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As we are moving into the New Year, we should recap on some of the highlights for year 2019. At MBAM, we are grateful that in 2019 we have had the opportunity to meet and had a dialogue with the Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Tun Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamed; Finance Minister, YB Tuan Lim Guan Eng; Works Ministry's Secretary General, Dato' Dr. Syed Omar Sharifuddin bin Syed Ikhsan; and Bank Negara Malaysia on some of the issues faced by the Malaysian construction industry.

We also continued to organise various conferences, seminars, trainings, fellowship gatherings and outreach programmes for the benefit of our members. I hope members will keep on supporting MBAM events in 2020. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all MBAM members and Secretariat staffs for all the support and commitment given in growing the Association.



Eric Yong | MBAM Secretary-General



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Inauguration of National Technical Profession Day 2019

The inauguration of National Technical Profession Day 2019 was held on 3 December at TM Convention Centre and was jointly organised by Ministry of Works, Public Works Department (JKR), TM One, Malaysia Highway Authority and Pertubuhan Profesional JKR Malaysia. The idea of Technical Profession Day was mooted by JKR in early year 2012 for an appreciation of the contribution and recognition of technical professionals in Malaysia.



Welcome speech by Works Minister, YB Tuan Baru Bian

The Works Minister, YB Tuan Baru Bian in his welcome speech, mentioned that in October 2018 the Malaysian Government agreed and declared National Technical Profession Day on the first Saturday of December every year. The objective is to acknowledge the service of the technical professionals for their contribution in Malaysia's infrastructure development and modernisation.

Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamed in delivering his opening speech via video recording, believes the success of a nation would not have been possible without the availability of well-trained and competitive labour, equipped with the latest expertise and capabilities. One of the strategic thrusts is to ensure the transformation of human capital that is focused on providing more productive and effective source of high-tech and valuable skills. The government is targeting to increase STEM field as the preferred choice of Malaysian students to 60% in the future from 44% now. The joint effort will ensure that the dependency on foreign labour in the technical field can be controlled and maintained.

The event was attended by MBAM Senior Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley bin Salim.

Digital Transformation for Future Construction Industry Symposium

The symposium held on 2 December held at TARUC Setapak, Kuala Lumpur, was jointly organised by Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TARUC) with PLYTEC Formwork System Industries Sdn Bhd, Trimble Solutions Malaysia Sdn Bhd and BSI Services Malaysia Sdn Bhd and supported by Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC).

The symposium also witnessed the signing of three memorandum of understandings by BIM Engineering Solution with Technology Sdn Bhd, Trimble Solutions Malaysia Sdn Bhd and BSI Services Malaysia Sdn Bhd, witnessed by YB Tuan Tian Chua, Special Advisor to the Minister of Works Malaysia and Chairman of MPC.

The symposium was attended by MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 1, Ong Ka Thiam and Senior Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley bin Salim.



Ong at the symposium



Datuk Astaman expressing his views at the FGD

Focus Group Discussion (FGD) on Educational Institutions' Readiness Study in Facing Industrial Revolution 4.0 (IR4.0)

The FGD session held on 5 December at Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT) Partnership Hub, Cyberjaya was attended by Council Member cum Deputy Chairman of Education Committee, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz with Executive Officer, Jocelyn Ng. The meeting was conducted by MIGHT to study on Educational Institutions' Readiness Study in facing IR4.0 on behalf of the Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE).

The meeting chaired by Senior Vice President of MIGHT, Mohd Zakwan Mohd Zabidi and moderated by MIGHT Associate, Dr Aini Abdullah, served as key inputs and recommendations to the Ministry in developing the MOE's Action Plan for IR4.0. The inputs were critical to enable MOE to assess the level of readiness of the local educational institutions in Malaysia to implement the strategic initiatives of IR4.0 in order to prepare our young talents towards the future industry and workforce environment.

At the meeting, representatives from various industry players expressed their views and challenges faced by them. The main question of 'Are we all ready to face IR4.0 or rather is the country ready?' were highly debated at the meeting. All valuable thoughts were recorded for future FGD.

Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR) Town Hall Session

The MOHR town hall session was held on 5 December at Renaissance Hotel Kuala Lumpur and was attended by MBAM HR Committee Member, Mazlan Haron; Manager, Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din; and Senior Assistant Manager, Mohd Hanif Ismail.

The session started with the presentation on "Twelfth Malaysia Plan (12MP) Strategy Paper – Inclusive Labour Market for Prosperous Nation" by Secretary-General of MOHR, Dato' Amir Bin Omar followed by a Focus Group Discussion (FGD). The 12MP Focus Group was led by Director-General of Labour Department of Peninsular Malaysia, Dato' Jeffrey Joakim.

Later that afternoon, the programme continued with a dialogue session with Minister of Human Resources Malaysia, YB Tuan M. Kulasegaran and Deputy Minister of Human Resources Malaysia, YB Dato' Mahfuz Bin Omar. All the groups presented their outcomes of discussion during the FGD.



Mazlan with other attendees

Corporate Liability for Corruption: Section 17A Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009



President Foo presenting a memento to Chong, accompanied by Wee

A briefing was conducted by the Managing Partner of Azman Davidson and Co, HY Chong to MBAM Council Members on 6 December at MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room. The briefing was on Section 17A of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (Amendment) Act 2018 (A1567) that will come into force on 1 June 2020.

Chong explained that a *commercial organisation commits an offence if a person associated with the commercial organisation corruptly gives, agrees to give, promises or offers to any person any gratification whether for the benefit of that person or another person with intent:-*

- (a) To obtain or retain business for the commercial organisation; or
- (b) To obtain or retain an advantage in the conduct of business for the commercial organisation.
 - He also defined what constituted a commercial organisation.

A commercial organisation convicted of an offence under Section 17A(1) is liable to a fine of minimum 10 times the sum or value of the gratification; or RM1 million whichever is the higher or imprisonment of maximum 20 years or both.

If a commercial organisation is charged for the offence referred to in subsection (1), it is a defence for the commercial organisation to prove that the commercial organisation had in place adequate procedures to prevent persons associated with the commercial organisation from undertaking such conduct. The Minister in the Prime Minister's Department has issued guidelines in December 2018.

An organisation must conduct periodic corruption risk assessment to establish appropriate processes, systems and control and to mitigate specific corruption risk including to implement ISO 37001(2016). However, it is recommended parties concern should test it against the steps recommended by the guidelines and to supplement it if the standards do not cover the guidelines recommendation.

A token of appreciation was presented to Chong at the end of the presentation by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee accompanied by Vice President and Chairman of MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee, Oliver Wee. Overall the briefing enhanced the awareness of MBAM Council Members on the new law coming into effect in 2020.

Follow-Up Meeting on the Consultative Engagement Session with the National Industry Associations on the "Proposed Amendment of the Employment Insurance System (EIS) 2017 (Act 800)"

The above meeting was held on 9 December at The Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM) and was chaired by its Executive Advisor, Dato' Low Kian Chuan. It was attended by MBAM Vice President cum Chairman of Human Resources Committee, Dennis Tan and Manager, Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din.

The meeting discussed on the draft proposal to the Minister of Human Resources Malaysia on the proposed amendment of EIS 2017. The objective of the proposal is to reiterate on the fundamental purpose of EIS which is to provide social safety net for the insured workers.



Dennis (right) at the meeting with ACCCIM

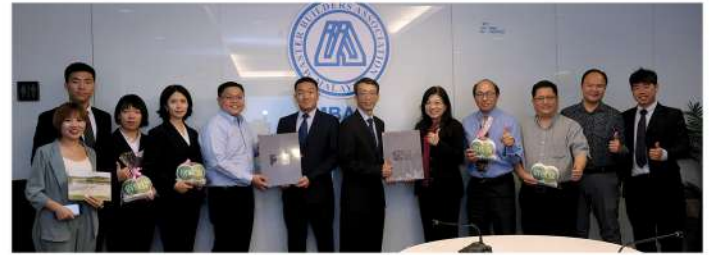
MBAM and Building Materials Distributors Association of Malaysia (BMDAM) met with Beijing Xiaolan Technology Co. Ltd and Putra Nilai Development Sdn Bhd

A dialogue was held on 10 December with MBAM together with affiliate member, BMDAM at the request of Beijing Xiaolan Technology Co. Ltd (BXT) and their Malaysian partner, Putra Nilai Development Sdn Bhd (PND). The dialogue was held at MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room.

The objective of the meeting was to share the supply chain model, "World Steel Mall" platform developed by Beijing Xiaolan Technology Co. Ltd. In summary, it is a Factory-to-Business Steel-Cross border E-commerce platform with many factories under its umbrella and trading nations following the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) nations.

MBAM and BMDAM highlighted some issues in the local market such as tariff and non-tariff barriers, anti-dumping act, safeguard duty, Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) Certificate of Approval (COA), legal issue and after-sale services of which Beijing Xiaolan Technology Co. Ltd has taken note of it. They informed the platform will offer products which the local manufacturers do not produce.

It was a fruitful dialogue and a further discussion into the actual mechanic of the World Steel Mall platform is to be explored later. MBAM Executive Director, Loh and BMDAM President, Bill Lee presented the MBAM 60th Anniversary Coffee Table Book and Master Builders Journal to the representatives of BXT and PND.



Memento exchanges

General Manager, Michael Thong and Senior Assistant Manager, Leon Leong and BMDAM's Vice President, Lim Chun Heng were also present at the meeting.

Beijing Xiaolan Technology Co. Ltd was represented by its Chief Executive Officer, Sun Shuxiang and their marketing team members. Putra Nilai Development Sdn Bhd was represented by its Chief Operating Officer, Yap Chee Yeong.

Occupational Safety and Health in Construction Industry (Management) (OSHCIM) Conference 2019

University Technology Malaysia (UTM) organised the OSHCIM Conference 2019 at Palm Garden Hotel, IOI Resort City in Putrajaya on 10 December. The Conference was supported by Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) and Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB).

The Conference was officiated by Chairman of OSHCIM Committee and President of KLIA Premier Holdings, Prof. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr) Ir. Jamilus Hussein. Also present were MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee and Director General of DOSH Malaysia, Ir. Hj Omar Mat Piah.



DOSH Director of Construction Site Safety Division, Nazruddin Mat Ali (most left) with MBAM Safety and Health Committee Members and Technical Director, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming (third from right)



President Foo (third from left)



President Foo (middle) was one of the panellists during the Forum session

Engagement Session on “Dana Ekuiti Projek Antarabangsa (DEPA)”



Yeoh (second from right) during the DEPA meeting

The engagement session with Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) on “Dana Ekuiti Projek Antarabangsa (DEPA)” held on 12 December at CIDB Putra World Trade Centre was attended by MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 2, Yeoh Keong Yuan; Member, Tan Kim Yoke and Manager, Mohd Farhan.

The objective of setting up the DEPA Fund is to stimulate export of construction and construction related services and supplies through a framework of providing financing solutions for qualified overseas construction projects. Thus, the DEPA will raise fund from Government Linked Investment Companies (GLIC) and bond market to provide equity financing for qualified overseas construction project. The role of the fund is to invest in overseas construction projects and provides support up to 30% equity funding.

The first stage of the “DEPA Programme” is coordinated by CIDB and is targeted to be rolled out by Quarter Two in 2020. It is to be launched during International Construction Week (ICW 2020) whereby the framework for implementation of the programme will be developed and required further syndication engagements with Government Linked Investment Companies (GLICs) to review the projects for direct investment opportunities. Amongst the GLIC includes Employees’ Provident Fund, Khazanah Nasional Berhad, Permodalan Nasional Berhad, Retirement Fund (Incorporated) and etc. The programme will provide options for participating GLICs to invest in qualified overseas construction projects vide equity and/or mezzanine financing.

Courtesy Visit by the Chartered Institute Of Building United Kingdom (CIOB UK)

On 17 December, CIOB UK’s representatives Chief Executive, Caroline Gumble and Director of Operations, Amy Gough together with members of CIOB Malaysia-Chapter paid a courtesy visit to MBAM. On hand to welcome the visitors were MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin; Honorary Advisor (Education), Chua Siow Leng; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; and secretariat staff.

Both associations introduced their respective association via a corporate video. According to Amy, the purpose of the visit was to enhance the relationship and build a collaboration between MBAM and CIOB which have a common interest to enhance the recognition of professional training courses such as Certified Construction Manager. In addition, MBAM had throughout the years supported the CIOB’s Novus program to build a pool of young talent for the construction industry. It was mooted that for a start of the joint collaboration, CIOB UK would furnish details of the various professional courses to MBAM to explore the possibility to conduct training via online distance learning. Both Associations look forward to strengthen our relationships and develop a global community among their members.

MBAM Deputy President Tan Sri Dato’ Sri Sufri presented the MBAM 60th Anniversary Coffee book and the Master Builders Journal to Gumble. In return Gumble on behalf of CIOB UK, presented their book “The Art of Building” and CIOB Corporate Plan 2020-2023 to MBAM.



Deputy President Tan Sri Sufri presenting a memento to Gumble

Also in attendance were representatives from CIOB Malaysia with its President, Ts. Ho Chee Leong; Immediate Past President, Sr Ong Bok Siong; Past President, Dr Yeow Yoon Foo; Vice-President Administration, Wong Khin Yip; Vice-President Finance, Ir. Loi Yew Hua; Council Member, Ts. Ng Seng Chee and Regional Administrator, Audrey Chen.

Contracts & Practices Contract Administration Programme: Session 9 – Effective Project and Risk Management/Bonds and Insurance



Sr HT Ong conducting the class

The last programme of the 9 Sessions of Practical Construction Contract Administration/Management Session 9 in 2019 was held on 18 December at MBAM Training Centre. The topic was on “Effective Project and Risk Management/Bonds and Insurance”. The programme was conducted by BK Entrust’s Managing Director, Sr HT Ong. MBAM Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling delivered the welcome speech to 31 attendees of the programme.

Good communication and coordination among the participants is essential to accomplish the overall goals of the project and to ensure effective project management. Productivity improvements are always of importance and value. Quality of work and performance are critically important to the success of proper project management. Risk management in construction is designed to plan, monitor and control those measures needed to prevent exposure to risk. There are several terms used in the insurance world that mean different things to different people. One of these is Contractors’ All Risks (CAR) insurance which term is sometimes used to refer to both the material damage and liability covers required by a Contractor.

The programme benefited MBAM members who attended the training. From 2020, the 9 series programme will be carried out in a span of 2 years to enable MBAM Contracts and Practices committee to carry out other programmes of interest.

Certified Construction Manager (CCM) Programme Interview Session or Recognition of Prior Learning and Experience (RPLE)

The CIDB Certified Construction Manager (CCM) Programme Interview Session or Recognition of Prior Learning and Experience (RPLE) (2nd Batch) was held on 18 December at CIDB PWTC. Six candidates were interviewed by three panel assessors appointed by CIDB. MBAM was represented by Education & Special Institutions Committee Member, Andrew Ong as CIDB CCM Programme Panel Assessor.

Under Section 33(4) of the CIDB Act 520 (Amendment 2011), it is stated that a person who contravenes this subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding five thousand ringgit.

By Quarter 4 in 2023, all construction project with RM50 Million (in value) and above must be managed by CIDB Certified Construction Manager (CCM).

MEF Joint Meeting of Business Organisations and Chambers to Discuss the Government's Announcement to Implement Minimum Wages of RM1,200 per Month

MBAM was invited by Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) to attend a meeting on 23 December to discuss the Government’s Announcement to Implement Minimum Wages of RM1,200 per month in 57 major cities. The meeting was attended by MBAM Vice President cum HR Committee Chairman, Dennis Tan and Council Member cum Deputy Chairman, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz as well as Senior Assistant Manager, Mohd Hanif.

The meeting discussed various ideas on the above proposal and how the industry should respond to it. The majority of representatives present at the meeting were agreeable that while the increase in minimum wage is inevitable, the industry would like to see it delayed until the economy is improved and the industry is more ready to implement it. It was suggested that the Government should also bear some of the cost as per the election manifesto. A press release was issued on the same day.

Other key events attended by MBAM Representative in December 2019:

2 December

Immigration Day 2019 Celebration was attended by Vice President cum Chairman of Human Resources Committee, Dennis Tan and Senior Assistant Manager, Mohd Hanif at Immigration Department Malaysia, Putrajaya.

Meeting on Way Forward for Issuance of the Certificate of Completion and Compliance (CCC) No. 5/2019 by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT) was attended by MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee Member, Lee Chee Yian and Senior PR Executive, Chew Chee Yan at KPKT Putrajaya.

Engagement Session with Stakeholders on the Drafting of the National Construction Policy 2030 (Dasar Pembinaan Negara – DPN) was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee; Technical Director, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming; and Assistant General Manager, Lee Siew Mei at the Headquarter of the Ministry of Works.

4 December

Mesyuarat Majlis Negara bagi Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (MNKKP) Bil. 04/2019 was attended by Council Member cum Safety and Health Committee Chairman, Michael Yap at Bangunan Sementara, Parlimen Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

5 December

Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) Visioning Workshop for Study on Developing a National Policy Framework for the Fourth Industrial Revolution was attended by General Manager, Lenny Lim at PWC Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

MPC Strategic Session with the Secretariat of Technical Working Groups on Doing Business was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee at Hilton Hotel, Petaling Jaya.

Lighthouse Club KL December 2019 Get Together was attended by Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin; Council Member, Fong Tet Yoong and General Manager, Lenny Lim at Havana, Changkat Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur.

6 December

CLAB-Board Meeting No. 4/2019 was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee; Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin; and Vice President, Dennis Tan at CLAB's office in Menara Millennium, Kuala Lumpur.

9 December

Meeting on Way Forward for Issuance of the Certificate of Completion and Compliance (CCC) No. 6/2019 by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT) was attended by MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee Member, Lee Chee Yian and General Manager, Lenny Lim at KPKT Putrajaya.

11 December

CIDB: Certified Design Safety Professional (CDSP) Course was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee at Marriott Hotel, Putrajaya.

Meeting with Institute of Professional Development-Open University Malaysia (IPD-OUM) on Executive Bachelor in Construction Management (EBCM) and Executive Bachelor in Construction Contract Administration (EBCCA) programme was attended by Secretariat, Mohd Farhan, Muhammad Fadzley and Jocelyn Ng at OUM Sri Rampai Learning Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

Book Launch: Arbitration in Malaysia - A Commentary on the Malaysian Arbitration Act was attended by General Manager, Lenny Lim at AIAC Building, Kuala Lumpur.

Majlis Makan Malam Sempena Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan Kali Pertama Persatuan Kontraktor Bumiputera Malaysia (PKBM) was attended by Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin and photographer, Shahilaatika Mohd Kasim at TPC, Kuala Lumpur.

12 December

Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture: Kesatria Gala Evening 2019 was attended by Assistant General Manager, Lee Siew Mei at Pavilion Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

13 December

Perak Plumber's Association 45th Anniversary Celebration was attended by Council Member, Dato' Sri Eric Kuan and General Manager, Michael Thong at Shen Jai High School, Ipoh, Perak.

17 December

CIDB-CREAM Industrial Co-Workshop on Draft Guidelines for Construction on Peat and Organic Soils (Updated Edition) was attended by Council Member, Lau Yew Mun and Assistant General Manager, Lee Siew Mei at Saujana Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

18 December

Malaysia Competition Commission (MyCC) "Roundtable Session on Implementation and Enforcement of Competition Act 2010" was attended by General Manager, Lenny Lim at Hotel Vivatel, Kuala Lumpur.

19 December

SWCorp Majlis Promosi Penguatkuasaan Peraturan Sisa Binaan, Industri, Komersial dan Institusi (ICI) Serta Pengiktirafan Perkhidmatan Skim Terbaik Tahun 2019 was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; and Assistant General Manager, Lee Siew Mei at Hotel Pulse Grande, Putrajaya.

20 December

Azman Davidson & Co. Christmas Lunch was attended by Vice President, Oliver Wee and General Manager, Lenny Lim at Nipah, EQ Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

23 December

Meeting on Way Forward for Issuance of the Certificate of Completion and Compliance (CCC) No. 7/2019 by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT) was attended by General Manager, Lenny Lim at KPKT Putrajaya.

26 December

"The Way Forward CCC – Crack : Structural or Non-Structural" by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government was attended by General Manager, Lenny Lim at Board of Engineers Malaysia Meeting Room, Ministry of Works Headquarters, Kuala Lumpur.



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