

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 006/24 of the Construction Industry Council for 2024 was held on Friday, 13 December 2024 at 2:00pm at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Present:	Thomas HO On-sing	(TH)	Chairman
	Marvin CHEN	(MCh)	
	Jack CHENG Chin-pang	(JCCp)	
	Victor CHEUNG Chi-kong	(VC)	
	Thomas HO Kwok-kwan	(KnH)	
	Danny HUNG Cheung-shew	(CSH)	
	KAN Jun	(KJ)	
	KWOK Hing-wun	(HWK)	
	Eddie LAM Kin-wing	(ELM)	
	Clarence LEUNG Wai-kin	(CLWK)	
	Ricky LEUNG Wing-kee	(RyL)	
	Simon LIU Sing-pang	(SiL)	
	LO LEE Oi-lin	(OLLL)	
	Kevin MA Hok-ming	(KMHM)	
	MOW Tai-hing *	(THM)	
	Lawrence NG San-wa	(LN)	
	Edwin TONG Ka-hung	(ETg)	
	TSE Wang-yu	(TWY)	
	Rex WONG Siu-han	(RxW)	
	Emil YU Chen-on	(EYCO)	
Ricky LAU Chun-kit	(PSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)	
In Attendance:	Pamela LAM	(DS1)	Development Bureau
	John LO*	(JLHC)	Housing Department
	Albert CHENG	(CTN)	Executive Director
	Paul FONG	(PFPC)	Director – Legal and Compliance
	Alex HO	(AHKK)	Director – Industry Development
	Morgan YANG	(MYWW)	Director – Hong Kong Institute of Construction
	Adams CHAN	(AdC)	Chief Information Officer
	Cheryl IP	(CI)	Assistant Director – Human Resources & Administration
	LEE Oi-yen	(OYL)	Assistant Director – Registration Services

Chris LAU	(CLu)	General Manager – Finance & Procurement
Terence SIN	(TSKY)	Senior Manager – Internal Audit
Ellen WONG	(EWMS)	Senior Manager – Industry Promotion
Miranda YEAP	(MYP)	Senior Manager – Corporate Secretariat
Amy FUNG	(AyF)	Manager – Corporate Secretariat

Apologies:

Andrew YOUNG Meng-cheung	(AYMC)	
Clarice YU Po-mei	(YPM)	Director of Buildings
Daniel LEUNG Hung-wai	(LHWD)	for Permanent Secretary for Housing

** attended the meeting online via Microsoft Teams*

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 4:55pm.]

**6.23 Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting
(Open-door Session)**

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/005/24 and confirmed the minutes of the open-door session of the 5th meeting of 2024 held on Friday, 18 October 2024 at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

**6.24 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting
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There was no matters arising from the previous meeting.

**6.25 Summary Notes of 2nd Meeting of Committee on Construction
Business Development and Productivity for 2024**

RyL highlighted the following items for Members' information:

- (a) Item 2.5 – the Future Construction Excellence Programme was successfully completed, and the graduation ceremony was held on 3 December 2024;
- (b) Item 2.8 – the CIExpo 2025 was in preparation;
- (c) Item 2.9 – the CIC Outstanding Contractor Award 2024 was successfully completed;
- (d) Item 2.10 – the draft final report on Review and Enhancement of Construction Contract Terms would be finalised and published soon;
- (e) Item 2.11 – appointment to the Task Force on Construction Expenditure Forecast was in progress;
- (f) Item 2.12 – legislation procedures for the Security of Payment Legislation (SOPL) expected to be completed in late 2024.

Invited by the Chairman, PSW updated Members that the

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Construction Industry Security of Payment Bill would resume its Second and Third Reading on 18 December 2024. If passed, the Bill would be published in the Gazette on 27 December 2024, and the SOPL would be effective after eight months. In the meantime, Adjudication modules and adjudication nominating bodies registration and training modules for potential adjudicators would be prepared, etc., while industry stakeholders should revisit their contract terms to incorporate relevant SOPL requirements. In addition, with the support of CIC, comprehensive promotional activities (such as seminars and webinars, promotional videos/materials and information kits, etc.) would be launched in the coming months. PSW proposed to brief Members on major items of the SOPL and related preparations after the Bill was gazetted (e.g. at the next Council meeting).

Regarding the draft final report on Review and Enhancement of Construction Contract Terms, EYCO stated that the latest version of the draft final report presented by Arcadis at the last industry stakeholder engagement session was unable to reflect the industry's pain points and terminology was inaccurately used. EYCO recommended that the draft final report be referred back to the Committee on Construction Business Development and Productivity (Com-CBD&PRO) for further discussion. RyL responded that the draft final report would be discussed at the next Com-CBD&PRO meeting to address Members comments/concerns.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/141/24 without further comments.

6.26 Summary Notes of 6th Meeting of Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme for 2024

ETg highlighted the following items for Members' information:

- (a) In response to an incident involving the disposal of construction waste from heights in a construction site of a public housing project at Anderson Road Quarry Site R2-8, the Committee held an additional meeting on 4 December

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2024 and decided to suspend the RSTCS registration of the registered company concerned with immediate effect until the company obtained a satisfactory safety audit report.

- (b) To expedite the implementation of “Truss-out Scaffolding” (TOS) as the 21st designated trade under the RSTCS, an additional meeting was held on 10 December 2024 to approve the new TOS registration, which would take effect on 1 January 2025.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/142/24 without comments.

6.27 Summary Notes of 6th Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2024

ELM highlighted the following items for Members’ information:

- (a) Among the 12,000 approved training places, the number of intakes and graduates from 1 September to 30 November 2024 were 3,558 and 2,626 respectively.
- (b) It was hoped that the HKIC would organise Green Card Courses for all new construction industry workers to ensure that new recruits received high-quality safety training.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/143/24 without comments.

6.28 Summary Notes of 4th Meeting of Construction Industry Sports & Volunteering Programme Committee for 2024

EWMS highlighted the following items for Members’ information:

- (a) The “Construction Industry Happy Run 2025” would be held on 5 January 2025 at HKIC – Tai Po Training Ground.
- (b) In addition to active activities (e.g. running and ball games), passive activities would be introduced to welcome another segment of less active participants. Recently, the Com-

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CISVP liaised with Choi Yuen Estate in Sheung Shui to use their construction waste to make Eco-friendly planters.

- (c) CIC won the “Outstanding Non-Commercial Organisation Award” at the Hong Kong Volunteer Award 2024 co-organised by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau and the Agency for Volunteer service. The Chairman expressed appreciation for the outstanding contribution of the Com-CISVP.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/144/24 without comments.

6.29 Any Other Business

6.29.1 KJ attended the CIC R&D Conference 2024 on 12 December 2024 and shared with Members a research project on “PreLogging: A Pioneering Web-based AI Application for Enhanced Geotechnical Engineering” presented by Prof. Louis WONG from The University of Hong Kong. KJ stated that CIC should consider providing more support to outstanding R&D projects. The Chairman asked AHKK to verify if “PreLogging” was the first research project of its kind and to provide more support for the promotion of this project. In addition, with the establishment of the Building Technology Research Institute (BTRi) in August 2024, the Chairman said that CIC would provide full support to BTRi’s work.

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6.29.2 The CIC Events Calendar of January and February 2025 was appended below for reference:

Date	Event (Venue)
5 January	Construction Industry Happy Run 2025 (CIC-Tai Po Training Ground)
27 January	MiMEP Experience Sharing (CIC-Zero Carbon Park)
February - June	Construction Industry Basketball League 2025 (Sports Centres of LCSD or HKIC – Sheung

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	Shui Campus)
5 February	CIC Annual Cocktail Reception (Hong Kong Club)

6.30 Tentative Date of Next Meeting No. 001/25

The next meeting was scheduled for 21 February 2025 (Friday) at 2:00pm. The meeting venue and mode of operation would be confirmed in due course. **All to note**

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.