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## FEBRUARY 2019 BULLETIN

As the month of Chinese New Year had just gone pass, MBAM started to keep up with all the events after Chap Goh Mei. I am pleased to share that MBAM Outreach Committee is continuing to organise its programmes this year as a way to strengthen the relationship between MBAM Members through the platform of sports and other activities.

MBAM's effort in organising such events depends on your support and generosity for the success of our Outreach programmes. The Committee wishes to invite MBAM Members to be part of the sponsors for the following events.

- I. Badminton / Table Tennis
- II. Futsal
- III. Darts & Pool
- IV. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Kindly get in touch with MBAM Secretariat at 03-7984 8636 for more information.

Now let us look at some of the event highlights for the month of February:

### COURTESY VISIT TO SEE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF WORKS, DATO' DR SYED OMAR SHARIFUDDIN BIN SYED IKHSAN

Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee; Council Member, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz; Assistant General Manager, Lee Siew Mei; and Senior Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley Salim paid a courtesy visit to see Secretary-General of Ministry of Works (MOW), Dato' Dr Syed Omar Sharifuddin Bin Syed Ikhsan, on 2<sup>nd</sup> February at the Ministry of Works, Kuala Lumpur.

MBAM is very grateful for the meeting as it gave MBAM an opportunity to highlight several critical issues that are currently faced by the construction industry players.

The following issues were briefed to him:

1. Cancellation/Deferment/Lack of Projects
2. Non-Payment Issues for Government Projects
3. Competition from Foreign Contractors
4. Support for Export of Construction Services Overseas
5. Human Resources and Foreign Workers Issues
6. Provision of a Fund for Construction Industry to Train for the Challenges of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0)



During the discussion with MOW Sec-Gen, Dato' Dr Syed Omar (middle), on his right was Datuk Astaman and left was Datuk Matthew



*Datuk Astaman presenting a memento to Dato Dr Syed, witnessed by Datuk Matthew*

The meeting was very significant as it was the first meeting with Dato' Dr Syed Omar Sharifuddin since he took office. MBAM hopes that this first meeting will pave way for more engagements with his office on various matters affecting the construction industry. These meetings will strengthen understanding regarding the construction industry and both are kept abreast with the development in the construction industry. Inevitably, it helps to foster relationship between MOW and MBAM especially with regards to the challenges faced by the construction industry.

Some key highlights of the meeting include payments are to be made according to contract terms and to expedite payments for current amount due to the construction companies. This will ensure continuity of the projects and subsequent timely completion of projects. MBAM also emphasised our concern on the management and recruitment of the foreign workers in the country.

MBAM appealed for the assistance of MOW to highlight the plight of contractors to the Government and relevant Ministries and that it is imperative that the MOW take cognisance of the issues raised and to look at the Malaysian construction industry in totality as an eco-system for the continuing growth of the industry to the next level.

Overall, it was a very productive meeting and at the end of the visit MBAM presented a souvenir to commemorate the visit to Dato' Dr Syed Omar.

## MEETING WITH SURUHANJAYA PERKHIDMATAN AIR NEGARA (SPAN)

On 20<sup>th</sup> February, a group of 17 delegates consisted of four associations including MBAM, Affiliate Members – Selangor & Kuala Lumpur Plumbing Association (SKLPA), Perak Plumber's Association (PPA) and non MBAM member Persatuan Tukang Paip Negeri Sembilan (PTPNS). The delegation were led by MBAM Vice President, Dennis Tan to meet with SPAN to deliver issues faced by members.

MBAM were represented by Vice President, Dennis Tan; General Manager, Michael Thong; Assistant General Manager, Lee Siew Mei; and Senior Assistant Manager, Leon Leong. SKLPA were represented by President Lock Mei Wai; Honorary Secretary, Yeaw Seng Kok; Committee Member, Goh Chee Seng; Assistant Honorary Secretary, Leong Hon Wah; and Member, Michael Chang. PPA were represented by President Lim Hock; Deputy President, Choo Kum Por; Vice President, Ho Chee Ming; Secretary, Yuen Keng Hoong; and Member, Yuen Jia Hui. PTPNS were represented by President, Tung Kong Min and Secretary, Aw Kok Hong.



*Group photo with SPAN CEO, Dato' Mohd Ridhuan Ismail; with MBAM Vice President, Mr Dennis Tan on his left*

On hand to receive the delegates from SPAN were Chief Executive Officer, Dato' Mohd Ridhuan Ismail; Director of Resource Planning and Engineering Services Division, Water Regulatory Department, Thomas Joseph Thomas; and Executive of Planning & Catchment Control Division, Sewerage Regulatory Department, Kishore Kumar A/L Arumugam.

After dispensing with the formality of introducing each other, Dennis Tan delivered and explained the issues faced by each association which included pressure gauge's calibration certificate, multiple meter stand, brand of valve, permit and licensing, site inspection and requirement, meter application, website complaining, standard contract between license plumber and contractor, refresher course for plumber etc. Dato' Mohd Ridhuan Ismail agreed to hold regular meetings for the betterment of the industry.



*Mr Dennis presenting a memento to Dato' Mohd Ridhuan to commemorate the visit*



## COURTESY VISIT FROM SELANGOR & KUALA LUMPUR PLUMBING ASSOCIATION (SKLPA), PERAK PLUMBER'S ASSOCIATION (PPA) AND PERSATUAN TUKANG PAIP NEGERI SEMBILAN (PTPNS)

After the courtesy visit to SPAN, MBAM received courtesy visits from Selangor & Kuala Lumpur Plumbing Association (SKLPA), Perak Plumber's Association (PPA) and Persatuan Tukang Paip Negeri Sembilan (PTPNS) to discuss on some of the issues pertaining to the construction industry. The visit was received by President, Foo Chek Lee; Technical Director, Ir Chuan Yeong Ming; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and General Manager, Michael Thong.



*President Foo presenting MBAM Coffee Table Book to PPA President, Lim Hock*

*President Foo presenting MBAM Coffee Table Book to PTPNS President, Tung Kong Ming*



*President Foo presenting MBAM Coffee Table Book to SKLPA President, Lock Mei Wai*



## BRIEFING BY CLAB ON FOREIGN WORKERS FOR G1-G3 CONTRACTORS PROGRAMME

MBAM Human Resource Committee in collaboration with Central Labour Exchange Centre Berhad (CLAB) held a briefing on foreign workers for G1-G3 contractors' programme on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at MBAM Training Centre. The briefing was delivered by Mohamad Irman Bin Mohamad Ibrahim, Regional Executive of CLAB.

Attending the briefing were MBAM Vice President and Chairman of the HR Committee, Dennis Tan; HR Committee member, Mazlan Haron; MBAM Technical Director, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming; MBAM Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; MBAM Secretariat Staffs and around 70 pax from MBAM member companies.



The briefing was well received by all the participants and they had a lot of questions for Irman during the Question & Answer session. MBAM and CLAB received a lot of feedbacks from the briefing session and we hope some or all of the issues raised can be addressed going forward in order to support and drive the Malaysian construction industry forward in these trying times.

*Briefing by Irman*

## WAKE AND FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MBAM HONORARY LIFE PRESIDENT, THE LATE TAN SRI DATO' LOW KENG HUAT

MBAM representatives received news of the untimely demise of MBAM Honorary Life President, the late Tan Sri Dato' Low Keng Huat on 20<sup>th</sup> February and the following attended the wake services on 21<sup>st</sup> February at Nirwana Memorial Life Centre, Kuala Lumpur: President, Foo Chek Lee; Honorary Advisor, John Tong; Deputy Secretary-General 1, Ong Ka Thiam; Treasurer-General, Kenneth Liew; Past Council Member, Ng Kit Heng; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; General Managers, Michael Thong and Lenny Lim; and Senior Assistant Manager, Leon Leong.

The following MBAM representatives also attended the funeral service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February also at Nirwana Memorial Life Centre, Kuala Lumpur: President, Foo Chek Lee; Council Member, Au Yong Yoke Lin; General Manager, Lenny Lim; Assistant General Manager, Lee Siew Mei; Senior Manager, Chai Min Fung; Senior Assistant Manager, Leon Leong; and Senior Accounts and Admin Executive, Tan Lee Teng.

There is a special satisfaction that comes from serving a cause greater than yourself. For the late Tan Sri, we know they were not just words, they were the creed that he lived by. The late Tan Sri had served and contributed to the construction industry through his active involvement in MBAM. He was the President from 1972 to 1979 and was conferred the MBAM Honorary Life President Award in September 2015. It is without a doubt that through his involvement in MBAM, he has contributed significantly to strengthen and build up MBAM and the construction industry.

During the late Tan Sri's tenure in MBAM, the late Tan Sri had participated actively in assisting members in facing the hardships and challenges, as well as championing the issues related to construction industry to be brought up to the attention of respective authorities and Government bodies. In fact, in 1973, under the late Tan Sri's leadership, MBAM succeeded in persuading the Government to include a fluctuation clause in Government contract during the 1973 construction price spiral. Suffice to say he contributed greatly to MBAM and the construction industry as a whole and we shall always remember him and may his departed soul rest in peace eternally.

## CLOSED-DOOR ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON INDUSTRIALISED BUILDING SYSTEM (IBS) ADVANCEMENTS TECHNOLOGY

REHDA Institute, the research and education arm of the Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association of Malaysia (REHDA) organised a Closed-door Roundtable Discussion on Industrialised Building System (IBS) Advancements Technology with the objective to bring together industrial expert from all over the region, business leaders and senior representatives of related industries to understand on the trend of the use of IBS technology as well as the issues and challenges that the industry players faced in Malaysia.

Fong Fatt Kee, Technical Head at Setia Precast Sdn Bhd and General Manager, Lenny Lim attended the event on behalf of MBAM on 21<sup>st</sup> February at Wisma REHDA. The Chairperson for the event was President of REHDA Malaysia, Dato' Soam Heng Choon.

The meeting discussed the benefits of IBS such as reduction of labour costs, shorter completion period, higher controlled quality of end products as well as cleaner and safer working environment. However, the meeting also agreed that there are many issues and challenges in the implementations of IBS. The challenges include IBS compliance towards high-rise and low-rise development, regulations in renovation/proper guideline, BIM implementation guidelines, supply chain processes as well as fire and electrical regulations from Fire Department.

There is also expectations to manage from developers and contractors regarding standardisation and tolerances, transportation and site accessibility, financial support and regulation support amongst others. Other matters discussed include tax incentives and funds to further promote IBS in the industry.

## MBAM GRADUATE ALUMNI LUNCHEON GET TOGETHER

The luncheon get together was hosted by Chairman of Graduate Alumni Committee cum Deputy Secretary-General 2, Yeoh Keong Yuan with the purposes of engaging with graduate alumni informally and to obtain suggestions on activities that interest them. The luncheon was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at JW Marriott Hotel Kuala Lumpur. The invitation was also extended to all MBAM scholarship recipients and students of work based learning programme under Politeknik Ungku Omar.

President, Foo Chek Lee; Deputy Secretary-General, Ong Ka Thiam; Treasurer-General, Kenneth Liew; Council Member cum Deputy Chairmen

*Yeoh during his welcome speech*





of Graduate Alumni Committee - Au Yong Yoke Lin and Wilson Ang; Council Member, Nalla Sundran; and Honorary Advisor, Dato' Ir. Tan Kia Loke attended the luncheon get together. Foo, Dato' Ir. Tan and Yeoh in their speeches, articulated an overall history of MBAM and its vision and simultaneously shared on the objectives of MBAM scholarship. Foo advised them to embrace new construction technology as country move towards the Fourth Industrial Revolution 4.0.

The Council and secretariat staff took the opportunity to share with the alumni members and students about MBAM activities and their working experiences. Corporate video, highlights of 44<sup>th</sup> IFAWPCA Convention and MBAM activities videos were shown during the luncheon to give them an insight into the works entailed till MBAM became what it is today. They were also informed that as a member of MBAM, he or she is part of an international fraternity namely IFAWPCA and ACF under the umbrella of MBAM.



*Yeoh (third from left) and Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling together with alumni and students*



*Group photo at the Graduate Alumni Luncheon*

## SEMINAR & BUSINESS MATCHING IN JAPANESE INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGIES

The Seminar & Business Matching in Japanese Infrastructure Technologies organised by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of MBAM and supported by MBAM was held on 26th February 2019 at Double Tree by Hilton, Kuala Lumpur. The guest of honour for the event was Ir. Mat Rosly Mat Daud, Under Secretary, Highway Planning Division, Ministry of Works Malaysia.

Also present at the event were Deputy Director, International Policy Division, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Kenichiro Maruyama; Special Representative for International Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Masayoshi Isono; International Strategy Office, International Policy Division, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Hiroki Mochizuki; and Second Secretary, Economic Section, Embassy of Japan in Kuala Lumpur, Koichiro Kanematsu.



*from left: Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; President, Foo Chek Lee; Ir. Mat Rosly Mat Daud; Masayoshi Isono*



President, Mr Foo Chek Lee was invited to deliver the opening remarks. Also in attendance from MBAM were Council Member, Ir. Chee Weng Loon; Technical Advisor, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming; and MBAM Secretariats. Around 150 people attended the event including MBAM members.

*Product demo by one of the participating Japanese companies*

The event started with presentation from 10 different Japanese companies. The companies were:-

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. AMCON Inc.                   | 6. Japan System Planning Co. Ltd.              |
| 2. Asahi-Techno Co. Ltd.        | 7. Nihon Base Co. Ltd.                         |
| 3. FUMIN Co. Ltd.               | 8. PALMHOLZ Co. Ltd.                           |
| 4. Hanshin Engineering Co. Ltd. | 9. TOYO KENSETSU KOHKI Co. Ltd.                |
| 5. ISEKI POLY-TECH Inc.         | 10. Transportation Research Institute Co. Ltd. |

This was followed by lunch and business matching sessions whereby the attendees were given the opportunities to get to know more about the products and services offered by the participating Japanese companies.

MBAM hopes that all the participants especially MBAM members capitalised on the numerous opportunities present at seminar to interact, network and explore possible areas of collaboration.

Prior to the Seminar, MBAM received a Courtesy Visit by Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) and Embassy of Japan on 25<sup>th</sup> February and it was received by President, Foo Chek Lee; Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj Mohd Zin; MBAM Secretariat; myself and the representative from MLIT and Embassy of Japan together with Lo Hsiang, Programme Coordinator of Accenture Japan Ltd. The visit was held in thanking MBAM for the support given to the Seminar & Business Matching in Japanese Infrastructure Technologies organised by MLIT on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

*President Foo presenting MBAM  
Coffee Table Book to Masayoshi Isono*



## OTHER KEY EVENTS ATTENDED BY MBAM REPRESENTATIVES IN FEBRUARY 2019 :-

### 11<sup>th</sup> February

MITI & Agencies Networking Session to Celebrate Chinese New Year 2019 was attended by Assistant General Manager, Lee Siew Mei at Perdana Hall, MITI Tower, Kuala Lumpur.

Fedelis & Dropbox CNY Lunch Get Together was attended by Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and Senior Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley bin Salim at Pullman Bangsar.

“Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Teknikal Pembangunan Standard Industri Pembinaan Bagi Perumahan Kebangsaan Bil. 4” was attended by General Manager, Michael Thong at Hotel Seri Pacific Kuala Lumpur.

### 13<sup>th</sup> February

“Majlis Taklimat Dan Penyerahan Geran Bantuan Kewangan Perkeso Kepada Institusi Dan Badan-Badan NGO” was attended by Council Member cum Deputy Chairman of Safety & Health Committee, Alec Chong; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and Assistant Manager, Ida Fatmawati binti Md Ghazali at Menara Perkeso, Kuala Lumpur.

On the night of 13<sup>th</sup> February, President Mr Foo Chek Lee hosted a MBAM CNY Dinner for Council Members and Secretariat Staffs at Restaurant Oriental Maju Palace, Kuala Lumpur. The night was filled with laughter and joy as there was tossing of “Yee Sang” and karaoke session.

### 14<sup>th</sup> February

CLAB-Mesyuarat Lembaga Pengarah Bil. 1/2019 was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee and Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj Mohd Zin at Menara Milenium, Kuala Lumpur.

“Majlis Mesra Tahun Baru Cina TNB 2019” was attended by Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and Manager, Mohd Farhan bin Mohammad Din at Dewan Serbaguna, Kompleks Sukan TNB.

Trans Resources Corporation Sdn Bhd (TRC) CNY Hi-Tea 2019 was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee; Vice President, Steven Shee; Deputy Sec-Gen 1, Ong Ka Thiam; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; General Manager, Lenny Lim; Assistant General Manager, Lee Siew Mei; Managers, Mohd Farhan bin Mohammad Din, Jess Lim and Lim Jong Joan; Senior Assistant Managers, Mohd Fadzley bin Salim and Mohd Hanif bin Ismail; and Assistant Manager, Ida Fatmawati bin Md Ghazali at Sufri Hall, TRC Headquarters.

### 15<sup>th</sup> February

eTRADE Consultation Day was attended by Manager, Mohd Farhan bin Mohammad Din and Senior Assistant Manager, Mohd Fadzley bin Salim at Menara MATRADE, Kuala Lumpur.

Huazong Annual Spring Festival Celebration was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee; Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee; Vice President, Dennis Tan; Deputy Sec-Gen 2, Yeoh Keong Yuan and General Manager, Lenny Lim and I at Wisma Huazong, Seri Kembangan.

Malaysia Steel and Metal Distributors’ Association (MSMDA) CNY Open House was attended by Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and General Manager, Michael Thong at Copper Mansion, Petaling Jaya.

### 16<sup>th</sup> February

Malaysia-China Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) Lunar New Year Celebration 2019 was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee and General Manager, Lenny Lim at The Federal Kuala Lumpur.



**17<sup>th</sup> February**

Selangor & Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur Kin Cho Hong Chinese New Year Celebration was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; General Managers, Michael Thong and Lenny Lim; Assistant General Manager, Lee Siew Mei; Senior Manager, Chai Min Fung and Senior Assistant Manager, Leon Leong at Selangor & Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur Kin Cho Hong, Jalan Pudu, Kuala Lumpur.

**18<sup>th</sup> February**

Opening Ceremony of Molecor (SEA) Sdn Bhd was attended by Senior Assistant Manager, Leon Leong at HYPRO PVC-O Manufacturing Plant, Molecor (SEA) Sdn Bhd, Kuantan, Pahang.

Meeting with CIDB on QCLASSIC was held at Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room attended by the Technical & IBS Committee members, Datuk Kow Choong Ming, Nalla Sundran, Dato' Ir. Laxana Naidu, Ir. Quah Beng Teong, secretariat staffs and the representatives from CIDB were led by Senior Manager of Technology Division, Mohd Faizal.

Seminar on Building & Construction "Developing the Best Practices" in collaboration with Malaysia Board of Technologists (MBOT) was held at PLYTEC BIM Centre, Puchong attended by Technical Director, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming; secretariat staffs Michael Thong, Lee Siew Mei, Chai Min Fung, Mohd Farhan bin Mohammad Din and Muhammad Fadzley bin Salim. The seminar was presented by the experts on the 3 essential technology development focuses of the Building & Construction Technology Field (BC-TF) such; IBS, BIM and OSCHIM.

**19<sup>th</sup> February**

Launching Ceremony of National Wages Index was held at Dewan Serbaguna, Kementerian Sumber Manusia, Putrajaya officiated by Minister of Human Resources Malaysia, YB Tuan M. Kula Segaran and attended by Vice President and Chairman of Human Resources Committee, Dennis Tan; Committee Member, Mazlan Haron; and Manager, Mohd Farhan bin Mohammad Din.

ASLI 'Til Eleven' Morning Insights with the Deputy Director General of National Centre for Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption (GIACC), Prime Minister Office, Datuk Dr Anis Yusaf Yusoff was attended by General Manager, Lenny Lim at Sunway University Campus, Petaling Jaya.

Event Mobile Apps on how to engage with attendees, exhibitors, VIPs and speakers as well as how to increase sponsorship opportunities was attended by Senior Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley bin Salim at DoubleTree by Hilton – The Intermark, Kuala Lumpur.

**20<sup>th</sup> February**

Seminar on Intelligent Buildings, BAS and Green Data Centres was attended by Assistant General Manager, Lee Siew Mei at UOA Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur.

**21<sup>st</sup> February**

Event Management Technology on how to manage your association members, how to save time and money when organizing your events, and how to do effectively event ROI reporting was attended by Vice President, Steven Shee and Senior Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley bin Salim at DoubleTree by Hilton – The Intermark, Kuala Lumpur.

Review Project 16D002R2 MS1135: Float Glass Specification was attended by General Manager, Michael Thong at Department of Standard in Cyberjaya.

**22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival 2019's Roundtables on Greening Malaysia was attended by Assistant General Manager, Lee Siew Mei at PAM Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

**25<sup>th</sup> February**

Kingsley Strategic Institute (KSI) – International Conference on Greater KL & Putrajaya was attended by Council Member, Chong Tat Yam; Assistant General Manager, Lee Siew Mei; and E&G Committee, Gan Wah Lian at Palace of the Golden Horses, Seri Kembangan.

**27<sup>th</sup> February**

"Majlis Anugerah Cemerlang Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (KKP) Kebangsaan 2018" was attended by Council Member, Michael Yap at Movenpick Hotel & Convention Centre, KLIA.

**28<sup>th</sup> February**

Building Materials Distributors Association of Malaysia (BMDAM) 2019 Chinese New Year Dinner was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling, General Manager, Michael Thong and I at Celestial Dynasty, Petaling Jaya.

Malaysia Retail Chain Association (MRCA) CNY Banquet 2019 was attended by Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee at Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa, Petaling Jaya.

*Yours faithfully,*

**MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA**

**ERIC YONG SHANG MING**

*Secretary-General*

## **INVITATION FOR COMMENT: SIRIM - PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE DRAFT GREEN RATING FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND NON-RESIDENT FACILITIES**

We are pleased to inform that JKR and SIRIM are currently in the final stage of developing an industry standard on "Green Rating for Residential Buildings and Non-residential Facilities" (*Penarafan Hijau bagi fasiliti bangunan kediaman dan bukan kediaman*). The Standard serve as a guidelines to the construction industry with the following objectives:

- assessing the sustainability of a building project;
- providing a comprehensive and appropriate strategies towards the implementation of the project in a sustainable manner;
- create awareness and to promote sustainable development
- to provide guidelines to all parties involved with green rating

The draft is now being circulated for public comment till early April 2019. A copy of the draft is available for download at the following link.

<http://www.sirimsts.my/index.php/stakeholders-consultation>

Members are welcome to provide comments and views before the final draft is being published.

Kindly provide your comment(s) to Ms Lee Siew Mei at [mbam05@mbam.org.my](mailto:mbam05@mbam.org.my) on/before **31<sup>st</sup> March 2019** for our necessary compilation.

## INVITATION OF SPONSORSHIP FOR THE 65<sup>TH</sup> MBAM ANNIVERSARY DINNER ON 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2019 AT SUNWAY RESORT HOTEL & SPA

For the past six decades, Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) have represented the Malaysia construction industry during various key phases on its path to reach its status today as *"The Prime Mover and Recognised Voice of the Construction Industry"*. Today, we are proud to announce that MBAM plays an important role towards the development and advancement of the construction industry in this country by being a single unifying voice to the relevant government authorities and various professional bodies.

In order for MBAM to serve our members and the construction industry better, various fund raising activities are being organized yearly. We are pleased to inform that the **65<sup>th</sup> MBAM Anniversary Dinner is set to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 at the Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa**. On behalf of MBAM, I would like to take this opportunity to invite Members to support this fund raising for MBAM Building Fund by taking up one of the following sponsorship:-

| SPONSORSHIP CATEGORY | SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT              |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Platinum             | RM30,000 (Thirty Thousand Only) |
| Gold                 | RM20,000 (Twenty Thousand Only) |
| Emerald              | RM10,000 (Ten Thousand Only)    |

For enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact our Assistant General Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei at +603-7984 8636 or e-mail [mbam05@mbam.org.my](mailto:mbam05@mbam.org.my).

Thank you for the contribution and support in advance.

### MBAM APPEAL FOR EXEMPTION ON SALES AND SERVICE TAX "SST" ON "PRESTRESSING" MATERIALS USES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

We would like to update MBAM members on the status of MBAM's appeal to Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD) for an exemption on Sales and Service Tax (SST) on "Prestressing" materials use in the construction industry.

We are pleased to inform members that we have received a notification dated 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 from RMCD that they considered our appeal and **with effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019, "Prestressing" HS Code 7312.10.91 00 is now reduced to 5% duty from 10 %.**

For clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact: General Manager, Mr Michael Thong or Senior Assistant Manager, Mr Leon Leong at 03 7984 8636.