would continue this well-received service.

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-Publicity was being arranged to promote Senior Workers Registration Arrangement and “Designated workers for designated skills”.

- User Acceptance Test of Construction Workers Registration System would be carried out in July and the system would be launched in end 2015. All registered workers would be required to use the new Registration Cards from 19 June 2016.

- Item 2.4 - It was suggested to explore the feasibility of recognising overseas trade tests by CITB, so overseas workers employed under the Supplementary Labour Scheme would be able to obtain the qualifications required for skilled workers registration, in order to carry out skill works in Hong Kong after the implementation of the “Designated workers for designated skills”. As an alternative, Qualification Board under CWRB was entitled to recognise overseas qualifications under the applications for workers registration.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/019/15.

2.15 1st Meeting of Committee on Construction Safety for 2015

HWC briefed Members on the Paper CIC/CMT/P/020/15.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 1.2 – The Guidelines on the Implementation of “P” and “N” Caring Programme was published on 5 March 2015. A visit to four training centres was arranged on 5 February 2015.
- Item 1.3 – Trial run venues for Rear RFID Sensing/Alarm System for Vehicles while seven trial run venues for Safety Belt Engagement Sensing System were provided by members of the task groups. The CIC Secretariat would further coordinate with the construction sites and arrange respective trial run schedules accordingly.
- Item 1.4 - Safety Alert No. 001/15 – Safety Use of Vertical Transportation at Construction Sites was published on 14 January 2015. Site-visit of Builders’ Lift would be

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arranged in April 2015. The Guidelines on Builders' Lift was targeted to be completed by 2015.

- Item 1.5 – Construction Safety Week 2015 would be held from 27 to 29 May 2015. Construction Safety Application would be launched in the Kick-off Ceremony on 27 May 2015. Representatives from the General Administration of Sport of China were invited to be adjudicators in the Qigong Display Competition on 27 May 2015.
- Item 1.6 - Experimental Learning on Site Safety 2015 was launched by HKCA in 2013 and was targeted to equip construction related university students with some safety knowledge before joining the construction industry. CIC would be the co-organizer with HKCA for the captioned event and would contribute half of the expenses.
- Item 1.7 - HKCA explained the details of the Experimental Learning on Site Safety 2015. Members welcomed the co-operation and suggested to consider participants from other trades in the future.
- Item 1.8 - The findings on the Administration Charges for Reporting of Site Accidents were provided by the consultant in December 2014. HWC explained that guidance notes were issued on the Administration Charges. The administration charges of different companies varied widely. A survey was conducted to find out what the Administration Charges covered.
- Item 1.11 - The Construction Safety Poster No. P-CSY-001-15 was endorsed in principle with some minor amendment. It was noted that HKHA comments were received after the meeting.
- Item 1.13 – Prof. Albert CHAN presented the details of the Pilot Medical Examination Scheme for Construction Workers.
- Item 1.14 – The CIC Secretariat shared the experience on Safety Visits in Europe and Mainland China. After deliberations, Members of Com-CSY suggested to invite Labour Department, Transport Department, Hong Kong Tower Crane Engineering Association, and engineers in relevant trades to form a Task Group to discuss the follow-up actions.

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- Item 1.15 - Members of Com-CSY agreed there was an urgency for the construction industry of HK to set up a Safety and Experience Training Centre (SETC) and supported CIC to pursue setting up the SETC.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/020/15.

2.16 Any Other Business

Nil.

2.17 Tentative Date of Next Meeting 003/15

The next meeting was scheduled for 19 June 2015 (Friday) at 2:30 p.m. at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong. **All to note**

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

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