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I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a prosperous New Year and a great Welcome to the first bulletin this year. As part of MBAM's drive to meet the government's aspiration and construction industry's needs, MBAM looks forward to provide more trainings and hold more events in 2020 in collaboration with members and other organisations. We started the year with the 15th Intake of MBAM Lifting Supervisor Training, MBAM Fellowship No.1/2020, MBAM Charity Project 2020 and the courtesy visit by the Association of Certificated Master Craftsmen and Constructors from Iceland. I hope MBAM members will continue to lend your support towards our activities.

I also take this opportunity to wish members celebrating the new lunar year a very Happy Chinese New Year.



Eric Yong
MBAM Secretary General



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MBAM Events

MBAM Mediation Talk at Persatuan Kontraktor India Malaysia

MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee organised a talk at Persatuan Kontraktor India Malaysia (PKIM) office on 11 January that was attended by some 54 PKIM members. PKIM President, Dato' Sri Sukumar Sobrayalu thanked MBAM in his welcome speech for sharing its knowledge with PKIM members. MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee Member, Chan Kheng Hoe in his presentation on "Mediating Construction Disputes" gave an overview of the benefits of mediation and the initiative to promote MBAM Mediation Services. He also briefed the attendees on MBAM Mediation Rules and the fees. He encouraged PKIM members to consider MBAM Mediation Services as another option in dispute resolution. MBAM General Manager, Lenny Lim was at hand to assist in Chan's presentation.



PKIM President, Dato' Sri Sukumar presenting a souvenir to Chan

MBAM Charity Project 2020



Council Members and Secretariat who spent time at Rumah Charis

Some 20 Council Members with secretariat staff led by President, Foo Chek Lee visited the Rumah Charis – Home for the Children ("the Home") on 18 January at Taman Yarl, Kuala Lumpur. This is part of MBAM's effort to give back to the communities. The Home is a welfare organisation that offers social services that provide spiritual guidance, shelter, education and healthy community activities since 1993.

In President Foo's speech, he thanked Assistant Operations Manager of the Home, Andrew Lim for making the relevant arrangement for MBAM to visit the home. The children reciprocated with Happy Chinese New Year when President Foo wish them at the end of his speech. Lim who spoke on behalf of the Home, shared on the history of the home and its initiatives to provide shelter, education for the children as well as to nurture their inner talents. He thanked MBAM for spreading joy to the children and hope more organisation will come forward to lend their support to The Home.

President Foo then presented some red packets and was joined by other Council Members who distributed out bags and goodies to all the children. The donation collected was contributed into buying essential households items for the Home's usage. It gave us sheer joy to see smiles on the face of the children. Their vibrancy spoke volumes.

I would like to thank all the Council Members who contributed in one way or another for this charity project and as the saying goes "a little goes a long way", so I hope with our little gestures will provide the children a lasting joy.





MIH Delegates Group Photo

Courtesy Visit by the Association of Certificated Master Craftsmen and Constructors in Hafnarfjordur, Iceland (MIH) to MBAM

The Association of Certificated Master Craftsmen and Constructors in Hafnarfjordur, Iceland (MIH) led by Chairman of MIH (district Associations Hafnarfjordur), Jón Þórðarson paid a courtesy visit to MBAM on 31 January. They were greeted by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee; Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee; Council Member, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and secretariat staff.

The MBAM corporate video was played to the nine members delegation to introduce MBAM to the MIH delegation after President Foo's opening remarks to welcome them. Key Account Manager-Construction Industries, Friðrik Ág Ólafsson gave a short brief on MIH since its establishment in 1968. He explained that the largest employer's organisations in Iceland are from manufacturing, construction and creative industries with some 1,400 companies and 800 independents companies within the construction branch. The discussion then moved on to activities conducted by MBAM and the construction industry in Iceland. Some of the challenges faced by both are the extreme fluctuation in construction activities and a substantial build-up in the demand for new housing. The meeting ended with an exchange of mementoes and group photo.

MBAM Fellowship No.1/2020



Tan Sri Sufri presenting a token of appreciation to Iurilli, accompanied by Ong

MBAM Fellowship No.1/2020 was held on 17 January at Muito! Bom Brazilian BBQ Restaurant at Nexus, Bangsar South, Kuala Lumpur. The fellowship sponsored by Jotun Paints (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd attracted 95 participants. In Managing Director of Jotun Paints (Malaysia), Claudio Iurilli's speech, he thanked MBAM members for supporting the event. MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 1 and Chairman of MBAM Fellowship Committee, Ong Ka Thiam also conveyed MBAM appreciation to Jotun Paints (Malaysia) for the sponsorship of the event in his speech before a presentation of souvenir to Iurilli by MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj Mohd Zin.



During the tossing of Yee Sang

Pre-Briefing on Technical Working Group on Government Procurement



During the pre-briefing

President, Foo Chek Lee; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and General Manager, Lenny Lim met with representatives of PEMUDAH Secretariat namely Deputy Director, Wan Fazlin Nadia Wan Osman and Assistant Manager, Rabia'tul Hana Ishak on 8 January in MBAM Secretariat office to have a discussion before the actual briefing to PEMUDAH on 17 January 2020. PEMUDAH will clarify the correction and validation on the various number of procedures and days in the various phrases of contracting and report to the main PEMUDAH committee.

MBAM Training

MBAM Lifting Supervisor Training, 15th Intake

In continuance with MBAM efforts to uplift the professional standard of construction personnel, MBAM initiated trainings that catered to industry needs, of which one of them is Lifting Supervisor.

MBAM Lifting Supervisor Training, 15th Intake was successfully held on 14 and 15 January at Trans Elite Group premises. A total of 17 participants attended the training. The training was jointly organised with MBAM Affiliate Member, Malaysia Mobile Crane Owner's Association (1987) with the support from the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), Malaysia.

Day-1 of the training focused on the technical knowledge which is required for trainees to apply and perform during the lifting activities. Day-2 of the training was conducted at the ground with practical lifting activities. Trainees applied their technical knowledge into the actual lifting actions where communication with other lifting team members such as slingers, riggers and crane operator were carried out effectively.



Participants during the practical lifting activities



Participants of the 15th Intake

Events attended by MBAM

CIDB Workshop on Carbon Emissions in Malaysia's Construction Industry – Stakeholder Consultation

MBAM Environment & Green Technology Committee Member, Gan Wah Lien attended the above workshop on behalf MBAM held on 7 January. The research study will be jointly conducted by CIDB Malaysia and TNB Research Sdn Bhd with the aim to identify the base line of carbon emission for the construction industry in Malaysia; from the production of building materials to construction sites and potential activities to reduce the carbon emission.

The workshop discussed on the carbon emission assessment for Malaysian construction industry and potential work frame for Malaysia's incentives and disincentives programme for Malaysian construction industry. The final report of the research will be finalised sometime in May 2020.



Group photo at the workshop

The Engagement Session on Steel Wire Mesh

The session held on 14 January at SIRIM's office was jointly organised by SIRIM QAS International and Malaysian Iron and Steel Industry Federation, MISIF and was attended by MBAM General Manager, Michael Thong.

Senior General Manager of SIRIM QAS, Hj Basori Selamat welcomed all the participants and outlined the objectives of the engagement session and emphasized on the importance of production and usage of certified wire mesh in the construction industry. The usage of such mesh can lead to construction productivity, safety and quality. In addition, manpower and construction time can be greatly reduced.

The first presenter, Senior Manager of CIDB Standard and Construction Materials Division, Zaini Bin Yahya recaptured the CIDB Act 520 and its empowerment. He reminded producers and users

of the steel wire mesh to always comply with the Act to avoid punitive action by CIDB. He urged the usage of wire mesh with Perakuan Permatuhan Standard (PPS) certification only. The second presenter, Head of Quality Occupational Safety & Health & Environment (QOSHE) of SIRIM QAS International, Fauziah Ahmad detailed out the common non-conformance in the steel wire mesh such as no bar marking, no MS marking, nonstandard size of steel bars. She further highlighted the punitive measures for such offence ranging from suspension and withdrawal of the SIRIM Certification. In addition, QOSHE also conduct market surveillance to check on other products besides the wire mesh product. The last presenter, representing SIRIM QAS, Wan Mohd Ramzi Bin Wan Puteh explained on the certification process of wire mesh to MS145:2014. It covers from all aspect of the manufacturing process of wire mesh production to the end certified product.

Seminar on Industry4WRD Incentives

Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)'s seminar on 20 January held at Perdana Hall, MITI Tower was attended by MBAM General Manager, Lenny Lim. The seminar on Industry4WRD Incentives was launched by MITI Deputy Minister, YB Dr Ong Kian Ming. Followed by presentation on Industry4WRD related incentives with the objective to increase awareness on incentives such as Readiness Assessment, Intervention Fund, Domestic Investment Strategic Fund (DISF) and Automation Capital Allowance (ACA).

In response to the Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR 4.0), the Industry4WRD: National Policy on Industry 4.0 was launched on 31 October 2018 to drive digital transformation of the manufacturing and related services sectors in Malaysia. Trained assessors will help applicants understand their readiness for Industry 4.0 and make recommendations on where to start transformation. The benefits of this process are mainly to identify areas of improvement in terms of people, process and technology. The applicant can also receive comprehensive readiness report and be entitled for financial incentives. MITI is targeting 450 small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to undergo the government-funded National Policy on Industry 4.0 (Industry4WRD) Readiness Assessment (RA) programme this year. Last year, 508 SMEs were selected to undergo the programme, out of 849 applications. MITI, Deputy Minister, YB Minister Dr Ong Kian Ming said the programme aims to help SMEs assess their readiness for Industry 4.0. The Government has allocated RM43 million for Industry4WRD-related programmes.

Technical Working Group Meeting on "Kajian Pelaksanaan Model Kecemerlangan Kolej Vokasional Berteraskan Industri (MyKVI)"

MBAM was invited by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) to be in one of the panel working groups to a meeting on 7 January at Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, UKM Bangi to discuss on the new development of Industrial Based-Vocational College. UKM was appointed by Ministry of Education to conduct a research to find solutions and direction towards producing and supplying the right talents from vocational college to the industry. The meeting was attended by MBAM Manager, Mohd Farhan.



Group photo at the discussion

Focus Group Dialogue (FGD) Session on "Kajian Pelaksanaan Model Kecemerlangan Kolej Vokasional Berteraskan Industri (MyKVI)"



During the discussion with Ong on right

The FGD held on 14 January at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) Bangi was held to discuss and deliberate on the mechanism and the strategic goals which covers Governance, Training Partnership, Curricula, Facilities, Funding, and Information System. The workshop was attended by Kdr (B) Ong Lam Seng from GAMUDA Engineering Sdn Bhd, a MBAM member company and MBAM Manager, Mohd Farhan.

Other Key Events Attended by MBAM

7 January

Department of Statistics (DOS) Technical Committee (TC) Meeting on Cement Products was attended by General Manager, Michael Thong at Jabatan Standard Malaysia, Cyberjaya, Selangor.

8 January



CIDB Certified Construction Manager (CCM) Programme Working Group (WG) Meeting was attended by Manager, Mohd Farhan at CIDB PWTC, Kuala Lumpur.

9 January

DOS TC Meeting on the Household Fittings & Building Products was attended by General Manager, Michael Thong at DOS's office, Cyberjaya, Selangor.

Lighthouse Club Kuala Lumpur (LHCKL) January 2020 Get Together was attended by General Managers, Lenny Lim and Michael Thong at Jarrod & Rawlins, Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur.

10 January

MBAM and LHCKL: Meeting on MBAM Safety and Health Awards was attended by Safety and Health Committee Chairman cum Council Member, Michael Yap and Secretariat staff.

11 January



Persatuan Ampunya Jentera Pembinaan Berat Malaysia 28th Anniversary Dinner was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee; Deputy Secretary-General 1, Ong Ka Thiam; and Council Member, Chong Tat Yam at Ideal Convention Centre, Selayang.

13 January

Developing Construction Safety Culture Index in Malaysia by NIOSH was attended by Safety and Health Committee Chairman cum Council Member, Michael Yap at Office of Occupational Safety and Health Management, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Seri Kembangan, Selangor.

DOS TC Meeting on Steel Bars, Wire Rods & Wire Products was attended by General Manager, Michael Thong at DOS's office, Cyberjaya, Selangor.

DOS National Standard Committee Building Construction & Civil Engineering (NSCD) Meeting was attended by General Manager, Michael Thong at Jabatan Standard Malaysia, Cyberjaya, Selangor.

15 January



Kedah Contractors & Building Material Suppliers Association 48th Anniversary Dinner was attended by Council Member, Alvin Yeow and General Manager, Michael Thong at Restoran Kaw Loong, Alor Setar, Kedah.

16 January

Lunch with Media (The Edge) was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee; Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee; Chief Executive Officer and Publisher of The Edge Media Group, Dato' Ho Kay Tat; editors from The Edge, representatives of A Pen Media Sdn Bhd; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and Secretariat staff.

17 January

First Meeting of Technical Working Group on Government Procurement was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee at Ministry of Finance, Putrajaya.

20 January

DOS WG on Ceramic Tile was attended by General Manager, Michael Thong at Jabatan Standard Malaysia, Cyberjaya, Selangor.

21 January

Meeting with CIDB on N3C was attended by Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; General Manager, Michael Thong and Senior Assistant Manager, Leon Leong at CIDB PWTC, Kuala Lumpur.

30 January

SOCSCO Briefing and Presentation of SOCSCO Financial Assistance Grant to NGOs 2020 was attended by Deputy Chairman Safety & Health Committee, Alec Chong; Senior Manager, Chai Min Fung and Admin Officer, Siti Nur Fatin Najihah at Menara PERKESO, Kuala Lumpur.

31 January



President, Foo Chek Lee hosted a MBAM CNY Dinner for Council Members and Secretariat staff at Unique Seafood PJ23, Petaling Jaya.



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