

**Construction Industry Council**  
**Committee on Construction Safety**

Meeting No. 001/22 of the Committee on Construction Safety (Com-CSY) was held on 31 March 2022 (Thursday) at 2:30pm at the Board Room, 38/F, COS Centre, 56 Tsun Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon.

Present:	Derrick PANG	(DP)	Chairperson
	CHAN Kim-kwong	(KKCN)	Hong Kong Construction Sub-contractors Association (HKCSA)
	Stephen LEUNG (represented by Emily SER)	(SLKM)	Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA)
	MOW Tai-hing	(THM)	The Federation of Hong Kong Electrical & Mechanical Industries Trade Unions (FHKEMITU)
	Alcohol MOK	(AMO)	The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE)
	Paul WU	(WuCM)	Development Bureau (DEVB)

In Attendance :

Thomas HO	(TH)	Chairman
Albert CHENG	(CTN)	Executive Director
Daniel SUEN	(DSn)	Director - Industry Development
Thomas TONG	(TsT)	General Manager - Industry Development
Tony LAM	(TLam)	Senior Manager - Construction Safety
Patrick YEUNG	(PTY)	Principal - Kwai Chung Campus
Kevin WONG	(KeW)	Deputy Principal - Kwai Chung Campus
WU Wai-hung	(WHWu)	Labour Department (LD)
WONG Chi-ching	(WoCC)	Labour Department (LD)
Emily SER	(ESe)	Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA)
Timothy LAU	(TyL)	Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA)

Apologies:	LI Tat-wai	(LTW)	Hong Kong Construction Industry Employees General Union (HKCIEGU)
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\* The meeting above was conducted online 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. 004/21**

Members of the Com-CSY noted Meeting Minutes CIC/CSY/M/004/21 and confirmed the Meeting Minutes of the last meeting held on 8 December 2021.

#### **1.3 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting**

Agenda item 4.6 – Regarding the requirements for safety training for professionals, CIC discussed the matter with the Labour Department (LD) in February 2022.

#### **1.4 Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Promotion (SSP)**

TLam gave a presentation on the progress of the SSP.

The progress of the SSP was given as follows:

- a) In order to make “safety” as “Ethical Responsibilities” from top management to frontline operatives, a promotional campaign with a mascot would be produced and launched for enhancing a safety culture.
- b) The production of a promotional video for truss-out bamboo scaffolding safety was under preparation.
- c) “Life First” Campaign 2022 would be launched in April and “Safety is everyone’s responsibility. Let’s act together and say no to danger!” was one of the key concepts to be promoted this year. Activities included carrying out inspections to high-risk work activities at construction sites, inviting participants to upload their good practices, and encouraging the senior management of the construction industry to conduct “Life First Leadership Safety Visit”.

- d) For Construction Safety Week (CSW) 2022, the focus was on “Safety Roles and Responsibilities. This year, there would be exhibition areas and product display areas with different themes and share lectures with different topics to provide diversified content to attract more participants.
- e) To enhance the content of safety messages/alerts by adding video demonstrations.
- f) Safety app would be further enhanced by exploring the development of more functions with other departments.

TH suggested that CIC should invite more consultants to participate in CSW 2022.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the proposal on the promotion campaign for enhancing the safety culture.

Members of the Com-CSY noted the work progress of the various tasks.

## **1.5 Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Training (SST)**

TLam gave a presentation on the progress of the SST.

The progress of the SST was given as follows:

- a) Regarding the replacement of facilities of the Safety Experience Training Centre (SETC), new facilities for confined space, working platform, and safety harness and fall stimulator would be installed. The work plan was prepared for Members’ approval. The new facilities would be ready in July 2022.
- b) In January 2022, CIC invited industry stakeholders to visit the truss-out bamboo training facilities in Sheung Shui Campus to give comments in strengthening the safety elements of the courses.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the work plan of the replacement of facilities of SETC.

Members of the Com-CSY noted the work progress of the various tasks.

**1.6 Progress of revamping the HKIC - Kwai Chung Campus Safety Training Centre**

PTY gave a presentation on the progress of revamping the HKIC - Kwai Chung Campus Safety Training Centre.

The progress was given as follows:

- a) Due to the epidemic, KCC had suspended the safety training courses since January 2022 and relevant courses would be resumed in April 2022.
- b) The online application for safety courses would be in full operation in the third quarter of 2022.

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

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

TLam gave a presentation on the progress of the STI.

The progress of the STI was given as follows:

- a) The research team of the project “Lift Car Brackets Installation Robot Assembly” would submit an alternative technical proposal and the progress report in April 2022.
- b) The research team of the project “New Generation Green and Healthy Jackhammers with Integrated Bio-Inspired Anti-Vibration Handles” had submitted the progress report in January 2022. The CIC Secretariat would send the progress report to Members of the Com-CSY by email for approval after the meeting.
- c) It was agreed that the study on the safety performance assessment of contractors and workers would develop a set of criteria for a safety performance assessment system.

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Members of the Com-CSY noted the work progress of the various tasks.

## **1.8 Progress of the Task Force on Design for Safety (TF-DfS)**

DP briefed Members on the papers CIC/CSY/P/001/22 and CIC/CSY/P/002/22 regarding the progress of the TF-DfS.

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

- a) The draft report of Phase 1 of the study for the “Development of the Design for Safety Management System and Training Programme” was ready and stakeholders’ engagement workshops would be held in April 2022.
- b) It was expected that the final report of Phase 1 of the research study would be ready in June 2022.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the TF-DfS held on 4 January and 10 March 2022 and noted the work progress of the various tasks.

## **1.9 Progress of the Task Force on Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolds**

TLam gave a presentation on the progress of TF-TOB.

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

- a) To discuss with the Property Management Services Authority (PMSA) for including crucial points and notification arrangement of “Guidelines on Safety Enhancement of and Notification Arrangement for Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolds” (Guidelines) in PMSA’s code of conduct and guidance for good practices.
- b) A webinar was held in 18 January 2022 to promote the Guidelines.
- c) To establish a pilot scheme with property management companies for the notification arrangement stated in the Guidelines.
- d) To cooperate with the Home Affairs Department to promote the notification arrangement stated in the Guidelines.
- e) A promotion poster for truss-out bamboo scaffolding safety had been issued and distributed to property management companies in March 2022.
- f) After visiting the Sheung Shui Campus for the truss-out bamboo

scaffolding training facilities in January 2022, TF-TOB gave some suggestions on the professional training, trade test and registration issues. The CIC Secretariat had relayed their comments to relevant Departments accordingly.

- g) The tender for the consultancy research project – “Comparative Consultancy Study of Bamboo Scaffolding and Metal Scaffolding” had been completed. However, the research funding had exceeded the budget. The final tender amount was about HK\$ 460,000, and was subject to approval by Members of the Com-CSY to increase the funding for this research project.

TH stated that CIC should speed up the discussion with PMSA in assisting PMSA to develop their code of conduct and guidance for good practices relating to truss-out bamboo scaffold safety.

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Members of the Com-CSY approved an increase in funding for the consultancy study on “Comparison of Bamboo Scaffolding and Metal Scaffolding”.

DP suggested CIC could cooperate with LD and OSHC for strengthening promotion for truss-out bamboo scaffolding safety. The CIC Secretariat would present the promotion plan for truss-out bamboo scaffolding safety in next meeting.

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

#### **1.10 Raising Penalties of Occupational Safety and Health Legislation**

WHWu briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/003/22 regarding the suggested amendments to the “Raising Penalties of Occupational Safety and Health Legislation”.

WHWu updated Members of the Com-CSY on the latest suggested amendments to the “Raising Penalties on Occupational Safety and Health Legislation” and welcomed the industry stakeholders to express their views on the amendments.

DP suggested disseminating the relevant information to the industry stakeholders for information after the meeting.

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Members of the Com-CSY noted the suggested amendments.

### **1.11 Brainstorming Session**

DP invited Members to express their views on the topic of “ways to improve the safety performance in the private sector”.

Members’ views were as follows:

- a) To discuss with the developers / clients to include safety requirements in the works contracts.
- b) Four areas, including engagement with REDA, enhancement of safety in RMAA works, implementation of design for safety and site supervision of senior management, were suggested for improving safety performance in private sector.

DP responded that he would meet REDA in May 2022 and relay Members’ views to REDA accordingly.

### **1.12 Any Other Business**

WoCC briefed Members of the Com-CSY on face masks selection recommendations for construction workers in hot summer for Members’ information.

### **1.13 Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on 23 June 2022 (Thursday) at 2:30 pm at the Board Room, 38/F, COS Centre, 56 Tsun Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.

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