Minutes of the 12th Meeting of Technical Committee on Plumbing

Date	:	28 February 2022 (Monday)
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Time : 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Venue : Zoom Platform

Present :

ChairmanMr. YAU Hau YinAssistant Director/New Territories (Ag.), WSD

Members

Mr. CHUNG Chi Ming	The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
Mr. Vincent HO Kui Yip	The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
Mr. HUNG Chi Kwong	Hong Kong Plumbing and Sanitary Ware Trade Association Limited
Ms Sylvia LIU Ping Ching	The Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering – Hong
	Kong Branch Limited
Mr. Vincent MA Yuk Ying	Hong Kong Institution of Plumbing and Drainage Limited
Mr. POON Wai Yee	Hong Kong Licensed Plumbing Professionals Association Limited
Mr. CHENG Wai Cheong	Hong Kong Water Works Professionals Association Limited
Mr. WONG Ping Fai	Plumbing Technology Student Association
Mr. Vincent LEE Chi Kin	The Hong Kong Construction Association, Limited
Mr. Terence NG Choi Wah	Hong Kong General Building Contractors Association Limited
Mr. Danny WONG Sing Lam	Contractor's Authorised Signatory Association Limited
Mr. WONG Wing Wah	Registered Minor Works Contractor Signatory Association Limited
Mr. Kenneth WONG Siu Keung	The Hong Kong Registered Contractors Association Company Limited
Mr. Eric YUNG Chun Tang	The Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors
	Limited
Mr. HUI Chi Hang	The Association of Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of
	Hong Kong Limited
Mr. Barry KU Chun Ming	Bun Kee (International) Limited
Mr. Michael CHAN Ka Wah	Kembla (HK) Limited
Mr. David CHEUNG	Shun Lee Building Materials & Sanitary Wares Limited
Mr. Eric MUI Pak Ming	Gate Way Valve and Fitting Limited
Mr. Vincent LO Wing Shing	The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong
Ms Kitty HO Kit Yee	Chief Building Services Engineer/4, Architectural Services Department
Mr. Henry CHANG Yu Shing	Chief Building Services Engineer/2, Housing Department

Mr. Anthony HUNG Ling Chi	Chief Building Surveyor/NTW, Building Department
Mr. LEE Koon Yau	Deputy Chief Fire Officer (Licensing & Certification), Fire Services
	Department
Mr. LAU Edmond Chin Hung	Chief Electrical & Mechanical Engineer/Maintenance (Ag.), WSD
Secretary	
Mr. IP Chit Ki	Senior Engineer/Technical Support (1), WSD
Note Taker	
Ms. Celine YEUNG Sze Ling	Engineer/Technical Support (1), WSD
In Attendance	
Mr. Kevin LEE Hong Nin	Senior Engineer/Technical Support (2), WSD
Mr. Ken CHENG Tsz Mau	Engineer/Technical Support (2), WSD
Absent with Apologies	
Mr. Artur AU YEUNG Chi King	The Hong Kong Institute of Architects
Mr. Ricky NG Ka Wai	The British Standards Institution Hong Kong
Mr. Stanley CHAN Man Kwong	The Association of Construction Materials Laboratories Limited

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Opening Remarks

1. The Chairman welcomed all presents to the 12th meeting of Technical Committee on Plumbing (TCP).

Agenda Items

Item 1 – Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

2. The minutes of the 11th TCP meeting were confirmed without amendment.

Item 2 – Matters Arising from Last Meeting

(i) Installation of security seal to meters of size 40mm and above for prevention of meter tampering (para. 13 of last meeting refers)

3. WSD reported that the requirements for installation of security seals for newly installed water meters of size 40mm or above had been published in Circular Letter No. 9/2019,

subsequently subsumed under Section 4.2.4 and Appendix 35 of "Guide to Application for Water Supply" and Section 3.1.12 of "Technical Requirements for Plumbing Works in Buildings".

(ii) <u>Time limits for submission of supplementary information or amendments to plumbing</u> proposals in response to WSD comments (para. 15 of last meeting refers)

4. WSD reported that TCP Paper No. 4/2020 entitled "Time Frame for Issuing Reminders and Cancellation of Applications for Water Supplies" had been endorsed by the Members, and the associated proposal had been operated smoothly.

Item 3 – Membership of Next Term of TCP from 2022 to 2025

5. WSD informed the Members that the current term of TCP would expire on 23 March 2022 and briefed the Members on the proposed membership of the next term from 24 March 2022 to 23 March 2025 (re **Appendix**). WSD would issue appointment letters to the nominated representatives of the upcoming term in due course.

[Post meeting notes – Appointment letters dated 14.3.2022 have been issued.]

Item 4 – Any other business

(iii) <u>Communication with Licensed Plumbers during Epidemic</u>

6. In view of the epidemic situation, WSD explained to Members that their comments and views would usually be sought by paper circulation rather than face-to-face meeting temporarily. Members could raise the request to the Secretary for organizing a zoom meeting to discuss particular issues.

7. Members expressed that the circulation time for some TCP papers was relatively short and requested a longer circulation period if possible. WSD noted the Members' request and would endeavor to allow more time for circulation.

8. WSD strongly encouraged Members to disseminate a reminder to licensed plumbers to provide their contact telephone numbers, including their office and mobile contacts, in their submission of application for water supply so that the WSD staff could discuss the matter over the phone with them rather than face-to-face meeting where appropriate so as to speed up the overall process.

9. To work together on social distancing during the epidemic, WSD updated Members

that a drop box had been provided at 43/F lift lobby outside our Document Management Center for receiving submissions.

10. WSD appealed for Members' assistance in setting up epidemic compulsory isolation and treatment facilities which were to be commissioned under a very tight programme. In view of the urgent need for the facilities, WSD had streamlined the water supply application procedures as far as possible. Licensed plumbers involved in those projects should closely liaise with WSD's Regional Customer Service colleagues to expedite the completion of the associated plumbing works without compromising the requirements for water safety.

11. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.

Membership of TCP for the Term from 24 March 2022 to 23 March 2025

Membership Category	Name of Organisation		
Chairperson	Assistant Director/New Territories, WSD		
	A representative from each of the following professional bodies:		
Professionals	The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers		
	The Hong Kong Institute of Architects		
	The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors		
	A representative from each of the following associations/institutions:		
	Hong Kong Plumbing and Sanitary Ware Trade Association Ltd.		
Plumbing	• The Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering – HK Branch Ltd.		
Trade	The Hong Kong Institution of Plumbing and Drainage Ltd.		
Truce	Hong Kong Licensed Plumbing Professionals Association Ltd.		
	Hong Kong Water Works Professionals Association Ltd.		
	Plumbing Technology Student Association		
	A representative from each of the following associations:		
	The Hong Kong Construction Association Ltd.		
	Hong Kong General Building Contractors Association Ltd.		
Contractor	Contractor's Authorised Signatory Association Ltd.		
Associations	Registered Minor Works Contractor Signatory Association Ltd.		
	The Hong Kong Registered Contractors Association Co., Ltd.		
	• The Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors Ltd.		
	• The Association of Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of Hong Kong Ltd.		
	4 suppliers to be nominated by the Hong Kong Plumbing and Sanitary Ware Trade		
Plumbing	Association Ltd.		
Suppliers	• 2 suppliers supplying mainly pipes and fittings;		
Suppliers	• 1 supplier supplying mainly valves; and		
	• 1 supplier supplying mainly taps and sanitary wares.		
Standard Organisation	A representative from BSI Hong Kong		
Laboratory Association	A representative from The Association of Construction Materials Laboratories Ltd.		
Property Sector	A representative from The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong		
	Chief Engineer/Technical Support, WSD		
	Chief Electrical & Mechanical Engineer/Maintenance, WSD		
Official	A representative from Architectural Services Department		
Members	A representative from Housing Department		
	A representative from Buildings Department		
	A representative from Fire Services Department		
Secretary	Senior Engineer/Technical Support(1), WSD		