

Construction Industry Council
Committee on Construction Safety

Meeting No. 001/22 of the Committee on Construction Safety (Com-CSY) was held on 31 March 2022 (Thursday) at 2:30 pm at the Board Room, 38/F, COS Centre, 56 Tsun Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon.

Summary Notes of the Com-CSY Meeting No. 001/22:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights
1.1	-	Code of Conduct of Members and Declaration of Conflict of Interest Members of the Com-CSY noted of Code of conduct of Members and declared no conflict of interest in relation to the matters discussed in the meeting.
1.2	CIC/CSY/M/004/21 (for information)	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Com-CSY Meeting No. 004/21 Members of the Com-CSY confirmed the minutes of the Meeting held on 8 December 2021.
1.3	CIC/CSY/M/004/21 (for information)	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting Agenda item 4.6 – Regarding the requirements for safety training for professionals, CIC discussed the matter with the Labour Department (LD) in February 2022.
1.4	(Powerpoint Presentation) (for information)	Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Promotion (SSP) The progress of the SSP was given as follows: (a) In order to make “safety” is an “Ethical Responsibilities” from top management to frontline operatives. A mascot campaign would be launched for enhancing a safety culture. (b) The production of a “TV Announcement of Public Interests” (API) for truss-out bamboo scaffolding safety was in progress. (c) “Life First” Campaign 2022 would be launched in April 2022 and “Say NO to Danger” was one of the key concepts promoted. Participants would be invited to share their good practices

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		<p>and join the competition. The Campaign also encouraged the senior management of the construction industry to conduct “Life First Leadership Safety Visit”.</p> <p>(d) For Construction Safety Week (CSW) 2022, the focus was on “Roles and Responsibilities. There would be exhibition areas and product display areas with different themes and share lectures with different topics to provide diversified content to attract more participants.</p> <p>(e) To enhance the content of safety messages/alerts by adding video demonstrations.</p> <p>(f) Safety app would be further enhanced by exploring the development of more functions with other departments.</p> <p>Chairman of CIC suggested that CIC should invite more consultants to participate in CSW 2022.</p> <p>Members of the Com-CSY approved the proposal on the mascot campaign for enhancing the safety culture.</p> <p>Members of the Com-CSY noted the work progress of the various tasks.</p>
1.5	(Powerpoint Presentation) (for information)	<p>Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Training (SST)</p> <p>The progress of the SST was given as follows:</p> <p>(a) Regarding the replacement of facilities of the Safety Experience Training Centre (SETC), new facilities for confined space, working platform, and safety harness and fall stimulator would be installed. The work plan was prepared for Members’ approval. The new facilities would be ready in July 2022.</p> <p>(b) In January 2022, CIC invited industry stakeholders to visit the truss-out bamboo training facilities in Sheung Shui Campus to give comments in strengthening the safety elements of the courses.</p> <p>Members of the Com-CSY approved the work plan of the replacement of facilities of SETC.</p>

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		Members of the Com-CSY noted the work progress of the various tasks.
1.6	(Powerpoint Presentation) (for information)	<p>Progress of revamp of the HKIC - Kwai Chung Campus (KCC) Safety Training Centre The progress was given as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Due to the epidemic, KCC had suspended the safety training courses since January 2022 and relevant courses would be resumed in April 2022. (b) The online application for safety courses would be in full operation in the third quarter of 2022. <p>Members of the Com-CSY noted the relevant work progress.</p>
1.7	(Powerpoint Presentation) (for information)	<p>Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Technical Issues (STI) The progress of the STI was given as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The “Lift Car Brackets Installation Robot Assembly” research team would submit an alternative technical proposal and the progress report in April 2022. (b) The research team of the project “New Generation Green and Healthy Jackhammers with Integrated Bio-Inspired Anti-Vibration Handles” had submitted the progress report in January 2022. The CIC Secretariat would send the progress report to Members of the Com-CSY by email for approval after the meeting. (c) It was agreed that the study on the safety performance assessment of contractors and workers would develop a set of criteria for a safety performance assessment system. <p>Members of the Com-CSY noted the work progress of the various tasks.</p>
1.8	CIC/CSY/P/001/22 CIC/CSY/P/002/22 (for approval)	<p>Progress of the Task Force on Design for Safety (TF-DfS) The progress of the TF-DfS was given as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The draft report of Phase 1 of the study for the “Development of the Design for Safety Management System and Training Programme” was ready and stakeholders’ engagement

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		<p>workshops would be held in April 2022.</p> <p>(b) It was expected that the final report of Phase 1 of the research study would be ready in June 2022.</p> <p>Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the TF-DfS held on 4 January and 10 March 2022 and noted the work progress of the various tasks.</p>
1.9	(Powerpoint Presentation) (for information)	<p>Progress of the Task Force on Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolds</p> <p>The progress of the TF-TOB was given as follows:</p> <p>(a) To discuss with the Property Management Services Authority (RMSA) for including crucial points and notification arrangement of “Guidelines on Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolds’ Safety Enhancement and Notification Arrangement” (Guidelines) in RMSA’s code of conduct and guidance for good practices.</p> <p>(b) A webinar was held in 18 January 2022 to promote the Guidelines.</p> <p>(c) To establish a pilot scheme with property management companies for the notification arrangement stated in the Guidelines.</p> <p>(d) To cooperate with the Home Affairs Department to promote the notification arrangement stated in the Guidelines.</p> <p>(e) A promotion poster for truss-out bamboo scaffolding safety was issued and distributed to property management companies in March 2022.</p> <p>(f) After visiting the Sheung Shui Campus for the truss-out bamboo scaffolding training in January 2022, TF-TOB gave some suggestions on the professional training, trade test and registration issues. The CIC Secretariat would relay their comments to different Departments accordingly.</p> <p>(g) The tender for the consultancy research project – “Comparative Consultancy Study of Bamboo Scaffolding and Metal Scaffolding” had been completed. However, the research funding had exceeded the budget. The final tender amount was about HKD 460,000, and was subject to approval by Members of the Com-CSY to increase the funding for this research project.</p>

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		<p>Chairman of CIC stated that CIC should speed up the discussion with RMSA in improving their code of conduct and guidance for good practices relating to truss-out bamboo scaffold safety.</p> <p>Members of the Com-CSY approved an increase in funding for the consultancy study on “Comparison of Bamboo Scaffolding and Metal Scaffolding”.</p> <p>The Chairperson of the Com-CSY suggested CIC could cooperate with LD and OSHC for strengthening promotion for truss-out bamboo scaffolding safety. The CIC Secretariat would present the promotion plan for truss-out bamboo scaffolding safety in next meeting.</p> <p>Members of the Com-CSY noted the relevant work progress.</p>
1.10	CIC/CSY/P/003/22 (for information)	<p>Raising Penalties of Occupational Safety and Health Legislation</p> <p>LD updated Members of the Com-CSY on the latest suggested amendments to the “Raising Penalties on Occupational Safety and Health Legislation” and welcomed the industry stakeholders to express their views on the amendments.</p> <p>The Chairperson of the Com-CSY suggested disseminating the relevant information to the industry stakeholders for information after the meeting.</p> <p>Members of the Com-CSY noted the suggested amendments.</p>
1.11	(Powerpoint Presentation) (for information)	<p>Brainstorming Session</p> <p>The Chairperson of the Com-CSY invited Members to express their views on the topic of “ways to improve the safety performance in the private sector”.</p> <p>Members’ views were as follows:</p>

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		<p>(a) To discuss with the developers / clients to include safety requirements in the works contracts.</p> <p>(b) Four areas, including engagement with REDA, enhancement of safety in RMAA works, implementation of design for safety and site supervision of senior management, were suggested for improving safety performance in private sector.</p> <p>The Chairperson of the Com-CSY responded that he would meet REDA in May 2022 and relay Members' views to REDA accordingly.</p>
1.12	-	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>LD briefed Members of the Com-CSY on face masks selection recommendations for construction workers in hot summer for Members' information.</p>

Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed at the Committee on Construction Safety and the full meeting minutes could be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.