

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 005/13 of the Construction Industry Council for 2013 was held on Friday, 25 October 2013 at 2:30pm 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
		Allan CHAN	(SKC)	
		Anthony CHAN	(AnCN)	
		Siu-hung CHAN	(SHC)	
		Hau-wai CHEUNG	(HWC)	
		Tai-chong CHEW	(TCC)	
		Paul CHONG	(PC)	
		Luen-kiu CHOW	(LKC)	
		Reuben CHU	(RCU)	
		James KWAN	(JK)	
		LAI Chi-wah	(CWL <i>i</i>)	
		Robert LAM	(PHL)	
		Tak-ching MAK	(TCM)	
		Lawrence NG	(LN)	
		Derrick PANG	(DP)	
		Kevin POOLE	(KP)	
		Bay WONG	(ByW)	
		Mike WONG	(MW)	
		WONG Sze-chun	(SCW)	
		Wai-wai YU	(WWY)	
	Chi-sing WAI	(CSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)	
	Choi-kai AU	(CKA)	Director of Buildings	
	Ada FUNG	(AF)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)	
In Attendance		Charmaine WONG	(HWW)	Development Bureau
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Charles WONG	(CWG)	Director – Training and Development
		Guiyi LI	(GYL)	Director - ZCB
		Alex LEUNG	(AL)	Deputy Director – Training and Development
		Davis LIU	(DsL)	Acting Director – Workers Registration
		Thomas TONG	(TTg)	Chief Research Consultant
		Cheryl IP	(CI)	Senior Manager – Human Resources & Administration
		Katherine TAM	(OKT)	Senior Manager - Finance
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Senior Manager - Council Services

Belle HO (CYH) Manager – Council Services

Apologies

Teresa CHENG (TC)

Christopher LEUNG (KYL)

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 5:45 p.m.]

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

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/004/13 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 4th meeting for 2013 held on Friday, 30 August 2013 at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

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

Nil.

5.14 3rd Meeting of Committee on Construction Site Safety for 2013

Members received a brief report by HWC on Paper CIC/CMT/P/056/13.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 3.2 –The final version of the Safety Alert No. 003/13 “Avoid Using Ladders for Working at Height in Repair, Maintenance, Alteration and Addition Works” was issued.
- Item 3.5 –The Task Force on Site Safety of Working in Lift Shaft would follow up the review of the Design for Safety for Working at Lift Shaft.
- Item 3.6 - The “Safety Alert No. 004/13 – Safe Use of Lifting Appliances and Lifting Gear” was published on 3 October 2013.
- Item 3.7 - Three sets of Site Housekeeping Posters namely “Site Housekeeping”, “Provision of Safe and Proper Means of Access in Construction Site” and “Handling and Storage of Chemical Substances and Waste” were issued on 27 September 2013.
- Item 3.8 – The CIC would co-organise the Construction Safety Promotional Campaigns with the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC) from December 2013 onwards.
- Item 3.9 –The Guidelines on the Adoption of Pay for Safety Scheme would be updated to ascertain the extent of responsibilities of different parties like main contractors, sub-contractors and foremen in implementing the safety

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- measures during construction works, e.g. the use of scaffolding.
- Item 3.10 – The Design for Safety in Buildings would be reviewed. A dedicated task force would follow up on the review. The Labour Department would collaborate with CIC on this issue.
- Item 3.11 - The Construction Design and Management (CDM) process was developed with DEVB. The possibility of extending CDM to private projects would be explored.
- Item 3.12 – The Post Event Booklet of the Construction Safety Week 2013 would be published in late 2013.

A Member representing workers union expressed that there was not much improvement on the figure of fatal accidents. He suggested that promotional activities such as luncheon talks could be organised to enhance workers' awareness on safety.

CSW reported that the preparation works for the Safety Week 2014 had been started. He said that despite the decrease in the number of minor site accidents, fatal accidents still persisted. Hence, there might be systematic problems inherent to the site safety mechanism which must be identified and rectified. The Chairman agreed that more effort should be made in promoting site safety.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/056/13.

5.15 4th Meeting of Committee on Environment and Technology for 2013

Members received a brief report by IW on Paper CIC/CMT/P/057/13.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 4.2.1 – The Final Draft report of the Roadmap for BIM Strategic Implementation was available in CIC's website for download.
- Item 4.3 – The commissioning of a single consultancy service to carry out the Survey on Potential Utilisation of Local Prefabrication Yard and a Study on Establishment of a Local Prefabrication Yard was endorsed.
- Item 4.7 – The publicity plan for promoting BIM in 2014 was prepared.

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Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/057/13.

5.17 6th Meeting of Construction Workers Registration Board for 2013

Members received a brief report by PC on Paper CIC/CMT/P/059/13.

- Item 6.3.2 – The registration fee would remain at HK\$100 with validity period extending from 3 years to 5 years.
- Item 6.4.3 – The fees of both simplified Specified Training Courses and re-taking Specified Training Courses were reduced to \$150.

PC expected that the launch date of new Construction Workers Registration System (CWRS) would probably be deferred beyond the second quarter of 2014 due to some technical problems. CT responded that a new IT Manager would report duty next Friday (1 November) which would definitely help ease the situation with his expertise in system development. SM-IT would report the progress of the new CWRS development at the next Com-ANF and CWRB meetings.

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The Chairman remarked that the office at MTR Nam Cheong Station would be a CIC centre providing not only workers registration service but also other CIC's services.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/059/13.

[PC and LN left the meeting at this juncture.]

5.16 3rd Meeting of Committee on Procurement for 2013

Members received a brief report by CT on Paper CIC/CMT/P/058/13.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 3.3 – A Special Group would be formed to deliberate on the issues on On-Demand Bonds and to undertake drafting of the guidance notes.

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- Item 3.4 – In response to HKCA’s proposal on setting benchmarks for reasonable construction programme, a study would be conducted which aimed at gathering feedback and information from overseas organisations to facilitate the Committee’s decision on the appropriate way forward.
- Item 3.5 – CT presented at the Hong Kong Global Competition Law Forum Asia 2013 on 29 August 2013 on the topic “Anti-Competitive Conduct in the Construction Industry?”. A further Fact Sheet on the Competition Law was being drafted and a roadmap for the Task Force on Competition Law would be prepared.
- Item 3.6 – The revised draft FAQ document would be circulated to the Real Estate Developers Association (REDA) and/or the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) for comment. The document would be fine-tuned before finalising it for formal submission to the Committee in 2014.
- Item 3.7 – The Task Force Chairman was reviewing the comments on the draft Reference Materials on the Selection of Consultants and would address them before re-submitting them to the Com-PCM for further review.
- Item 3.8 –The next meeting of the Task Force on Employer-Procured Insurance Policies in Construction Contracts would continue the sharing of experiences and to being deliberating on the possible way forward.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/058/13.

5.18 Any Other Business

Nil.

5.19 Tentative Date of Next Meeting 006/13

The next meeting was scheduled for 6 December 2013 (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 6:10 p.m.

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