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AUGUST 2017 BULLETIN

Malaysia's Merdeka Day is annually celebrated every 31st August to celebrate the day when the Federation of Malaya's was officially granted independence from the British Empire. This year is even more special as we have two celebrations as the Hari Raya Haji is also celebrated a day after our independence day. I would like to wish everyone a very happy 60th Merdeka day and to all our Muslim friends Selamat Hari Raya Haji!

MBAM SCAFFOLDING TRAINING – BASIC COMPETENCY: LEVEL 1

Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) have organized a series of scaffolding training for our Members and industry players. The Level 1 (Basic) Scaffolding Course 27th intake was successfully held on 1st – 10th August 2017.

This course is designed for any personnel involved in Heavy Industry and Construction and is especially relevant to personnel who are:

- Hands on personnel;
- Safety & Health practitioners who are responsible to coordinate plan and implement scaffolding work at work site;

The structured approach of learning using the Training Modules and Methods of presentation, is designed to give a comprehensive overview of the work process so that it is in compliance with the scaffolding standard BS 1139 and the requirement of the legislations. After attending this session, participants will be able to compare and understand all the scaffolding systems and procedures between Frame, Tubular and Modular types.

This Competency Scaffolding training is approved and recognized by DOSH. It is 100% HRDF claimable. Participating company will be given an approved 20 CIDB CCD Points for each employee attended this training as well as 10 DOSH CEP Points.

COURTESY VISIT AND DIALOGUE WITH THAI CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

On 3rd August 2017, MBAM delegation paid a courtesy visit to the Thai Contractors Association's (TCA) main office at 110 Oriental Residence Building, Bangkok. MBAM delegation was warmly received by the TCA President, Mr Sangvorn Liptapanlop accompanied by his Council, ACF Secretary General and Vice President, Ms Liza Ngamtrakulpanit, TCA Secretary General, Mr Thanat Vasarachanond, TCA Treasurer, Mr Danuch Yontarak,

TCA Board Members, Mr Piyadit Atsavasirisuk, Mr Sarun Rojlerjanya and Mr Anuchit Wanglee. The visit was held to discuss the upcoming 44th IFAWPCA Convention in Kuala Lumpur. MBAM representatives conveyed their hope that TCA can send a big delegation for the conference next year. Besides that,

MBAM and TCA representatives at the dialogue



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Group photo during the visit to TCA's office

Thiam, MBAM Council Member, Mr Wilson Ang, MBAM Member, Mr Alec Chong, MBAM Public Relations Executive, Ms Tessa Hamid and I.

In addition, TCA also asked about the roles and contribution of Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) to the progress of the industry. They are planning to have a similar government body in Thailand to govern the construction industry. The meeting and dialogue concluded with an exchange of memento between both parties and with TCA promising to send more participants for the 44th IFAWPCA Convention.

ASEAN CONSTRUCTORS FEDERATION (ACF) SPECIAL CONFERENCE

The ASEAN Constructors Federation (ACF) Special Conference was held on 4th August 2017 at Dusit Thani Bangkok. Representatives from 7 countries attended the conference and presented papers on their local

construction industry. Each presenter were given 15 minutes to present on their country's construction industry past and present environment as well as on related regulations. The conference started with the welcoming speech by TCA President, Mr Sangvorn Liptapanlop and report by the ACF Chairman, Mr Nattaphorn Bhromsuthi followed by the opening speech by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, H.E. Mr. Virasakdi Futrakul.



MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee delivering his presentation

MBAM's delegation consisted of MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee, MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri A K Nathan, MBAM Vice Presidents, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Bin Haji Mohd Zin and Mr Chung Soo Kiong, MBAM Deputy Secretary General 1, Mr Ong Ka Thiam, MBAM Treasurer General, Mr Kenneth Liew, MBAM Council Member, Mr Wilson Ang, MBAM Member, Mr Alec Chong, MBAM Affiliate Member, Datuk Ir. Abdul Kadir Mohd Din and I.



The conference were also attended by government officials from several countries such as The Undersecretary of Construction Industry Authority of the Philippines, Department of Trade and Industry, Ms Atty. Ruth B. Castelo; Director of Cambodia Construction Department Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, Mr Chhann Sorpal and

Group photo with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, H.E. Mr. Virasakdi Futrakul.



Senior-General Manager, Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia, Mr Mohd Nazli Ahmad Mahyadin.

All participants were also invited for a riverboat dinner after the conference ended. We enjoyed an international buffet while cruising along the Chao Phraya River for an unforgettable dining experience. Overall, the meeting was fruitful and beneficial for all participating countries as we shared our knowledge and technology for the betterment of our own construction industry.

Group photo during the boat ride at Chao Phraya River



Presentation of 60th MBAM Anniversary Coffee Table Book to the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, H.E. Mr. Virasakdi Futrakul.

BRIEFING BY POLITEKNIK SHAH ALAM ON THE WORK BASED LEARNING FOR BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY IN FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

A briefing on the Work Based Learning programme by Politeknik Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah (Politeknik Shah Alam) was held for their Bachelor of Technology in Facilities Management students on 7th August 2017 at Administration Building, Politeknik Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah. The Polytechnic have 17 Bachelor degree students who will undergo the WBL programme starting on 11th September 2017 for the duration of 20 weeks in semester 7 plus 20 weeks more in semester 8. MBAM Council have approved to collaborate with the Polytechnic to provide placements for them.

Requirements by Politeknik Shah Alam for interested companies are as follows:

- Able to offer the full range of facility management services in order to provide exposure to their students (students can be deployed to multiple sites during attachment)
- Min 2 students to be attached per company
- Participating companies to nominate One (1) Facilitator and Two to Four (2-4) Mentors to coach the students for the subjects of Semester 7 and 8 (see Table below).
- One person can be Mentor for Two (2) subjects max per Semester

Semester	Period of Attachment	Participating Companies to Nominate Mentors for the Following Subjects	Observation Visit Schedule
7	25 th Sept 2017 to 26 th Jan 2018	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facilities Management Project 1 2. Inspection and Forensic 3. Operation and Maintenance 4. Plant, Workshop and Inventory Management 	3 times per Semester
8	5th March 2018 to 6th July 2018	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asset Management 2. Energy Management and Green Technology 3. Facilities Management Project 2 4. Quality, Safety, Health and Environment 	3 times per Semester

Allowances for the students are up to the Participating Companies and is not part of the Certificate of Collaboration.

All students are protected under Politeknik Shah Alam's Group Insurance and have valid CIDB Green Cards. Orientation Workshop for Nominated Mentors will be held by Politeknik Shah Alam in the 1st week of September 2017 to brief them on the Syllabus, requirements by MQA for this Bachelor Degree programme and other related matters. Finally, the students will start their attachment at Participating Companies on 25th September 2017.

ON THE JOB TECHNICAL TRAINING TO PV SOLAR SYSTEM, NILAI, NEGERI SEMBILAN

MBAM Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) Committee organised a study visit to Photovoltaic Solar System hosted by Metex Steel Sdn Bhd on 8th August 2017. The training was held with the aim to create awareness and enhance our members' knowledge on the Photovoltaic (PV) Solar, Net Energy Metering and other related matters. A total of 28 MBAM members led by MBAM Treasurer-General and Chairman of Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) Committee, Mr Kenneth Liew attended the visit. MBAM Deputy Chairman of M&E Committee, Mr Chong Tat Yam and M&E Committee Members, Mr Tony Kok and Mr Gan Wah Lian also attended the technical training. Before the visit there was a technical talk which took place at MBAM



Presenting a token of appreciation to the speakers from Solarvest Energy Sdn Bhd



Group photo at the plant

explained the mechanism of conversion of solar energy into direct current through an inverter. After that, they were taken to the Rooftop Solar Gallery to see the solar panel, followed by a Q&A session.

Overall, the feedbacks received from the participants on the visit was educational and had enhanced their knowledge on renewable energy.

KELANG KIN CHO HONG 91ST ANNIVERSARY DINNER

MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Leon Leong, MBAM Executive Officer, Ms Abbie Ng and I.

Mr Foo Chek Lee congratulated and thanked Kelang Kin Cho Hong for the invitation to join the celebration of their 91st Anniversary Dinner. He cautioned on issues affecting the construction industry such as the shortage of foreign workers and the clampdown of illegal foreign workers. He reminded that the E card programme had already expired and urged

MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee presenting a memento to the President of Kelang Kin Cho Hong, Dato' Ng Tong Chun

The President Kelang Kin Cho Hong, YBhg Dato' Ng Tong Chun and his committee were at hand to receive MBAM guests which comprised the MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Assistant General Managers, Mr Michael Thong and Mr Lenny Lim, MBAM Manager, Ms Chai Min Fung,



contractors quickly to register for the rehiring programme. In his speech he briefly touched on some of the qualifying criteria such as no criminal record, no health issue, entry into the country before 31st March 2016, and passport with validity of 18 months. He also cautioned on the usage of the third party Agents.

He informed that MBAM is collaborating with the Construction Labour Exchange Centre Berhad (CLAB) to assist MBAM members in the rehiring programme. He detailed out some of the advantages of the collaboration such as staggered payment scheme, faster processing time, and liability of foreign workers will be under CLAB. He reminded them of the expiry date line of 31st December 2017 and encouraged all to quickly register with MBAM to avoid the last minute rush.

KIN CHO HONG NEGERI SEMBILAN 93RD ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The 93rd Anniversary Dinner of Kin Cho Hong Negeri Sembilan was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong and MBAM Manager, Ms Chai Min Fung at Lucky Palace, Seremban 2, Seremban.



Group photo with the Guest of Honour and Council Member of Kin Cho Hong Negeri Sembilan

THE UNITED MALAYSIA CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION – MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA (MBAM) DIALOGUE

The United Malaysia Contractors Association (UMCA) – Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) Dialogue was held on 12th August 2017 at Sutera Hotel, Seremban in conjunction with the Kin Cho Hong Negeri Sembilan 93rd Anniversary Dinner. MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong and MBAM Manager, Ms Chai Min Fung attended the dialogue between UMCA and MBAM.

UMCA Secretary General, Mr Sinn Fuh Ming commenced the dialogue in which he outlined the main objectives of the dialogue : to address issues affecting the members and to solicit assistance from MBAM to help to resolve. He urged members to discuss the most important issue which was the E-card and rehiring programme where they faced a lot of obstacles in getting renewal of their foreign workers.

Mr Foo Chek Lee informed that the E –card programme had long expired and he urged them to start to register their foreign workers under the rehiring programme. He cautioned them the problems and shortfalls of engaging Agents for submission of application for the rehiring programme such as high cost, delays, and non-performance of the Agency. He informed them on the collaboration between MBAM and Construction Labour Exchange Centre Berhad (CLAB) to assist MBAM members in the rehiring programme. He detailed out some of the advantages of the collaboration such as staggered payment scheme, faster processing time, and liability of foreign workers under CLAB.



Due to time constraints, Mr Foo Chek Lee moved on to address other matters which was the Implementation of IBS in the Klang Valley by 2018 for project value of RM50 million and above and with an IBS score of 50 percent. He also briefed on the Employment Insurance Scheme which was supposed to take effect on 1st January 2018. He reminded the enforcement of scaffolding will take effect on 1st January 2018 and cautioned all the attendees from using non approved scaffolding.

*Presentation of souvenir to Mr Leong
Kien Keong, UMCA President*

MBAM AFFILIATE DIALOGUE

MBAM Affiliates Dialogue 2017 was held on 18th August 2017 at Bahamas 1+2, Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa. MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee gave his opening speech and thanked the MBAM Affiliate Members present for being supportive of this initiative. A total of 43 representatives from MBAM affiliate members attended the dialogue. We also have representatives from Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) and Construction Labour Exchange Centre Bhd (CLAB).

The discussion on issues affecting the construction industry. The issues discussed as follows: -

- Implementation of IBS
- Procurement Policy – China Contractors
- Employment Insurance Scheme (EIS)
- Centralised Labor Quarters (CLQ)
- Enforcement of Scaffolding
- Rehiring Programme for Construction Foreign Workers

On the implementation of IBS, both MBAM and CIDB representatives gave the latest updates including on the recent discussion to implement uniform IBS clause into the Uniform Building By- Laws (UBBL).



The MBAM Principal Officers



Group photo with MBAM Affiliate Members

BMDAM President, Mr Yang Kian Lock and Ms Tan Zi Ni of MMCOA 1987 added to the discussion on the issue on China contractors. Representatives from The Johore Master Builders Association also added their input. The general opinion is China contractors do bring everything from China but they can also work with local companies provided the local company can work according to their schedule and requirements.

On the EIS, Mr Foo Chek Lee updated the attendees on the latest development. On the CLQ, both MBAM and CIDB talked about the latest development especially on the two different standards, one by CIDB on Standards Malaysia (Temporary

Construction Site Workers' Amenities and Accommodation — Code of Practice (MS2593:2015)) and one by Jabatan Tenaga Kerja.

The Rehiring Programme for foreign construction workers was another issue that attracted a lot of feedback from MBAM Affiliate Members. The consensus was the programme cost is still very high and some of the requirements set by the implementing agency makes some employers ineligible to register their illegal foreign construction workers.

The Affiliate Dialogue ended with a Press Conference to highlight the issues raised to the public at large.

63RD MBAM ANNIVERSARY DINNER 2017

MBAM successfully organised our 63rd Anniversary Dinner on 18th August 2017 at Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa. Around 1,850 distinguished guests were present to celebrate this auspicious event with MBAM including the decision makers in the Government and construction industry such as Heads of Government Departments, agencies, leaders of professional organizations and leading construction firms in Malaysia and ASEAN region,

MBAM members and MBAM Affiliate Members. The celebration was even more special with the presence of the Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Abdul Razak, as the Guest of Honor accompanied by Minister II, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, YB Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan.

On behalf of MBAM, Mr Foo Chek Lee thanked the Prime Minister of Malaysia for the 'Transformasi Nasional 2050' or TN50 initiative. He noted that this is a well thought initiative to plan for the future of Malaysia in the period 2020 to 2050. From the vision of becoming a developed nation, the Malaysian Construction Industry

The Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Abdul Razak during his speech presentation





The MBAM Council Members for the term 2016/2018

strives to be amongst the top players in the world in terms of construction related economic development, overall citizens well-being and construction technology innovation.

YAB Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Abdul Razak in his speech stressed that with a membership of more than 14,000 companies and groups, MBAM plays a key role in our construction sector – which is expected to grow by 8 percent in 2017, and to continue registering robust growth over the next five years, boosted in part by the infrastructure projects the Government is implementing across the country. These projects include the East Coast Rail Line (ECRL), the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High Speed Rail, the Pan Borneo Highway, KL118 here in our capital, the Refinery and Petrochemicals Integrated Development Project in Johor, and the MRT Line 2. They will provide new jobs, raise wages, enable skill transfers, increase connectivity, and will have a real and transformative effect for all Malaysians.

YAB Dato' Sri also thanked the members of MBAM for the part they have played in building the strength, resilience and success of our economy and took note of the international recognition MBAM has achieved. YAB Dato' Sri also congratulated YBhg. Datuk Matthew Tee, MBAM Immediate Past President who was recently to be appointed the President of the International Federation of Asian and Western Pacific Contractors' Associations (IFAWPCA) as of June 2017 and on the fact that under MBAM's leadership Malaysia will host the Federation's 44th Convention in November 2018.

The highlights of the Dinner was the presentation of the various service awards to individuals & companies in recognition of their dedicated and outstanding contributions to the development of the Association and the construction industry. Besides celebrating the 63rd MBAM Anniversary Dinner, the Dinner also served as a channel to raise and pledge for donation in aid of MBAM Building Fund and Education Fund. MBAM records sincere appreciation to the following donors for generously sponsoring this year's Anniversary Dinner.

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Group photo with the Minister II, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, YB Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan after the presentation of certificate of appreciation to the sponsors

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18. Wai Fong Infra Sdn Bhd
19. Yekon Equipment (M) Sdn Bhd

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MBAM SILVER AWARD

1. YBhg Datuk Kwan Foh Kwai, MBAM Past President and Honorary Advisor

MBAM BRONZE AWARD

1. Mr Koon Yew Yin, MBAM Past Secretary General

MBAM LONG SERVICE AWARD – EMERALD (25 YEARS)

1. Gamuda Berhad
2. YBhg Dato' Ng Kee Leen

MBAM LONG SERVICE AWARD – GOLD (15 YEARS)

1. Mudajaya Corporation Bhd
2. LFE Engineering Sdn Bhd
3. Satujaya Sdn Bhd
4. YBhg. Tan Sri AK Nathan
5. Mr Kenneth Liew Kiam Woon
6. Mr Ong Hock Tek
7. Mr Steven Shee Boo Cheong
8. Ms Chan Li Hwa

MBAM LONG SERVICE AWARD – SILVER (10 YEARS)

1. Mr Ahmad Nazmi Mohamed Ali
2. Mr Kow Choong Ming
3. Mr Yee Wing Peng

MBAM LONG SERVICE AWARD – BRONZE (5 YEARS)

1. Crest Builder Sdn. Bhd
2. Ir. James Wong Tet Foh
3. Mr Mazlan Haron
4. Prof. Dr Selvaraj Oyyan Pillay
5. Ms Tan Zi Ni
6. YBhg. Dato' Ubull Din Om
7. Mr Khoo Cheong
8. Mr Michael Thong Yew Meng
9. Ms Nor Azlina Bt. Teh Hassan

CERTIFICATE OF COLLABORATION SIGNING CEREMONY AT POLITEKNIK SULTAN SALAHUDDIN ABDUL AZIZ SHAH

to collaborate with Politeknik Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah to provide placements for these students.

Exchange of document between PSA Director, Tuan Haji Tajuddin Bin Abdul Rashid and MBAM Vice President, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Bin Haji Mohd Zin

Politeknik Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah (Politeknik Shah Alam) have 17 Bachelor in Civil Engineering Technology students who will undergo their Work-Based Learning (WBL) programme starting on 11th September 2017, and Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) Council have approved



To formalise the collaboration on the next cohort of their Work-Based Learning (WBL) programme, Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) was invited to sign the Certificate of Collaboration (COC) with Politeknik Shah Alam on 22nd August at Multipurpose Hall, Politeknik Shah Alam. Along with MBAM, 10 other companies and organizations were invited to sign the COC on that day. These companies and organizations will be participating in the next cohort of WBL programme including for Politeknik Shah Alam's students majoring in other fields.

MBAM Member companies interested to participate in the next Cohort which will start in Q1 2018 can contact **MBAM Secretariat, Mr Mohd Hanif Ismail** at **03-7984 8636** or email **mbam17@mbam.org.my** to confirm their interest to provide placements for the Facilities Management students undergoing their WBL programme.



Group photo of the participating companies

THE FORUM ON REHIRING OF FOREIGN WORKERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

On 21st August 2017, MBAM and Malacca Building Contractors' Association (MBCA) jointly organised the Forum on Rehiring of Foreign Workers in the Construction Industry at Taipan Boutique Hotel, Kompleks Perniagaan Kota Shahbandar, Melaka. This forum aims to serve as a platform for the MBCA members to gather information on the latest foreign workers update. In particular the Rehiring Programme as well as to enable MBCA members to raise enquiries and problems related to the latest new Act/Order, ruling, procedure and etc by the Department of Immigration Malaysia. HR Committee Member, Mr Mazlan Haron moderated the forum session after the presentations by Deputy Assistant Director Foreign Workers Division, Immigration Malaysia, Puan Norzulina bt Zulkifli and Chief Executive Officer of Construction Labour Exchange Bhd (CLAB), Mr Abdul Rafik Abd Rajis. In summary, members

of MBCA are concern on the cost of the high cost for the rehiring and smaller contractors having difficulties to obtain quota for foreign workers due to stringent requirements imposed by the Government. MBCA members have also appeal the Government to consider giving pre-approve quota to smaller contractors due to the nature of the construction works. Overall, the forum was informative.



Among the participants that were present for the forum



MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee (2nd from left) with the speakers and moderators

ON THE JOB TECHNICAL TRAINING TO FACTORIES VISIT STARKEN AAC SERENDAH & BUBBLE DECK RASA, SELANGOR

on the autoclaved aerated concrete and biaxial hollow precast slab system.

During the morning session, the technical study visit took place at Starken AAC Sdn Bhd factory at Serendah. The Factory Manager, Mr Low Kok Wah, Technical Manager, En Asbar Sanusi, Manager, Mr Tan Chee Fung, Production, Marketing Manager, Ms Chen Sook Moy and Sales Manager, Mr Chen Chit Chuang welcomed MBAM Members.



The participants were taken around the plant to see the products



In the afternoon session, all participant went for the study visit to Bubble Deck Construction Sdn Bhd plant located in Rasa, Selangor. The participants was welcomed by the Director of Bubble Deck Construction Sdn Bhd, Mr Thomas Ng, Project Director of Bubble Deck Construction Sdn Bhd and General Manager of BDC Concrete Sdn Bhd, Mr Ng Kian Chuan and Manager – Admin & Quality Assurance of Bubble Deck Construction Sdn Bhd and BDC Concrete Sdn Bhd, Ms Joanne Lim Li Ching. After a brief presentation about the products, the participants then proceed to the plant to see the manufacturing processes and work procedures.

Overall, the feedbacks received from the participants were the visit were educational and had enhanced their knowledge on building materials.

Group photo of the participants

TALK ON GST AUDIT WORKSHOP “ARE YOU READY FOR GST AUDIT BY CUSTOMS?”

On 23rd August 2017, Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) & YYC GST Consultants Sdn Bhd jointly organised a workshop on GST. The workshop was attended by 66 participants. MBAM Treasurer-General, Mr Kenneth Liew delivered the welcome remarks, introduced and thanked the Executive

Director, YYC GST Consultant Sdn Bhd, Mr Jacky Chan for supporting this event by sharing his GST knowledge on the subject matter.

Mr Jacky Chan in this workshop highlighted some GST fine cases, travel ban as well as on Customs Blue Ocean Strategy (CBOS). He also covered Custom audit purposes, submission of GST-03, GST Audit Files (GAF) Offences & Penalties and Guide on Review & Appeal. In his talk he reminded the attendees on the importance of keeping proper GST record for verification or investigation audit. It is hope that more members will participate in such event for latest updates & issues.

Presentation of souvenir to Mr Jacky Chan by MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling



MBAM Treasurer- General, Mr Kenneth Liew delivering his opening speech



Mr Jacky Chan sharing his knowledge on GST with over 60 participants



44TH IFAWPCA CONVENTION PROMOTIONAL VISIT TO THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA (NCASL)

MBAM Immediate Past President cum IFAWPCA President, Datuk Matthew Tee and MBAM Vice President cum IFAWPCA Secretary General, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming paid a visit to the National Construction Association of Sri Lanka (NCASL) Secretariat on 24th August 2017. This visit was to promote the upcoming 44th IFAWPCA Convention in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia which is scheduled from 12th to 16th November 2018. The NCASL Chairman, Mr Athula Priyantha Galagoda and their Council Members gave a warm welcome to MBAM delegation. During the informal discussion, NCASL has confirmed their support to the 44th IFAWPCA Convention by confirming to send at least 160 delegates to Kuala Lumpur. Both parties also shared their views and ideas to encourage more members participation and involvement in the convention activities.

In conjunction with the visit, IFAWPCA President, Datuk Matthew Tee and IFAWPCA Secretary-General, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming were also invited as the Guest of Honour to attend the Opening Ceremony of the Construct Exhibition 2017 on 25th August 2017 at BMICH Exhibition Centre. The Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Mr Ranil Wickremesinge was present as the Chief Honourary Guest and officiated the event. The exhibition was one of the largest and comprehensive construction trade exhibition in Sri Lanka and have been organized by the NCASL for 17 consecutive years. It brought together the entire value chain of the building and construction industry under one roof. This year's exhibition featured over 300 local and foreign exhibition and successfully showcased the achievements of Sri Lanka's construction industry.



Group photo with the Chairman of NCASL, Mr Athula Priyantha Galagoda (5th from right) and his council members

SESSION 6: EFFECTIVE PROJECT, VALUE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The sixth and final installment of the collaboration with Sr. Ong Hock Tek of BK Entrust for the year continued with 22 participants attending on 24th August 2017 at MBAM Training Centre. Overall the programme continued to be a success, with members exposed to more information and updates relating to previous articles published in the Master Builders Journals. It is hoped more members will sign up for the programme next year. The Association will continue to improve the content and its relevance for the benefit of MBAM members.



Sr. HT Ong during his presentation



Among the participants of the final session

ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF PERSATUAN PEMBINAAN KELANTAN

The Persatuan Pembinaan Kelantan (Kin Cho Hong) 47th Anniversary Dinner was held on 24th August 2017 at Grand Riverview Hotel, Jalan Post Office Lama, Kota Bahru, Kelantan. The Dinner was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee and MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Leon Leong. In the dinner speech, Mr Foo Chek Lee highlighted the issue on rehiring programme and Government's intention to raise foreign worker levy in 2019.



Group photo with the Council Members and special guest of Persatuan Pembinaan Kelantan (Kin Cho Hong)

57TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF PERSATUAN PEMBINAAN TERENGGANU

The 57th Anniversary Dinner of Persatuan Pembinaan Terengganu (PPT) was held on 25th August 2017 at Restaurant Ocean, Jalan Zainal Abidin, Kuala Terengganu. The dinner was attended by MBAM Council Member, Mr Fong Tet Yoong and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim. Mr Fong congratulated PPT for their anniversary dinner celebrations and noted that PPT is an active member in the construction industry in Terengganu. MBAM hopes that both MBAM and PPT will continue to work closely together to develop the construction industry. He also noted that PPT has been a member of MBAM since 2010.



Mr Fong also spoke at length on the key issues faced by the industry such as the Rehiring Programme, manpower related issues, Industrialised Building System and Employment Insurance scheme (EIS) and he also touched on the recently concluded MBAM Affiliate Dialogue and the 63rd MBAM Anniversary Dinner. He also took the opportunity to promote the 44th IFAWPCA Convention 2018 to the members present. Overall, it was a great opportunity for MBAM to get closer to our Affiliate and their members in Kuala Terengganu.

MBAM Council Member, Mr Fong Tet Yoong presenting a token to President of Persatuan Pembinaan Terengganu, Mr Tee Soon Meng

50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF PERSATUAN PEMBINAAN KUANTAN

MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong and I attended the Persatuan Pembinaan Kuantan 50th Anniversary Celebration which was held on 26th August 2017 at Golden Palace Restaurant, Kuantan. On hand to welcome the guests were President of Persatuan Pembinaan Kuantan, Mr Chua Say Chai and his committee members.

I congratulated Persatuan Pembinaan Kuantan on reaching the half century mark and the active role played by the association in the economic development of Kuantan in my opening address. I also gave a brief overview of the macro issues facing the construction industry in the country. Then, I highlighted on the issues pertaining to foreign workers such as E-card program, rehiring program and more pertinent on the call by MBAM to the government to take a relook at the existing parameters on the management of foreign workers in the construction industry. MBAM hope that CLAB can be given a pre -approved block quota to bring in foreign workers and the task of redistribution of the foreign workers to smaller construction companies. Touching on the current major construction project in Kuantan, the East Coast Rail Link, I hoped that the members of the Persatuan Pembinaan Kuantan would get some construction works in the project and it will uplift the economy of Kuantan.

Other highlights of the sumptuous Dinner celebration were the lion dance competition performed by eight troupes, the 50th Birthday cake cutting ceremony and the drum beating ceremony. I was invited on stage to join both the birthday cake cutting and drum beating ceremony along with other VIPs.



Presentation of souvenir to President of Persatuan Pembinaan Kuantan, Mr Chua Say Chai

BEST PRACTICES ON MOBILE CRANE OPERATION TRAINING COURSE

The MBAM Machinery Resources Committee organised the Best Practices for Mobile Crane Operations Training Course on 29th August 2017 at MBAM Training Centre. MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 1 and Chairman of MBAM Machinery Resources Committee, Mr Ong Ka Thiam delivered the welcome speech. The training was headed by Trainer/Instructor at Gamuda Plant Operator School (GPOS), Mr Noor Azam Bin Mohd Ariffin. A total of 37 participants attended the training.

Each year, a number of mobile cranes overturned at construction sites, causing serious accidents involving personal injury, significant financial damage and potential legal action and related claims. Most incidents were a result of poor planning, unclear responsibilities, insufficient training and lack of resources, as well as unsafe or dangerous practices at the construction site.



Certificate of appreciation was presented to Mr Noor Azam Bin Mohd Ariffin



When an accident occurs, the question of who is responsible for crane operation is often asked. However, by the time an accident occurs it will be too late for regret. As a crane owner, operator, or the owner of a construction company that uses mobile cranes in construction works, it is important that members are familiar with these responsibilities and best practices required to avoid accidents.

Overall, the programme was useful to help members understand the best practices needed for practitioners in the industry.

Among the attendees present for the training

OTHER KEY EVENTS ATTENDED BY MBAM REPRESENTATIVES IN AUGUST 2017 :-

2nd August 2017

Special Meeting on 4th Industrial Revolution & B&R Initiative was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at Bilik Mesyuarat Berlian, Ibu Pejabat JKR, Jalan Sultan Salahuddin, Kuala Lumpur.

3rd August 2017

CIDB Jawatankuasa Teknikal Plant & Labour Constant (TC-PLC) was attended by MBAM Council Member, Mr Verdon Tan and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at Bilik Mesyuarat Tualang, CIDB Malaysia, Tingkat 32, Menara Dato' Onn, Kuala Lumpur.

Lighthouse Club Fellowship was attended by MBAM Assistant General Managers, Mr Michael Thong and Mr Lenny Lim at Jarrod & Rawlins, Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur.

4th August 2017

ASEAN @50 Conference in partnership with ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC) was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at Auditorium, Sasana Kijang Bank Negara Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

CIDB meeting on ICW 2018 (26th – 30th March 2018) was attended by MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Mohd Hanif Bin Ismail at Menara Dato' Onn, PWTC.

8th August 2017

NCCIM Economic Forum with the theme "Imagineering: Faster, Smarter, Better, Re-imagine and Re-engineer Your Business for Success in the New Economy" was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

10th August 2017

EPU's Invitation - Dissemination Forum – Study on Knowledge Content in Key Economic Sectors in Malaysia Phase III – Construction sector was attended by MBAM Public Relations Executive, Ms Tessa Hamid at Room 2-1-03, Monash University Malaysia, Bandar Sunway.

12th August 2017

ACEM 54th Anniversary Dinner was attended by MBAM Vice President, Mr Chung Soo Kiong at The Royale Chulan Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur.

14th-15th August 2017

Presentation on research on management of human capital in the construction industry in Malaysia for CIDB. Focus Group Discussion 1: Benchmarking and Laws & Regulations was attended by MBAM Human Resources Committee Member, Mr Lai Tak Ming and MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei at Hotel Bangi Putrajaya, Bangi.

CIDB Focus Group Discussion 2: Industry & Employers was attended by MBAM Deputy Chairman of Education Committee, Mr Andrew Ong and MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei Hotel Bangi Putrajaya, Bangi.

15th August 2017

CIDB Focus Group Discussion 3: Training Provider was attended by Mr Andrew Ong and MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei at Hotel Bangi Putrajaya, Bangi.

CITP-TWG2/ES (Environmental Sustainability) was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee held at Bilik Bunga Anggerik, Level 3, Seri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

16th August 2017

Focus Group Workshop on Budget Preparation for Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur – ‘Kemudahan Infrastruktur Jalan Raya, Sistem Ialintas dan Saliran’ was attended by MBAM Council Member, Mr Chong Tat Yam at Dewan Perdana Mastika, Institute Latihan Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur, Bandar Tun Razak.

Department of Standards Malaysia’s Invitation to National Young professional Workshop 2017 was attended by MBAM Senior Assistant Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan Bin Mohammad Din at Dewan Tun Dr Ismail, Agensi Nuklear Malaysia, Kajang.

Technical Committee on Wind Load - Meeting No. 5/2017 was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at ISO Meeting Room, SIRIM Berhad, Section 2, Shah Alam.

17th August 2017

Visit to Gamuda Industrialised Building System (Gamuda IBS) Factory was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee at No. 2, Persiaran Tanjung, Kawasan Perindustrian Tanjung, Sepang.

Workshop on Labour & Plant Constant was attended by MBAM Deputy Secretary General 1, Mr Ong Ka Thiam and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at Bilik Kempas, CIDB Malaysia, Tingkat 32, PWTC, Kuala Lumpur.

Ministry of Finance’s Focus Group Budget Meeting- Focus Group: Empowering Human Capital Through Skill Training was attended by Deputy Chairman of MBAM Education Committee, Mr Andrew Ong and MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei at Ministry of Finance, Putrajaya.

18th August 2017

Official launching of MKRS Training Institute was attended by Chairman of MBAM Safety and Health Committee, Mr Michael Yap at No. 20, Bangi Hub Suntrack Industrial Park, Jalan P1A, Sekseyn 13, Kawasan Perindustrian Bangi.

Technical Committee on Household Fittings and Building Accessories Meeting was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at Bilik ISO, SIRIM Berhad, Shah Alam.

19th August 2017

Lighthouse Kuala Lumpur Annual Charity Party was attended by MBAM Assistant General Managers, Mr Michael Thong and Mr Lenny Lim at Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRC), Bangunan Sulaiman, Kuala Lumpur.

24th August 2017

Special Seminar on Transition of ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems Certification conducted by SIRIM was attended by MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei and MBAM Admin Officer, Ms Nor Azlina Binti Teh Hassan at Concorde Hotel, Shah Alam.

Program handholding anjuran Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur was attended by Account & Admin Assistant Manager, Ms Jess Lim and MBAM Account & Admin Executive, Ms Tan Lee Teng at Kompleks Kastam Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, Kelana Jaya, Petaling Jaya.

SIRIM Technical Committee on Earthquake Meeting No. 1/2017 was attended by Technical Committee Member, Ir. Quah Beng Tong at Jabatan Standard Malaysia, Cyberjaya.

25th August 2017

MBAM-Malaysia Interior Industry Partners (MIIP) fellowship event was attended by MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong, MBAM Executive Officer, Ms Abbie Ng and I at Stone Empire Gallery, Rawang.

28th August 2017

Technical Committee - Construction Law Report meeting No. 3/2017 was attended by Alternate Council Member, Mr Thomas Samuel at Bilik Mesyuarat Resak, Tingkat 32, CIDB Malaysia, Menara Dato' Onn, PWTC, Kuala Lumpur.

Technical Committee Meeting No. 1/2017 on Geotechnical Works, WG1 and WG2 for Revision of MS 2038 was attended by MBAM Council Member, Mr Lau Yew Mun held at SIRIM Berhad, ISO Meeting Room, 3rd Floor, Building 3, No. 1 Persiaran Menteri Section 2, Shah Alam.

Yours faithfully,

MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA

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MBAM Secretary General

MBAM SITE SAFETY SUPERVISOR (SSS) COURSE TRAINING CALENDAR 2017

		2017			
STATES	CLASS	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
KUALA LUMPUR	FULL TIME	6 - 13	9 - 16	13 - 20	11 - 18
KUALA LUMPUR	WEEKEND		14 Oct - 5 Nov		
PENANG	FULL TIME		6 - 13		13 - 20
JOHOR	WEEKEND	8 - 24		17 Nov - 3 Dec	
KOTA KINABALU, SABAH	FULL TIME		20 - 27		
KUCHING, SARAWAK	FULL TIME	5 - 12		28 Nov - 5 Dec	
MIRI, SARAWAK	FULL TIME		4 - 11		
BINTULU, SARAWAK	FULL TIME			23 - 30	

Weekend (WE) Classes will be conducted on :
Saturday & Sunday : 8.00 am to 7.00 pm

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