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MBAM Technical & IBS Committee Member, Dato' Dr. Laxana Naidu presenting a memento to LBS Bina Group Berhad Project Assistant General Manager, Wong

Discussion on QCLASSIC Training with LBS Bina Group

A meeting with LBS Bina Group Berhad (LBS Bina) on QCLASSIC Training was held on 2 July. LBS Bina expressed their interest of having MBAM to organise an in-house training on QCLASSIC. The meeting concluded with a one day QCLASSIC Workshop "QCLASSIC Assessment for Building Projects" with the objectives of to understand QCLASSIC assessment methods, to acquire adequate knowledge and skills on assessment standards, to learn to conduct internal assessment on projects and also to learn to improve assessment score on projects. The workshop will include lecture and practical sessions.

Present at the meeting was MBAM Secretariat Staff and representatives from LBS Bina Group, namely: Project Assistant General Manager, Wong; Human Resources Senior Manager, Cindy Booi Sek Tze; and Human Resources Executive, Teng Ai Ling.



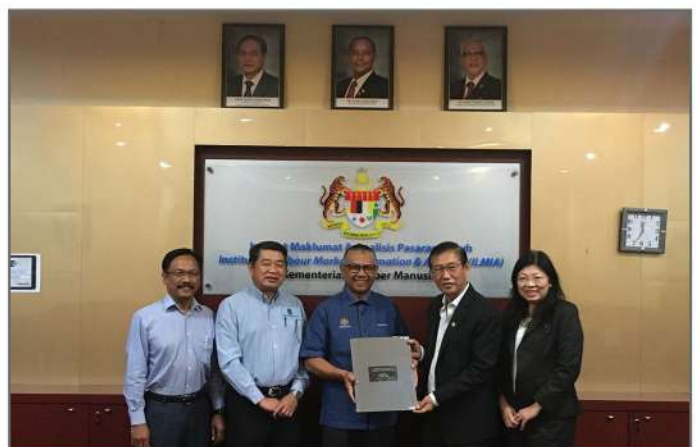
Meeting with Institute of Labour Market Information and Analysis (ILMIA)

The meeting with ILMIA was held on 5 July at ILMIA's office in Cyberjaya. It was attended by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee; Vice President cum Chairman of HR Committee, Dennis Tan, HR Committee Member, Mazlan Haron; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and Manager, Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din. The meeting was chaired by the Director of ILMIA, Tuan Hj Wan Zulkfli bin Wan Setapa. Also in attendance were Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) Vice President, Dato' Nathan Suppiah; FMM HR Advisor, K. Kesavan and FMM Secretariat.

The objectives of the meeting were to discuss human resources matters which covers foreign workers replacement quota system via Check Out Memo (COM), amendments to labour laws, and the proposed multi-tier levy system whereby it was noted that the reinstated system is more complex in terms of application process and time consuming. Hence, the multi-tier levy system defeats the purpose of expediting the replacement of foreign workers with minimal hassle.



Meeting with Institute of Labour Market Information and Analysis



MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee presenting a memento to Director of ILMIA, Tuan Hj Wan Zulkfli bin Wan Setapa

MBAM Badminton Tournament 2019

MBAM Badminton Tournament 2019 was held on 6 July at Forum 19, Petaling Jaya, Selangor. The event attracted the participation of 81 pairs. Mixed doubles had 19 pairs, combined age 91 and above 16 pairs and combined age 90 and below had 46 pairs competing for the prizes. MBAM Council Member and Chairman of Outreach Committee, Dato' Alex Wee delivered the welcome speech. In his speech he expressed his hope that the event will successfully foster the spirit of sportsmanship and enhance the relationship between MBAM Members. The Organising Committee wishes to thank the sole sponsor, Fajarbaru Builder Sdn Bhd for sponsoring the tournament.



Winners for Men Doubles Combined Age 90 Years and Below Category



Winners for Open Mixed Double Category



Winners for Men Doubles Combined Age 91 Years and Above



Group photo of all players

After a day of tough and back-to-back match schedules, the winners are as follows: -

	91 and Above	Mixed Doubles	90 and Below
Champion winning RM1,000 cash prize, medals and trophy	Lim Kian Kwok / Chia Khing Fuat (Matrix Excellon)	Nur Adibah binti Ahmad / Tai Chin Fui (Industrial Concrete Products)	Soo Teck Seang / Yong Yo Chen (Premier Construction)
1 st Runner up winning RM500 cash prize, medals and trophy	Wong Heng Wai / Yap Swee Kee (IJM Construction)	Muhammad Asraf bin Mat Sadan / Nadzirah binti Mohd Pozi (Syarikat Pembinaan Yeoh Tiong Lay)	Lee Thuan Khye / Ter Chun Wei (Luxx Newhouse Furniture)
2 nd Runner up winning RM300 cash prize, medals and trophy	Rahim bin Kassim / Ab Rahim bin Mohammad Yusoff (Gamuda)	Loh Chong Yong / Pee Ai Leng (Yongwang Construction)	Ng Chung Qing / Lim Sheng Kim (Sunway Construction)
3 rd Runner up Winning medals	Benedict Jayatileke A/L P. Jayatillaka / Goh Lai Yong (Geohan)	Gian Che Kuang / Teh Xiao Bee (Sunway Construction)	Muhammad Izanee bin Idris / Raffiz bin Abdullah (George Kent (Malaysia))

MBAM Conference on Current Contract Administration Practices in the Malaysian Construction Industry and Potential Solutions



MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee delivering the welcome speech

MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee held a conference on "Current Contract Administration Practices in the Malaysian Construction Industry and Potential Solutions" on 10 July at Holiday Villa Subang. The conference was attended by more than 130 participants including Council Members who attended the opening ceremony. The Guest of Honour, Yang Arif Dato' Lim Chong Fong, High Court Judge delivered the keynote address and also launched the MBAM Mediation Services for MBAM members. Mediation is a non-adversarial structured process used to resolve disputes and disagreements to achieve a mutually agreed settlement.

MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee delivered the welcome speech and thanked Yang Arif Dato' Lim for availing himself to officiate

the conference. President Foo spoke about the virtues of MBAM Mediation Services for our member. He also presented certificates to a panel of appointed mediators for term 2019/2020.

There were four papers presented during the Conference. The four papers were "A Personal View on Contract Administration Practices in the Malaysian Construction Industry" presented by Ar Tiong Kian Boon; "CIPAA update - a case of creeping complexities" by advocates & solicitors, Chan Kheng Hoe; "Mediation Success Story in Singapore-Contractors' Perspectives" by Lee Kok Eng, certified mediator for International Mediation Institute and Singapore International

Mediation Institute and Sr Dr Ong See Lian, former Global President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and Royal Institution of Surveyors, Malaysia, presented his paper on "Moving Forward with Practical Solutions for Disputes".

After the papers presentation, a forum sharing session and thereafter souvenirs of appreciation were presented to all panelists and speakers followed by a networking session. Overall, it was an interesting conference. MBAM encouraged its members to utilise MBAM Mediation Services and hopes more members would participate in future events organised by the MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee.



Moderator, Oliver Wee (middle) with panellists during the forum sharing session



Meeting with Persatuan Kontraktor India Malaysia (PKIM)

On 11 July, MBAM met with the newly elected PKIM office bearers for the year 2019-2021 to enhance the relationship and collaboration between two Associations in MBAM Secretariat Office. MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee welcomed all the PKIM office bearers to MBAM and congratulated Dato' Sri Sukumar A/L Subrayalu on being re-elected as the President of PKIM and the rest of the newly elected office bearers.

President Foo briefed on the events and training programmes organised by MBAM including on human resources related issues that will affect the construction industry.

President Foo also explained to PKIM that MBAM is member of International Federation of Asian and Western Pacific Contractors' Associations (IFAWPCA) and ASEAN Constructors Federation (ACF). President Foo also shared with PKIM that MBAM will be taking over the chairmanship of ACF next year.



MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee presenting a memento to PKIM President, Dato' Sri Sukumar A/L Subrayalu

At the end of the meeting, President Foo presented the 60th MBAM Anniversary Coffee Table Book and Master Builders Journal to PKIM to commemorate their visit.

Ten representatives from MBAM present at the meeting included President, Foo Chek Lee; Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin; Treasurer-General, Kenneth Liew; Council Members, Michael Yap, Lau Yew Mun and Nalla Sundran; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; and Secretariat Staff, Lenny Lim, Michael Thong and Leon Leong.

Six representatives from PKIM present at the meeting included President, Dato' Sri Sukumar A/L Subrayalu; Deputy President, V. Sivaram A/L Vasu; Vice Presidents, Dato' Karsi Rao Apparaokasy and Logeswary A/P R. Perinpanayagam; Secretary, Subramaniam A/L Verasamy and Treasurer, Kerisnasamy Naidu A/L Dorasami Naidu.

Meeting with the Chartered Institute of Building Malaysia (CIOB Malaysia)



CIOB Malaysia President, Ts. Ho Chee Leong during the meeting with MBAM

On 16 July, MBAM met with CIOB Malaysia in MBAM Secretariat Office. MBAM and CIOB both shared updates on the industry.

Six representatives from MBAM present at the meeting included President, Foo Chek Lee; Vice President, Steven Shee; Council Members, Chong Tat Yam, Lau Yew Mun and Fong Tet Yoong; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; and Senior Assistant Manager, Leon Leong.

Eight representatives from CIOB Malaysia present at the meeting included President, Ts. Ho Chee Leong; Deputy President, Sr Teh Siew Leong; Immediate Past President, Sr Ong Bok Siong; Vice President Administration, Wong Khin Yip; Senior Councils, Dr Yeow Yoon Foo and Leong Tack Fatt; Council Members, Ng Seng Chee and Ahmad Zalane.



During the meeting with CIOB



MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee presenting a memento to Ts. Ho Chee Leong



Technical Visit to Melaka Green Technology Corporation (MGTC) - Group Photo

Technical Visit to Melaka Green Technology Corporation, Kumpulan Melaka Berhad's Solar Farm and Encore Melaka

A total number of 18 MBAM members led by MBAM Treasurer-General and Chairman of Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) Committee, Kenneth Liew, travelled to Melaka on 18 July 2019 for three technical visits to Melaka Green Technology Corporation, Kumpulan Melaka Berhad's Solar Farm and Encore Melaka's Theatre. MBAM Council Member and Deputy Chairman of M&E Committee, Chong Tat Yam; Council Member, Lau Yew Mun; and M&E Committee Member, Looi Hong Wee also joined the technical visits.

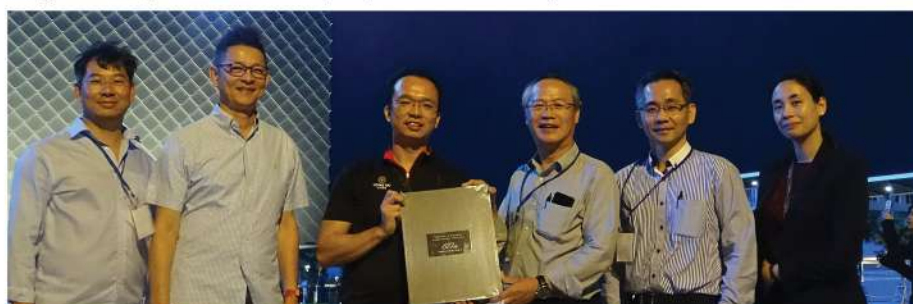
The first visit to Melaka Green Technology Corporation (MGTC) was to further understand Melaka Green City Action Plan (GCAP). At MGTC, Manager of Operation Department, Mohd Hafizam Bin Mustaffa, welcomed MBAM Members and gave an introduction on their company and its objectives. He elaborated on Melaka's long-term commitments on sustainability and the GCAP's 3E (Environment, Economy and Equity) approach focusing on integrated and balanced growth through a few areas such as Water Management, Energy Efficiency & Renewable. Before the visit ended, Kenneth Liew presented a token of appreciation to Mohd Hafizam for hosting the visit.

The second visit for the day was to Kumpulan Melaka Berhad (KMB) Solar Farm in Alor Gajah. On site to receive MBAM members was Project Engineer of Technical Department, Saiful Nizam Othman. He shared that the total project cost of the Solar Farm is RM46 million to produce electricity with the total capacity of 5MWP. The project was commissioned in 2013 in 3 phases.

The final technical visit is to visit the backstage of Encore Melaka. The theatre which rotates 360 degree with multi-stage hydraulic sets and innovative video projection mapping technology is used to create stunning visual effects and to complement the props and traditional costumes and contemporary dance performance by 200 local performers. The visit was conducted after watching the Encore Melaka show, a heritage and cultural performance show.



Delegates at Kumpulan Melaka Berhad (KMB) Solar Farm in Alor Gajah



MBAM Deputy Chairman of M&E Committee, Chong Tat Yam presenting a memento to Senior Technical Manager, Alan Tan, Encore Melaka



Penang International Construction Conference 2019

The inaugural edition of Penang International Conference Construction 2019 was held at The Top Penang @ KOMTAR, Georgetown, Penang on 18 to 19 July with the theme "Safety & Innovation". The international conference was jointly organised by MBAM and the Penang Master Builders & Building Materials Dealers Association (PMBBMDA), with the support of Penang State Government, CIDB Malaysia, SOCSO Malaysia and was endorsed by DOSH and NCOSH Malaysia.

The aim of the conference was to provide a platform for all construction Occupational Health and Safety (OSH) practitioners, Project Managers, business owners and Consultants to have an open discussion on topics related to safety and innovation.

Overall, the conference managed to attract a total of 243 participants. The conference took off with the Safety Briefing and Opening Remarks by Chairman of MBAM Safety & Health Committee, Michael Yap PMBBMDA President, Dato' Lim Chee Tong gave the welcome remarks and MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee gave the opening speech. This was followed by the address and official opening by Guest of Honour, Penang Chief Minister, YAB Tuan Chow Kon Yeow. A Press Conference was held after the Opening Ceremony.

Ten papers were delivered during the conference. They were as follows:

1) "Safety Challenges in Design and Construction – Jakarta Elevated Toll Road" by Niklas Gustafsson, Group Sales Director of Dscaff Group;

2) "Slope Disaster Prevention in Hong Kong: Past, Present and Future" - Ir Dr Julian Lee, Chief Executive & Founder, Cinnotek International Group;

3) "Introduction to New Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health in Construction Industry (Management) (OSHCIM)" - Ir Haji Omar bin Mat Piah Director General, Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH) Malaysia;

4) "Slope Failures: Lesson Learnt – Way Forward" -, Director, E-Geo Consultant Sdn Bhd, Ir Neoh Cheng Aik;

5) "Safety Technology in Construction"- Head of Engineering, Hilti (M) Sdn Bhd Ir. Ng Beng Hooi;

6) Adoption of Industrialised Building System (IBS) in Today's Construction - General Manager, IBS Division, Technology Development Sector, CIDB Malaysia, Ahmad Farrin Mokhtar;

7) "OSH Challenges in MRT Construction – Light at the end of the Tunnel".- Director, Standard Compliance Division, Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Corporation Sdn Bhd, Mohd Yusof bin Kasiron;

8) "CIDB's Role in Promoting Safe Construction Work and Culture in Construction Industry" General Manager, Safety Health Environment, CIDB Malaysia, Ir M. Ramuseren;

9) "Introduction to SOCSO's Employment Services" - Kedah & Perlis Regional Head, Employment Enhancement, SOCSO Malaysia Parabu A/L Daymudoo; and

10) "Virtual Design Construction (VDC) Process – Technology for Safety in Construction"- Regional Sales Manager, Novade Solutions, Singapore, Alexandre Pommier.



Address and Official Opening by Guest of Honour, Penang Chief Minister, YAB Tuan Chow Kon Yeow



Presenter Ir Haji Omar talking about OSHCIM



Last paper by Alexandre Pommier, Regional Sales Manager, Novade Solutions



Participants listening diligently during the Conference

In conclusion, the first edition of the Penang International Construction Conference 2019, themed "Safety & Innovation" which saw 10 very insightful paper presentation by a mix of local and International experts of the industry, provided diverse views, knowledge, experiences, lesson learnt and ways forward in improving the safety and health panorama of the Malaysian construction industry.

MBAM Annual Golf Tournament 2019



MBAM Annual Golf Tournament 2019 was successfully held on 20 July at Kota Permai Golf and Country Club, Shah Alam. The event attracted the participation of 120 players forming 30 flight. The tee off was at 7.45 a.m. The first event held during the luncheon was the Scholarship Award Ceremony. After the ceremony, the event continued with the Prize Giving Ceremony.

This year's champion was Dato' Hen Yet Keow, with Jason Ko as the First Runner Up and Ir Hussain Omar as the Second Runner Up. The novelty prizes went to Mohd Hairi and Zain Azly for Nearest to Pin, Billy Yap and Dato' Law Hong Soon for Nearest to Line, and Kittipat Songcharoen and Low Chin Haur for Longest Drive.

The event continued with a Lucky Draw session for all participants. The Organising Committee wishes to thank all the sponsors for their kind support towards the success of the Golf tournament, namely: Sime Darby Industrial Sdn Bhd, Transview Golf Sdn Bhd, Eighty Nine Machinery Trading Sdn Bhd, Lafarge Concrete (M) Sdn Bhd, Gamuda Berhad, Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd, Jotun Paints (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, Yew Thai Enterprises Sdn Bhd, Causeway Iron Works Sdn Bhd, Aneka Jaringan Sdn Bhd, Syarikat Pembinaan Yeoh Tiong Lay Sdn Bhd, Grand Dynamic Builders Sdn Bhd, Crest Builder Sdn Bhd, LYL Metal Sdn Bhd, USG Boral Sdn Bhd & Rondo Metal Products Sdn Bhd, Al-Ambia Sdn Bhd, HYK Bina Sdn Bhd, WCT Berhad & Power Ram & Eastern Form Machinery, Geonamics (M) Sdn Bhd, Cinnotek International (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, Pertama Crane & Engineering Sdn Bhd, Bina Puri Holdings Bhd, Khalid Aluminium Sdn Bhd, Woodworld Corporation Sdn Bhd, Ocne Water Technology Sdn Bhd, Bauer (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, Eighty Nine Machinery Trading Sdn Bhd, SK Kaken (M) Sdn Bhd & Hilti (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, LFE Engineering Sdn Bhd, Trans Resources Corporation Sdn Bhd, Sime Darby Industrial Sdn Bhd, Truemax Group, Pertama Crane & Engineering Sdn Bhd, Hilti, Hyundai Masboh Sdn Bhd, USG Boral Sdn Bhd, Hyundai Masboh Sdn Bhd, Truemax Group, Reka Zulin Sdn Bhd, Fuchi Engineering (M) Sdn Bhd.



MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee (most right) and Council Member cum Organising Chairman, Ir Au Yong Yoke Lin (most left) with the winners of MBAM Annual Golf Tournament 2019. Starting from second left: 2nd Runner Up - Ir Hussain Omar, Champion - Dato' Hen Yet Keow, 1st Runner Up - Jason Ko.

2019 Scholarship Awards Presentation

The MBAM Education Fund Scholarship 2019 presentation ceremony was held during the MBAM Golf Tournament 2019 event on 20 July at Kota Permai Golf and Country Club. This year, MBAM awarded 10 scholarships for undergraduate studies of which two scholarships were sponsored by Lighthouse Club Kuala Lumpur and one was sponsored under MBAM – Koon Yew Yin scholarship. Collectively, the total scholarships for the new recipients over their duration of studies is RM255,000. Since inception, total scholarship disbursed to date is almost RM2.52 million. Total number of scholarship recipients who have benefited from MBAM Education fund is 152 students. MBAM Honorary Advisor (Education) cum Chairman of Education Fund Board of Management, Chua Siow Leng accompanied by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee gave away the scholarship award to the students. President of Lighthouse Club Kuala Lumpur (LHCKL), Ronan Collins presented to two students under the MBAM-Lighthouse Club Education Fund Scholarship Award.

There were two scholarship recipients who graduated with first-class honours in 2018. The recipients of MBAM First Class Honours Award 2019 were Mohd Ridwan Naim bin Suhaime who graduated with Bachelor of Science (Hons) Architecture from Universiti Teknologi Mara while How Han Zhen graduated with Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) Civil Engineering from Universiti Malaysia Pahang.



First Class Honours Award recipients



4th from left – LHCKL President Ronan Collins, MBAM President Foo Chek Lee and MBAM Honorary Advisor (Education) Chua; together with the scholarship recipients

Syarikat Jaminan Pembiayaan Perniagaan Berhad (SJPP) Talk on Government Guarantee Schemes for SMEs in the Construction Industry



During the presentation by SJPP's Senior Manager, Masliza Bt Zainal Abidin

The talk was initiated by SJPP, a wholly owned company under Ministry of Finance Incorporated and was held on 23 July at MBAM Training Centre, with a total of 43 participants. MBAM Treasurer-General, Kenneth Liew delivered the welcome remarks, where he introduced and thanked Masliza Bt Zainal Abidin, Senior Manager, Guarantee Schemes Management in SJPP, Alvin Ang and Anita Tang from HSBC for sharing their knowledge on this Government Guarantee Schemes to our members.

Masliza has 20 years working experience in the financial sector and her presentation was on the different types of funding alternatives and funding assistance that the Government is providing. SMEs can utilise the Government Guarantee Schemes as a solution for their financial issues. She elaborated on the 4 types of Government Guarantee Schemes that are Working Capital Guarantee Scheme (WCGS), Working Capital Guarantee Scheme-Start Up (WCGS-SU), Working Capital Guarantee Scheme-BUMIPUTERA (WCGS-B) and Automation Process Guarantee Scheme (APGS). She also explained the eligibility criteria for these schemes.

The second speaker, Anita Tang from HSBC mainly talked about financing the right contract, capability of the contractor, past record, political/country risk, foreign currency and price exchange. The third speaker, Alvin Ang from HSBC talked about contract cycle and contract financing in ideal situation.

Launch of the 2019 OECD Economic Survey of Malaysia

MBAM Vice President, Steven Shee and General Manager, Lenny Lim attended the above event on 24 July at Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia (JAKIM). The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) 2019 Economic Survey of Malaysia has projected a resilient growth for the nation's economy but cautioned that there are social and governance risks that must be addressed. OECD Deputy Secretary-General, Masamichi Kono presented the survey that also discussed reforms to ensure fiscal sustainability, strengthen integrity, improve skills acquisition and social opportunities, raise productivity and make growth greener. It predicted that private consumption will continue to be the main driver behind the nation's growth due to stable employment conditions and Putrajaya's measures to help low-income families.



MBAM Vice President, Steven Shee at the launch

C&P Contract Administration Programme: Session 4 – Loss and/or Expense

MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee Deputy Chairman, Ir Anthony Teoh delivered the welcome speech. He welcomed 31 participants to the 4th of the 9 Sessions of Practical Construction Contract Administration/Management by MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee Member, Sr Ong Hock Tek on 24 July.

Construction contracts will generally provide for the contractor to claim direct loss and/or expense as a result of the progress of the works being materially affected by relevant matters for which the client is responsible, such as:

- Failure to give the contractor possession of the site.
- Failure to give the contractor access to and from the site.
- Delays in receiving instructions.
- Opening up works or testing works that then prove to have been carried out in accordance with the contract.
- Discrepancies in the contract documents.
- Disruption caused by works being carried out by the client.
- Failure by the client to supply goods or materials.
- Instructions relating to variations and expenditure of provisional sums.
- Inaccurate forecasting of works described by approximate quantities.

The programme was interesting and gave participants a change to clarify matters with regards to the topic of loss and expenses.



Ir. Anthony Teoh delivering welcome speech



During the Session 4 training

Seminar on Cost Engineering 2019 by UTM



Secretary-General, Ministry of Works Malaysia, Dato' Dr. Syed Omar Sharifuddin Bin Syed Ikhsan delivering his Keynote Address

The Seminar on Cost Engineering 2019 – Shaping Minds and Broadening Perspectives held on 25 July was jointly organised by the Department of Quantity Surveying, Faculty of Built Environment & Surveying UTM and Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) at The Royal Widad Residence, Residensi UTM Kuala Lumpur. The seminar was officiated by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development) of UTM, Prof. Dr Azlan Bin Abdul Rahman followed by the keynote address by Secretary-General, Ministry of Works Malaysia (MOW), Dato' Dr. Syed Omar Sharifuddin Bin Syed Ikhsan.

MBAM were represented by Deputy Chairman II of MBAM Education & Special Institutions Committee, Andrew Ong; Technical & IBS Committee Member, Ir Quah Beng Teong and Manager, Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din.

This seminar is designed to give an essence of the approaches and techniques of project cost engineering in the engineering and construction. It is suitable for those who intend to gain an additional knowledge of cost management in the engineering & construction projects. The invited panellists discussed about the best practices and lesson learnt in developing cost engineering

approaches that would provide a home ground advantage and a framework for managing the cost of engineering and construction projects. Overall, it was a very fruitful and informative coaching session to all participants.



ICT Productivity Nexus Industry Day

On 25 July, the National Tech Association on Malaysia (PIKOM) organised an ICT Productivity Nexus Industry Day and it was endorsed by Ministry International Trade and Industry (MITI). It was a half-day knowledge-session and was attended by Senior Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley Salim. The session was to learn more about ICT incentives provided by the Government. This was part of the initiatives under the Malaysia Productivity Blueprint, which is governed by the National Productivity Council. The session included the industry to get first-hand information on incentives offered by the Government, learn how to qualify and apply for the incentives and to obtain information including an awareness on the SST and the Digital Tax. More information can be found at <https://incentives.mida.gov.my> and <https://www.mysst.customs.gov.my> or visit MIDA website.



During the speech by Guest of Honour, Chairman of Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC), Tuan Tian Chua

41st IFAWPCA Mid-Term Executive Board Meeting, Thimphu, Bhutan

MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee led 30 MBAM member delegation to the 41st IFAWPCA Mid-Term Executive Board Meeting held on 30 to 31 July at Terma Linca Resort, Thimphu Bhutan. MBAM delegates include Vice President, Dennis Tan; Honorary Advisor and IFAWPCA Legal Advisor, John Tong; Treasurer-General, Kenneth Liew; and International Committee Deputy Chairman, Chung Soo Kiong. I was also part of the delegate.

President Foo chaired the Finance Committee on 30 July 2019. The Committee reviewed and approved the audited financial report for 2018 and reviewed the budget for the remaining 2019 and 2020.

Meanwhile the Board Meeting was held on 31 July 2019. The meeting discussed:

- Update on IFAWPCA President's Visits
- IFAWPCA Matters
- Update from Various Committees
- IFAWPCA App
- Proposed PCA Award

The Maldives National Association Construction Industry (MNACI) presented the final programme for the 45th IFAWPCA Convention which is scheduled to be held from 29 June to 3 July 2020 in Male, Maldives (SAii Lagoon Maldives, Curio Collection by Hilton) with the theme "Construction with Conservation – Build A Better World". The intention is to highlight the importance of conservation when we are developing our country and the world where we have limited resources.



President Foo presented a token of appreciation to CAB President, Thinlay Jamtsho

MBAM – PUO Work-Based Learning (WBL) Programme 4th Cohort - Semester 7 (Progress Report) Meeting No.2/2019

The meeting held on 31 July was chaired by MBAM Deputy President cum Chairman of Education Committee & Special Institutions, Tan Sri Sufri Hj Mohd Zin, and was attended by MBAM Council Member cum Deputy Chairman I, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz; Education Committee & Special Institutions Committee Member, Hasnah Binti Mohd Ali; Secretariat Staff, Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din, Mohd Hanif Bin Ismail, Jocelyn Ng, and Nur Fatin Shahira.

Representatives from Politeknik Ungku Omar (PUO) led by BCT Programme Leader, Dr Azuin Binti Ramli, included BCT WBL Coordinators, Mazziyatol Farizza Binti Mat, Samikhah Bt Muhammad@Munir, and Dr Sunitha V. Doraisamy; and BCT WBL Committee, Sharifah Salwa Bt Sapani.

Representatives of the WBL

participating companies attending the meeting were Tn. Hj. Noryani Bin Md Noor and Siti Nurdinar Mhd from Trans Resources Corporation Sdn Bhd; Zuriani from Syarikat Pembinaan Yeoh Tiong Lay Sdn Bhd and Lin Chia Jene from Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd.

The objective of the meeting was to report on the Students' Progress for WBL Programme's 4th Cohort (Semester 7). There were a total of 24 students participating in the 4th Cohort who were attached to nine MBAM member companies. During the briefing, Mazziyatol Farizza also presented the Employability Data which shows that 26% students were hired less than one month after they graduated.

The 5th Cohort of the PUO WBL Programme will commence on 3 September 2019. There will be 25 students participating in the new Cohort.

Companies participating in the 5th Cohort intake are Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd, Trans Resources Corporation Sdn Bhd, Orange Beam Sdn Bhd (formerly known as Putra Perdana Construction Sdn Bhd), Malaysian Generations Builder Berhad and Syarikat Pembinaan Yeoh Tiong Lay Sdn Bhd and Bauer (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd.



During presentation by BCT Programme Leader, Dr Azuin Binti Ramli

Other Key Events Attended by MBAM Representatives in July 2019:-

1 July

Majlis Hari Raya KLIA Holdings at D Gateway Perdana Hotel, Selangor was attended by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; and Secretariat, Chai Min Fung, Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din, Ida Fatmawati Md Ghazali and Fadhira Aqilah.

2 July

Majlis Hari Raya SPT CREAM, CIDB E- Contract & CIDB-IBS Sektor Pembangunan Teknologi, at Sunway Putra Tower, Kuala Lumpur was attended by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and Secretariat, Michael Thong, Mohd Farhan Bin Mohammad Din and Muhammad Fadzley Bin Salim.

3 July

ARCHIDEX Official Opening Ceremony at Plenary Theater, KLCC was attended by MBAM Council Members, Lau Yew Mun, Chong Tat Yam and General Manager, Michael Thong.

4 July

TVET Empowerment Committee Meeting – Quality Cluster at Jabatan Pendidikan Politeknik dan Kolej Komuniti (JPPKK) Putrajaya was attended by MBAM Deputy Chairman of Education Committee II, Andrew Ong; Council Member, Tan Zi Ni and Manager, Mohd Farhan Bin Mohammad Din.

TVET Empowerment Committee Meeting – Branding Cluster at Jabatan Pendidikan Politeknik dan Kolej Komuniti (JPPKK) Putrajaya was attended by MBAM Council Member, Alec Chong and Senior Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley Bin Salim.

5 July

Sesi Engagement Berhubung Pindaan Akta Perangkaan 1965 (Disemak 1989) was attended by MBAM Manager, Mohd Farhan Bin Mohammad Din and Senior Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley Bin Salim at Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia, Putrajaya.

8 July

TRC's 35th Years Anniversary at Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur was attended by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee; Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee; Vice Presidents, Oliver Wee, Dennis Tan, Steven Shee; Deputy Sec-Gen 1, Ong Ka Thiam; Council Members, Dato' Sri Eric Kuan, Lau Yew Mun, Ir Chee Weng Loon, Ir Anthony Teoh, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, Dato' Alex Wee, Michael Yap Kok Wai, Tan Zi Ni, Nalla Sundran and Alec Chong.

9 July

Colombian Bicentenary Celebration at JW Marriot Hotel, Kuala Lumpur was attended by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee and Senior Assistant Manager, Mohd Hanif Bin Ismail.

9 – 10 July

SOCISO Vision Zero Conference 2019 was attended by MBAM Safety and Healthy Deputy Chairman 2, Major Rtd Leong Yee Keong and Committee Member, Wong Kheng Siew at Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC).

10 July

Workshop on Focus Group Under Technical Working Group Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TWG-TVET) for RMKE-12 by Ministry of Education (MOE) at Jabatan Peguam Negara in Putrajaya was attended by MBAM Vice President cum Chairman for HR Committee, Dennis Tan; Council Member cum Deputy Chairman for HR Committee, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz; Education & Special Institutions Committee Member, Hasnah Mohd Ali and Manager, Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din.

16 July

Meeting to study the necessity for tender bond for companies that will participate in government tenders organised chaired by Deputy Director General of Works (Specialist Sector), Ir Kamaluddin bin Abdul Rashid was attended by MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee Member, Chan Kheng Hoe and Senior PR Executive, Chew Chee Yan at Public Works Department Headquarter in Kuala Lumpur.

18 July

Product Talk with USG Boral Sdn Bhd by CIDB IBS Sdn Bhd at IBS CIDB was attended by MBAM Senior Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley Bin Salim.

20 July

Selangor and Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur Kin Cho Hong 101th Anniversary Dinner at Hee Lai Ton (Pudu) Restaurant, Kuala Lumpur was attended by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee; Council Members, Fong Tet Yoong and Lau Yew Mun; and Secretariat, Leon Leong.

21 July

Kelang Kin Cho Hong 93rd Anniversary Dinner at Restaurant Taman Rashna (Klang), Klang was attended by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee; Council Member, Sinn Fuh Ming and General Manager, Michael Thong.

24 July

SCAL Charity Golf 2019 at Singapore Island Country Club was attended by MBAM Vice President, Dennis Tan.

Persatuan Kontraktor Melayu Malaysia (PKMM 40th Anniversary Dinner) at Sunway Putra Hotel, Kuala Lumpur was attended by MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin and MBAM General Manager, Lenny Lim.

26 July

BMDAM 32nd Annual Golf Tournament 2019 was attended by Dato' Tan Gim Foo and Michael Thong at Kota Permai Golf Country Club.

29 July

Reception to Celebrate the Independence Day of the Republic of Maldives at JW Marriot, Kuala Lumpur was attended by MBAM Council Member, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and MBAM Senior Assistant Manager Mohd Hanif Ismail.

31 July

Technical Working Group on Dealing with Construction Permits (TWGDGP) Meeting Bil.2/2019 at KPKT, Putrajaya was attended by MBAM General Manager, Lenny Lim.



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