

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 003/22 of the Construction Industry Council for 2022 was held on Friday, 17 June 2022 at 2:00pm at the Conference Room, 5/F, Hong Kong Construction Industry Trade Testing Centre, 95 Yue Kwong Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

Present:	Thomas HO On-sing	(TH)	Chairman
	CHAN Kim-kwong	(KKN)	
	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)	
	Clarice YU Po-mei*	(YPM)	Director of Buildings
In Attendance:	Angela LEE	(DS1)	Development Bureau
	Rachel LEUNG*	(LTF)	Housing Department
	Albert CHENG	(CTN)	Executive Director
	Daniel SUEN	(DSn)	Director – Industry Development
	Stephen MANN*	(SnM)	Director – Hong Kong Institute of Construction (Acting)
	Adams CHAN	(AdC)	Chief Information Officer
	Alex HO	(AHKK)	Assistant Director – Industry Development
	Cheryl IP	(CI)	Assistant Director – Human Resources & Administration

LEE Oi-yen	(OYL)	Assistant Director – Registration Services
Thomas TONG	(ThT)	Assistant Director – Industry Development
Chris LAU*	(CLu)	Senior Manager – Finance
Miranda YEAP	(MYP)	Senior Manager – Corporate Secretariat
Peggy CHEUNG	(PeC)	Manager – Corporate Secretariat

Apologies:

Ricky LAU Chun-kit	(PSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
Stephen LEUNG Kin-man	(SLKM)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
LI Tat-wai	(LTW)	

** attended the meeting online via Microsoft Teams*

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 5:00pm.]

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

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/002/22 and confirmed the minutes of the open-door session of the 2nd meeting of 2022 held on Friday, 22 April 2022 via video conference.

**3.25 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. 002/22. MYP reported as follows:

Item 2.27 On the matter of appointing a legal person for the CIC GBA Liaison Office in Guangzhou, external legal advice had been sought and this was already reported under Agenda item 3.20.

It was clarified that whilst registration of the CIC GBA Liaison Office does not require a legal person, a Chief Representative should be appointed instead. Council's approval on the appointment had been sought earlier via Agenda item 3.20.

Item 2.31 With regard to the newly imposed health check-up requirement for E&M/construction workers aged 65 and above to take the CIC's trade tests (semi-skilled and skilled ones), THM had informed the Secretariat that the cases for those refusing to take health check had all been resolved. Some had withdrawn and the others had received subsidies on health check from trade unions. He agreed that no further action from the CIC would be required and new cases, if any, would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

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Item 2.33.1 Concerning the consultancy study on improving time, cost and quality performance of the Hong Kong construction industry, the Agenda item would be deferred to the next Council meeting (004/22) scheduled for 19 August 2022.

A presentation, High Productivity Construction – the Latest State of Play, delivered by Ir John Kwong of the Development Bureau (DEVB) had been arranged before the meeting.

Item 2.33.2 With regard to the additional free RAT kits and masks from the Government, the distribution to all construction sites with daily attendance records had been completed in early May 2022.

3.26 Summary Notes of 1st Meeting of Committee on Productivity (Com-PRO) for 2022

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/066/22.

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

- (a) the Proposed Consultancy Project on Development of a Productivity Assessment Scheme (PAS) in Hong Kong had been put on hold until solid findings were available from the study on productivity measurement commissioned by the DEVB;
- (b) Com-PRO Members supported the proposed collaboration between CIC and the Hong Kong Science and Technology Park Corporation (HKSTP), namely “Accelerator Programme”, aiming at driving innovation in construction through a platform for adopting pre-ready solutions to be launched in Q2/Q3 2022;
- (c) for high productivity construction, the application of the three major principles, viz. “off-site prefabrication”, “multi-trade integration and module maximisation” and “plug and play”, was recommended. The adoption of the Modular Integrated

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Construction (MiC) and Multi-trade integrated Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MiMEP) should be actively promoted;

- (d) the number of exhibitors registered for the Construction Innovation Expo 2022 (CIExpo 2022) for the time being was 36, which was much fewer than that in the last Expo (around 150). Extra effort would be made in these few months to attract more exhibitors from local, the Mainland and overseas. The list of speakers had also been confirmed. Contingency plan to set up satellite booths and online platform for exchange of views would be prepared in case overseas exhibitors and speakers had difficulty in visiting Hong Kong; and
- (e) the request for extension of time on the consultancy study for “Establishing a Certification Scheme for Construction Robots” had been approved.

In response to the Chairman’s concern on the relatively small number of registered exhibitors, CTN supplemented that the Secretariat was actively promoting the CIExpo 2022 to government works departments and he appealed to Members for support to attract more exhibitors through their network.

The Chairman shared with Members that he had visited many world-class construction sites recently. He highly recommended to invite them to showcase their projects in the CIExpo 2022.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/066/22 without further comments.

3.27 Summary Notes of 2nd Meeting of Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSC) for 2022

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/067/22.

OYL, Assistant Director – Registration Services, highlighted the following items:

- (a) the Com-RSC approved the addition of “Building Drainage

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- Installation” as the 11th designated trade under the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS);
- (b) a task group would be set up to follow up on the proposal on automatic suspension of registration on fatal accidents and the relevant amendments in the rules and procedures of the RSTCS;
 - (c) the 2023 detailed business plan and budget had been endorsed;
 - (d) the Com-RSC agreed in principle with the addition of Suspended Bamboo Scaffolding as a new designated trade and would work on the overall strategy;
 - (e) as of end April 2022, the total number of registered companies was 7,764;
 - (f) the 3-year transitional arrangement for Group 1 Registered Specialist Trade Contractors (RSTC) of the seven designated trades was completed on 31 March 2022;
 - (g) letters were sent to major employers to ask for their support for engaging registered companies in their construction contracts. A set of model clauses prepared by CIC’s quantity surveying consultant was also provided to facilitate their adoption of the RSTCS;
 - (h) the target completion date of the “Good Practice Manual” for three designated trades, namely Concreting, Concreting Formwork and Reinforcement Bar Fixing, was the end of 2022;
 - (i) an “Achievement Highlights” designated webpage was launched on the Scheme Website in end May 2022; and
 - (j) the Secretariat had a meeting with the chairperson and members from the Young Members Committee of Hong Kong Construction Sub-Contractors Association and the Youth Committee of Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Federation to exchange views on the development direction of the Young Leaders Network of the RSTCS.

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The Chairman requested to expedite the arrangements for adding suspended bamboo scaffolding and gondola operations as new designated trades. CTN supplemented that the proposed addition of gondola contractors as a RSTC would be submitted in the next Com-RSC meeting in September 2022 for approval.

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The Chairman also asked the Secretariat to liaise with KKCEN on his proposal to add other new trades to the RSTCS.

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Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/067/22 without further comments.

3.28 Summary Notes of 3rd Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) for 2022

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/068/22.

ELM, Chairperson of the CITB, highlighted the following items:

- (a) concerning the training allowance for full-time courses for academic year 2022-23, it had been found that the training allowance of Certificate in Construction and Diploma in Construction Programmes provided by HKIC was higher than that of similar courses provided by other training institutes. Members of the CITB approved the suggestion to keep the training allowance unchanged; and
- (b) the composition and appointment of Members to the sub-committees under the CITB, namely Sub-committee on Construction Industry Council Approved Technical Talents Training Programmes and Collaborative Training Schemes, Sub-committee on Trade Testing, Sub-committee on Ethnic Minorities in Construction and Task Force on Construction Industry Council Manpower Forecasting Model Updating and Enhancement Study, had been approved.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/068/22 without comments.

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Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/069/22.

DP, Chairperson of the Com-CISVP, highlighted the following items:

- (a) the CIC Lo Pan Cup Dragon Boat Race 2022 and a few other activities had been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) the Construction Industry Volunteer Awards Prize Presentation Ceremony 2022 would be held at CIC-ZCP on 17 July 2022;
- (c) Lo Pan Service Month 2022 would be held from May to August 2022; and
- (d) the CIC Football League 2022 would be held from early September 2022 to late January 2023.

The Chairman suggested to extend the Lo Pan Rice Campaign throughout the year (i.e. every Friday of the year) to demonstrate our ongoing care for the disadvantaged. He strongly appealed to Members for support and solidarity in helping people in need.

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Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/069/22 without further comments.

3.30 Any Other Business

MYP briefed Members on the CIC Events Calendar of July and August 2022 with a PowerPoint presentation.

Date	Event (Venue)
7 July	Ceremony of Hong Kong Construction Common Data Environment Award Launching and MOUs Signing with Higher Education Institutions (CIC-ZCP and Livestreaming – Livestorm)

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17 July	Construction Industry Volunteer Awards Presentation Ceremony and Lo Pan Service Month 2022 (CIC-ZCP, Livestreaming – Livestorm and CIC Facebook page)
21-24 July	Education & Careers Expo 2022 (Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre)
21-24 July	E&M Trades Expo 2022 (Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre)
24 July	Construction Industry Machinery Operation Competition 2021 Award Presentation Ceremony (Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre)
14 & 21 August	Construction Industry Table Tennis Competition 2022 (HKIC – SSC)
29 August	Construction Safety Week 2022 - Kick off Ceremony and Conference (Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre)

The Chairman reminded Members on the talk by Dr. Jacob KAM Chak-pui, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation Limited, scheduled for 22 July 2022.

3.31 Tentative Date of Next Meeting No. 004/22

The next meeting was scheduled for 19 August 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 5:25pm.