

Construction Industry Council

Construction Workers Registration Board

Meeting No. 002/24 of the Construction Workers Registration Board (CWRB) was held on 26 June 2024 (Wednesday) at 2:30pm at Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay and via Video Conferencing.

Summary Notes of the CWRB Meeting No. 002/24:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights
2.1	CIC/CRB/M/001/24	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting Members confirmed the minutes of Meeting No. 001/24.
2.2		Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting Members took note of the progress on the matters arising from the previous meeting.
2.3	CIC/CRB/P/006/24 (for approval)	Proposal for the Restructuring of the Sub-committees, its Composition and Nomination Organisations (a) Since the terms of reference of the Sub-committee on Registration Matters on advising on enforcement arrangements, policies, and guidelines pertaining to the Construction Workers Registration System as well as the relevant matters under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance which includes the Construction Workers Registration System, the exploration of electronic Construction Workers Registration Card is in fact within the ambit of the Sub-committee. Members approved to integrate the functions of the Task Force on

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		<p>Electronic Construction Workers Registration Card into the Sub-committee on Registration Matters. The Task Force was dissolved.</p> <p>(b) To enhance the connectivity with employers so as to increase workers' engagement in a diverse range of activities and schemes, Members approved to formalise the composition of non-CWRB members for the Sub-committee on Workers Development and Welfare (the Subcommittee). This entails the nomination of one young member from each of the four organisations namely the Hong Kong Construction Association, the Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors Limited, the Hong Kong Construction Sub-contractors Association, and the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Federation. The term of office would be two years.</p>
2.4	CIC/CRB/P/007/24 (for approval)	<p>Tender Recommendation for the New Procurement Contract for Supply of “Construction Workers Registration Card”</p> <p>(a) The tendering process for the new procurement contract for the supply of "Construction Workers Registration Card" had been completed in accordance with the CIC Procurement Manual. Based on the analysis conducted by the Tender Assessment Panel and the Procurement Department, Toppan Forms (Hong Kong) Ltd. had met all technical requirements and submitted the lowest bid of HK\$ 3.75 million for the mandatory items.</p>

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		<p>(b) Members approved a total allocation of HK\$ 4.5 million, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) HK\$ 3.75 million for awarding the contract for the supply of "Construction Workers Registration Card" to Toppan Forms (Hong Kong) Ltd.; and(ii) HK\$ 0.75 million as a contingency fund for the contract.
2.5	CIC/CRB/P/008/24 (for approval)	<p>Appointment Arrangement for the Chairman and Members of the Construction Workers Qualifications Board</p> <p>(a) Members approved the appointment of Ir Simon CHAN Yun-kan, a CWRB member, as the Chairman of the next term of the Construction Workers Qualifications Board. His term of office would be from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026.</p> <p>(b) Ir AU Wai-yan has resigned as a Member of the Construction Workers Qualifications Board due to personal reasons. Members approved the appointment of Ir Andrew KWONG Wing-cheong from the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers to replace Ir AU Wai-yan as a Member of the Construction Workers Qualifications Board to complete the remaining term until 31 December 2024.</p>
2.6	CIC/CRB/P/009/24 (for approval)	<p>Nomination Organisations for the Members of the Construction Workers Qualifications Board</p> <p>(a) The Construction Workers Qualification Board is a statutory committee appointed by CWRB in accordance with the CWRO. According to the composition specified in the</p>

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		<p>CWRO, CWRB establishes a list of nominating organisations for board members and alternately invites those organisations to nominate members for the consideration of CWRB.</p> <p>(b) The CWRB approved the invitation of one member each from the Development Bureau, the Housing Department, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, the Labour Department, the Water Supplies Department, the Vocational Training Council, the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, the Hong Kong Construction Sub-Contractors Association, the Federation of Hong Kong Electrical & Mechanical Industries Trade Unions and Hong Kong Construction Industry Employees General Union to replace the Members who will retire at the end of the year. The term of office would be two years, from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2026. The Secretariat would follow up on the nomination invitations to the relevant organisations.</p>
2.7	CIC/CRB/P/010/24 (for endorsement)	Update of Additional Information in Construction Workers Registration Cards <p>(a) Members endorsed the inclusion of the three recognised certificates of operators for loadshifting machines and crane issued by the Labour Department as well as the three additional qualification requirements in respect of truss-out scaffolding in the latest edition of “Code of Practice for Bamboo Scaffolding Safety” (the Fifth Edition) onto the Additional Information list.</p>

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		(b) According to Construction Workers Registration Ordinance, the update of Additional Information to the Construction Workers Registration Cards would require approval from the Secretary for Development via the CIC and publish of notification on the CIC's website.
2.8	CIC/CRB/P/011/24 (for endorsement)	<p>CWRB 2025 KPIs, Business Plan and Budget</p> <p>Members endorsed the CWRB 2025 KPIs, Business Plan and Budget. Highlights are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Organise Scholarship for Family Members of Registered Construction Workers 2025; (b) Launch the outreach service for “Medical Examination Scheme for Registered Construction Workers” at construction sites; (c) Introduce an intelligent platform and chatbot to enhance the handling of registration enquiries from workers; (d) Organise the Construction Workers Professional Development Scheme to encourage workers to advance to the level of Registered Semi-skilled Workers and Skilled Workers. (e) Enhance recruitment services for the priority employment of local workers through the CIC Mobile App and the Construction Industry Recruitment Day.
2.9	CIC/CRB/P/012/24 (for information)	<p>Introduction to the CIC Mobile App</p> <p>Members noted the CIC was preparing to launch the CIC Mobile App, aiming to consolidate all the mobile applications of the CIC, with an objective to enhance the technical and cyber security of the mobile applications as well as to improve user experience.</p>

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2.10	CIC/CRB/P/013/24 (for information)	Report on Inspection and Enforcement (a) From January to May 2024, a total of 755 construction site inspections and a total of 901 workers' daily attendance records (DAR) were checked. (b) From January to May 2024, a total of 53 summonses were issued. 70 summonses were resulted in convictions in court (including those summonses issued in 2023). (c) From January to May 2024, 9 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.

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