

**Construction Industry Council**

**Construction Workers Registration Board**

Meeting No. 002/23 of the Construction Workers Registration Board (CWRB) was held on 28 June 2023 (Wednesday) at 2:30pm at Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay and via Video Conference.

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Summary Notes of the CWRB Meeting No. 002/23:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights</b>
2.1	CIC/CRB/M/001/23	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> Members confirmed the minutes of Meeting No. 001/23.
2.2		<b>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</b> Members took note of the progress on the matters arising from the previous meeting.
2.3	CIC/CRB/P/007/23 (for information)	<b>Brainstorming Discussion on the Requirements of Development Courses for Renewal of Workers Registration</b> Members discussed the direction of requirements of the development courses for renewal of workers registration and the salient discussion points were as follows:  (a) according to Section 44 (8b) of the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (the CWRO), “if the registration will, on the date of its expiry, have been in effect for not less than 2 years, the person has attended and completed, during the period of 1 year immediately before the date of application for renewal of the registration, such development courses applicable to his registration

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		<p>as the Council may specify.” According to Section 44 (9) of the CWRO, “the Council shall give notice in the Gazette of the development courses that it specifies for the purposes of subsection (8)(b).”;</p> <p>(b) members engaged in a brainstorming discussion regarding the need to organise development courses, the content of the courses and the implementation timeline;</p> <p>(c) members generally supported that the development courses should aim at enhancing the safety awareness of workers. However, the content of the courses, the training capability of course providers, training quotas, etc. need to be thoroughly considered and fully consulted with the industry to avoid the development courses becoming a bottleneck for the renewal of workers registration; and</p> <p>(d) members noted that the Labour Department is currently reviewing the Mandatory Basic Safety Training (Green Card) course and the updated course is expected to be launched early next year. It was suggested more communication and exchange with the industry to take place in order to further explore the roadmap to formulate the development courses.</p>
2.4	CIC/CRB/P/008/23 (for approval)	<p><b>Tender Recommendation for the Fixed-Term Procurement Contract for Supply of Accessories and Consumables for Card Printing</b></p> <p>Members noted that the Secretariat had to clarify the procurement procedures with the Procurement Department and the paper was withdrawn.</p>
2.5	CIC/CRB/P/009/23 (for approval)	<p><b>Nomination Organisations for the Construction Workers Qualifications Board</b></p> <p>The Construction Workers Qualification Board is a statutory committee appointed by CWRB in accordance with the CWRO. According to the composition specified in the CWRO, CWRB establishes a list of nomination organisations for board members and alternately invites those organisations to nominate members for the consideration of CWRB.</p>

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		<p>The CWRB approved the invitation of one member each from the University of Hong Kong, the Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Registered Contractors Association and the Hong Kong Construction Industry Employees General Union to replace the members who will retire at the end of the year. The term of office will be two years, from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025. The Secretariat will follow up on the nomination invitations to the relevant organisations.</p>
2.6	CIC/CRB/P/010/23 (for approval)	<p><b>Appointment to the Sub-Committee</b></p> <p>The CWRB approved the appointment of Ir Gilbert TSANG Hing-cheung to replace the Retired Member, Ir Dr. Raymond CHAN Ka-lung as the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Registration Matters. The term of office will be the same as that of the CWRB.</p>
2.7	CIC/CRB/P/011/23 (for endorsement)	<p><b>CWRB 2024 KPIs, Business Plan and Budget</b></p> <p>Members endorsed the CWRB 2024 KPIs, Business Plan and Budget. Highlights are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) organise the Award Ceremony for the 2023 Construction Workers Professional Development Scheme and continue to hold the Scheme to showcase workers who successfully upskill themselves;</li><li>(b) organise a webinar to share good practice on workers site facilities and revised Reference Materials;</li><li>(c) organise 2024 Scholarship for Family Members of Registered Construction Workers;</li><li>(d) explore proposals on development courses for construction workers registration renewals for workers in selected trades divisions or by registration types where appropriate;</li><li>(e) establish Voices of Generation for Change of registered workers for development course and upskill promotion;</li></ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(f) provide a Medical Examination Scheme to benefit approximately 8,000 registered construction workers to enhance their awareness in protecting themselves and their families as well as strengthen on-site safety;</li> <li>(g) attract 1,000 expired workers back to industry; and</li> <li>(h) develop a CIC App to optimize and elevate customer experience by Information Technology Department.</li> </ul>
2.8	CIC/CRB/P/012/23 (for information)	<p><b>Report on Inspection and Enforcement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) From January to May 2023, a total of 707 construction site inspections and 7,578 workers registration cards were inspected. A total of 871 workers’ daily attendance records (DAR) were checked.</li> <li>(b) From January to May 2023, a total of 93 summonses were issued. 175 summonses were resulted in convictions in court.</li> <li>(c) From January to May 2023, eight seminars on “Designated Workers for Designated Skills” and “Construction Workers Registration System” (CWRS) were held to explain the requirements of the CWRO, introduce the CWRS and provide operational demonstrations.</li> </ul>

*Remarks: The mentioned papers and/or progress reports discussed at the CWRB can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.*