

ONLINE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION INDIA CONSTRUCTION

WEEK –2020

“REVIVING CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN POST COVID WORLD” –
A JOINT INITIATIVE OF CIDC & INDSTT

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION 2020 ON OCTOBER 13, 2020 (ONLINE PLATFORM)

Participants :

Dr P R Swarup, Director General, CIDC

Prof. Jeff Shen, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Mr Krishna S Pribadi, Construction Services Development Board (CSDB), Indonesia.

Mr Biemo W Soemardi Construction Services Development Board (CSDB), Indonesia

Ms. Eka Prasetyawati, Public Works Department, Indonesia

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Dr Pham Van Bo, Vice President Academy of Managers for Construction and Cities, Vietnam

Mr. Eugenio C. Elevado JR, Commercial Counsellor, Philippine Trade and Investment Center ,Embassy of the Philippines

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Mr Rajeev Jain, Director (VT), CIDC

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Mr P K Mishra, Addl Director, CIDC

Mrs. M Jyothi Rani, DGM (Projects), CIDC



The meeting started with brief introduction by members. Dr. P R Swarup, DG, CIDC welcomed all the Members who have joined from AsiaConstruct Member Countries. He informed that Japan did not accept the proposal for holding 25 AsiaConstruct alongwith this event. Consequently, International Collaboration Group is formed and it constitutes members especially from Asiaconstruct Member countries for the forthcoming International Conference and Exhibition India Construction Week. The theme is "Reviving Economy of Asian Region through Construction Industry".

He highlighted the following three issues :

- a. Effect of COVID
- b. How AsiaConstruct member countries are handling the pandemic and the same strategies can be applied reciprocally.
- c. Human Resource
 - o Shortage of Labour
 - o Skill training

He invited inputs and support from AsiaConstruct Member countries for the Revival of Construction Industry and explore areas of mutual cooperation for revival of construction industry.

The gist of the discussions are appended below :

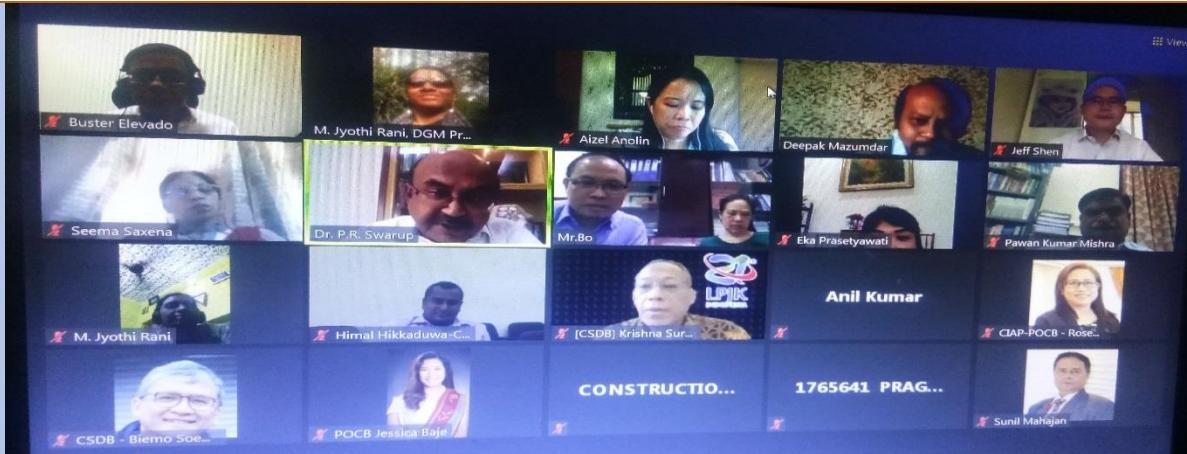
Mr Deepak Mazumdar, Sr Addl Director, CIDC

- a. International Collaboration Group is constituted as a forum for exchange of views from AsiaConstruct member Countries.
- b. Objective of the Group is to have details of policies and strategies adopted by AsiaConstruct member countries to tackle the pandemic.
- c. Shortage of manpower crisis – CIDC can facilitate in providing skilled, tested and certified manpower.
- d. Adoption of new technologies and best practices.
- e. Country Report to be presented during the Conference detailing present scenario, status of Construction Industry and in respective countries and the actions taken for revival of the economy of AsiaConstruct countries through Construction Industry

Prof. Jeff Shen, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

- a. Theme Paper on how to handle Corona Virus and restart economy
- b. Status of construction industry in Hongkong
- c. Policies adopted for tackling the pandemic

He felt that its too early to discuss about restart of economy.



Ms Muditha Priyanvada, Assistant Director, Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), Srilanka

- a. Reemergence of COVID, the cases are increasing
- b. Situation is bad for Construction Industry in Srilanka
- c. Economy is also not in a good position

Mr Himal N Hikkaduwa Assistant Director Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), Srilanka

- a. Due to COVID, lot of projects are facing disputes
- b. Health and Immunity guidelines are issued
- c. Ayurveda treatment is adopted to tackle COVID

Mr Krishna S Pribadi, Construction Services Development Board (CSDB), Indonesia.

- a. This Group is regarding International Collaboration 2020 for the International Conference and not AsiaConstruct
- b. Theme Paper is being prepared giving details of pre and post COVID scenario in Indonesia.

Mr Biemo W Soemardi Construction Services Development Board (CSDB), Indonesia

- a. Due to COVID, they are still working from home
- b. Theme Paper for the Conference will be prepared as suggested.

Dr. Pham Van Bo, Vice President Academy of Managers for Construction and Cities, Vietnam

- a. Informed that COVID had minimum effect in Vietnam.
- b. Data related to COVID effect is not available for evaluation at present.
- c. Regarding holding of 25 AsiaConstruct the decision has to be taken by the Government

Ms. Eka Prasetyawati, Public Works Department, Indonesia

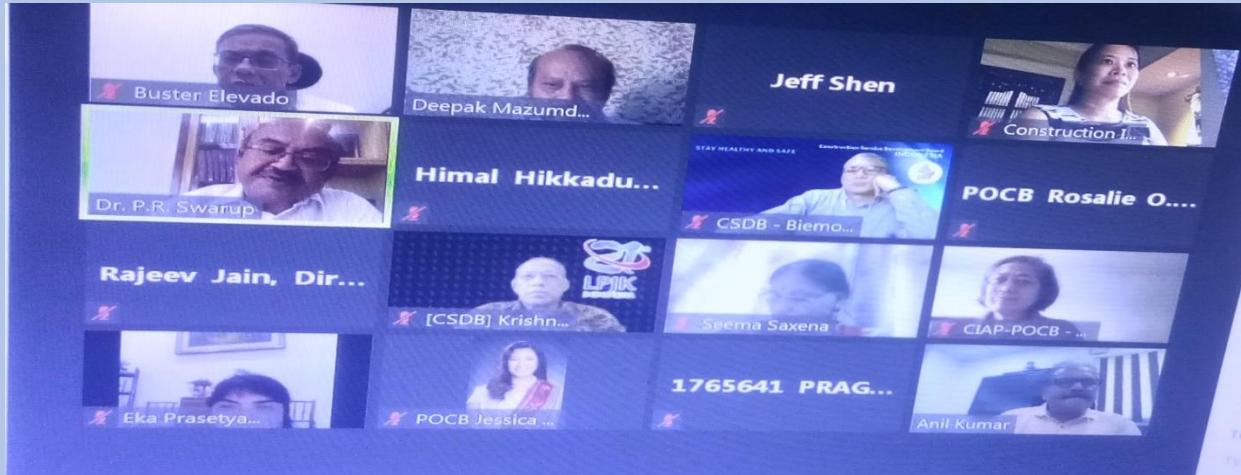
- a. Target for Infrastructure Development
- b. Prepare regulation for Procurement
- c. Innovation in procurement practices
- d. Procurement for all projects scheduled for January 2021 to start soon.

Ms Aizel Anolin, CIAP-POCB

- a. Construction is second primary driver of economy
- b. Construction used to contribute to double digit growth of economy till last year but now its hardest hit due to COVID
- c. Philippines has 15000 registered contractors comprising of micro, small and medium contractors. 90% are small contractors who are most affected.
- d. Share resources and bring out the best solutions to improve the state of Construction Industry.

Mr. Eugenio C. Elevado JR, Commercial Counsellor, Philippine Trade and Investment Center, Embassy of the Philippines :

- a. Construction Industry is booming in Philippines for the past 20 years
- b. Construction opportunities are available in India Rail, Road and Port sector
- c. Indian Companies like GMR are working in Philippines in airport sector.
- d. Speakers for the International Conference will be provided.
- e. Offer manpower (construction workers) to other countries especially middle east.
- f. Interested in collaborating with Indian projects like sagarmala and other mega port projects



Dr. Seema Saxena, State Project Coordinator, State Project Implementation Unit (TEQIP III), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh

- a. Happy to associated with the International forum of the Conference
- b. Interested in exchange programs for faculty and students
- c. Knowledge sharing and research opportunities for Indian students and faculty

Dr. Anil Kumar, State Project Coordinator, State Project Implementation Unit (TEQIP III), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh

- a. Great opportunity to have international exposure for students and faculty
- b. Skill enhancement programs
- c. Internship programs
- d. Students to be exposed to new technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Trenchless Technology



The meeting concluded with the focus on issues related to taking stock of the present situation, strategies followed to come out of the pandemic and how can we work out systems and share resources for rebuilding the construction industry. All AsiaConstruct Member countries are requested to present their Country Report and also disseminate information regarding Conference to all stakeholders related to Construction Industry to make this Conference far reaching and successful.

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