Construction Industry Council Committee on Construction Safety

Meeting No. 001/25 of the Committee on Construction Safety (Com-CSY) was held on 27 March 2025 (Thursday) at 9:30am at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), Kowloon Bay.

Present:	Rex WONG	(RxW)	Chairperson
	CHAN Kam-au	(KAC)	
	Joseph CHI*	(JCI)	
	CHIU Kin-keung	(KiKC)	
	HO Chi-ming	(CMH)	
	KONG Shui-sun	(SSK)	
	Rico LAI	(RiL)	
	Daniel LEUNG*	(LHWD)	
	Moby LEUNG	(MoL)	
	Clint LO	(CL)	
	MOW Tai-hing*	(THM)	
	Lawrence NG	(LN)	
	Geoffrey SHEN*	(GSH)	
	WAN Chi-ping	(CPW)	
	Joseph WANG	(JhW)	
	Alan WONG	(AlW)	
In Attendance:	CK WU	(CK)	Senior Manager - Industry Development
	George AU	(GAWY)	Principal - Kwai Chung Campus, HKIC
	Michael YEUNG	(MlY)	Manager - Safety
	Cliff LIU	(CliL)	Manager - Safety
	Remus AU YEUNG	(RAY)	Assistant Manager - Safety Training, HKIC
	Banson LAM	(BaL)	Adviser
	Julia LAU	(JLMK)	Adviser
	LEE Man-yiu	(LMY)	Development Bureau (DEVB)
	Tony CHAN	(TCh)	Housing Department (HD)
	Winne SIU	(SSM)	Housing Department (HD)
Apologies:	Danny HUNG	(CSH)	

TSE Wang-yu (TWY)

* Joined meeting via Microsoft Teams.

MINUTES

Action

1.1 Code of Conduct for Members and Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Members of the Com-CSY noted the Code of Conduct for Members and declared no conflict of interest in relation to the matters discussed in the meeting.

1.2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Com-CSY Meeting No. 004/24

Members of the Com-CSY noted Meeting Minutes CIC/CSY/M/004/24 and confirmed the Meeting Minutes of the last meeting held on 19 December 2024.

1.3 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

Agenda Item 4.6 – The Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) would launch a mobile elevating platform training course in April 2025. The course content covered theory and training on the operation of different types of mobile elevating platforms. It was expected that the course would be tested in April this year.

1.4 Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Promotion (SSP)

MoL briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/001/25 regarding the progress of the SSP.

The progress of the SSP was given as follows:

- (a) The "Life First 2025" safety promotion campaign would be launched in May this year and projects from different organisations would be invited to participate in the competitions.
- (b) For "Construction Safety Week 2025", the Kick-off Ceremony and Conference, and CCSAS Award Ceremony would be held on 25 and 29 August 2025 respectively. The details would be discussed with the Development Bureau.

(c) The Frontline Personnel Safety Performance Recording Scheme would be launched on 2 April this year. Promotional activities would include a launching ceremony, promotional videos and briefing sessions.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the SSP held on 10 March 2025 and noted the work progress of various tasks.

1.5 Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Training (SST)

RiL briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/002/25 regarding the progress of the SST.

The progress of the SST was given as follows:

- (a) The HKIC regularly incorporated safety alerts of industry accidents into its safety training courses to remind students of safety measures to prevent similar accidents.
- (b) Two sessions of Master Class in Safety Leadership Culture were held on 21 January and 18 March 2025, Mr. Rex WONG, CEO of Kum Shing Group and Mr. Carl DEVLIN, Capital Works Director of MTR Corporation Limited, were the guest speakers respectively.
- (c) All courses of the HKIC had incorporated the key safety elements that were promoted by the CIC, such as safety roles and responsibilities, safety supervision, dynamic risk assessment and smart site safety system.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the SST held on 11 March 2025 and noted the work progress of various tasks.

1.6 Progress of Revamp HKIC - Kwai Chung Campus (KCC) Safety Training Centre

GAWY gave a presentation on the progress of revamping HKIC - KCC Safety Training Centre.

The progress was given by HKIC as follows:

(a) The HKIC would launch two safety performance improvement courses for the Frontline Personnel Safety Performance Recording Scheme (the Scheme) in April 2025, namely "Safety Performance

Improvement Course for Frontline Workers" and "Safety Performance Improvement Course for Frontline Supervisors", to provide retraining for frontline staff with unsatisfactory safety performance to enhance their safety awareness.

- (b) The HKIC would launch the mobile elevating platform training course in April 2025.
- (c) The Safety Experience Training Centre (SETC) had added new equipment for smart site safety system, including multi-functional smart helmets and portable gas monitoring equipment for confined spaces, to enrich the course content.

Members of the Com-CSY noted that the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC) also organised the similar training course for mobile elevating platform. They suggested that the HKIC could discuss the course content with the OSHC to meet the actual needs of the industry.

Members of the Com-CSY noted the relevant work progress.

1.7 Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Technical Issues (STI)

CL briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/003/25 regarding the progress of the STI.

The progress of the STI was given as follows:

- (a) For the Frontline Personnel Safety Performance Recording Scheme (the Scheme), the CIC had sent emails to solicit support from the construction industry in participating in the Scheme. The Scheme platform would be linked to the CIC APP and would have reminders to encourage frontline personnel to actively participate in safety training.
- (b) For the CIC Research and Technology Development Fund, project
 Monitoring System for Scaffold Conditions Using Distributed
 Sensors and Mesh Networks, the applicant had submitted the first progress report. The STI endorsed the first progress report.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the STI held on 12 March 2025 and noted the work progress of various tasks.

1.8 Progress of the Working Group on Survey on Safety Awareness (WG-SSA)

The CIC Secretariat briefed Members on the papers CIC/CSY/P/004/25 & CIC/CSY/P/005/25 regarding the progress of the WG-SSA.

- (a) The final survey report had been drafted.
- (b) The survey report recommended both short-term and ongoing actions. The WG-SSA had categorised the follow-up actions into the following six types:
 - (i) Launch of the Frontline Personnel Safety Performance Recording Scheme
 - (ii) Promote smart site safety and innovative technologies
 - (iii) Encourage management to participate the culture of safety leadership
 - (iv) Enhance safety training
 - (v) Promote safety in construction industry
 - (vi) Promote and enhance the safety culture in construction site
- (c) The WG-SSA had completed its relevant work. Follow-up actions would be followed up and reported by the Com-CSY.

Members of the Com-CSY agreed to dissolve the WG-SSA. The Chairperson of the Com-CSY expressed his gratitude to the Chairperson, Ir Danny HUNG, and other Members of the WG-SSA for their valuable suggestions, which contributed to the work to be completed smoothly.

Regarding one of the activities for (b) (vi) above - the lunchtime safety briefing, a Member of the Com-CSY suggested that the CIC could consider inviting more leaders of different industry organisations to participate in order to show care for frontline personnel.

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Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meetings of the WG-SSA held on 19 December 2024 and 14 March 2025, and noted the work progress of various tasks.

1.9 Progress of the Task Force on Smart Site Safety System Standardisation (TF-4SS)

The CIC Secretariat briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/006/25 & CIC/CSY/P/007/25 regarding the progress of the TF-4SS.

The progress of the TF-4SS was given as follows:

- (a) For the development of the Application Programming Interface (API) for Central Management Platform (CMP), the development work was expected to be completed by 2025. The CIC would conduct consultation session to collect views from industry stakeholders on the formulation of a standardised API.
- (b) For the 4S Labelling Scheme, as of 25 March 2025, 524 projects were awarded the labels.
- (c) The Appeal Panel of Smart Site Safety System Labelling Scheme (AP4SLS) had been established.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the TF-4SS held on 18 March 2025 and noted the work progress of various tasks.

1.10 Progress of the Task Force on Design for Safety (TF-DfS)

The CIC Secretariat briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/008/25 regarding the progress of the TF-DfS.

The progress of the TF-DfS was given as follows:

- (a) A sharing session for the Design for Safety (DfS) Pilot Run (the Pilot Run), was tentatively scheduled to be held in the second quarter of 2025. Three projects participating in the first phase of the Pilot Run would be invited to share their experiences.
- (b) The tendering process for the second phase of the Pilot Run had been completed. Aurecon had been engaged as the consultant for both the first and second phases of the Pilot Run. The second phase of the Pilot Run was expected to be launched in the second quarter of 2025. Priority would be given to those project applicants who were not selected in the first phase of the pilot run.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the TF-DfS held on 27 February 2025 and noted the work progress of various tasks.

1.11 Progress of the Task Force on Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolds (TF-TOS)

The CIC Secretariat briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/009/25 regarding the progress of the TF-TOS.

The term of office of the Members of the TF-TOS would expire in June 2025 and Members of the Com-CSY approved the proposal to reappoint Members of the TF-TOS until June 2027 (i.e. a 2-year term of office).

1.12 Progress of the Task Force on Construction Scaffolding Materials (TF-CSM)

The CIC Secretariat briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/010/25 regarding the progress of the TF-CSM.

- (a) The framework of the roadmap for expanding the application of metal scaffolding was as follows:
 - Short-term goal: launch a pilot run for the use of metal scaffolding
 - Medium-term goal: increase the number of metal scaffolding workers through training to cope with the increase in construction workload and the transformation of bamboo scaffolding workers
 - Long-term goal: use metal scaffolding on construction sites widely
- (b) It was suggested engaging a consultancy company to conduct the survey on the current situation of the scaffolding industry and the feasibility of expanding the application of metal scaffolding.
- (c) A metal scaffolding technical support team would be set up to provide support to projects participating in the pilot run.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the TF-CSM held on 16 January 2025 and noted the work progress of various tasks.

1.13 Any Other Business

(a) Year of Professionalism

The CIC had designated 2025 as the Year of Professionalism and proposed measures in five areas: clients, consultants, contractors, sub-contractors, and workers and frontline personnel. Details

would be reported at the next meeting.

(b) One-off Industry Support Measures

The CIC had allocated about HK\$250 million to provide support measures to the industry. The safety-related items are as follows:

- Truss-out Bamboo Scaffoldings Metal Bracket Exchange Programme
- Lunchtime Safety Briefing in construction sites

1.14 Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 26 June 2025 (Thursday) at 2:30pm at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), Kowloon Bay.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.

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