

**Construction Industry Council**  
**Committee on Construction Safety**

Meeting No. 001/23 of the Committee on Construction Safety (Com-CSY) was held on 30 March 2023 (Thursday) at 2:30pm at the Board Room, 38/F, COS Centre, 56 Tsun Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon.

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Summary Notes of the Com-CSY Meeting No. 001/23:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights</b>
1.1	-	<b>Code of Conduct of Members and Declaration of Conflict of Interest</b> Members of the Com-CSY noted the 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/004/22 (for information)	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Com-CSY Meeting No. 004/22</b> Members of the Com-CSY confirmed the minutes of the Meeting held on 30 November 2022.
1.3	CIC/CSY/M/004/22 (for information)	<b>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</b> Agenda item 4.8 (a) – Regarding the research project - “New Generation Green and Healthy Jackhammers with Integrated Bio-Inspired Anti-Vibration Handles”, the final report was sent to Members by email on 8 December 2022 for approval. Members approved the report.  Agenda item 4.8 (b) – Regarding the consultancy research project – “Comparative Consultancy Study of Bamboo Scaffolding and Metal Scaffolding”, the final report was sent to Members by email on 8 December 2022 for approval. Members approved the report.
1.4	CIC/CSY/P/001/23 (for approval)	<b>Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Promotion (SSP)</b> The progress of the SSP was given as follows: (a) For CIC App, the Information Technology Department (ITD) of CIC would integrate functions including performance recording platform, e-certificates, etc. into the App, to attract industry practitioners to use the App. It was expected CIC App would be launched in end 2023.

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		<p>(b) Construction Safety Week (CSW) 2023 Kick-off Ceremony would be held on 28 August 2023 and the proposed topics were “Design for Safety”, “Smart Site Safety System” and “Temporary Works Controls”.</p> <p>(c) A webpage “Construction Safety Webinar” was developed in CIC Safety Corner website for reviewing all the safety webinars with specific topics through CIC Youtube channel and downloading the presentation materials.</p> <p>(d) A series of webinars named “Life First – Walk the Talk” was launched since 2023 to get industry practitioners’ attention to the importance of strictly following and implementing safety. The webinar series would be held at 3 pm on the third Wednesday of each month.</p> <p>(e) A CEO Safety Forum was a great success with participation of more than 160 industry top managerial staff in the event and some 3,000 people joined via online live broadcast on 27 March 2023.</p> <p>The Chairperson of the Com-CSY suggested the CIC Secretariat to join the working group of CIC App. ITD responded that the working group would involve the staff of relevant departments of the CIC. ITD would prepare a comprehensive list for the App functions relating to safety for Members’ comments later.</p> <p>The Chairman of the CIC proposed to organise a carnival for engaging more frontline and their family from the industry during CSW 2023. The Chairperson of the Com-CSY would explore the possible arrangement with the CIC Secretariat and would discuss at the next OC meeting.</p> <p>Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the SSP held on 1 March 2023 and noted the work progress of various tasks.</p>
1.5	CIC/CSY/P/002/23 (for approval)	<p><b>Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Training (SST)</b></p> <p>The progress of the SST was given as follows:</p> <p>(a) As of 13 March 2023, there were 2 cases of fatal accidents with a total of 2 nos. of fatality in the construction industry.</p>

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		<p>(b) For CIC Master Class on Design for Safety (Project Managers), second class would be held in late April 2023. It would be a 2.5-day training course, targeted for engineer and managerial level staff.</p> <p>(c) For the SETC uplifting progress, the smart site safety system showcase contract would be awarded in April 2023.</p> <p>Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the SST held on 14 March 2023 and noted the work progress of various tasks.</p>
1.6	(PowerPoint Presentation) (for information)	<p><b>Progress of Revamp of the HKIC - Kwai Chung Campus (KCC) Safety Training Centre</b></p> <p>The progress was given as follows:</p> <p>(a) For the “Construction Industry Safety Foundation Certificate Course”, the public enrolment would start in May 2023.</p> <p>(b) For “A12S Silver Card Course on Construction Materials Rigger and Signalman”, the waiting time for lessons would be decreased to less than 3 months in Q2 of 2023. HKIC would keep cooperating with the Development Bureau to increase the capacity of the course.</p> <p>(c) A Certificate in Safety Supervision with Smart Site Safety System (SSSS) training course would be developed. More industry stakeholders would be invited to join the working team for developing course contents.</p> <p>The Chairperson of the Com-CSY suggested it was important that the SSSS training course should focus on the overall technologies, and their usages and the implementation with target audiences who were Project and Construction Managers.</p> <p>Members of the Com-CSY noted the relevant work progress.</p>
1.7	CIC/CSY/P/003/23 (for approval)	<p><b>Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Technical Issues (STI)</b></p> <p>The progress of the STI was given as follows:</p> <p>(a) For the frontline safety performance recording platform, the employers were allowed to view the performance record of workers in different companies after obtaining workers’ consent. The CIC</p>

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		<p>Secretariat would discuss with ITD of the CIC for establishing the platform.</p> <p>(b) A list of safety standard and guide with different topics was developed and the STI would further discuss the priority.</p> <p>The Chairperson of the Com-CSY suggested that employers could view all frontline safety performance records via the platform. The CIC Secretariat raised the concern about the possible violation of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance for the said suggestion. After deliberations, the Chairperson of the Com-CSY and the Executive Director (ED) of the CIC considered that all the records should be available for the industry’s reference and suggested to explore the practicality on such directive. The CIC Secretariat would work with ITD based on the comments from the Chairperson of the Com-CSY and ED of the CIC.</p> <p>Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the STI held on 2 March 2023 and noted the work progress of various tasks.</p>
1.8	CIC/CSY/P/004/23 (for approval)	<p><b>Progress of the Task Force on Design for Safety (TF-DfS)</b></p> <p>The progress of the TF-DfS was given as follows:</p> <p>(a) Regarding the consultancy service for “Development of the Design for Safety Management System and Training Programme”, the final report of phase one and the reference materials were uploaded onto the CIC website.</p> <p>(b) Training materials were ready and course would be held in late April 2023.</p> <p>The Chairman of the CIC suggested the CIC secretariat should issue a letter for inviting industry stakeholders to participant the coming DfS safety management system trial run project in the coming months. The Chairperson of the Com-CSY suggested engaging a consultant to assist the implementation of the trial run project which requires additional budget. The ED of the CIC agreed on the suggestion and would consider reviewing the budget allocation as necessary.</p> <p>Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the TF-DfS held on 14</p>

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		February 2023 and noted the work progress of the various tasks.
1.9	(PowerPoint Presentation) (for information)	<b>Progress of the Task Force on Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolds (TF-TOS)</b> The progress of the TF-TOS was given as follows: (a) For enhancing the safety on TOS, two new Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolding Safety Training Programmes have been launched by HKIC. Certificates would be issued to the scaffolders who passed the test. The CIC would further discuss with the Labour Department and other industry associations to promote and uplift the recognition of the programme. (b) The capacity of this training programme is around 1,000 persons. HKIC have provided incentive to encourage early participation of workers.  The Chairperson of the Com-CSY reiterated the importance of public promotion on Truss-out Bamboo scaffolding and suggested the CIC secretariat should collaborate with the Labour Department and Occupational Safety and Health Council on this issue.  Members of the Com-CSY noted the relevant work progress.
1.10	(PowerPoint Presentation) (for information)	<b>Pilot Rehabilitation Programme for Employees Injured at Work (Construction Industry)</b> A representative of the Labour Department briefed Members on the above programme. Members welcomed the programme and would help promote the programme.
1.11	-	<b>Any Other Business</b> No other business was raised in the meeting.

*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.*