

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 001/18 of the Construction Industry Council for 2018 was held on Friday, 9 February 2018 at 2:00pm at Multi-purpose Hall of ZCB, 8 Sheung Yuet Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon.

Present	:	CHAN Ka-kui	(KKCh)	Chairman
		CHAN Kim-kwong	(KKCN)	
		CHAN Pat-kan	(CPK)	
		Allan CHAN Sau-kit	(SKC)	
		CHOW Luen-kiu	(LKC)	
		CHUNG Kwok-fai	(CKFi)	
		Alex KWAN King-fai	(KFK)	
		LAI Chi-wah	(CWLi)	
		Robert LAM Ping-hong	(PHL)	
		Kenneth MO Kon-fei	(KM)	
		PAN Shu-jie	(PSJ)	
		Derrick PANG Yat-bond	(DP)	
		Rocky POON Lock-kee	(LKP)	
		Jason WONG Chi-chung	(JaW)	
		Simon WONG Hin-wing	(SWHW)	
		WONG Sze-chun	(SCW)	
		Eliza WONG Yeuk-lan	(EWYL)	
		Ringo YU Shek-man	(RiYu)	
		YU Sai-yen	(SYYu)	
		HON Chi-keung	(HCK)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
		CHEUNG Tin-cheung	(TnC)	Director of Buildings
		Connie YEUNG Kwong- yim	(CYG)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
In Attendance	:	Dominic CHOW	(DCW)	Development Bureau
		Lambert CHOW	(WKCw)	Housing Department
		Albert CHENG	(CTN)	Executive Director
		Henry FUNG	(HF)	Director – Industry Development
		Alex LEUNG	(AL)	Director – Collaboration & Trade Testing
		Francis WONG	(FW)	Director – Hong Kong Institute of Construction
		Cheryl IP	(CI)	Assistant Director - HR, Facilities Management & Admin
		LEE Oi-yen	(OYL)	Assistant Director – Registration Services

Miranda YEAP	(MYP)	Senior Manager – Corporate Secretariat
Amy FUNG	(AyF)	Manager – Corporate Secretariat

Apologies	:	CHAN Chi-chiu	(CCC)
		Ivan FU Chin-shing	(FI)
		Stephen LAI Yuk-fai	(SLI)

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 4:45 pm.]

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

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/006/17 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 6th meeting of 2017 held on Friday, 8 December 2017 at Multi-purpose Hall of ZCB, 8 Sheung Yuet Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon.

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

Nil.

1.22 4th Meeting of Committee on Construction Safety for 2017

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/015/18.

HF highlighted the major items of the last meeting as follows:

- Item 4.2 – The DEVB reported that the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) agreed to discuss with related examination committees the possibility to add the safety elements (i.e. examination questions on safety measures) to the examination framework for application of Registered Electrical Worker.
- Item 4.3 – The BD would follow up and advise if mandatory requirement for partition in a common lift shaft with more than one lift should be included in their Code of Practice.
- Item 4.4 – Two sessions of CIC seminar on External Work Safety were held on 11 December 2017 at ZCB with over 250 participants.
- CTN reported that in view of the fatal construction accidents happened in 2017, the CIC was conducting a holistic review on all areas of work including training, trade testing and construction site safety. The review aimed to strengthen the safety elements in all related areas, and to deliberate the way forward for more new initiatives on construction site safety. A

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press conference on the subject matter would be arranged prior to the Construction Safety Week 2018 held in May 2018.

Members had no comments on other items stated in the Paper CIC/CMT/P/015/18.

1.23 4th Meeting of Committee on Construction Procurement for 2017

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/016/18.

HF highlighted the major items of the last meeting as follows:

- Item 4.2(a) – The Committee agreed to set up a task force to study the issue of unfair contract conditions in construction projects.
- Item 4.4 – The Committee has received the verbal report on its key achievements in 2016-2017 & work plan 2018.
- Item 4.7(b) – Regarding the work progress of the Task Force on RMAA Procurement, a research on “Factors Affecting Consultancy Firms and Contractors in Hong Kong Participating in Repair, Maintenance, Alteration and Addition (RMAA) Sector” would be completed by the end of 2018.
- Item 4.5 - The Chairman supplemented that a consultancy study was underway to review the existing Subcontractor Registration Scheme (SRS). In the coming two years, it would be a major task for the Com-CPT to deliberate on the possible enhancement to the SRS.

Members had no comments on other items stated in the Paper CIC/CMT/P/016/18.

1.24 4th Meeting of Committee on Productivity for 2017

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/017/18.

HF highlighted the following major items as set out in Paper CIC/CMT/P/017/18:

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- Item 4.3 – Dr. Wei PAN from the University of Hong Kong (HKU) has delivered a presentation on a 18-month research project proposal on the supply chain identification, analysis and establishment for adopting Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) in Hong Kong.
- Item 4.5 – Prof. Thomas BOCK from the Technical University of Munich has updated the Committee on the progress of an on-going study on implementing robotics and automation in housing development projects in Hong Kong.
- Item 4.6 – Mr. Jeff FUNG from the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) has presented the project findings, with highlights on how efficiency could be improved for on-site rebar cutting and bending, formwork fixing and concreting operations.
- Item 4.7 – The Committee has endorsed the establishment of a new Working Group on Flat Inspection.

Members had no comments on other items stated in the Paper CIC/CMT/P/017/18.

1.25 6th Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2017

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/018/18.

SKC highlighted the following major items as set out in Paper CIC/CMT/P/018/18:

- Item 6.2.1 – the CIC has strengthened the education on work accountability and occupational ethics in class to enhance the inculcation of occupational ethics to Ethnic Minority (EM) trainees. In the meantime, a “Occupational Ethics Handbook” would be distributed to trainees as well.
- Item 6.5 – Regarding the “Advanced Construction Manpower Training Scheme – Pilot Scheme”, the CITB has endorsed the proposed amendments to the operations of “Structured On-the-job” (SOJ) and “Skills Enhancement Courses” (SEC). It was hoped that the proposed amendments would attract more trainees and reduce the dropout rate.

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- Item 6.6 – The CITB Members took note of the proposed formation of STEM alliance and the advantages for the HKIC to join the alliance, and other details associated with the alliance.
- Item 6.7 and 6.8 – The CITB was considering other cost-effective means to increase the training places for machinery operation courses.
- Item 6.18.1 – The CITB was supportive to the arrangement of continuing education courses for registered trades.

Members had no comments on other items stated in the Paper CIC/CMT/P/018/18.

1.26 Any Other Business

1.26.1 The Chairman invited MYP to brief Members on the forthcoming events of the CIC. Major events summarised as follow:

- The “STEM Alliance Inauguration” would be held on 13 March 2018.
- The “Smart Art & Green Concert” was scheduled on 17-18 March 2018.
- CIC Construction Luncheon was scheduled on 13 April 2018.
- The “Employers Luncheon and Appreciation Ceremony” would be held on 20 April 2018.
- “International Conference for Modular Integrated Construction” would be held on 24 April 2018.

1.26.2 LKC said that the default and delay in wage payments were still common in Hong Kong, and urged Members to find ways to tackle this problem. The Chairman suggested Members to review the current practice of their organisation and see if it is necessary to proceed with a thorough discussion on this subject.

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1.26.3 The Chairman explained to Members the nature of the CIC Construction Luncheon and encouraged keen participation from Members.

1.26.4 The Chairman explained to Members the nature of the Construction Industry Sports & Volunteering Programme and the positive impacts of the Programme, and solicited support from Members to the “Construction Industry Volunteer Award Scheme 2018”.

1.27 Tentative Date of Next Meeting 002/18

The next meeting was scheduled for 27 April 2018 (Friday) at 2:00pm at Multi-purpose Hall of ZCB, 8 Sheung Yuet Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon. **All to note**

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm