

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 002/12 of the Construction Industry Council for 2012 was held on Friday, 27 April 2012 at 2:30pm at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Present	:	Shing-see LEE	(SSL)	Chairman
		Tai-chong CHEW	(TCC)	
		Paul CHONG	(PC)	
		Luen-kiu CHOW	(LKC)	
		Thomas HO	(TH)	
		Jan-ming KO	(JMK)	
		James KWAN	(JK)	
		Wo-hei LAM	(WHL)	
		Christopher LEUNG	(KYL)	
		Tak-ching MAK	(TCM)	
		Lawrence NG	(LN)	
		Kevin POOLE	(KP)	
		Koon-sun WAN	(KSW)	
		Bay WONG	(ByW)	
		Billy WONG	(BW)	
		Conrad WONG	(CW)	
		Wai-wai YU	(WWY)	
		Choi-kai AU	(CKA)	Director of Buildings
		Ada FUNG	(AF)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
In Attendance	:	Charmaine WONG	(HWW)	Development Bureau
		Joseph MAK	(JM)	Housing Department
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Charles WONG	(CWG)	Director – Training and Development
		Theresa CHAN	(TCN)	Senior Manager – Finance
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Senior Manager - Council Services
		Shirley LEE	(SyL)	Manager - Council Services
Apologies		Andrew CHAN	(AC)	
		Siu-hung CHAN	(SHC)	
		Teresa CHENG	(TC)	
		Hau-wai CHEUNG	(HWC)	
		Mike WONG	(MW)	
		Chi-sing WAI	(CSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 3:45pm]

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

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/M/001/12 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 1st meeting for 2012 held on Friday, 24 February 2012 at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

2.8 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting (Open-door Session)

1.11 5th Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2011

A special Com-MTD meeting was held on 27 March 2012 to discuss the tendering arrangement for the phase two update and enhancement of both CICMF Model and the model on professional manpower resources.

2.9 1st Meeting of Committee on Construction Site Safety for 2012

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/021/12.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 1.3 – Council approved the proposed list of co-opted members with the number of nominated co-opted members exceeding the total number of Council Members joining the Com-CSS.
- Item 1.4 – After participating in the Benchmarking Study Tour on Construction Safety organised by the OSHC in December 2011, HWC shared his observations about the construction safety management and site housekeeping in Japan.
- Item 1.6 – Some sharing sessions would be arranged by the Task Force on Site Housekeeping on the subject of housekeeping on construction sites.
- Item 1.7 – Proposed by the Informal Task Force on Site Safety Incidents, a draft safety alert on “Water Pipe Laying Works – Pressure Test (Road Works)” was being reviewed by relevant stakeholders.

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- Item 1.8 – Subsequent to a task group meeting on 18 April 2012, a few method statements would be drafted for review and consideration by the Task Force on Review of Major Construction Method Statements as samples for the development of other method statements in the future.
- Item 1.9 – Following the publication of Volume 2 of the Guidelines on 9 January 2012, a draft outline for Volume 3 of the Guidelines for the operation and maintenance stage was being prepared by the Task Force on Site Safety of Working of Lift Shaft.
- Item 1.10 – Requested by the Task Force on Working in Hot Weather, HKU Research Team would review the draft report and propose more alternative measures to reduce the heat stress risks.
- Item 1.11 – Outdoor banners of Labour Department and CIC to promote safety precautionary measures at the sites of OBB projects were prepared. With the support from URA and HS, Labour Department and the Task Force on Safety of Repair, Maintenance, Alterations and Additions (RMAA) Sites would continue to promote safety precautionary measures at OBB sites.
- Item 1.12 – A letter was sent to relevant stakeholders on 21 February 2012 soliciting their views and comments on the proposed syllabus and exemption criteria of the training courses. The feedback would be considered and reviewed by the Task Force on Site Safety Training.
- Item 1.13 – Jointly organised by CIC, DEVB and HKCA, a Construction Safety Week under the theme “Zero Accident” would be held from 20 – 24 May 2012. Series of activities would be organised during the 5-day event to increase awareness of construction site hazards and to promote personal site safety.

[PMN: Tentative programme of activities of the Construction Safety Week and the invitation to the kick-off ceremony were sent to Members via e-mail on 30 April and 4 May 2012.]

- Item 1.14 – Two technical seminars on “Handling Construction Work Injury Cases and Site Safety and Fatal Accident Cases” were organised on 16 December 2011 and 23 February 2012 respectively. Another seminar on “Safety of Lift Shaft Works” was successfully held on 19 March 2012.

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2.10 **2nd Meeting of Committee on Environment and Technology for 2012**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/015/12.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 2.3 – Com-ENT would make recommendation to the Strategic Planning and Steering Committee stating that CIC would not provide funding support to the Research Proposal on Dynamic Performance Evaluation of Zero-Carbon Building in Hong Kong.
- Item 2.4 – Nomination of co-opted members from Feb 2012 – Jan 2014 was endorsed.
- Item 2.8 – Organised by the Working Group on Strategic Implementation of Prefabrication and Modular Construction, a visit to prefabrication yards were conducted on 9 May 2012. After the discussion at the Working Group was completed, a report would be prepared and submitted to Com-ENT for deliberating the way forward on the wider use of precast construction method.
- Item 2.11 – Chaired by AF, the Working Group on Building Information Modelling had been formed and it would soon begin work.

2.11 **1st Meeting of Committee on Procurement for 2011**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/016/12.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 1.2 (Item 4.5b) – In response to the categorization of the CIC documents, the Secretariat would propose a re-categorisation of CIC documents for submission to the Council for approval at the 4th meeting scheduled for 31 August 2012.
- Item 1.2 (Item 4.7) - CLP and MTR were invited to share the electronic tendering experience and practices. The application of electronic tendering would be further discussed in future meetings.
- Items 1.5 and 1.7 – Held on 7 March 2012 and 21 March 2012 respectively, the Technical Forum on NEC3 Collaborative

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Contracts and the Technical Seminar on CPFS attracted high attendance and generated significant industry interest.

- Item 1.8 – The proposed list of co-opted members for the session of Feb 2012 – Jan 2014 were endorsed.

[AF left the meeting at this juncture.]

2.12 1st Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2012

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/017/12.

The following issues were highlighted:

- As a new initiative to cater for the high demand of skilled workers, CITB would provide training to general workers with ethnic minority backgrounds to enhance their skill set and workmanship in order to take up skilled jobs.
- Item 1.10 – To enable CICTA's instructors to take up the teaching of vocational Cantonese course for ethnic minorities, a "train-the-trainer" workshop with class size maximum 25 participants was launched in April 2012.
- Item 1.11 – A proposal to conduct a quantity surveying technician assistant course was endorsed. Furthermore, a draft final report of a consultancy study on the definition and scope of duties of site supervision personnel of the construction industry would be submitted to Com-MTD in the upcoming meeting on 16 May 2012.
- To increase the supply of skilled workers in the market, a three-month window for application would be opened free of charge to attract workers who are actually skilled workers to participate in the trade tests in order to escalate their status from general workers to skilled workers.
- To meet the high demand of skilled workers in some specific trades such as E&M works, a study would be conducted to ascertain causes leading to registered workers to withdraw from the job. The study would also identify some incentives that might be effective in attracting inactive workers to re-enter the construction industry.
- A paper would be submitted to the Council at the next meeting with regard to the proposition of full reimbursement to be provided to the main contractors participating in the Contractors Collaborative Training Scheme.

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[TH, PC and KYL left the meeting at this juncture.]

2.13 Any Other Business

To keep the stakeholders up-to-date with the work of CIC and to seek closer collaborations with the industry stakeholders, CT reported that a briefing session was organised recently with HKIS. Similar event could be arranged with other organisations and associations to enhance communication and to forge closer links to strengthen cooperation between CIC and various stakeholders in the industry.

In response to the subject on imposition of administration charge on sub-contractors relating to site accident reporting, Chairman suggested Members to make reference to the Guidelines on Administration Charges for Reporting of Site Accidents published by CIC in August 2008. However, workers were encouraged to report misconduct or suspected cases if subcontractors had no intention to bear the administration charges but to transfer such charges to workers.

As an incentive provided by the employers, a Member put forward a suggestion to enhance the employee benefits by offering individual life insurance to frontline workers. Chairman advised that this issue could be reviewed by Com-PCM.

Com-PCM

2.14 Tentative Date of Next Meeting 003/12

The next meeting was scheduled for 22 June 2012 (Friday) at 2:30pm at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

All to note

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

*******End of the Open-door Session*******