

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 005/11 of the Construction Industry Council for 2011 was held on Friday, 28 October 2011 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
		Siu-hung CHAN	(SHC)	
		Hau-wai CHEUNG	(HWC)	
		Tai-chong CHEW	(TCC)	
		Luen-kiu CHOW	(LKC)	
		Thomas HO	(TH)	
		Wai-wah HO	(WWH)	
		James KWAN	(JK)	
		Jan-ming KO	(JMK)	
		Wo-hei LAM	(WHL)	
		Tak-ching MAK	(TCM)	
		Koon-sun WAN	(KSW)	
		Billy WONG	(BW)	
		Conrad WONG	(CW)	
		Mike WONG	(MW)	
	Wai-wai YU	(WWY)		
	Chi-sing WAI	(CSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)	
	Choi-kai AU	(CKA)	Director of Buildings	
In Attendance	:	Charmaine WONG	(HWW)	Development Bureau
		Irene CHENG	(ICG)	Housing Department
		Charles WONG	(CWG)	Director (Training)
		Theresa CHAN	(TCN)	Senior Manager (Finance)
		Cheryl IP	(CI)	Senior Manager (Human Resources & Administration)
		Guiyi LI	(GYL)	Senior Manager (Research)
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Senior Manager (Council Services)
		Shirley LEE	(SyL)	Manager (Council Services)
Apologies		Andrew CHAN	(AC)	
		Teresa CHENG	(TC)	
		Stanley HUI	(SH)	
		Peter LAM	(OKL)	
		Joseph LEE	(HWL)	
		Kam-hung YU	(KHY)	
		Ada FUNG	(AF)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director

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[The open-door session of the meeting was started at 4:50pm]

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

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/M/004/11 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 4th meeting for 2011 held on Friday, 26 August 2011 at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

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

Matters arising from the previous meeting would be covered at the later part of the meeting.

5.3 3rd Meeting of Committee on Construction Site Safety for 2011

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/040/11.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 3.2 - The Task Force on Review of Major Construction Method Statements would study the information provided by the Labour Department on review of major construction method statements to decide the scope for the consultancy study.
- Item 3.3 – The Task Force on Refuse Disposal would be transformed into the Task Force on Site Cleanliness and Tidiness to focus on site housekeeping, cleanliness and tidiness and to derive measures to improve site housekeeping, cleanliness and tidiness for general application at the construction sites in Hong Kong.
- Item 3.5 – The first safety alert on fabrication of reinforcement cages of bored piles had been issued. This initiative would be continued in the future on a need-basis.
- Item 3.6 – The draft guidelines on PFSS applicable to both public and private sectors would be ready for review in due course.
- Item 3.8 – The final draft of the Guidelines on Safety of Lift Shaft Works (Volumn 2) would be submitted to Com-CSS for

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endorsement.

- Item 3.10 – Training requirements for site management and supervisory staff would be finalised and included in future public works projects.
- Item 3.11 – DevB was requested to consider imposing the pay for safety principle in Operation Building Bright projects.
- Item 3.14 – In view of the recent spate of safety incidents, Com-CSS would organize a brainstorming session to formulate strategies and measures to improve site safety.
- HWC was invited to attend the Two Coasts Four Districts Occupational Safety and Health Symposium in November 2011 to introduce the functions of the CIC as well as the duties and responsibilities of Com-CSS.

5.4 **4th Meeting of Committee on Environment and Technology for 2011**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/041/11.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 4.2 – A new working group on strategic implementation of prefabrication and modular construction was established to set out a road map for a wider application of prefabrication and modular construction. The working group would focus on technical aspects only and would not review the impact on socio-economic policy such as job opportunities of workforces.
- Item 4.3 – Members agreed that the document of the study on External Wall Tiles and Rendering Technology could be issued as a reference document after its completion provided that there would be improvement to the current situation even though the measures might not be perfect at this stage. To fully address the concern of Hong Kong Construction Association, further study might be needed subject to additional time and cost.
- Item 4.4 - HKU was commissioned to conduct the first phase desktop study on river sand substitutes. Mr. HO Wai-wah replaced Mr. Peter LEE, a professor of HKU, as the chairman of the task force steering the research after Mr. LEE had resigned from his chairmanship to avoid any possible conflict of interest though Mr. LEE was not personally involved in the study.
- Item 4.8 – A technical seminar on “Building of Information

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Modeling for the Future” was successfully held on 11 October with over 100 attendees.

5.7 3rd Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2011

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/044/11.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 3.2 – Com-MTD would closely observe the demand-supply of E&M manpower and to identify any E&M trades with manpower mismatch.
- Item 3.3 – A new technician/supervisor programme would be launched in September next year. Trainees would receive a 18-month training conducted by CICTA and a six-month on-the job training provided by main contractors.
- Item 3.4 – Measures had been implemented to clear the backlog of applications for popular courses under the “Investing in Construction Manpower” project.
- Item 3.6 – A number of measures were taken to reduce the drop-out rates of trainees, including the increase in the daily allowance.
- Item 3.7 – The budget for apprentice subsidy scheme was endorsed.
- Item 3.8 – The hazard assessment on a petroleum storage tank had to be conducted again due to its recent transfer of ownership. Nonetheless, the delay of the assessment would not affect the schedule of submitting the proposal to Tai Po District Council concerning the set up of an outdoor training ground in Tai Po Area 33.
- Item 3.9 – The recent visit to Beijing relating to the heritage repair and maintenance was very fruitful. A working group was formed with the responsibility for strengthening the effort in the area of repairing and maintaining heritage buildings in Hong Kong.

5.8 3rd Meeting of Committee on Manpower Training and Development for 2011

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/045/11.

The following issues were highlighted:

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- Item 3.5 – In response to the revised report highlighting the manpower shortage of QS technicians and draftsmen, CITB would be requested to consider increasing the training capacity of draftsmen related and QS related courses.
- Item 3.7 – The tender submissions of the manpower forecast for 2011 – 2015 were currently reviewed by the members and the budget for consultancy service was endorsed.
- Item 3.8 – A new working group was formed to identify measures to facilitate the export of local construction professionals and supervisory staff.

[BW left the meeting at this juncture.]

5.5 **3rd Meeting of Committee on Procurement for 2011**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/042/11.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 3.3 – Nominations of members of the Task Force on Competition Law as well as the terms of reference were confirmed.
- Item 3.7 – To address the concerns raised by the HKCA, the Task Force on CPFS was requested to look into the issues of risk sharing.
- Item 3.8 – Nominations of representatives to join the Task Force on NEC3 Collaborative Contracts and the terms of reference were confirmed.

5.6 **4th Meeting of Committee on Subcontracting for 2011**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/043/11.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 4.3 – The Task Force on Dispute Resolution Documentation had made good progress though with a couple of outstanding issues to be confirmed.
- Item 4.4 – The preliminary report of the survey on payment practice in the construction industry would be ready for review in December 2011.
- Item 4.5 – Out of a total of twelve chapters, the Task Force on Standard Contract Provisions for Domestic Subcontract had completed the discussion of 10 chapters. The task force

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targeted to submit a draft standard subcontract to Com-SBC for endorsement in mid-2012.

- Item 4.8 – In terms of the regulatory action relating to safety accidents, the management committee would continue investigating the practicality of imposing regulatory actions against subcontractors involved in serious bodily injury cases.

5.9 Any Other Business

Members were encouraged to attend the Construction Industry Charity Concert scheduled for 24 November 2011 at City Hall.

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

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