5. Functions of Council

The functions of the Council are –

- (a) to advise and make recommendations to the Government on strategic matters, major policies and legislative proposals, that may affect or are connected with the construction industry, and on matters of concern to the construction industry;
- (b) to reflect to the Government the construction industry's needs and aspirations;
- (c) to elevate the quality and competitiveness of the construction industry by promoting the ongoing development and improvement of the industry;
- (d) to uphold professionalism and integrity within the construction industry by promoting self-regulation, formulating codes of conduct and enforcing such codes;
- (e) to improve the performance of stakeholders in the construction industry through establishing or administering registration schemes or rating schemes;
- (f) to advance the skills of personnel in the construction industry through planning, promotion, supervision, provision or coordination of training courses or programmes;
- (g) to encourage research activities and the use of innovative techniques and to establish or promote the establishment of standards for the construction industry;
- (h) to promote good practices in the construction industry in relation to <u>dispute resolution</u>, <u>procurement methods</u>, <u>site safety</u>, <u>environmental protection</u>, <u>multi-layer subcontracting</u>, <u>occupational safety and health</u>, <u>procurement methods</u>, <u>project management and</u>

- <u>supervision</u>, sustainable construction and other areas conducive to improving construction quality;
- (ha) to enhance the cohesiveness of the construction industry

 by promoting harmonious labour relations and

 observance of statutory requirements relating to

 employment, and by facilitating communication among

 various sectors of the industry;
- (i) to serve as a resource centre for the sharing of knowledge and experience within the construction industry;
- (j) to monitor improvements made by the construction industry through the compilation of performance indicators;
- (k) to make recommendations with respect to the rate of the levy imposed under this Ordinance; and
- (1) to perform any other functions relevant to the construction industry, including those functions conferred or imposed on it by or under this Ordinance or any other enactment.