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FEBRUARY 2018 BULLETIN

We have lined up a number of events in March. One of the event will be the IBS Seminar 2018 on 28th March 2018. Many more events will come up in the following months as we try to organise as much events as possible before the Puasa month.

We are well into the first quarter of 2018; this means that we are moving closer to our biggest event for this year, the 44th IFAWPCA Convention. Our preparation for the 44th IFAWPCA Convention is well underway but I also hope that the stream of supports from our members will continue for our other future events as well. The following are the major events for the month of February:-

JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING: FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION ON PROPOSAL TO GOVERNMENT ON HOLISTIC MANAGEMENT OF FOREIGN WORKERS



The meeting in session

The meeting was attended by MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming, MBAM Council Member, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, Human Resources Committee Member, Mr Mazlan Haron and MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan on 5th February 2018 at Wisma FMM, Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers, Bandar Sri Damansara, Kuala Lumpur. The follow up meeting was held to obtain inputs and consensus on details required for holistic management of foreign workers. These input will then be submitted to the Government through Y.B. Dato' Sri Mustapha Mohamed Ministry of Minister of International Trade and Industry, to be included for Cabinet's review. The proposal on Holistic Management of Foreign Workers was submitted to MITI on 6th February 2018.



MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming and MBAM Council Member, Datuk Astaman Bin Abdul Aziz representing MBAM

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STUDY VISIT TO GAS DISTRICT COOLING PLANT 3

The Study Visit to Gas District Cooling (GDC) Putrajaya Plant 3 hosted by GDC (Putrajaya) Sdn Bhd was organised on 7th February 2018. The study visit was held with the aim to create awareness and enhance our members' knowledge on gas district cooling. MBAM Treasurer General and Chairman of Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) Committee, Mr Kenneth Liew led a team of 12 MBAM members for the visit. MBAM Deputy Chairman of M&E Committee, Mr Chong Tat Yam, M&E Committee Members, Mr Lee Ah Nam and Mr Gan Wah Lien were also present for the visit.



Safety briefing before the visit

The Gas District Cooling (M) Sdn Bhd, Senior Manager, Operation & Maintenance Department, Ir. Ahmad Bin Abu Seman, Manager, Operation & Maintenance Department, En. Faizal Rizdha Ibrahim and O&M Manager, En. Ainuddin Bin Ali were present to welcome the MBAM Members.

GDC is the Malaysia's largest district cooling provider serving Putrajaya, Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) and Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA). GDC assets encompasses 8 co-generation / district cooling plants with total combined capacity of 59 MW electric, 442 ton / hr steam, 147,000 RT and 238,000



Group photo at the plant

RTh chilled water. En. Ainuddin explained on the mechanism of gas district cooling system. After a briefing on safety procedures, members were taken to the plant for the visit. Plant 3 is located in Precint 5 Putrajaya. It was built in 2008 and has 7,200 RT chilled water output. The plant are set up with 5 direct fired chiller and 1 electrical chiller. At the end of the visit, Mr Kenneth Liew presented a token of appreciation to Ir. Ahmad. Overall, the participants gave feedbacks that they were satisfied with the visit as it was educational and have added to their knowledge on gas district cooling system.



Presenting a token of appreciation to the host

PERSATUAN INDUSTRI KOMPUTER DAN MULTIMEDIA MALAYSIA (PIKOM) CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER

As of to date, MBAM have 34 affiliate members all across the country. PIKOM is one of our affiliate member since 2016. On 7th February 2018, PIKOM organised the Chinese New Year Dinner celebration at Sime Darby Convention Centre. The dinner was attended by MBAM Vice President and Chairman of ICT Committee, Mr Oliver Wee and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim.

The event besides being a celebratory affair also provided an opportunity for members of PIKOM to network with other industry players and guests. Chairman of PIKOM, Mr Ganesh Kumar Bangah delivered the welcome speech and wished all attendees a healthy and prosperous year of the Dog and hoped that members will continue to participate and support industry initiatives. MBAM is more than happy to attend such well organised events by our Affiliate Member and cherish the opportunity to continue to build our network and maintain our relationship with PIKOM.

MBAM Vice President, Mr Oliver Wee (1st from left) with the other PIKOM guests



PERSATUAN PEMBINA PORT DICKSON'S 49TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND CHINESE YEAR NEW CELEBRATION

The Port Dickson Builders Association's 49th Anniversary Dinner celebration was held on 11th February 2018 at the Duke Restaurant in Lukut, Port Dickson. MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Vice President, Mr Oliver Wee, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong and I attended the dinner.

MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee in his opening speech thanked Port Dickson Builders for the invitation. He then gave a short briefing on the Malaysian economy which is expected to maintain a 5.5% growth, supported by the many government projects such as the East Coast Rail Line, MRT Line 2 and 3, Pan Borneo Highway and numerous Perumahan Rakyat projects. He projected that construction projects will achieve RM180 billion in year 2018.

He highlighted that despite such rosy outlook, there are many challenges facing the industry such as issues of levy of foreign workers borne by employers, as well as requirements of accreditation for all skilled workers and supervisors. Mr Foo cautioned that there are penalties for failure to adhere to it. He urged all contractors to quickly apply for accreditation for their workers and supervisors and seize the current offer of reduced fees charged by CIDB. Other issues touched by Mr Foo were on the proposed adjustment of the minimum wage which would increase the cost of doing business. He said that MBAM has been engaging the government on this issue. He also invited all present to participate in the IBS Seminar 2018 which will be organised by CIDB and MBAM on 28th March 2018 in conjunction with the MII E'18.



Mr Foo Chek Lee receiving a souvenir from the President of the Port Dickson Builders Association. Accompanying Mr Foo was Mr Dennis Tan.



During the 'Yam Seng' session

To commemorate the occasion, an exchange of memento was performed by MBAM President and President Port Dickson Builders Association, witnessed by me.

INTERVIEW WITH FOCUS MALAYSIA

The Focus Malaysia writer, Ms Sonia Ramachandran paid a visit to MBAM to interview MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee on 13th February 2018 at the President's room. The interview revolved around the labour issues. To recap, the E-Card (enforcement card) programme for unregistered foreign workers ended on 30th June last year and the rehiring programme ended six months after that. At present, employers have to pay almost double to bring in legal foreign workers after absorbing all fees for recruiting the foreign workers.

In addition, the property sector are also facing a slowdown due to slow sales and stringent lending requirements. The construction fraternity are worried that these problem will lead to higher costs of doing business which will have a ripple effect to the consumer such as increase of property prices. It is important that the authority to set up a special council that consists of Government and industry players to look into the problems related to the industry and to come up with a solution that benefits both parties.



During the interview session

**MAJLIS
PENGHARGAAN DAN
PERLANTIKAN AHLI
MAJLIS NEGARA
BAGI KESELAMATAN
DAN KESIHATAN
PEKERJAAN TEMPORAL
2018 - 2021**

The National Council for Occupational Safety & Health (NCOSH) have appointed MBAM Council Member cum Chairman of Safety & Health Committee, Mr Michael Yap to represent MBAM as a part of their council member for three year from 1st February 2018 to 31st January 2021. The appointment of New Council Members and Appreciation Ceremony was held on 13th February 2018 at Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming also received his certificate of appreciation as a Past NCOSH Council Member from the Minister of Human Resources.



Mr Michael Yap officially appointed as one of the NCOSH Council member

**46TH BUILDING
INDUSTRY
PRESIDENTS'
COUNCIL (BIPC)
MEETING**

MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling and I attended the 46th Building Industry Presidents' Council Meeting held on 26th February 2018 at Wisma Real Estate Housing and Developers' Association, Malaysia (REHDA) Conference Room, Kelana Jaya, Petaling Jaya.

The meeting witnessed the handover of the Chairmanship of BIPC from REHDA, YBhg. Datuk Seri Fateh Iskandar Bin Tan Sri

Dato' Mohamed Mansur to Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM), Mr Foo Chek Lee effective from 26th February 2018.



The BIPC meeting

Some of the issues and matters discussed were as follows:-

- (i) Update on the Safeguard duties on rebar, steel wire rods and deformed bar in coils import – the duties will drop from 13.42% to 12.27% with effect from 14th April 2018.
- (ii) The Government has imposed anti-dumping duties on cold-rolled stainless steel in coils imported from The People's Republic of China, The Republic of Korea, Chinese Taipei and the Kingdom of Thailand steel manufacturers with effect from 8th February 2018 at various rates for a period of 5 years ending on 7th February 2023.
- (iii) Update on the CIDB Interview Sessions for Site Supervisor Accreditation – With effect from 1st February 2018 to 31st July 2018, CIDB Malaysia will be having a promotion rate at RM100.00 instead of RM200.00 per person for the each interview session. And for accreditation of skill worker (foreign worker) will be charged at RM270.00 per person instead of RM450.00. Accreditation of local workers are free of charge.
- (iv) CIDB has completed the Construction Industry Standard (CIS) 22 for Scaffolding in November 2017 and is now at the final stage of producing the CIS 23 for Falsework.

- (v) MBAM together with other industry stakeholders have jointly submitted a proposal on Holistic Management of Foreign Workers to the Government. The proposal was to establish a special Manpower Council that should comprise of representatives from the Government, industry players and trade unions for both labour / employer / employee to formulate national policies which include the hiring of local and foreign workers.



The handover of chairmanship for BIPC council from REHDA to MBAM

FELLOWSHIP NO. 2/2018

Laubros Holdings (M) Sdn Bhd sponsored the MBAM Fellowship No. 2/2018 which was held on 27th February 2018 at Mandala Café & Bar, Publika. The fellowship was well attended by 103 pax. The Managing Director of Laubros Holdings (M) Sdn Bhd, Dato' Lau Chuan Hoo and Vice President, Business Development, Datin Kelly Lau were also present during the fellowship. MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee delivered

the welcome speech and thanked the sponsor for their generosity and for being active in MBAM related activities. He also took the opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Chinese New Year. Datin Kelly Lau who delivered a speech on behalf of the sponsor welcomed everyone to the event. A token of appreciation was then presented to the sponsor after the speeches. Members were treated to beverages and finger food and took the opportunity to mingle with new and existing members.



One for the album



Group photo of fellowship attendees

OTHER KEY EVENTS ATTENDED BY MBAM REPRESENTATIVES IN FEBRUARY 2018 :-

2nd February 2018

Malaysia-China Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) Exchange Meeting on 3D Construction Printing with Green Print Technology Co. Ltd was attended by MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming and MBAM Graphic Designer cum Photographer, Ms Shahila Atika at Conference Room, MCCC, Jalan Metro Pudu, Kuala Lumpur.

6th February 2018

CITP TWG1/QSP No. 4 meeting was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee at Bilik Mesyuarat Seroja, Block A, Ministry of Works, Kuala Lumpur.

10th February 2018

Preview Session of PAM Standard Form of Building Contract 2018 was attended by MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee Member, Mr Steven Shee and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at Council Room, PAM Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

14th – 15th February 2018

CIDB's Research Project Workshop on Readiness of Construction Industry in Implementing Government Green Procurement (GGP) in Government projects was attended by the MBAM Environment and Green Technology Committee Member, Mr S. Ramesh V. Subramaniam at MAMPAN Seminar Room, Sunway Putra Tower, Kuala Lumpur.

20th February 2018

Kementerian Pendidikan Tinggi – Politeknik Ungku Omar Official Opening of the TRC Edu Centre was attended by

MBAM Vice President, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Bin Haji Mohd Zin and MBAM Council Member, Datuk Astaman Bin Abdul Aziz at TRC Edu Centre, Politeknik Ungku Omar, Ipoh.

21st – 23rd February 2018

Strategic Session Amendment of Uniform Building by Laws (UBBL) to Include Industrialised Building System (IBS) and Building Information Modeling (BIM) Implementation by CIDB was attended by Mr Shahrul of Setia Precast at Hotel Lexis, Jalan Seremban, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan.

22nd – 23rd February 2018

Higher Education Forum (HEF) 2018 Islamic Economies @ 4IR:WAQF Revival by Deputy Secretary General (Development), Ministry of Higher Education was attended by MBAM Vice President, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Bin Haji Mohd Zin, MBAM Council Member, Datuk Astaman Bin Abdul Aziz and MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan at Royale Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

22nd February 2018

Meeting with MATRADE CEO was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Dato' A K Nathan, MBAM Council Member, Dato' Ubull Din Om, IFAWPCA Project Director, Ms Soo Pei Ling and I at MATRADE, Kuala Lumpur.

24th February 2018

Chinese New Year celebration by the Federation of Chinese Associations Malaysia [Huazhong] was attended by MBAM Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee, MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Dato' A K Nathan, MBAM

Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim and I at Wisma Hua Zong, Seri Kembangan.

Malaysia-China Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) 2018 Chinese New Year Reception was attended by MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Dato' A K Nathan and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at Ballroom 1, The Federal Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

26th February 2018

Sesi Dialog Di antara PSMB dan Persatuan Industri, Majikan dan Pekerja Berkenaan Perluasan Liputan Akta PSMB, 2001 Kepada Semua Sektor Di Malaysia was attended by MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming, MBAM Human Resources Committee Member, Mr Mazlan Haron and MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan at Sime Darby Convention Hall, Kuala Lumpur.

The Royal Institution of Surveyors, Malaysia (RISM) Chinese New Year Open House 2018 was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee and MBAM Graphic Designer cum Photographer, Ms Shahila Atika at RISM Resource Centre, Petaling Jaya.

27th February 2018

Malaysia Productivity Corporation Session on initiatives for Non-Tariff measures was attended by MBAM Deputy Secretary General 1, Mr Ong Ka Thiam and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at PJ Hilton, Petaling Jaya.

Technical Committee Meeting No. 4 on Development on Construction Industry Standard (CIS) for Safe Use of Falsework and Formwork in Construction (WG CIS 23) was attended by MBAM Council Member cum Chairman of Safety and Health Committee, Mr Michael Yap at Diamond Meeting Room, Sunway Putra Tower, Kuala Lumpur.

SIRIM TC Meeting on Fastener was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at Bilik Gerakan, SIRIM Berhad, Shah Alam.

Malaysia Retails Chain Association's Chinese New Year Banquet 2018 was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee at Wisma Hua Zong, Seri Kembangan.

28th February 2018

SIRIM TC on Geotechnical Works was attended by MBAM Alternate Council Member, Mr Thomas Samuel at ISO Room, Building 3, SIRIM Berhad, Shah Alam.

Malaysia Steel and Metal Distributors Association (MSMDA) Chinese New Year Open House was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong and I at Perdana Ballroom, Bukit Jalil Golf Club, Bukit Jalil.

Yours faithfully,

MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA

DENNIS TAN

MBAM Secretary General

MBAM SITE SAFETY SUPERVISOR (SSS) COURSE TRAINING CALENDAR 2018

		2018			
STATES	CLASS	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
KUALA LUMPUR	FULL TIME		5 - 12	2 - 9	3 - 10
KUALA LUMPUR	WEEKEND	20 JAN - 11 FEB		7 - 29	
PENANG	FULL TIME		8 - 15		3 - 10
JOHOR	WEEKEND		20 - 27		7 - 14
KOTA KINABALU, SABAH	FULL TIME	1 - 8		26 APR - 3 MAY	
KUCHING, SARAWAK	FULL TIME		13 - 20		
MIRI, SARAWAK	FULL TIME	28 FEB - 7 MARCH			
BINTULU, SARAWAK	FULL TIME	30 JAN - 6 FEB		10 - 17	

FULLTIME : 8.00 am to 7.00 pm

WEEKEND (Saturday & Sunday) : 8.00 am to 7.00 pm

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