

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 001/22 of the Construction Industry Council for 2022 was held on Friday, 25 February 2022 at 2:00pm via video conference (Microsoft Teams).

(The operational location was the Board Room, CIC Headquarters, 38/F, COS Centre, 56 Tsun Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong.)

Present:	Thomas HO On-sing	(TH)	Chairman
	CHAN Kim-kwong	(KKCN)	
	Marvin CHEN	(MCh)	
	Jack CHENG Chin-pang	(JCCp)	
	Victor CHEUNG Chi-kong	(VC)	
	CHUNG Kwok-fai	(CKFi)	
	Thomas HO Kwok-kwan	(KnH)	
	KAN Jun	(KJ)	
	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)	
	MOW Tai-hing	(THM)	
	Derrick PANG Yat-bond	(DP)	
	Rocky POON Lock-kee	(LKP)	
	Edwin TONG Ka-hung	(ETg)	
	TSE King-wa	(KWT)	
	Simon WONG Hin-wing	(SWHW)	
	Ken WONG Kin-wai	(KnW)	
	Andrew YOUNG Meng-cheung	(AYMC)	
	Ricky LAU Chun-kit	(PSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
	Clarice YU Po-mei	(YPM)	Director of Buildings
	Stephen LEUNG Kin-man *	(SLKM)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
In Attendance:	Susanne WONG	(PAS1)	Development Bureau
	Vera CHAN	(VCML)	Housing Department
	Albert CHENG	(CTN)	Executive Director
	Daniel SUEN	(DSn)	Director – Industry Development
	Francis WONG	(FW)	Director – Hong Kong Institute of Construction

Alex HO	(AHKK)	Assistant Director – Industry Development
Stephen HO	(SnH)	Assistant Director – Industry Development & Estates Office
Cheryl IP	(CI)	Assistant Director – Human Resources & Administration
LEE Oi-yen	(OYL)	Assistant Director – Registration Services
Stephen MANN	(SnM)	Assistant Director – Student & Curriculum Development
Miranda YEAP	(MYP)	Senior Manager – Corporate Secretariat
Senia HO	(SaH)	Manager – Corporate Secretariat

Apologies: LI Tat-wai (LTW)

** left the meeting at 3:00pm*

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 5:15pm.]

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

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/006/21 and confirmed the minutes of the open-door session of the 6th meeting of 2021 held on Friday, 17 December 2021 at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

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

The Chairman invited MYP to brief Members on matters arising from the last Council Meeting No. 006/21. MYP reported as follows:

Item 6.32 In response to the Chairman's advice on formulating a proposal on safety measures for scaffolding works, the Com-CSY had already drawn up or completed the following action items:

- enhancing the existing bamboo scaffolding training of the HKIC and developing a CPD training for scaffolders who would need to renew their construction workers registration;
- engaging the Property Management Services Authority to include truss-out bamboo scaffolding safety in their code of conduct, with an aim to ensure that the notification requirement and the critical safety measures would be strictly complied with before the commencement of work;
- met with the Commissioner for Labour on 17 February 2022 (Thursday) to communicate on

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the adoption of the Permit-to-Work control system, which was similar to that for the “Confined Space”, for truss-out scaffolding works; and

- conducting seminars/webinars and issuing posters and videos to promote truss-out scaffolding safety to property owners, property management companies, clients and contractors.

1.24 Summary Notes of 4th Meeting of Committee on Building Information Modelling for 2021

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/016/22.

AHKK, Assistant Director – Industry Development, highlighted the following three items:

- the software plug-in tool “BIM-Automation of Gross Floor Area Calculation” had been in use. In 2022, the CIC Research and Technology Development Fund (R&D Fund) would focus on developing more automated tools for BIM;
- the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding respectively with the Hong Kong Metropolitan University and the School of Professional and Continuing Education under The University of Hong Kong had been done. The BIM training components had been added to the curriculum of various tertiary institutions e.g. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, the VTC, etc. Some of their BIM courses had already been accredited; and
- in addition to the HKIC, there were now respectively seven and 11 organisations providing accredited CCBM courses and accredited CCBC courses in Hong Kong. The training fees could be subsidised by the CITF.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/016/22 without comments.

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1.25 Summary Notes of 4th Meeting of Committee on Construction Business Development for 2021

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/017/22.

LKP, Chairperson of the Committee on Construction Business Development (Com-CBD), highlighted the following five items:

- the Reference Material on Reasonable Consultancy Fee Evaluation System had been approved by the Committee. The document would be published on the CIC website soon;
- the Inception Report and the Detailed Work Programme on Strategic Review for Uplifting Construction Capacity had been approved by the responsible Task Force. The Com-CBD Secretariat was now reviewing the final report;
- on the GBA development, a Manager and an Officer had been recruited by the CIC. The location for the Mainland Liaison Office in Guangzhou had also been identified. The setting up of the Office was in the pipeline;
- the development of the Security of Payment Legislation (SOPL) was in progress. The Committee would be working closely with the DEVB on the implementation and aimed to arrange some webinars on the SOPL for the industry at an opportune time; and
- the ceremony of the CIC Outstanding Contractor Award (OCA) 2021 had been conducted at the Government House in early December 2021. There would be a sharing webinar by three OCA winners scheduled for 4:00pm – 5:00pm, 4 March 2022 (Friday).

The Chairman enquired whether the final report on the Strategic Review for Uplifting Construction Capacity would be ready in March 2022. Besides, he hoped that the Com-CBD would step up efforts to look at the Reasonable Consultancy Fee Evaluation System. LKP agreed to follow up on the two matters accordingly.

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Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/017/22 without further comments.

1.26 Summary Notes of 4th Meeting of Committee on Construction Safety for 2021

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/018/22.

DP highlighted the following six items:

- the draft framework for Design for Safety (DfS) was under review by the Task Force on DfS;
- regarding raising the penalties proposed in the Occupational Safety and Occupational Health Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2022, the CIC Chairman and the Com-CSY have been working actively on the issue. The outcome was pending the final decision of the Labour Department;
- the Committee had recently met with the representative(s) of the DEVB and the Labour Department on various initiatives for uplifting safety performance of the construction industry;
- the Reference Materials on Safety Roles and Responsibilities of Key Stakeholders in the Hong Kong Construction Industry had been published;
- the review of the pay for safety scheme by the CIC was in progress; and
- in view of the number of fatal accidents in the construction industry, the Com-CSY Secretariat would further review the Guidelines on Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolds' Safety Enhancement and Notification Arrangement. If deemed necessary, the requirements stated in the Guidelines would be proposed to be tightened.

As regards the ongoing "Life First" campaign and the newly launched "Say NO to Danger" activity, the Chairman **Com-CSY Secretariat**

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recommended that, when the 5th wave of COVID-19 was over, Council Members should be invited to participate in the regular site walks and to take up a leading role in the campaign events to showcase relevant good practices and the use of technologies in improving site safety. The Chairman appealed to Members to join hands to reinvigorate safety culture in the construction industry.

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Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/018/22 without further comments.

1.27 Summary Notes of 4th Meeting of Committee on Environment for 2021

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/019/22.

SnH, Assistant Director – Industry Development & Estates Office, highlighted the following four items:

- the CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme had been rolled out in early November 2021. Members were invited to help promote the Scheme to the industry;
- the service scopes of the CIC Carbon Assessment Tool might be enhanced and expanded;
- in respect of the CIC R&D Fund, carbon assessment would be included in the new research agenda. The CIC R&D Fund project “Promoting the Use of Recycled Aggregates Derived from Demolition Waste in Concrete” had been completed. The project “Smart Design and Development of a Vent Protector” was almost finished; and
- the roadmap on carbon neutrality was being formulated. Further details and updates would be reported to the Council in due course.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/019/22 without comments.

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1.28 Summary Notes of 4th Meeting of Committee on Productivity for 2021

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/020/22.

KnW, Chairperson of the Com-PRO, highlighted the following seven items:

- the concise version of the reference material on DfMA MEP had been drafted. Subject to the review by Com-PRO Members, the draft would be approved as appropriate;
- the official launch of the Construction Innovation Expo 2022 and the CIC Construction Innovation Award 2022 had been held on 2 December 2021. The relevant details had also been announced in the CIC Power Talk on 3 December 2021;
- the consultancy project “Benchmarking and Target Setting on DfMA Levels and Productivity” was in progress, whereas the tendering of the proposed consultancy project “Development of a Productivity Assessment Scheme” was being followed up by the Com-PRO Secretariat;
- the International Symposium on Construction Robotics and Automation, co-organised with the Hong Kong Science and Technology Park, had been held on 10 December 2021. During the Symposium, a total of 94 business matching meetings had been conducted;
- the Com-PRO Secretariat was finalising the report on the project “Application of Maturity Method for Determination of Early-age Concrete Strength in the Hong Kong Construction Industry”;
- regarding the Construction Digitalisation Roadmap for Hong Kong, there were two main Digital Application Areas, namely Smart Offsite Fabrication and Delivery, and Smart Site Management; and
- the draft final report of the proposed Strategies on Improving

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Time, Cost and Quality (TCQ) Performance of the Hong Kong Construction Industry would be submitted to the Council for approval at the coming meeting in April 2022.

The Chairman and CTN encouraged Members to actively take part in the Construction Innovation Expo 2022 and the CIC Construction Innovation Award 2022 to be held in December 2022.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/020/22 without further comments.

1.29 Summary Notes of 1st Meeting of Committee on Construction Industry Sports and Volunteering Programme for 2022

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/021/22.

DP, Chairperson of the Com-CISVP, updated Members that the majority of the planned events and activities of the CISVP had either been cancelled or postponed, due to the outbreak of the 5th wave of pandemic. However, he remarked that the Construction Industry E-sports Games 2021 organised during 29 November 2021 – 19 December 2021 had been very well received by participants. Requests for re-running the E-sports Games had been received.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/021/22 without comments.

1.30 Summary Notes of 1st Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2022

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/022/22.

ELM, Chairperson of the Construction Industry Training Board, highlighted the following two items:

- for the part-time “Professional Diploma in Construction for Specialist Trades”, with a total of five streams, the Board had approved providing full subsidies for the students in order to attract more enrolments. The estimated total subsidy

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amount for five academic years would be around HK\$25 million, which would be absorbed by the HKIC; and

- following the re-grouping of training workshops in the Tai Po Training Ground, there would be sufficient space for the development of MiC training as well as the addition of two more cranes for training purpose.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/022/22 without comments.

1.31 Any Other Business

1.31.1 CIC Events Calendar (March – April 2022)

MYP briefed Members on the CIC Events Calendar of March and April 2022 with a PowerPoint presentation. She said that the presentation material would be emailed for Members' reference after the meeting.

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1.32 Tentative Date of Next Meeting No. 002/22

The next meeting was scheduled for 22 April 2022 (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 5:45pm.