

Construction Industry Council

The 3rd Meeting of the Construction Industry Council for 2009 was held on Friday, 31 July 2009 at 2:30 pm at Room 1201, Murray Building, Garden Road, Central.

Present	:	Keith KERR	(KK)	Chairman
		Russell BLACK	(RB)	
		Francis BONG	(FB)	
		Andrew CHAN	(AC)	
		Tat-tong CHEUNG	(TTC)	
		James CHIU	(JC)	
		Chun-wa CHOI	(CWC)	
		Thomas HO	(TH)	
		Wo-hei LAM	(WHL)	
		Peter LEE	(PL)	
		Shing-see LEE	(SSL)	
		Chun-yuen TSE	(CYT)	
		Koon-sun WAN	(KSW)	
		Conrad WONG	(CW)	
		Wai-wai YU	(WWY)	
	Choi-kai AU	(CKA)	Director of Buildings	
In Attendance	:	Charmaine WONG	(HWW)	Development Bureau
		Nap-ming CHAN	(NMC)	Housing Department
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Charles WONG	(CWG)	Director (Training)
		Theresa CHAN	(TCN)	Senior Manager (Finance)
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Senior Manager (Council Services) 2
		Phoebe LEUNG	(PLG)	Manager (Council Services) 2
Apologies	:	Teresa CHENG	(TC)	
		Stanley HUI	(SH)	
		Jan-ming KO	(JMK)	
		Edgar KWAN	(EK)	
		Thomas KWOK	(TK)	
		Billy WONG	(BW)	
		Chai-kwong MAK	(CKM)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
		Ada FUNG	(AF)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

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3.1 **Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/M/002/09 and approved the minutes of the 2nd meeting for 2009 held on 3 April 2009 at Murray Building.

3.2 **Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting**

3.2.1 The 3rd meeting originally scheduled for 15 June 2009 was postponed to 31 July 2009.

3.2.2 Letter to the Buildings Department (BD) on promoting gondola installations in new residential buildings

The BD advised that a draft practice note relating to the captioned issue had been prepared and issued for consultation through its established channel.

3.3 **2nd and 3rd Meetings of Committee on Procurement for 2009**

Members took note of Papers CIC/CMT/P/035/09 and CIC/CMT/P/020/09.

The Task Force on Selection of Consultants and Contractors was studying the public and private sector practices with a view to identifying good practices for the industry. The Guidelines on Partnering was completed and would be submitted to the CIC for endorsement. For the ICAC's proposals, the Working Group was liaising with the BD to see if the upcoming Registered Inspectors List could serve as a reference for the Consultants' List proposed by the ICAC. As the public might be unable to interpret the Cost Database for Repair and Maintenance Works without the help of experts, further discussion on this issue would be required.

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3.4 **3rd and 4th Meetings of Committee on Subcontracting for 2009**

Members took note of Papers CIC/CMT/P/036/09 and CIC/CMT/P/021/09 and received presentations on the following Guidelines:

(a) Guidelines on Measures for Protection of Workers' Wages

Members noted that measures relating to the Mandatory

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Provident Fund and biometric authentication were inappropriate for incorporation into the Guidelines. As and when required in the future, the Committee would look into such issues. After deliberations, Members endorsed the promulgation of the Guidelines as set out at Annex to Paper CIC/CMT/P/036/09 and advised that efforts should be made to promote the practices to the private sector. The Chairman would write to the Development Bureau soliciting the support of the Architectural Services Department to encourage the NGOs to adopt the recommended measures in public funded works projects.

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(b) Security of Payment – Guidelines on Dispute Resolution

Members generally supported the Guidelines. For the sake of clarity, the Guidelines would be revised to elaborate that dispute resolution advisors (DRAs) as neutral experts would be involved in resolving disputes between architects/engineers and contractors and that the present roles and independence of architects/engineers under construction contracts would not be affected. The Guidelines would also include measures to speed up the closing of final accounts of works projects. The revised Guidelines would be submitted to the CIC for endorsement.

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(c) Security of Payment – Simple Information Pack

Members took note of the Simple Information Pack which was submitted for Members' internal reference only.

3.5 2nd and 3rd Meetings of Committee on Environment and Technology for 2009

Members took note of Papers CIC/CMT/P/022/09 and CIC/CMT/P/023/09.

The Committee was preparing the Guidelines on Trip Ticket System for the Management of Construction & Demolition Materials. The Development Bureau appealed to Members to remind their contractors and site supervisors about proper disposal of construction waste. It was also noted that the recent illegal disposal of construction and demolition materials relating to a site of the Architectural Services Department was an isolated case and the concerned contractor had been warned.

Members noted that individual trades associations and concerned stakeholders would issue their own responses when being consulted on industry related initiatives. Hence, it might not be

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necessary for the CIC to provide a single view on such subjects.

3.5.1 Consolidated Report on Review of Construction Standards

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/024/09 and received a CD-Rom containing all the review reports for Members' reference.

Members agreed that establishment of a centralized standards body would not be required. For the CIC, the role to play would be keeping track of changes in the construction standards through organizations looking after respective standards. Members also noted that the phasing out of British Standards would not cause a major impact to the industry. The Committee would prepare a position paper to inform the industry of the review findings.

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3.6 **2nd Meeting of Committee on Construction Site Safety for 2009**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/025/09.

The Committee noted the concern about the safety of Repair, Maintenance, Alternations and Additions (RMAA) sites as over 50% of fatal accidents in the construction sector related to RMAA works. For construction design and management, the Committee would engage a consultant to help prepare guidelines as and when required. In terms of the revised Guidelines on Safety of Tower Cranes, the matter was being reviewed by the Committee and further details would be provided to Members in due course.

3.7 **1st and 2nd Meetings of Committee on Manpower Training and Development for 2009**

Members took note of Papers CIC/CMT/P/037/09 and CIC/CMT/P/026/09.

Members noted that findings from the Manpower Research for the Construction Industry of Hong Kong would be ready in August 2009 for review by the Committee. The final report would then be submitted to the CIC for comments and endorsement.

3.8 **2nd and 3rd Meetings of Construction Industry Training Board for 2009**

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Members took note of Papers CIC/CMT/P/038/09 and CIC/CMT/P/027/09.

The CICTA would approach contractors to identify training needs of the industry with a view to adopting a partnering approach towards training. For the Tin Shui Wai Training Ground, the construction work would commence in August 2009. A Member reminded that the CIC should adopt CIC own developed recommended practices as far as possible in the construction of its facilities.

3.9 Any Other Business

Nil.

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

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