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We had a significant number of events this month as we move closer to our biggest event of the year - the 44<sup>th</sup> IFAWPCA Convention that will be held from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018. MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee had the opportunity to meet the new Minister of Works, Malaysia YB Tuan Baru Bian to brief the Minister in more detail on the issues faced by MBAM members. We are delighted to announce the election results for the key office bearers and introduce MBAM Council Members for the term 2018-2020. I am Secretary-General, Eric Yong for this current term of June 2018 - June 2020. I hope that our members will continue to give the new Council Members and I your support and commitment to help drive the association forward.

## SMART LIVING WITH TAIWAN EXCELLENCE FORUM AT ARCHIDEX 2018

MBAM immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee gave a short talk on Smart Living with Taiwan Excellence Focus Forum in Archidex 2018 on 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. In the talk, Datuk Matthew Tee presented on the trends of smart living and said that the 21<sup>st</sup> century has seen an emerging trend of countries going for intelligent buildings and progressing towards smart cities. Smart living is generally a living in an environment that provides sustainable economic development and promotes a high quality of health and life for people in key areas like mobility, environment, people, living and government. However, smart living in the context of smart city development needs strong human capital, social commitment and a highly-developed ICT infrastructure as much of the smart city's components are ICT prompted. The all-encompassing aim is to enhance the quality of living for citizens through smart technologies. Besides talking about smart living, Datuk Matthew Tee also promoted the upcoming 44<sup>th</sup> IFAWPCA Convention to the attendees.



*Datuk Matthew Tee delivering the talk*

## INVITATION TO MEET MINISTER OF WORKS AT CIDB OFFICE

On the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018, MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee had an opportunity to meet the new Minister of Works, Malaysia YB Tuan Baru Bian at the Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB), Putra World Trade Centre. The meeting was very fruitful as the new Minister of Works Malaysia, YB Tuan Baru Bian was briefed on the workings of CIDB. MBAM will take the opportunity again in the future to brief the Minister in more details on issues faced by MBAM members and how the industry can move forward to take advantage of the opportunities present despite the challenging cost of doing business presently faced by contractors.

## MBAM HARI RAYA OPEN HOUSE 2018

MBAM Publications & Outreach Committee successfully organised MBAM Hari Raya Open House 2018 on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at the Persatuan Alumni UM (PAUM) Club House, Kuala Lumpur. The event was held after the election and swearing in of MBAM Office Bearers for term 2018 - 2020. It was attended by the Press Secretary to Minister of Works Malaysia, Tuan Abang Zulkifli Abang Engkeh, who represented YB Tuan Baru Bian as the Guest of Honour. The event also saw the attendance of other distinguished guests such as Chief Executive CIDB Malaysia, Dato' Ir. Ahmad 'Asri Abdul Hamid, Director General DOSH Malaysia, Tuan Haji Omar Mat Piah, and many other heads of related associations and companies. Approximately 180 people attended the event. The welcome remarks was delivered by the Organising Chairman, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and the opening speech was delivered by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee.

The event was sponsored by Trans Resources Corporation Sdn Bhd, Norwest Holdings Sdn Bhd and MMC Corporation Berhad. Also held during the Opening ceremony was the presentation of certificates to the 14 participants of the 10<sup>th</sup> Intake of the COCD programme in Kuala Lumpur and thereafter an exchange of Memorandum of Agreement between MBAM and IPD OUM on the extension of collaboration for the Executive Bachelor in Construction Management and Executive Bachelor in Construction Contract Administration programmes.

Overall the event went well and MBAM hopes to hold more outreach programmes for its members in the future.



*MBAM Hari Raya Open House was held after the election and swearing in of MBAM Officer Bearers for term 2018-2020 and was attended by the Press Secretary to Minister of Works Malaysia, Tuan Abang Zulkifli Abang Engkeh, representing YB Tuan Baru Bian as the Guest of Honour*

## SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICE BEARERS & COUNCIL

Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) elected the new office bearers for the term 2018 - 2020 on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

The following are the MBAM Council Members for the term 2018 - 2020:



*Swearing in new MBAM Council Members*

<b>President</b>	Mr Foo Chek Lee, Pembinaan Mitrajaya Sdn Bhd
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Datuk Matthew Tee Kai Woon, Bina Puri Sdn Bhd
<b>Deputy President</b>	Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin, Trans Resources Corporation Sdn Bhd
<b>Vice Presidents</b>	Mr Liew Hau Seng, IJM Corporation Berhad
	Mr Oliver Wee Hiang Chyn, Pasukhas Construction Sdn Bhd
	Mr Dennis Tan Soo Huang, Ocne Water Technology Sdn Bhd
	Dato' Ubull Din Om, Gamuda Berhad
	Mr Shee Boo Cheong, Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd



<b>Secretary-General</b>	Mr Eric Yong Shang Ming, Crest Builder Sdn Bhd
<b>Treasurer-General</b>	Mr Kenneth Liew Kiam Woon, LFE Engineering Sdn Bhd
<b>Deputy Secretary-General 1</b>	Mr Ong Ka Thiam, WCT Berhad
<b>Deputy Secretary-General 2</b>	Mr Yeoh Keong Yuan, Syarikat Pembinaan Yeoh Tiong Lay Sdn Bhd
<b>Council Members</b>	Mr Chong Tat Yam, Al-Ambia Sdn Bhd
	Ir. Au Yong Yoke Lin, Bauer (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd
	Mr Png Choon Yam, Bina Puri Sdn Bhd
	Dato' Sri Eric Kuan Khian Leng, Fajarbaru Builder Sdn Bhd
	Mr Ang Wei Zhen, Ikhmas Jaya Sdn Bhd
	Mr Lau Yew Mun, Ireka Corporation Berhad
	Ir. Chee Weng Loon, MMC Corporation Bhd
	Ir. Teoh Teik Thiam, Mudajaya Corporation Berhad

<b>Council Members</b>	Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, Norwest Holdings Sdn Bhd
	Dato' Alex Wee Cheng Kwan, Premier Construction Sdn Bhd
	Mr Fong Tet Yoong, Rooframes Resources Sdn Bhd
	Mr Michael Yap Kok Wai, Satujaya Sdn Bhd
	Datuk Kow Choong Ming, Setia Precast Sdn Bhd
	Ms Tan Zi Ni, Trans Elite Group Sdn Bhd
<b>Honorary Life President</b>	Mr Nalla Sundran, VSL Engineers (M) Sdn Bhd
	Datuk Lai Foot Kong, Ireka Corporation Bhd
	Tan Sri Dato' Low Keng Huat, Low Keng Huat Bhd
<b>Honorary Builder</b>	Mr Lai Moo Chan, Peridot Development Sdn Bhd
	Ir. Lau Mun Cheong, Sekimas Holdings Sdn Bhd

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the new office bearers for the term 2018-2010. We hope to serve members better and to do that we hope members can give constructive feedback on how to take this Association to the next level.



*Group Photo of MBAM New Council Members*

## CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT (COCD) FOR CONSTRUCTION TRADE SUPERVISOR (FOREMAN) PROGRAMME 2<sup>ND</sup> INTAKE MELAKA AT MBCA OFFICE, MELAKA

On 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 the second session for COCD for Construction Trade Supervisor (Foreman) Melaka was conducted by Dr Yeow Yoon Foo on Systematic Problem Solving & Decision-Making Skills and Effective Project & Scheduling Using Critical Path Analysis (CPA) Method. The event was attended by 18 participants. Mr Wong Khin Yip and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong were the assessors for this session which was also attended by MBAM Admin Officer, Ms Sung Suet Yee who helped coordinate the said training session.

The module Systematic Problem Solving & Decision Making Skills focused on problem solving, pitfalls in decision making and range of action in decision making process. The other modules: Effective Project & Scheduling Using Critical Path Analysis (CPA) Method focused on project planning and scheduling method.



*The participants of the programme*



*Mr Wong Khin Yip conducting the Construction Occupational Competency Development (COCD) For Construction Trade Supervisor (Foreman) programme*

On 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018 the third session was conducted by Mr Wong Khin Yip. The event was attended by 17 participants. Dr Yeow Yoon Foo and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong were the assessor for this session. MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr. Muhammad Fadzley bin Salim coordinated this training session.

The module Site Preparation & Organisation, Surveying & Setting Out focused on construction project sites, site layout and organisation. The next modules: Monitoring & Supervising Construction Safety & Environmental Policies focused on safe working environment and construction safety, health and environment issues.

On 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018 the third session was conducted by Mr Ho Chee Leong. Dr Yeow Yoon Foo and Mr Andrew Ong were the assessor for this session. The module Construction Procurement System & Contract Documentation focused on understanding

the types of contracts documents for project execution and effect of the construction procurement systems. The other modules: Construction Payment Application & Information Management focused on understanding of project interim payment application system, communication and dissemination of construction information including construction drawing also information management.

## THE STAR INTERVIEW WITH MBAM PRESIDENT

The interview by Ms Zunaira Saieed, journalist from The Star newspaper took place on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at MBAM Secretariat. In the interview, MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee took the position that we want the current minimum wage rate to be maintained in the medium term as the cost of doing construction business is still high. We hope no further increase to the wages be made to the rate of RM1,000 for Peninsular Malaysia and RM920 for Sabah and Sarawak. The industry needs time to recover and to adjust to the many cost of doing business which has already further increase construction margins. If this cost is increased what will happen to the overall cost of delivered projects to the Government and the *rakyat*? Any increase to the rates must be gradual and cannot be drastic as this will impact our global competitiveness as well. Increases must always be tied in to productivity.

Overall the interview gave MBAM the opportunity to engage with the media and also to disseminate our views to the public.

*MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee being interviewed by The Star journalist*





## ILMIA - SESI TOWN HALL UNTUK KAJIAN DEVELOPING MULTI-TIER LEVY: MALAYSIAN CASE STUDY

The above town hall session was attended by MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming, MBAM HR Committee Member, Mr Mazlan Haron and MBAM Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley Salim on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2108 at Dewan PERKESO, Selangor. Institut Maklumat dan Analisis Pasaran Buruh (ILMIA) is currently conducting a study on Developing Multi-Tier Levy: Malaysian Case Study and has appointed UNIMAS Holdings Sdn Bhd (UHSB) as consultant to undertake the study.

This research was conducted in line with strategy paper 8 of 11<sup>th</sup> Malaysian Plan: Labour Market for an Advanced Nation. There will be three tier system for unskilled and skilled foreign workers' levy rates. This result is based on feedback given by CIDB only.

*MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming (right) with MBAM HR Committee Member, En Mazlan Haron (left)*



## TALK ON AIR CONDITIONING AND AIR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ON 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018 AT MBAM TRAINING CENTRE

On 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018, MBAM Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) Committee organized a "Talk On Air Conditioning and Air Distribution System". Two speakers were invited to deliver the papers for the talk: Asia Pacific Technical Director, Overseas Business Department, Mr Poh Kai Sin, represented Qingdao Hisense Hitachi Air-Conditioning Marketing Co Ltd and the other paper was delivered by Technical Manager of TROX Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Mr Kenneth Gong. The talk was held with the aim to share knowledge among our members on Professional Installation of Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems and Air Distribution System Purpose "Its Purpose and Common Problems".

Mr Poh Kai Sin presented on the topic of Installation of Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems, focusing on the steps of VRF installation and specification which included material and installation tools, preparation work before installation, refrigerant piping work, indoor and indoor installation, drain piping work, electrical and communication work and lastly, testing and commissioning. In addition, he discussed the common issues with the VRF Installation.

Mr Kenneth Gong presented on the topic of Air Distribution System "Its Purpose and Common Problems", pointing out a few common problems and causes of poor ventilation such as local discomfort, noise and poor control system. According to the ASHRAE standard



*Mr Kenneth Liew officiating the talk.*

62.1, 2010 an 'acceptable Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) is defined as "air in which there are no known contaminants at harmful concentrations as determined by cognizant authorities and with which a substantial majority (80% or more) of the people exposed do not express dissatisfaction". In addition, the typical design criteria for thermal comfort relating to the building occupants is dependent on air temperature, radiant temperature, air speed, relative humidity, vertical temperature gradient, metabolic rate and type of clothing building occupants commonly wear.



*M&E Talk on Air Conditioning & Air Distribution System*

The talk was attended by 23 participants. MBAM Treasurer-General cum Chairman of M&E Committee, Mr Kenneth Liew officiated the talk. MBAM Council Member and Deputy Chairman of M&E Committee, Mr Chong Tat Yam as well as M&E Committee members, Mr Gan Wah Lien and Mr Looi Hong Weei also attended the talk. The talk concluded with Mr Chong Tat Yam presenting the certificates of appreciation to both speakers.

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*From left to right: Mr Chong Tat Yam, Mr Kenneth Gong, Mr Poh Kai Sin and Mr Gan Wah Lien.*

## MEMORANDUM FOR CONSULTANCY BUDGET 2019

MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim and I attended the above event on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Ministry of Finance, Putrajaya. Issues submitted by MBAM included the followings:

1. Reduction of Import Duties
2. More Funds to Encourage Export of Construction Services
3. Subsidize the Cost of Implementing Building Information Modelling (BIM)
4. Provide Incentives to Contractors to Recruit School Leavers to the Construction Industry.
5. Set up Construction Skills Training Centre at Secondary School Level to Produce Selected Skilled Tradesmen.
6. Construction Machinery Brought into the Country by Foreign Investors/Contractors
7. LRT Line 3 Project
8. Incentive for Purchase of New Cranes
9. Government to Set Up Crane and Machinery Operators Training Centres.
10. Safety and Health & Quality Accommodation for Foreign Workers
11. Review Projects to Ensure Sustainability of Construction Growth.
12. Project Procurement and
13. Project to be Implemented by Local Contractors



*MBAM Secretary-General, Mr Eric Yong (left)*

The session which was chaired by Minister of Finance Malaysia, YB Tuan Lim Guan Eng gave an opportunity to the industry to present their respective views to the Government of the day.

## NATIONAL HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL (NHRCC) WORKING GROUP NO.1

The meeting was attended by MBAM Former Chairman of Human Resources Committee, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming and MBAM Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley Salim on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Bilik Gerakan, MOHR. The Working Group agreed on:

- Term of references of NHRCC Working Group 1: Labor Policy and Human Resources Development.
- WG1 will be open to others industry and NGOs likes OKU associations and others. Members are encouraged to propose other association that will benefits to WG1.
- Members have to propose solutions for employment issues and human resource development as per list below :
  - a. Internship structure
  - b. Low wage – wage index
  - c. Skill mismatch within supply and demand
  - d. Increasing women participation rate particularly among graduates
  - e. Issues on labour migration to Singapore
  - f. Increasing industry collaboration with training providers
  - g. Issues of dependency on foreign workers
  - h. The need for Human Capital Development plan - TOR
  - i. Credibility of private training institutions
  - j. Current funding mechanism of TVET training programmes
  - k. Enhancing IR4.0
  - l. Integrated Labour Market Data Warehouse, Employment Insurance Scheme
  - m. Commercialisation of TVET innovative product
  - n. Unemployment among youth
  - o. Ageing population - working opportunity for senior citizens

During the meeting, PWC Consulting Associates (M) Sdn Bhd presented “Kajian Pembangunan Pelan Induk Kebangsaan Latihan dan Vokasional (TVET) Ke Arah Negara Maju” an update of the engagement.



## MBAM 2-DAY SEMINAR ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH (OSH) AND WORKSHOP ON CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATION, KOTA KINABALU, SABAH

MBAM together with Sabah Builders Association (SBA) jointly organised a 2-day seminar on Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) and Workshop on Construction Accidents Investigation on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at The Ming Garden Hotel & Residences, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

This Seminar was supported by Social Security Organisation (SOCSO), and endorsed by the National Council for Occupation Safety & Health (NCOSH) and Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH). It is aimed to enhance 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.

We are honoured that Director of Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH) Sabah, Tuan Haji Zulkifli Bin Yahaya graced the event as the Guest-of-Honour in place of The Minister of Works Malaysia.



MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee with the Director of Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH) Sabah, Tuan Haji Zulkifli Bin Yahaya graced the event as the Guest-of-Honour.



The seminar received favourable response from participant

Among the speakers line up for day one of OSH seminar were Deputy Director, DOSH Malaysia, Tuan Nor Zamzurin Bin Md Nor who presented a paper on Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health in Construction Industry; Ir. M Ramuseren, CIDB Malaysia, highlighting on Standard Requirement & Enforcement on Scaffolding under CIDB Act 520 (Amended 2011); En Rozaimy Bin Amiruddin from IJM Corporation Berhad, delivered a paper on Chief Inspector Special Order to Project Manager on Operations and Safe Management of Tower Crane – An Practical Approach to Compliance and lastly from Satujaya Sdn Bhd who is also Chairman of MBAM Safety and Health Committee, Mr Michael Yap Kok Wai presenting on Sharing of Occupational Safety & Health Best Practices in Construction in Compliance with SHASSIC Requirement.

Day two Workshop on Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWPs) was facilitated by former DOSH Director, Forensic Engineering Division, Ir. Abdul Aziz Bin Yahya. This full day workshop emphasized on accident investigation as a process of determining the root causes of accidents, on-the-job injuries, property damage, and close calls in order to prevent them from occurring again at construction site.

This two full day seminar received good feedbacks from participants comprised of construction safety personnel who are responsible for occupational safety and health.



Mr Foo Chek Lee (MBAM President) giving the welcome speech

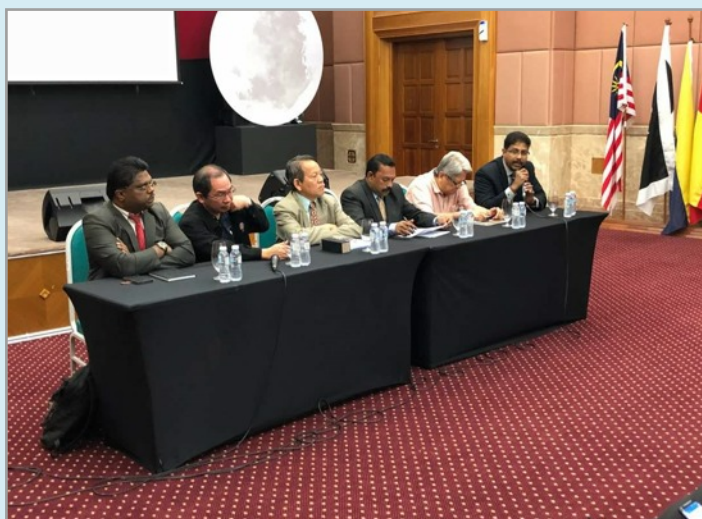
## DISCUSSION WITH TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE

The meeting was attended by MBAM Vice President, Mr Dennis Tan, MBAM HR Committee Member, Mr Mazlan Haron and MBAM Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley Salim on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Dewan Serbaguna, Ministry of Human Resources. The discussion's objective was to obtain feedback from industry, employers, trade unions and other related associations on the issue of minimum wage. This was because the proposal presented by Technical Committee was rejected by the National Wages Consultative Council.

MBAM together with more than 100 associations had agreed to raise minimum wage to RM1,050.00 with another RM50.00 to be subsidised by the government through EPF or others means in 2019. Based on PH Manifesto, the Government will share 50% of the raise in minimum wage. An increase of RM1,500.00 should be carried out in phases within 5 years. Levy should be paid by the workers and the levy should be used to automate and also to improve productivity in the industry in line with Industry 4.0.

Technical committee will take consideration of all points furnished by various parties and it will do a comprehensive report to the National Wages Consultative Council.

*Wages Consultative Technical Committee*



## IPAF – MBAM ASIA CONFERENCE & SHOWCASE 2018

The seventh IPAF - MBAM Asia Conference & Showcase 2018 took place for the first time in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The event was hosted at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, alongside with the ASEAN M&E Show 2018. This showcase was aim to provide opportunities for attendees and exhibitors to meet and to network with industry players and simultaneously gain valuable business insight about the powered access industry.

A welcome cocktail reception followed by a gala dinner hosted by IPAF was held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The Dinner was attended by IPAF President, Mr Nick Selley, MBAM President Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Safety & Health Committee Members, Mr Wong Kheng Siew, Maj (Rtd) Leong Yee Keong, Ms Candy Lai and Mr Abdul Rahin Bin Senin and a number of MBAM secretariats. The product showcase were held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July at Hall 6, KL Convention Centre and saw the participation of MBAM and MBAM OneBuild. Attendees had the opportunity to try a state-of-the-art MEWP simulator machine as part of IPAF's ongoing virtual reality (VR) consultation during the showcase and exhibition.



The main conference, IPAF - MBAM Asia Conference took place on 19<sup>th</sup> July, featured an excellent line-up of local and international speakers speaking on a range of topics.

*Memorandum of Understanding signed by Mr Nick Selley (IPAF President) & Mr Foo Chek Lee (MBAM President) in promoting the safe and effective use of powered access in Malaysia*

## WORKSHOP ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY (OSHCIM): DRAFT ON GUIDELINES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CODE OF PRACTICE AND TRAINING MODULES.

This full day workshop organized by Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Menara Tun Abdul Razak Kuala Lumpur was held with the aim to gather input from clients, principal contractors, contractors, principal designer, designer in drafting guideline in implementing Occupational Safety & Health in Construction Industry (OSHCIM) code of practices and training modules. This workshop was led by Dr Kamarizan Kidam from UTM, and was attended by representatives from key industry players such as Department of Public Works, academicians from UTM and UiTM, MBAM, DOSH, from Ministry of Manpower, Singapore, Mr Jason Oh Boon Chye and also contractors such as Gamuda, MRT Corporation and Satujaya Sdn Bhd. Representatives from MBAM who attended this workshop were MBAM Safety & Health Committee Chairman, Mr Michael Yap, MBAM Safety and Health Committee Member, Mr Yusof Kasiron and Assistant Manager, Ida Fatmawati.

The OSHCIM Guidelines covered the management of safety, health and welfare when carrying out construction projects. This guidelines is for people with legal duties under sections 15 and 17 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) 1994. It explains further on what they must or should do to comply with the law. Any actions taken should always be proportionate to



the risks in the construction project. Therefore, in this workshop, it is believed that promoting safety by design as decision made in planning and design stage can have safety and health implications in the later stage of construction. Design professional can have a significant impact on construction injuries and fatalities by considering hazards in their design, hazard Prevention Through Design (PTD).

*Group Photo for OSHCIM Workshop in Menara Tun Abdul Razak, UTM KL on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018.*



## THE ABC OF PHOTOGRAPHY

The landscape of photography has changed drastically in the past hundred years. Once a formal and scheduled affair showcasing posed with the advent of smartphones, many are snapping more pictures. For the MBAM Secretariat, documenting events through photography is a key task which requires skills. In the light of this need, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017, the ABC of Photography talk was conducted by MBAM Contracts & Practices Committee Member, Mr Lee Chee Yian, who is also an avid photographer at Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng's Conference Room. Despite the programme being held on a Saturday, the training was attended by 15 MBAM Secretariat staffs.

The programme covered some basic concept such as Aperture / Depth of Field, Shutter Speed / Motion Blur, Light Sensitivity (ISO) and camera shooting position.

Overall it was an interesting programme and it is hoped that the quality of photos captured by MBAM Secretariat Staff will continue to improve.



*MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling (right) presenting a letter of appreciation letter to Mr Lee Chee Yian (left)*

## 5<sup>TH</sup> INTAKE MBAM CERTIFICATION TRAINING FOR DESIGNATED PERSON (DP) IN CONCRETING

MBAM certification training for Designated Person (DP) in Concreting - 5<sup>th</sup> Intake took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at MBAM Training Centre, followed by half day assessment on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018. A Designated Person means a competent person appointed by an employer to carry out any supervision or inspection or to perform any tasks or duty prescribed by Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Safety) Regulations, 1986; Therefore, a designated person or an "authorised person" is defined as a person approved or assigned by the employer to perform a specific type of duty or duties or to be at a specific location or locations at the construction site (jobsite). This "authorised person" is advised to undergo certification training in order to enhance their skill and competency level. This training was endorsed by DOSH and given 20 CIDB CCD Point.

## CONTRACT AND PRACTICES SEMINAR - SESSION 3: PAYMENTS, FINAL ACCOUNTS AND CIPAA

The MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee held its third programme for year 2018 on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at MBAM Training Centre. The session attracted 56 participants. MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling delivered the welcome speech on behalf of MBAM Vice President and Chairman of Contracts and Practices Committee, Mr Oliver Wee where she welcomed all participants to the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the 9 Sessions of Practical Construction Contract Administration/Management. In her speech, Ms Loh said that construction contracts generally provide some mechanism for the final payment to be made to the contractor on completion of the works described in the contract. Agreeing on the final account can be a complicated, time consuming and adversarial process, often resulting in disputes. Thus, disputing parties may have to resort to the provisions of the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act as a relief for delayed non-payment. The session was conducted by Sr. HT Ong of BK Entrust.

In view of the needs for players and personnel in the construction industry to continually acquire relevant knowledge and experience, this training programme has been designed by combining construction contract and technical knowledge with practical experience and skills through training/lectures with practical and work-related discussions.

There are nine comprehensive training sessions in this programme, covering a wide spectrum of construction contract administration and management topics, including updates related to construction case law, which affect and are of interest to the various industry players. In addition, at the end of each session, there will be a Workshop/Q&A discussion relating each topic presented.

A further detailed summary of the programme were as follows: -

- ◆ Interim Claims, Valuation and Certification Procedures
- ◆ Employers Obligation to Pay
- ◆ Set-Offs
- ◆ Fluctuations
- ◆ Quantum Meruit
- ◆ Retention Sums
- ◆ Final Account Preparation and Settlement
- ◆ Effect of Interim and Final Certificate
- ◆ Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act (CIPAA) 2012
- ◆ Definition of Payment
- ◆ Disputes under CIPAA
- ◆ Updates
- ◆ Case Law



*Sr. HT Ong presenting to the attendees*

In conclusion, the programme was a success evidenced by the large turnout for the programme.

## **COURTESY VISIT BY FOSHAN CERAMICS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

On 30 July 2018, a group of 10 delegates from Foshan Ceramics Industry Association (FCIA) accompanied by Malaysia-Foshan Chamber of Commerce (MFCC) paid a courtesy visit to MBAM in conjunction with Malaysia-China Business Conference 2018 held from 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Sunway Convention Centre. The delegation of FCIA were represented by FCIA Secretary Ms Mandy Liu and Ms Pang. The members were represented by representatives from JiuFang Tile, Foshan Muzzi Décor and Tile Co., Ltd, Foshan Ledin Sanitary Ware Co., Ltd, Zhaoqing City Marshal Ceramics Co., Ltd, Wanfeng Compound Stone Technology Co., Ltd and Foshan Qiangkun. MFCC was represented by its Deputy Secretary-General, Mr Anthony Mah.

MBAM were represented by Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM President, Mr Oliver Wee, MBAM Vice President, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Executive Director, Mr Lenny Lim, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Muhammad Fadzley Salim, Ms Lim Jong Joan and Mr Leon Leong, MBAM Assistant Managers.

After dispensing with the formality of introducing each other, Ms Mandy Liu explained the functions and formation of FCIA which started in 2006. One of the objectives of FCIA is provide a platform for the promotion of the ceramic products industry in domestic and overseas market via participation of exhibitions, campaigns, events and seminars. Each representative introduced his / her company's products and services. The delegate sought clarification on product quality requirements in Malaysia and about SIRIM certification. MBAM President Mr. Foo Chek Lee and MBAM Vice President Mr. Oliver Wee gave some explanations about SIRIM requirements.

Both associations exchanged the memento to commemorate the visit.



*From left to the right MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Vice President, Mr Oliver Wee and MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee with the delegates.*



*Delegates from Foshan Ceramics Industry Association (FCIA) accompanied by Malaysia-Foshan Chamber of Commerce (MFCC)*



## 91<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY

On the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018, MBAM Honorary Life President, Datuk Lai Foot Kong, MBAM Honorary Advisor, Dato' Ng Kee Leen, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim and I attended the 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the Chinese People's Liberation Army at the Grand Ballroom of The St. Regis Hotel Kuala Lumpur. Also seen at the function was MBAM Past Vice President, Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng. The event enabled networking with the attending public and the host namely Senior Colonel Zhang Wei.

*MBAM Honorary Advisor, Dato' Ng Kee Leen, MBAM Past Vice President, Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng, MBAM Honorary Life President, Datuk Lai Foot Kong and MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee*



## OTHER KEY EVENTS ATTENDED BY MBAM REPRESENTATIVES IN JULY 2018 :-

### 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

SIRIM – TC on Building Design (MT) was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager Mr Michael Thong and MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Leon Leong at SIRIM ISO Room, Level 3, Building 3, Shah Alam Selangor.

### 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018

MATRADE - Seminar On “Know Your HS Code” was attended by MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei at Perdana Hall Level 6 West Wing Menara MATRADE Kuala Lumpur.

### 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018

CTOS Raya Open House was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at The Straits Estate, M3 Level, VE Hotel & Residence, Bangsar South City, Kuala Lumpur.

### 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Sime Darby Berhad Raya Open House was attended by MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 1 Mr Ong Ka Thiam, MBAM Council Members, Mr Lau Yew Mun and Mr Chong Tat Yam, MBAM Assistant General Managers, Mr Lenny Lim and Mr Michael Thong and MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Mohd Hanif Bin Ismail and I at Grand Ballroom, Sime Darby Convention Centre Kuala Lumpur.

Green Building Index 200 Million sq ft of Certified Green Buildings” Gala Dinner 2018 was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at Banquet Hall, Level 3, KLCC Kuala Lumpur.

### 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018

REHDA Raya Open House 2018 was attended by MBAM Council Member, Mr Fong Tet Yoong and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim in Kelana Jaya, Petaling Jaya.

### 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Opening Ceremony of ACCCIM’s 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting was attended by MBAM President Mr Foo Chek Lee at Grand Ballroom, Level 1, Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

### 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

MATRADE Seminar on “Gain Access To Japan Using E-Commerce” was attended by MBAM Assistant Manager Mr Fadzley at Perdana Hall, Level 6 (West Wing) Menara MATRADE Kuala Lumpur.

Jemputan Menghadiri Mesyuarat Bil. 5/2018 – Public Comments Review - Safe Use Of Falsework And Formwork In Construction was attended by MBAM Manager, Ms Chai Min Fung and MBAM Assistant Manager, Ms Ida Fatmawati at Bilik Kempas, Tingkat 32 PWTC, Kuala Lumpur.

### 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018

BMDAM 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament was attended by MBAM Past Vice President, Dato' Ir. Tan Gim Foo and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Micheal Thong at KPGCC, Kota Kemuning, Shah Alam.

MBAM Safety Appreciation Night Dinner was attended by MBAM Safety and Health Committee Members and MBAM Secretariat Staffs at Carnival Churrascaria, 77, Jalan SS 22/19, Damansara Jaya, 47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

*Yours faithfully*

**MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA**

**ERIC YONG**

**MBAM Secretary General**

This is the first MBAM Bulletin signed off by me and I hope our Bulletin will be a value-added to our range of services and we will utilise this medium to reach out to more members as well as potential members.

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