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Safety of Tower Cranes

Hong Kong • 28 July 2010 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) announced that a guideline entitled “*Guidelines on Safety of Tower Cranes (Version 2 – July 2010)*” is being published for industry to reference.

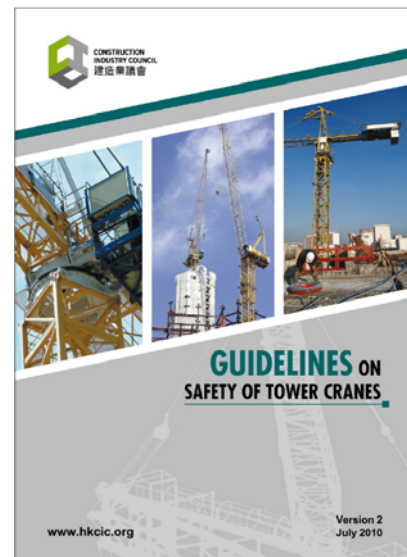
Introduction

Tower cranes are widely used for conveying building materials at construction sites. Accidents relating to the use of tower cranes may affect the safety of site personnel and members of the public. In view of the importance of the safety of tower cranes, a Task Force has been formed under the Committee on Construction Site Safety (Com-CSS) of the CIC. “The Task Force is commissioned to identify measures for the enhancement of safety of tower cranes,” says Mr LEE Shing-see, Chairman of the CIC.

Revision

In June 2008, the CIC published the “**Guidelines on Safety of Tower Cranes (Version 1 – June 2008)**” for reference by the industry. The Guidelines set out the good practices recommended by the CIC for enhancing the safety of tower crane operation. Since then, the Committee on Construction Site Safety has solicited feedbacks from the industry on the Guidelines and carried out a review in the light of the suggestions received.

The Guidelines have been updated and a revised version (**Version 2 – July 2010**) has been published by the CIC in July 2010. Mr CHEUNG Hau-wai, Chairman of the Com-CSS, says, “The major amendments include clarification of the terms and provisions for easier interpretation, refinement of some technical requirements, and addition of three new annexes to further elaborate the



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details on some safety requirements and procedures.” The CIC hopes that a holistic safety management methodology could be provided for the pre-delivery, erection, telescoping and climbing, maintenance, and dismantling of tower cranes through compliance and observation of the requirements as stipulated in the updated Guidelines.

Recommendations

The CIC has received favourable responses from the industry about the Guidelines published in June 2008. It is believed that the revised version released in July 2010 will further strengthen the safe operation of tower cranes at construction sites. “We hope that all industry practitioners will continue to proactively adopt the recommendations stipulated in the Guidelines to secure a safe working environment in construction sites,” Mr CHEUNG concluded.

About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was established in accordance with the Construction Industry Council Ordinance (Chapter 587 of the Laws of Hong Kong) in 2007.

To pursue initiatives for improving the local construction industry, the CIC has established committees in accordance with Section 15 of the CIC Ordinance. The Committee on Construction Site Safety, being one of those committees formed under the CIC, was established to review and monitor site safety performance of the construction industry; to identify and recommend measures for improving safety performance; and to promote adoption of such measures by the industry.

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