

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS)

Meeting No. 006/24 of the Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSC) for 2024 was held on 20 November 2024 (Wednesday) at 2:00 pm at Boardroom, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay and via video conferencing.

Summary Notes of the Com-RSC Meeting No. 006/24:

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6.1	CIC/RSC/M/005/24 (for approval)	Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meeting Members confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 September 2024.
6.2	CIC/RSC/P/086/24 (for approval)	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting Following up on agenda item 5.4 of the previous meeting, Members noted that the Secretariat had consulted all Members and organisations that attended the recent forum on wages disparity on the revised draft “Construction Industry Alert on Management of Wage Payment Records” (the Alert) and receiving confirmation from them that there were no objections or other comments, and after further review/vetting by the Council’s legal adviser, the Com-RSC approved the finalised bilingual version of the Alert for publication.
6.3	CIC/RSC/P/087/24 (for approval)	Review and Optimization of the “Immediate Suspension of Registration Mechanism” and Appointment of the Sub-Committee on Regulatory Actions In view of the “Immediate Suspension of Registration Mechanism” (the Mechanism) being in

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		effect for nearly a year and recent feedback from industry stakeholders, Members, after much deliberation, considered cases were appropriately handled in the past but the procedures could be optimized to cater for special circumstances and approved the following items: i) added the re-established Sub-Committee on Regulatory Actions to the procedure to deliberate first any special factors of the case as if raised by individual Member and to make recommendations for the Com-RSC to make the final decision; ii) the appointment of members to the Sub-Committee on Regulatory Actions and its revised terms of reference; and iii) the optimized internal procedure would take effect from 1 January 2025, after being reported to the Council.
6.4	CIC/RSC/P/088/24 (for information)	Report on the Optimization of Registration Arrangements for the Designated Trade of “Truss-out Scaffolding (TOS)” Under the leadership of Mr. Lawrence Ng, the Chairman of the Task Force on Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolds (the Task Force) under the Committee on Construction Safety, and after multiple rounds of discussions with various stakeholders, the registration of the designated trade of TOS was proposed. After much deliberations and noting that the Task Force and representatives from the Development Bureau would meet with representatives from the Property Management Services Authority to seek their support for implementing the CIC TOS registration arrangements, Members agreed to hold a special meeting in December to discuss the outcomes of the Task Force’s meeting and to meet with representatives from major scaffolding trade associations first, then for further discussion on approving the new TOS registration with the prior target on starting the registration from 1 January 2025.
6.5	CIC/RSC/P/089/24 (for information)	Report on the Series of Executive Training Courses of the Young Leaders Network

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		<p>A series of three “Executive Training Courses of the Young Leaders Network” were successfully held on 26 September, 3 October and 17 October 2024, with a total of 252 young leaders and industry leaders attending in person. The three speakers respectively focused on themes of corporate sustainability, leadership innovation experiences, and practical contract law management (including an introduction and preparation for the Construction Industry Security of Payment Bill) and well engaged with the participants.</p> <p>Members noted the comments received from various young leaders and the Secretariat was meeting with various employers and industry associations to consult industry stakeholders on refinements on registration requirements and conduct reviews based on market conditions.</p>
6.6	CIC/RSC/P/090/24 (for information)	<p>RSTCS Operation Report</p> <p>Members noted that as of the end of October 2024, the total number of registered companies was 7,147 (Aug 2024: 7,265) in which 2,662 (Aug 2024: 2,800) were Registered Specialist Trade Contractors and 4,485 (Aug 2024: 4,465) were Registered Subcontractors.</p> <p>The Executive Director wrote to a total of 43 major private developers, universities, educational institutions, charitable organisations and public utility companies respectively on 18 and 28 October 2024 with the view of promoting the mandatory employment of registered specialist trade contractors in their construction projects. The Secretariat was meeting with the management of these organisations to lobby for their support and would solicit Development Bureau’s support.</p> <p>The biennial RSTCS Leadership Summit was successfully held on 19 November 2024. The theme of this year was “Set Sail with New Technologies”, featuring the sharing of practical experiences of robotics adoption by pioneer subcontractors. There were approximately 820 trade</p>

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		<p>associations leaders and management personnel of registered companies participated in-person and online mode.</p> <p>In line with the Council's theme for the coming year and the registration scheme's ongoing advocacy for the continuous professional development of management personnel, the Secretariat plans would organise a series of training and promotional activities in 2025 under the themes of the Construction Industry Security of Payment Bill, corporate sustainability, innovative trade-specific technologies adoption, the Youth Leaders Network and quality practices standards.</p>
6.7	-	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Nil.</p>
6.8	-	<p>Date of the Next Meeting</p> <p>Members took note the Meeting No. 001/25 of the Com-RSC for 2025 would be held on 5 March 2025 (Wednesday) at 2:00 pm at Boardroom, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay.</p>
6.9 & 6.10	CIC/RSC/P/091/24- CIC/RSC/P/094/24 (for approval)	<p>Regulatory Action</p> <p>The Com-RSC imposed a total of seven regulatory actions of suspension of registration and written warnings due to prosecution by relevant departments, or violation of the relevant legislations concerning the late payment of wages and MPF contributions, as well as convictions in fatal incidents by the respective registered companies.</p>

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