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COURTESY VISIT BY MALAYSIA-CHINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (MCCC)



Presenting a token of appreciation to commemorate the visit by MCCC

The Malaysia China Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) paid a courtesy visit to MBAM on 5th July 2017. The objective of the visit was to share on the upcoming 7th Malaysia-China Entrepreneur Conference (MCEC 2017) organised by MCCC and scheduled to be held on 25th November 2017 in Kuala Lumpur. MCCC was represented by MCCC Vice President, Mr Ngan Teng Ye, MCEC 2017 Organising Chairman, Mr Bryan Chong, MCEC 2017 Deputy Chairman, Mr Ong Chee Meng, MCEC 2017 Committee Member, Mr Adrian Leong, Mr Ng Yi Shing, Mr Teow Jenn Yong and MCCC Vice Executive Secretary, Ms Foo Yoke Teng.



Meeting in session

November 2018 and invited MCCC to participate in the event. Overall, it was a productive meeting with both parties hoping to have better collaborations in the future.

Chairing the visit from MBAM was MBAM Deputy President cum Chairman of MBAM International Affairs Committee, Tan Sri Dato' A K Nathan. Also in attendance were MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei and MBAM IT and Admin Executive, Mr Muhammad Fadzley. Tan Sri A K Nathan took the opportunity to introduce the fact that MBAM will be hosting the 44th IFAWPCA Convention in

THE CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT (COCD) PROGRAMME FOR TRADE SUPERVISOR (FOREMAN), 1ST INTAKE (JOHOR BAHRU) & 9TH INTAKE (KUALA LUMPUR)

A presentation of certificate of competence was held on 6th July 2017 at Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room for successful participants of the Construction Occupational Competency Development (COCD) Programme for Trade Supervisor (Foreman) Programme. Present at the event was MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming, JMBA President, Ir. Sim Tian Liang, Senior General Manager, CIDB Malaysia (Contractors & Personnel Development Sector), Mr Mohd Nazli Ahmad Mahyadin, MBAM Council Member, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, Fellow Assessors, Dr Yeow Yoon Foo, Mr Andrew Ong, Mr Michael Thong, Mr Wong Khin Yip, Mr Ho Chee Leong and MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling.

The Construction Occupational Competency Development (COCD) Programme for Trade Supervisor (Foreman) 9th

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intake was successfully conducted from 14th March 2017 to 18th May 2017 at MBAM Training Centre. Meanwhile, the 1st intake in Johor Bahru was successfully held on 19th February 2017 to 9th April 2017 at Johor Master Builders Association (JMBA) Secretariat's office. A total of 35 participants were selected to take part in the programmes. Since the commencement of this programme in 2013, MBAM and CIDB have trained 170 foremen/ trade supervisors. The programme was organised for the first time in Johor Bahru with the collaboration with the Johor Master Builders Association (JMBA).

The following trainees received the "Certificate of Achievement" for the following categories:

1TH INTAKE (JOHOR BAHRU)

Certificate of Achievement (With Distinction)

No.	Name	Company
1	Fong Chen Khien	Sin Sin Construction Sdn Bhd
2	Mak Yeh Shyan	Sin Sin Construction Sdn Bhd



During the presentation ceremony

Certificate of Achievement (With Most Improvement)

No.	Name	Company
1	Mohamad Amirudin bin Hishamudin	Kalsari Jaya Sdn Bhd
2	Mohamed Amir bin Mohamed Farouk	Sin Sin Construction Sdn Bhd
3	Na Kwee Chiew	Repute Construction Sdn Bhd
4	Tong Jia Hui	Kalsari Jaya Sdn Bhd

9TH INTAKE (KUALA LUMPUR)

Certificate of Achievement (With Distinction)

No.	Name	Company
1	Chin Loon Jia	MITC Engineering Sdn Bhd
2	Sukri bin Hassan	Bina Puri Holdings Bhd

Certificate of Achievement (With Merit)

No.	Name	Company
1	Adam Tuah bin Mustafa	Bina Puri Holdings Bhd
2	Ahmad Faid bin Jamalun Arifin	Premier Construction Sdn Bhd
3	Chow Chee Leong	Siab (M) Sdn Bhd
4	Ho Chee Wah	Icomar Jaya Sdn Bhd
5	Susilekumar A/L Thamotaran	Eversendai Construction Sdn Bhd

Certificate of Achievement (With Most Improvement)

No.	Name	Company
1	Chow Yew Sang	MITC Engineering Sdn Bhd



Group photo of the assessor and the trainees

MBAM would like to congratulate all trainees and wish them the very best in their future undertaking. Please look forward for the upcoming intake in the near future!

SESSION 5: CONTRACTUAL ISSUES AND TERMINATION AND DETERMINATION

The fifth instalment of the collaboration with Sr. Ong Hock Tek of BK Entrust for the year continued with Session No. 5 held on 6th July 2017 at MBAM Training Centre. The session was attended by 48 participants. The following matters were discussed in the

training with reference to previously published articles in Master Builders Journal:

Contractual Issues

- Can a Letter of Intent be construed as an enforceable contract? (4Q 07)
- Design and Build Contracts - implications and limitations. (4Q 11)
- Ground Conditions - mysteries unravelled? (3Q 11)
- What is Fit for Purpose and its implication? (2Q 10)
- Condition Precedent – issues and implications (4Q 16)
- Termination and Determination
- Is Determination of employment and Termination of contract the same in meaning and implications? (2Q 08)
- Can the contractor's employment be determined or its contract terminated upon substantial completion of the works? (3Q 10)
- Is the late payment a ground for Determination or Termination? (3Q 08)
- Introducing Dispute Resolution Advisor System to overcome disputes in Malaysia. (1Q 16)



Sr. HT Ong conducting the seminar



Overall the programme continued to be a success with members exposed to more information and updates related to previously published articles in The Master Builders Journal. It is hoped that more members will sign up for the final session of the programme scheduled to be held on 24th August 2017.

Among the participants of the seminar

MBAM EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW

MBAM Education Fund Scholarship Interview was held on 10th July 2017 at MBAM Secretariat Office. The panel of assessors and interviewers were Chairman of Education Fund Board of Management (BoM), Mr Chua Siow Leng; Education Fund Board of Management Members, Prof. Dr. Selvaraj Oyyan Pillay and Associate Prof Nor Ainah Bt Abdullah; MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong.

MBAM received a total of 72 application but only a total of 15 students were invited for the Interview Session. From that, a total of 13 students were shortlisted to receive the MBAM Education Fund Scholarship for this year.



The interview session

The candidates for the MBAM Education Fund Scholarship Interview

4 DAYS PROFESSIONAL INDUSTRIALISED BUILDING SYSTEM (IBS) TRAINING

MBAM IBS committee organised a 4 days professional IBS training on 10th-11th July 2017 and 17th-18th July 2017 at MBAM Training Centre. The Chairman of IBS Committee cum MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming, officiated the opening ceremony

of the training. He also attended the training with MBAM Council Members, Mr Chong Tat Yam and Mr Lau Yew Mun. CIDB subsidised a total of 32 participants to attend this training. The participants need to fulfil the criteria of having at least a degree related to construction industry and have been working in the construction industry for not less than 5 years.



Ir. Dr. Mukhtar Che Ali leading modules no. 1, 3 and 5

The training was led by Ir. Dr. Mukhtar Che Ali. He was previously the General Manager of Construction Material Division of CIDB, where he retired in April 2016. Ir. Dr. Mukhtar Che Ali conducted the Modules 1, 3 and 5, while Ar. Abu Zarim Abu Bakar, Pertubuhan Akitik Malaysia (PAM) Council Member and Ir. Saiful Adli Abdul Karim, member of Institute of Engineering Malaysia (IEM), conducted training for module 2 and 4 respectively.



Among the participants of the training

MBAM SCAFFOLDING COURSE 26TH INTAKE (LEVEL 1 – BASIC)

- ◆ 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 and 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.

Representatives from Industry Centre of Excellence (Construction Cluster), Fakulti Kejuruteraan Awam & Sumber Alam, Universiti Malaysia Pahang led by Dr Haji Mohd Yuhyi bin Mohd Tadza conducted a courtesy visit to MBAM on 11th July 2017 at Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room. Representatives from MBAM were MBAM Vice President



The representatives from Industry Centre of Excellence (Construction Cluster)

and Chairman of MBAM Education Committee, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri bin Haji Mohd Zin, MBAM Senior Assistant Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan bin Mohammad Din, MBAM Assistant Manager, Mohd Hanif Ismail, and MBAM Admin Officer, Nor Azlina binti Teh Hassan.



Exchanging tokens of appreciation

The meeting started with an introduction of ICOE as Ministry of Higher Education's signature programme and its role and function. ICOE act as matchmaker between graduates and industry. Its aim is to produce better quality graduates that can meet industry needs (demand driven). ICOE provides additional trainings (soft skills, technical, communication, specialised/tailor made trainings) to graduates to meet industry's needs. It has successfully trained around 4,200 graduates from various university/polytechnics all over Malaysia. Training programmes facilitated by ICOE include: Apprentice program, CIDB certification (BOM, IBS, SHASSICS etc.), Site safety supervisors (3S), Safety officers (Green

book), Industrial Environment Officers (IEO), Offshore construction certification, Project planning, scheduling & control, Fire safety engineering, BIM certified modelers, Geotechnical modelers, Hydrological modelling.

POLITEKNIK UNGKU OMAR 46TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY

The 46th Convocation Ceremony for Politeknik Ungku Omar (PUO) was held on 12th July 2017 at Politeknik Ungku Omar, Ipoh. MBAM Vice President and Chairman of MBAM Education Committee, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri bin Haji Mohd Zin was given the honour to present the Bachelor Degree, Diploma and Special Certificates for Civil Engineering students at the first session of the Convocation ceremony.

Present at the event were Director of PUO, Major (Hon) Dato' Haji Md Nor bin Yusof, Head of Civil Engineering Department, Mr Che Norazman bin Che Wan, as well as other senior officers of PUO. Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri was given the opportunity to present the special awards to 4 deserving students namely Ms Fariza binti Zainal, Ms Dayang



Nurashreen Muneera binti Awang Mahmud, Mr Wan Mohd Syukran bin Zainal Abidin and Ms Fatinah Hazwani binti Ahmad Fitri. Also present at the ceremony is the MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Mohd Hanif Ismail.

With the special awards recipients

MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA (MBAM) - PERTUBUHAN AKITEK MALAYSIA (PAM) - SELANGOR BRICKS FACTORIES ASSOCIATION (SBFA) DIALOGUE

The meeting was held on 12th July 2017 as requested by SBFA to have a tripartite dialogue between MBAM, SBFA and PAM with the objectives to understand and find solution relating to the decline of the usage of clay bricks in the construction industry.

SBFA President, Datuk Yap Yee Chong mentioned that of late they noticed a decline in the usage of clay bricks and a changeover to other materials such as light weight concrete blocks and cement sand bricks. He reiterated on the quality of clay bricks over cement sand bricks and light weight



During the discussion session

concrete blocks. Ar. Steven Thang concurred on the quality of clay bricks such as high compressive strength and durability, excellent fire and weather resistance, good thermal and sound insulation. Like himself, most senior architects had no qualm to specify clay bricks in their projects. On the flip side, cost, tonality, sizing, substandard clay bricks, unskilled bricklayers were the factors that contributed to the decision by Developers and Architects to choose substitute materials.

The participants deliberated on the issues raised by Ar. Steven Thang and concluded that the bricks manufacturers should not offer for sale the substandard clay bricks but instead destroy it, this is to protect the image and quality properties of clay bricks. It was also noted with the new technology such as the usage of robotic and tunnel kiln adopted in the brick manufacturing process, sizing problems was very minimal and on the tonality issue it was identified the cause came from the raw materials. On issue of unskilled bricklayers, Ar. Steven Thang cited examples of out of alignment wall and thick plastering. It was agreed that CIDB should strictly enforce the schedule 3 in which only accredited bricklayer can take up the profession and work at site and this would

eliminate the poor quality of workmanship. Moving on to the issues of substitute materials it was noted that the light weight concrete block systems were mainly proprietary system and as such interchangeability was an issue as compared to standard sized clay bricks. Cement sand bricks was noted to be less durable than clay bricks.

In summing up the meeting it was agreed the way forward was for SBFA to draft up a method statement on brick laying which then can be used as the construction standard for brick laying. In addition SBFA should also consider to contribute articles on clay bricks in the PAM magazine and exhibit the products in the PAM exhibition hall. SBFA was in favour of the suggestions.



Group photo with the representatives of SBFA and PAM

THE MBAM VISIT AND DIALOGUE SESSION WITH PERSATUAN KIN CHO HONG NEGERI SABAH

During the discussion, MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee touched on issues of Human Resources Issues Affecting The Construction Industry; e.g. Levy And Training Of Foreign Workers. PKCHNS highlighted that most illegal workers from China started to work at the site before their CIDB green card were approved. In that sense, the workers from China had the advantage of working 6 months without CIDB green card being issued. PKCHNS presumed that this might be a special arrangement made for workers from China only. However, this was unfair to other workers who were not able to start work while waiting for the CIDB green card. PKCHNS hoped the Malaysian Government would look into this issue.

*At the Persatuan Kin Cho Hong
Negeri Sabah's secretariat Office*



MBAM 2-DAY SEMINAR ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH (OSH) AND WORKSHOP ON MOBILE ELEVATED WORK PLATFORMS (MEWPS) IN SABAH

Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) together with Sabah Builders Association (SBA) jointly organised the 2-day seminar on Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) and Workshop on Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWPs) on 13th-14th July 2017 at The Palace Hotel Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. The Seminar was held with the aim to enrich the standard of safety and health at construction work sites by creating awareness among the employers and construction site personnel on the importance of practicing high standard of occupational safety management at construction project sites. The seminar was officiated by the Director of Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH) Sabah, Tuan Mohd Zahari Bin Hitam as the Guest-of-Honour.

The 2nd day started with the Workshop on Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWPs) by Regional General Manager of IPAF, South East Asia & China, Mr Raymond Wat. This full day workshop is underlined on Product Knowledge and Awareness on Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWPs). The participants was educated on knowledge for investigation in the event of an accident at construction sites that related to MEWPs. Besides that, Mr Raymond also focused on knowledge for workplace Inspection that paramount on feasible safer alternatives available and acceptable way to work.



During the opening ceremony



The participants attending the 2-days seminar

**THE SABAH BUILDERS
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AND MASTER
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ASSOCIATION
MALAYSIA (MBAM)
COURTESY VISIT
TO IMMIGRATION
DEPARTMENT,
SABAH BRANCH**

manufacturing and plantation, in which construction industry had many trades such as bricklayers, carpenters, bar benders, tilers etc. However, the workers for each trade were used only for a partial duration of the whole project. The current policy of paying a full year levy for the partial duration of work of the workers imposed a heavy burden to both the employer and employees. Thus, it was proposed that a monthly or quarterly levy payment to be looked into as this would mitigate the cost of levy and any savings could be passed onto the *rakyat* in the building of affordable houses.

MBAM, SBA and Sabah Construction Workers Welfare Association paid a visit to the Sabah Immigration Department on 14th July 2017. The objectives of the visit and discussion were to highlight on the issues of illegal foreign workers, quota system, high rehiring fees, and on the shortage of construction workers which is affecting mega projects such as the Pan Borneo highway.

Next, SBA President, Mr Lou Chi Nam elaborated on the programme of the rehiring illegal foreign workers which in his opinion was a failure due to the high fees charged. This makes it not affordable in the current economic uncertainties especially for the small time contractors. In addition, he touched on the peculiarity of the construction trade as compared to other sectors such as



Discussion between MBAM and the Immigration Department

MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee in addressing the Sabah Immigration Director, Tuan Musa Bin Sulaiman, touched on the E Card programme, and the rehiring programme in the context of Peninsular Malaysia. He cited examples of the function CLAB in the rehiring programme and urged that a similar agency to be set up over in Sabah. He elaborated on the function of the Centralised Labor Quarters, which besides offering the foreign workers a decent living accommodation, can also be used to contain them in a centralized zone for easy manning purposes.

Sabah Immigration Director, Tuan Musa Bin Sulaiman agreed that the rehiring program fees were on the high side and whilst the proposal to adopt a flexible levy payment scheme would be beneficial for the construction industry, he reiterated that some policies were beyond his authority to change. He informed that Sabah immigration laws differed from the peninsula, for example the E card was not applicable in Sabah. He added that the Jabatan Tenaga Dan Buruh was the authority to approve the quota for hiring foreign workers and Sabah Immigration in Kota Kinabalu have weekly meetings to execute the paper work according to the approved quota. As a way forward, he suggested for the SBA to engage with the Chief Minister's office, the Jabatan Buruh dan Tenaga and CIDB for a dialogue in order for all parties involved to come out with a direction for Sabah Immigration to follow.



Presenting a token of appreciation to Sabah Immigration Director, Tuan Musa Bin Sulaiman

MBAM BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The MBAM Publications & Outreach Committee successfully organised the MBAM Bowling Tournament for the first time on 15th July 2017 at Sunway Mega Lanes, Sunway Pyramid. A total of 39 teams (of 4 players each) participated in the Tournament. Attending the events were MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri A K Nathan, MBAM Vice President and Chairman of MBAM Publications & Outreach Committee, Mr Chung Soo Kiong, and MBAM Council Member, Mr Nalla Sundran.

After intense bowling playing the Sunway Construction (B) team emerged as champion winning RM1,000.00 in cash and trophies. IJM Construction (A) team emerged as 1st runner up winning RM700.00 and trophies, followed closely by Gamuda Berhad (A) team winning as the 2nd runner up, with RM500 in cash prize and trophies. Mr Ajah Maidien from Sunway Construction won the prize of RM300.00 cash and trophy as the Best Male Player while the Best Female Player title went to Norashikin Alladin from Sunway Construction, winning RM300.00 in cash and trophy.



One of the players in action during the tournament

The Committee wishes to thank all Sponsors that have contributed towards the event namely TSYL Vision Sdn Bhd, Lotus Power Corporation (M) Sdn Bhd, Infocon Engineering Sdn Bhd, Coppertech Controls Sdn Bhd, Pekat E&LP Sdn Bhd, Gentlelite Electrical Trading Sdn Bhd, Eaccess Engineering, and S.K. Wawasan Sdn Bhd.



Next outreach event will be the MBAM Fellowship No. 3/2017 and MBAM Darts & Pool Competitions to be held on 8th Sept 2017 at the Merchant Pub, Armada Hotel. Anyone interested to join can contact MBAM Secretariat Staff in charge, **Mr Mohd Hanif** at 03-7984 8636 or email mbam17@mbam.org.my cc **Ms Nor Azlina binti Teh Hassan** at mbam07@mbam.org.my

The winners of the MBAM Bowling Tournament

SIGNING CEREMONY OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA (MBAM) AND PERSATUAN AKITEK MALAYSIA (PAM) FOR MBAM ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) and Persatuan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) for the Architectural Design Competition for the new MBAM Centre on 20th July 2017 at Lounge 2, Hall 2, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre was attended by 53 attendees including MBAM Council Members, MBAM Affiliates Members Representatives and PAM representatives.

The Memorandum of Agreement aims to seek the best architectural design solution for the building that reflects the ambition of MBAM for the Centre to be the home of MBAM and also the venue for the Centre of Building Excellence in Malaysia. MBAM have purchased a piece of land in Persiaran Harmoni, Putra Heights for the purpose of the building of the MBAM Centre. This Memorandum of Agreement is not only a way to strengthen the existing professional ties between both associations, but the cooperation is also important for the exchange of information, experience, knowledge and

best practices involving competition management.



Among the MBAM council members present at the signing ceremony

Representing MBAM at the signing ceremony was MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee witnessed by MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Dato' AK Nathan while PAM was represented by PAM President, Ar. Ezumi Harzani Ismail and PAM Past President and Convenor of the Competition, Ar. Saifuddin Ahmad. Chief Executive of Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia, YBhg. Dato' Ir Ahmad 'Asri Abdul Hamid and PAM Past President on Council and President of International Union of Architect-UIA, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Ar. Haji Esa Haji Mohamed were also on stage during the signing ceremony to witness the historic event.



The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing ceremony between MBAM and PAM

This MOA does not only focus on the competition as well as sharing expertise, but also to pave the way for both association to work together on the promotion and organization of the competition. The winners of the competition are eligible to receive the following prizes:-

- 1st Prize Winner - RM100,000 and Certificate
- 2nd Prize Winner - RM35,000 and Certificate
- 3rd Prize Winner - RM15,000 and Certificate
- Two Honorary Mention - RM5,000 and certificate each

The Competition is open to all Corporate Members of PAM who are registered with Lembaga Arkitek Malaysia (LAM) (as of 31 January 2017).

MALACCA BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION (MBCA) NEW BUILDING FUND RAISING NIGHT

MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong represented Master Builders Association Malaysia to the Malacca Building Contractors Association (MBCA) Building Fund Raising Night on 29th July 2017 at Zhong Hua Sharkfin Seafood Restaurant.

MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee in his speech congratulated MBCA for reaching another milestone after having successfully purchased their own building. He relayed MBAM's similar experience in the purchased of a piece of land in Putra Height to build its own building. He praised the joint activities of MBCA and MBAM in working together for the betterment of the industry. Moving on to reiterate the issue of illegal workers, he urged employers quickly

to submit their rehiring application to MBCA or to MBAM direct to avoid being cheated by agents. He prompted the MBCA members present to be ready for the implementation of the Government's proposal to enforce the ruling that private projects of RM50M value and above mandatory must adopt IBS system and achieve an IBS score of 50 percent in three years' time. In concluding his speech, he wished MBCA all the best and informed the audience of MBAM's contribution of RM5,000 to the MBCA building fund.

44TH INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ASIAN & WESTERN PACIFIC CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATIONS (IFAWPCA) CONVENTION PROMOTIONAL VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINE CONSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION (PCA)

Newly elected IFAWPCA President, Datuk Matthew Tee, IFAWPCA Secretary-General, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming, MBAM Vice President, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Bin Haji Mohd Zin, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei and Ms Carmen Chu from Bina Puri Holdings Bhd paid a courtesy visit to the Philippine Constructors Association (PCA) on 27th July 2017. The purpose of the visit was to promote the next 44th IFAWPCA Convention which is scheduled to be held from 12th – 16th November 2018 in Kuala Lumpur.

Upon arrival in Manila, MBAM delegation were invited to attend the monthly PCA Membership Meeting and Dinner on 27th July 2017 at the Shangri-la Makati Hotel. PCA President, Mr Dante



The meeting in progress

M. Abando, PCA Past President & IFAWPCA Executive Director, Mr Levy Espiritu and approximately 100 PCA members gave a warm welcome to our delegation. Datuk Matthew Tee were invited to deliver a short speech at the said event. In his speech,

he was thankful to PCA for providing such a wonderful platform for MBAM to promote the 44th IFAWPCA Convention. He further highlighted that MBAM is looking forward to welcome PCA to Kuala Lumpur where many exciting events have been planned by the Organising Committee. To show their support to MBAM, PCA President Mr Dante M. Abando has pledged to send at least 70-pax delegation to the 44th IFAWPCA Convention in 2018.

Datuk Matthew Tee and MBAM team also took the opportunity to visit the IFAWPCA Secretariat and have the 1st Management Meeting with the



Group photo with PCA members



Secretariat staffs on 28th July 2017. The purpose of the meeting was to update and report on the progress of action taken and necessary follow-up action by the various Committees since the last board meeting in June 2017 at the 43rd IFAWPCA Convention in Seoul, Korea.

With representatives of the PCA

MBAM GOLF TOURNAMENT

The MBAM Golf 2017 with the theme “Golf is Fun” was held on 29th July 2017 at Kota Permai Golf & Country Club (KPGCC), Selangor. There were 128 players for a total of 32 flights in the 18-point shotgun start tournament which teed off at 8:00 am. MBAM Golf is organized annually with the aim to promote sporting spirit and further strengthen the relationship

between MBAM and its members as well as a platform to make new friends and business acquaintances in the private and public sectors.

The following were the winners for this year’s event:

Overall

Placing	Name	Handicap	Score
Champion	Mr. Norhisham	10	37
1st Runner Up	Mr. Lee Eng Loeng	18	37
2nd Runner Up	Mr. Terence Leong	20	35
3rd Runner Up	Mr Ng Keong Wee	24	35
4th Runner Up	Mr Pongsat Padukon	11	34



The winner of the MBAM Golf Tournament 2017

Novelty

Novelty	Hole	Name	Distance
Longest Drive	1	Mr. Ang Keng Hong	244m
	18	Mr Terence Leong	272m
Nearest To Line	8	Mr Taw Sow Fong	3 inches
	12	Mr Richard Lim	8 inches
Nearest To Pin	4	Mr Ishak Nengah	4 ft 8 inches
	14	Dato Tan Choon Hoo	6 ft 8 inches

As there is no winner for the Hole-In-One Prize, Transview Golf Sdn Bhd has agreed to sponsor one of the Hole-In-One prize, 14 sets of TC606 Shimada Shaft Iron Set as lucky draw prizes.

Players who did not win the main prizes were entitled to win Golf Equipment, Electrical Appliances and Medals or Cash Vouchers worth RM200 each.

MBAM Golf 2017 – Golf is Fun also have a presentation of prizes to the winners of the Stickers Game. The winners were as follows:-

Placing	Name	Cash Prizes
1st Prize	Ms Adillah Halim	RM1,500
2nd Prize	Ms Sharon	RM800
3rd Prize	Ms Amira Natasha	RM500

In conclusion, it was indeed a memorable event this year as all players have a good and entertaining fun day out golf game, matching our theme, Golf is Fun!

The VIP Players



Group photo of the players before tee-off

MBAM EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION

The presentation of the MBAM Scholarship Awards 2017 was held on 29th July 2017 at Kota Permai Golf and Country Club (KPGCC) in conjunction with the MBAM Golf event. MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee and I presented the MBAM Education Fund Scholarship Awards worth RM10,000 per annum to 4 recipients and the MBAM – Koon Yew Yin MBAM Education Fund Scholarship Awards to 3 recipients. President of Lighthouse Club Kuala Lumpur, Mr Roderick Noble was at hand to present their Lighthouse Club scholarship to 1 recipient, Mr Lingeswara A/L Soundarajan. Independent Non-Executive Director of Mitrajaya Holdings Berhad, General (R) Tan Sri Ismail Bin Hassan presented the Pembinaan Mitrajaya Sdn Bhd scholarship to 1 more recipient, Mr Goh Wang Siang.

Next, MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee and I presented the MBAM Education Fund Grant Awards valued at RM5,000 per annum to 4 recipients.

A total of 13 students received the Scholarships and Grants this year. The recipients were:

MBAM Education Fund Scholarship Awards (RM10,000) per annum

- Chau Thin Yee; Bachelor of Quantity Surveying (UM)
- Heng Ji Yong; Bachelor of Quantity Surveying (UM)
- Rafhanah Binti Razid; Executive Bachelor in Construction Management (IPD-OUM)
- Yong li Yan; Master of Architecture (UPM)



The recipients of the MBAM Education Fund Scholarship 2017

MBAM – Koon Yew Yin MBAM Education Fund Scholarship Awards (RM10,000) per annum

- i. Lee Jin Hao; Bachelor of Civil Engineering (UM)
- ii. Leong Vicky; Bachelor of Quantity Surveying (UM)
- iii. Mohamad Ikhwan Nizam Bin Ahmad; Bachelor of Quantity Surveying (UM)

MBAM – Lighthouse Club Kuala Lumpur Education Fund Scholarship Awards (RM10,000) per annum

- i. Lingeswara A/L Soundrarajan; Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (UTP)

MBAM – Pembinaan Mitrajaya Sdn Bhd Education Fund Scholarship Awards (RM10,000) per annum

- i. Goh Wang Siang; Bachelor of Civil Engineering (UM Sabah)

MBAM Education Fund Grant Awards (RM5,000) per annum

- i. Muhammad Asnawi Bin Shaari; Bachelor of Quantity Surveying (IIUM)
- ii. Nor Aqila Binti Azme ; Bachelor of Civil Engineering(UKM)
- iii. Vikness A/L Krisnanmoorthy; Bachelor of Civil Engineering (UTHM)
- iv. Yap Tat Hong; Bachelor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (UM)

In addition, MBAM also presented a cash reward of RM5,000.00 for MBAM Scholarship Recipient who graduated with the First Class Honours. The recipient for this award this year was Ms Chin Yi Ming who graduated with the Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (UNITEN). The reward serves as an incentive for all existing scholarship recipients to strive harder and excel in their studies.

OTHER KEY EVENTS ATTENDED BY MBAM REPRESENTATIVES IN JULY 2017 :-**5th July 2017**

MBAM Vice-President Mr Oliver Wee and I attended the Building Materials Distributors Association of Malaysia (BMDAM) 30th Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner that was held at TPC Kuala Lumpur (formerly Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club). MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong attended the dinner.

OUM Hari Raya Open House was attended by MBAM Vice President and Education Committee Chairman, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri bin Haji Mohd Zin, MBAM Education Committee Deputy Chairman, Mr Andrew Ong, MBAM Council Member, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Mohd Hanif bin Ismail at Dewan Merdeka, PWTC, Kuala Lumpur.

10th July 2017

CITP Thrust Working Group on Productivity (CITP-TWG3/P) was attended by MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Dato' AK Nathan on behalf of MBAM Immediate Past President, Datuk Mathew Tee at Bilik Mesyuarat Kuala Lumpur, Level 5, PWTC, Kuala Lumpur.

11th July 2017

CIDB Malaysia & its subsidiaries' Hari Raya Aidil Fitri Open House was held at CIDB Convention Centre, Jalan Cheras Kuala Lumpur. It was attended by MBAM President Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee, MBAM Deputy President, YBhg Tan Sri Dato' A K Nathan, MBAM Vice Presidents, Mr Oliver Wee and Mr Chung Soo Kiong and Secretariat staff, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Assistant General Managers, Mr Michael Thong and Mr Lenny Lim, MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei, MBAM Accounts & Admin Manager, Ms Jess Lim Gek Sim, MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Mohd Hanif bin Ismail, MBAM PA to Executive Director, Ms Lim Jong Joan; MBAM IT & Admin Executive, Mr Muhammad Fadzley bin Salim, MBAM PR Executive, Ms Tessa Abdul Hamid; MBAM Accounts & Admin Executives, Ms Tan Lee Teng and Ms Jasmine Lai Kar Yan, MBAM

Executive Officer, Ms Abbie Ng, MBAM Admin Officer, Ms Nor Azlina binti Teh Hassan and Ms Alice Lai Lee Kien as well as MBAM Receptionist cum Accounts & Admin Assistant, Ms Nurul Amirah bte M. Nasir.

KLIA College Hari Raya Open House was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee and MBAM Council Member and Chairman of Safety and Health Committee, Mr Michael Yap, MBAM Manager, Ms Chai Min Fung, MBAM Senior Assistant Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan bin Muhammad Din, MBAM Senior Executive Officer, Ms Ida Fatmawati binti Md Ghazali and MBAM Admin Assistant, Fadhirah Aqilah binti Mokhtar at Sherwood Hotel, Bangi.

13th July 2017

Malaysian Institute of Planner Hari Raya Open House was attended MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim and I at Taman Tasik Komuniti, Jalan PJU7/24, Kelana Jaya, Petaling Jaya.

Focus Group on Registering Property (FGRP) Meeting No. 4/2017 was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at Bilik Mesyuarat Sri Meranti, Aras 4, Podium, JKPTG.

REHDA Hari Raya Open House was attended by MBAM Vice President, Mr Oliver Wee and MBAM PR Executive Ms Tessa Abdul Hamid at Wisma Rehda, Petaling Jaya.

14th July 2017

CITP-IWG19/Q5-Integrity Meeting was attended by MBAM Vice President, Mr Oliver Wee at Bilik Mesyuarat Resak, Level 32, PWTC, CIDB Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Personnel Development and Contractors Sector of CIDB Hari Raya Open House was attended by MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei, MBAM Accounts & Admin Manager, Ms Jess Lim, MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Leon Leong, MBAM PA to Executive Director, Ms Lim Jong Joan, MBAM Accounts & Admin

Executive, Ms Tan Lee Teng, MBAM Admin Officers, Ms Nor Azlina binti Teh Hassan and Ms Alice Lai Lee Kien, MBAM Receptionist cum Accounts & Admin Assistant, Ms Nurul Amirah bte M. Nasir and MBAM Admin Assistant, Fadhira Aqilah binti Mokhtar at Level 35, PWTC, CIDB Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

15th July 2017

Persatuan Pembina Perak (Builders' Guild) Dinner was held at Sun Lee How Fook Restaurant at No. 96, Jalan Permaisuri Bainun (Jalan Kampar), Ipoh. MBAM Council Member and MBAM Affiliate Committee Chairman, Mr Eric Kuan and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim attended the dinner.

17th July 2017

Taklimat berkaitan Cadangan Penggubalan Rang Undang-Undang Penginapan Pekerja 2017 (Lanjutan daripada Pindaan Akta 446) & Pembentangan Draf Laporan Keberkesanan dan Kecukupan Undang-Undang & Peraturan Yang berkaitan Dengan Keselamatan Pembinaan was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Vice-President, Ir.Chuan Yeong Ming, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling and MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei at Seri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

ASLI's Corporate Malaysia Roundtable (CMR) on fighting corruption with Mr Bertrand de Speville, former Commissioner of Hong Kong Independent Commission Against Corruption (CAC) was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at Royal Lake Club (Perdana 1 & 2), Kuala Lumpur.

Working Group on Eco-labelling Product Criteria Document (PCD), ECO 21 – Natural and Synthetic Fibre Composites was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at CASCO Room, 3rd Floor, Building 3, Shah Alam.

18th July 2017

ASLI – 3rd National Economic Summit was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Dato' A K Nathan and MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 1, Mr Ong Ka Thiam at Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa, Petaling Jaya.

RISM's Hari Raya Open House was attended by MBAM Alternate Council, Mr Chandrasegran Uthirapathy at RISM Resource Centre, Lower Ground Floor, Bangunan Jurukur, Petaling Jaya. MITI & Agency Networking Session with Private Institution in Conjunction with Hari Raya Celebration 2017 was attended by MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei at Perdana Hall, MITI Tower, Kuala Lumpur.

19th July 2017

SIRIM Technical Committee Meeting No. 4/2017 on Wind Load was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at ISO meeting room, Sirim Berhad.

PAM's official opening of PAM Centre was attended by MBAM Council Member, Mr Mohd Razin Bin Ghazali at Dewan President, Level 2 PAM Centre, Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur.

19th – 22nd July 2017

Opening Ceremony of PAM's Archidex 2017 was attended by MBAM Council Member, Mr Lau Yew Mun at Room 301, Level 3, KLCC Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

20th July 2017

"60 minutes we are OSH Leader" in conjunction with KKP week celebration at Selangor state level was attended by MBAM Council Member and MBAM Safety and Health Committee chairman, Mr Michael Yap and MBAM Senior Executive, Ms Ida Fatmawati Binti Ghazali at Charlton Holiday Hotel & Suites, Shah Alam.

Ministry of Works Hari Raya Open House was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee at Kompleks Kerja Raya, Jalan Sultan Salahuddin, Kuala Lumpur.

24th July 2017

Majlis Ramah Mesra Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Pendidikan Politeknik was attended by MBAM Council Member, Datuk Astaman Bin Abdul Aziz at Ruang Legar Galeria PJH, Persiaran Perdana, Presint 4, Putrajaya.

CITP Initiative Working group on Intensify Contractors' Capacity and Capability Building (CITP-IWG20 I4- Contractor Development) was attended by MBAM Honorary Advisor, Datuk Kwan Foh Kwai and MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming at Bilik Mesyuarat Kempas, Level 32, PWTC, CIDB Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

MBAM collaboration with Johor Master Builders Association (JMBA) on Forum on Construction Issues (Human Resources, Materials & Workers) was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Human Resources Committee Member, Encik Mazlan Haron, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong, MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei and MBAM Executive Officer, Ms Abbie Ng at Double Tree Hilton, Johor Bahru.

25th July 2017

CITP initiative Working Group on Sustainable Practices meeting was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee at Bilik Mesyuarat, CIDB Malaysia, Menara Sunway Putra.

Focus Group on Dealing with Construction Permits (FGDCP) No. 4/2017 was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim and I at Dewan Mawar, Aras Basement, Perpustakaan Kuala Lumpur.

CITP Initiative Working Group on Intensify Contractors' Capacity and Capability Building – CITP – IWG20/I4 – Contractor Development was attended by MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming at Bilik Mesyuarat Kempas, Level 32, PWTC, CIDB Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Malaysia Mobile Crane Owners Association (1987) (MMCOA) and Construction Industry Board Malaysia (CIDB) regarding Green Card renewal Issues meeting was attended by MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong and MBAM Executive Officer, Ms Abbie Ng at Pulai Meeting room, Level 9, PWTC, CIDB Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

26th July 2017

Founding Ceremony of Malaysia Drymix Mortar Manufacturer's Association (MDMMA) was attended by MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong and MBAM Executive Officer, Ms Abbie Ng at Seri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

27th July 2017

CITP Initiative Working Group On Materials Standard In Construction CITP-IWG16/11b - Materials Standard Meeting No. 2/2017 was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at Bilik Mesyuarat Lembaga, Level 25, CIDB Malaysia, PWTC, Kuala Lumpur.

Yours faithfully,
MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA

DENNIS TAN
MBAM Secretary General

28th July 2017

Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) Dialogue Session with Investors & Stakeholders was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at Perdana Hall, Level 10, MIDA Sentral, Jalan Stesen Sentral 5, Kuala Lumpur.

MBAM SITE SAFETY SUPERVISOR (SSS) COURSE TRAINING CALENDAR 2017

		2017				
STATES	CLASS	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
KUALA LUMPUR	FULL TIME		6 - 13	9 - 16	13 - 20	11 - 18
KUALA LUMPUR	WEEKEND	5 - 27		14 Oct - 5 Nov		
PENANG	FULL TIME	16 - 23		6 - 13		13 - 20
JOHOR	WEEKEND	21 July - 6 Aug	8 - 24		17 Nov - 3 Dec	
KOTA KINABALU, SABAH	FULL TIME	17 - 24		20 - 27		
KUCHING, SARAWAK	FULL TIME		5 - 12		28 Nov - 5 Dec	
MIRI, SARAWAK	FULL TIME			4 - 11		
BINTULU, SARAWAK	FULL TIME	16 - 23			23 - 30	

Weekend (WE) Classes will be conducted on :

Saturday & Sunday : 8.00 am to 7.00 pm

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