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Representatives in November 2017

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Course Training Calendar 2017

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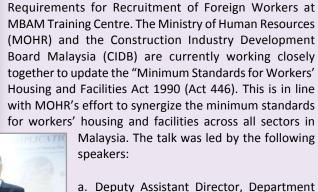
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#### **NOVEMBER 2017 BULLETIN**

Next year will be a hectic year for MBAM as we are preparing to organise the 44th International Federation of Asian and Western Pacific

Contractors' Associations (IFAWPCA) Convention at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. The convention will be our biggest international events after more than 20 years since we last organised it. On another note, we are left with another few weeks before the New Year comes. I can foresee that next year will be another great year based on the support and commitment shown by MBAM members throughout this year. As we are celebrating Christmas soon, I am sure that everyone are already in your holiday mood. May this Christmas season bring you closer to all those that you treasure in your heart. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

#### **TALK ON JABATAN TENAGA KERJA'S** REQUIREMENTS **FOR RECRUITMENT OF FOREIGN** WORKERS



Zulkfli bin Wan Setapa.

The objectives of the talk were:

Manager,

b. Senior

Sulaiman.

On 1st November 2017, MBAM Human Resources

Committee organised the Talk on Jabatan Tenaga Kerja's



Presentation of certificate of Appreciation to Deputy Assistant Director, Department of Labour, Peninsular Malaysia, Mr Wan Zulkfli bin Wan Setapa



a) To create awareness among members the new requirement for workers' accommodation.

on the latest JTK's requirements for the employment of foreign workers in the construction industry, on including

of Labour, Peninsular Malaysia, Mr Wan

Construction Technology Development Sector, CIDB Malaysia, Mr Khairunnizam

Safety

Unit,

b) To create a platform for MBAM members to raise queries on other issues arises when dealing with CIDB or JTK on this matter.



Presenting a certificate of Appreciation to Senior Manager, Safety Unit, Construction Technology Development Sector, CIDB Malaysia, Mr Khairunnizam Sulaiman



The talk was attended by 71 participants. MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee delivered the opening remarks. MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming, MBAM Human Resources Committee Members, Mr Mazlan Haron and Ms Joanne Ng was also present for the talk.

The attendees of the talk

# MBAM ONEBUILD EXHIBITION 2017

MBAM successfully organised the first MBAM-OneBuild Construction Exhibition 2017 from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017

at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. The event was officiated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Chairman of CIDB Malaysia, Tan Sri Dr. Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali who was joined by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Deputy President cum Organising Chairman of MBAM OneBuild, Tan Sri Dato' A K Nathan and Managing Director of One International Exhibition Sdn Bhd, Mr Lim Kean Boon. The event was also attended by Presidents and Representatives of Endorsement Bodies as well as Supporting Associations.



The exhibition was successfully held with the support of 157 exhibitors, 259



The ribbon cutting ceremony officiating the opening of the MBAM-OneBuild Exhibition

exhibition booths and 4,500 visitors. With the success of this exhibition, it will become an annual event in MBAM's calendar and we hope for your continuous support to ensure the continued success of this programme.

Among the visitors at the MBAM-OneBuild Construction Exhibition

# MBAM BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE 2017

The MBAM Building & Construction Conference 2017, Co-organised by MBAM and CIDB Malaysia was successfully held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017. The event was held in conjunction with the MBAM OneBuild Exhibition 2017 organised on 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2017 at Exhibition Hall 1 and 2, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. The conference highlighted issues, challenges as well as the latest developments in the field

of Industrialised Building System (IBS) and Productivity. The Chairman of CIDB Malaysia, YBhg. Tan Sri Dr Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali were present as the Guest of Honour.

Organised with the theme "Technology Advancement with Stakeholders Collaboration", 423 participants attended the keynote address and the three forum sessions featuring 15 panellists and moderators who came from various backgrounds: Government, associations, academicians and the private sector.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr John Keung, Dean of Building and Construction Authority Academy, Singapore.

Attendees of the Conference had the opportunity to deep dive into featured topics: Modular Construction, Stakeholders Collaboration and Challenges Faced by Malaysian Contractors. The panellists discussed on their work and reflected on the



Presenting a souvenir to the Guest of Honour, YBhg. Tan Sri Dr Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali



importance of Industrialised Building Systems (IBS) and Productivity with the objective of driving the Malaysian construction industry forward.

The MBAM Building and Construction Conference 2017 was organized by MBAM, driven and dedicated to improve the collaboration between architects, consulting engineers and contractors, for the betterment of the construction industry. We look forward to organize the next edition of the Conference next year to continue.

YBhg. Tan Sri Dr Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali touring the exhibition centre

ANNOUNCEMENT
OF THE WINNER
FOR THE MBAM
BUILDING DESIGN
COMPETITION

#### **Honorary Mentions**

- Ar Town Planner Haji Mohd Nazam Bin MD Kassim, Focus Architects and Urban Planners Sdn. Bhd and
- II. Ar Lau Kim Too, receiving RM5,000.00 and a certificate each.

However, Ar Lau Kim Too was not able to attend and was duly acknowledged.

#### **Third Prize Winner**

1. Ar. Foo Hui Ping from Arkitek
Foo Hui Ping receiving RM15,000.00 and a certificate.

The MBAM Building Design Competition winners was announced concurrently during the Opening Ceremony of the MBAM Building and Construction Conference 2017 on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017. The Chairman of CIDB Malaysia, YBhg. Tan Sri Dr Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin bin Ali accompanied by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee and MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Dato' A K Nathan presented the prizes to the winners. The Panel of Jury had decided to award prizes to the following entries:



The winners of the MBAM Building Design Competition

#### **Joint Second Prize Winners**

The panel jurors after extensive deliberation have decided to award two joint Second Prize winners. Each received RM35,000.00 and a certificate. The joint winners are:

- 1. Ar Chan Chin Yeow with Chua Yheu-Shen from CY Chan Architect; and
- 2. Ar Hung Sing Ing from MOA Architects Sdn Bhd

After deliberate judgement, the judges decided that there is no first prize winner. After the announcement of winners, YBhg. Tan Sri Dr. Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin was invited to officiate and tour the MBAM-Onebuild Building and Construction Exhibition at Halls 1 and 2, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

THE SARAWAK
BUILDING & CIVIL
ENGINEERING
CONTRACTORS
ASSOCIATION
(SBCECA)
ANNIVERSARY
DINNER

The Sarawak Building & Civil Engineering Contractors Association (SBCECA) Dinner was held at Kingwood Ballroom, Kingwood Hotel, Sibu on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017. SBCECA President, Mr Tang Yu Chang and his committee welcomed the MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong and MBAM Executive Officer, Ms Abbie Ng.

MBAM President in his speech touched on the recent Budget 2018, where he highlighted the various aspects of economic growth especially those related to the construction industry such as the MRT Line 2, High Speed Rail between Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, MRT Line 3, Upgrade of Pulau Pinang and Langkawi International Airport, as well as the Pan Borneo Highway. He then recalled the earlier meeting between MBAM and SBCECA and pointed out some pertinent issues which would take effect in January 2018 such as the Employment

Insurance Scheme whereby Employers would have to contribute 0.2%, non-deduction to recover back levy from Foreign workers, payment of wages to foreign workers via bank, as well as income tax deduction of foreign workers. Moving on, he touched on the



issues affecting the adoption of IBS technology in the construction industry such as lack of competent IBS designers, outdated heavy lifting machinery and a need to amend the legislation to pave the way for the adoption of IBS technology, which ultimately would improve the quality of construction works and reduce manpower requirements, especially unskilled foreign workers.

In concluding his speech, the MBAM President thanked and wished SBCECA many more successful years to come.

MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee receiving a souvenir from SBCECA President, Mr Tang Yu Chang

DIALOGUE BETWEEN
MBAM AND
SARAWAK BUILDING
& CIVIL
ENGINEERING
CONTRACTORS
ASSOCIATION
(SBCECA)

The dialogue between MBAM and SBCECA was held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Perdana Room, Kingwood Hotel. The SBCECA Honorary Secretary , Mr Siek King Kuong, in his opening address on behalf of their President, Mr Tang Yu Chang welcomed the MBAM delegates which comprised of MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong and MBAM Executive Officer, Ms Abbie Ng to the dialogue. MBAM President thanked SBCECA for their hospitality and invitation to the dialogue. Together with MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming, he addressed the dialogue on the following major issues.

(1) Levy: He informed of the new law to be enforced in January 2018 in which Employers were to bear all the expenses and levy charges incurred in the recruitment of foreign workers. Employers are also not allowed to recover the said expenses and levy charges

from the foreign workers. The current practice of monthly deduction of the salary of the foreign workers to offset the charges would be illegal. Issues raised in this topic were the concern of the high cost of engaging a foreign worker which would be around RM7,000 for an Indonesian worker and approximately RM15,000 for a Bangladeshi worker.

- (2) Employment Insurance Scheme (EIS): It was reported the EIS was passed in parliament and would take effect in January 2018. Highlights of the scheme mentioned were the employer's contribution of 0.2%, and retrenchment benefits of up to six months' allowances. MBAM urged for a formation of Management committee to monitor the disbursement of the fund.
- (3) CIDB Akta 520 Pindaan: The schedule 3 & 4 of the CIDB Akta 520 was brought up to remind members on the requirements to use certified products at their work sites and the requirements to have their workers accredited as a competent person by CIDB Malaysia. Scaffolding issues were discussed and members were reminded of the implementation date scheduled in January 2018. It was highlighted that MBAM jointly with CIDB were conducting interview sessions to accredit site supervisors and trade foremen. Members were warned that in Peninsular Malaysia, CIDB have already started to check various sites on the compliance to the Act 520. A member from Sibu reported similar check at his site.
- (4) IBS (Industrialized Building System): The changes in the Uniform Building By Law to adopt IBS along with the adoption of Building Information Modelling (BIM) were brought up to the notice of the members, although at present this was not

mandatory for East Malaysia. It was highlighted that IBS and BIM are the way forward in the construction industry to improve quality and productivity.

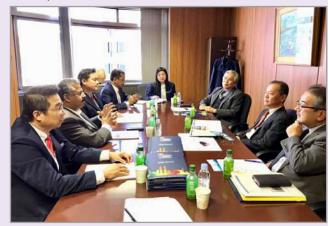


Group photo during the dialogue session between MBAM and SBCECA

COURTESY VISIT TO OVERSEAS CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN, INC. IFAWPCA President cum MBAM Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee accompanied by MBAM Deputy President & Chairman of International Affairs Committee Tan Sri Dato' A K Nathan, MBAM Council Members Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and Mr Fong Tet Yong, MBAM Executive Director Ms Loh Mei Ling and MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei visited the Overseas Construction Association of Japan, Inc. Secretariat on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 with the

intention to promote the next 44<sup>th</sup> IFAWPCA Convention to be held from 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Kuala Lumpur.

MBAM received a warm welcome from the Executive Director, Mr Otsubo, Manager, Mr Yahara and Mr Ijima. At the meeting MBAM took the opportunity to promote the 44<sup>th</sup> IFAWPCA Convention highlighting new business and networking programmes for OCAJI members and other IFAWPCA members to participate namely a 3-day international exhibition on building and construction industry and an international conference. OCAJI has responded positively to the said initiative and pledged their full support to 2018 IFAWPCA Convention. MBAM Secretariat will announce more of the exhibition and conference information at the official website at **ifawpca2018.my** soon.



Meeting with the representative of OCAJI

MBAM TECHNICAL
VISIT ON
INDUSTRIALISED
BUILDING
TECHNOLOGY IN
TOKYO, JAPAN

MBAM International Affairs Committee organised a Technical Visit on Industrialised Building Technology to Tokyo, from  $5^{th}-10^{th}$  November 2017. MBAM Deputy President cum Chairman of International Affairs Committee Chairman, Tan Sri Dato' A K Nathan, and MBAM Treasurer General cum Chief Delegate for this visit, Mr Kenneth Liew led a 19-member

delegation for this technical visit. The delegates consist of MBAM Immediate Past President cum

IFAWPCA President, Datuk Matthew Tee, MBAM Secretary General, Mr Dennis Tan, Madam Tessa Chang and Ms Kristy Tan from Ocned Water Technology Sdn Bhd, MBAM Honorary Advisor, Dato' Ng Kee Leen, MBAM Honorary Advisor (Legal), Mr John Tong, MBAM Council Members, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, Dato' Steven Hooi, Mr Fong Tet Yoong, MBAM International Affairs Committee Member, Mr Tan Kim Yoke, Pembinaan Mitrajaya Sdn Bhd, Mr See Wee Wah, Premier Construction Sdn Bhd, Dato' Alex Wee, Pertama



During the factory visit

Crane Engineering Sdn Bhd, Mr Alec Chong, Setia Precast Sdn Bhd, Mr Teh Boon Hock, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling and MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei.

The technical visit commenced on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 with the visit to Kato Works Co., Ltd's Ibaraki Plant. The visit was facilitated by Mr Tan Cheng Guan, Executive Director of Sin Heng Heavy Machinery Limited (distributor of Kato Crane) who was also present



Group photo of the MBAM delegation at Kato's Ibaraki Plant

together with MBAM delegation. This Plant started its operations since 1963 with the productions of fully hydraulic excavators and later in 1980, they started productions of Rough Terrain Cranes. The delegates were received and given a briefing on the operations of Kato Works Co. and their products by the Managing Director, Mr Kato. Thereafter, the delegates were taken on a tour to their crane machinery plant to see how the cranes were assembled and produced.

On 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017, the delegates visited the Hitachi Collaboration Square Kobayashi accompanied by Mr Chew Huat Seng, Managing Director, Hitachi Asia

(Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. The delegates were given presentation on Hitachi's Energy Management System Concept, Area Energy Management System; Building Energy Management System; Hitachi's Information Technology Operational Technology (IOT) platform "Lumada"; Sustainable Urban Development (Security/Renovation) and Machinery Monitoring and Facility Management Service "Doctor Cloud". It was noted that Hitachi uses new technology which utilise "Big Data" for creating future cities. With their collaborative creation with concept, technology, management system, they are now able to have a predictive and preventive system to prevent accidents.



Group photo at the Hitachi Centre

The visit continued with the visit to Kashiwa-no-ha Smart City. Senior Engineer from Hitachi, Ltd, Urban Solutions Business unit, Mr Takashi Ichihara gave the briefing on this smart city. The concept of this smart city is an urban model for their future. Environmental – Symbiosis whereby the people and environment are friendly and fully disaster prepared. Health and Longevity whereby all ages can enjoy good health and secure living. This city also promotes new industry creation which foster growth fields where there is Energy – creation, saving and storage. The Value derived from this smart city are (i) Visualisation by using IT; (ii) Interchange of Electricity; and (iii) Use of Business Continuity Plan (BCP) and Life Continuity Plan (LCP). The city also uses the Area Energy Management System (AEMS) which efficiently operate, monitor and control the energy across the region. They also promote Public-Private-Academic Partnership. This new lifestyle will change the world - bringing people together and new innovation. This project has achieved (LEED–ND) Platinum certification in November 2016.

On 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 morning, the delegates visited Taisei Corporation Headquarters in Tokyo. Hiroshi Suzuki San, the Chief of International Marketing and Business Development Division welcome the delegates and gave a briefing about the company. Toshihiko Makiuchi San, the General Manager, Taisei Corporation (Kuala Lumpur Office) was also present to accompany the delegates for the visit to their headquarters and their Taisei Pre-Cast factory in the afternoon.

The visit to the Taisei Chiba Precast Concrete factory was very enlightening as the delegates were briefed on the precision of the pre-cast products produced especially for the new Tokyo Olympic Stadium project which the delegates visited on 9th November



MBAM delegates at Taisei precast concrete factory

2017 afternoon. The delegates were taken on a tour of the factory by the factory manager.

On 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 morning, the delegates visited the Taisei Technical Center. Hidemitsu Koyanagi San, Senior Research Engineer, Energy Research Section, Urban Engineering Research Department Technology Center gave a briefing about the facilities available at the technical center and took the delegates on a tour to their Zero Energy Building (ZEB). Their ZEB systems and technologies uses the Sensing Technology – T-Zone Saver, Lighting Systems – T-Light Cube; Heating and cooling systems - T- Radiant Slab and Power generation systems – Organic Thin-film photovoltaic cells. There are 14 facilities building in that center, i.e. Administration and Research Building, Information Management Building (base isolation), Structural Laboratory, Greenhouse, Acoustic Laboratory, Clean Technology Laboratory,

Environmental Laboratory, Fireproof Test Laboratory, Geotechnical Centrifuge Laboratory, ICT Construction Laboratory, Hydraulics Laboratory, Material Laboratory, Geotechnical Laboratory and ZEB Demonstration Building (base isolation).

MBAM would like to record our sincere appreciation and thanks to SH Heavy Machinery Sdn Bhd, Kato Works Co., Ltd, Hitachi, Ltd. and Taisei Corporation for their hospitality and hosting our delegates to their respective offices, research centres, project sites and wonderful lunches during the technical visit.

Overall, we were impressed with the creativity, innovation and technology advancement that they have in Japan and there is much more for our country to learn from them in these areas.

#### 3 DAYS QLASSIC TRAINING - 1<sup>ST</sup> INTAKE

The QLASSIC Awareness & Assessor Training was jointly organised by the MBAM Technical Committee together with the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) on 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The Deputy Chairman of Technical Committee cum MBAM Council Member, Mr Nalla Sundran officiated the opening ceremony of the training which saw the participation of 31 attendees. The training was subsidised by CIDB and the 3-day training was led by YBhg. Dato' Ir. Laxana Naidu of Sysnovate Solutions Sdn Bhd.

The course was held with the aim of providing a practical understanding and application QLASSIC CIS 7:2014 assessments for building projects as well as developing competent and qualified assessor through in depth understanding and application of



The Deputy Chairman of Technical Committee cum MBAM Council Member, Mr Nalla Sundran giving his opening speech

During the training session facilitated by Dato' Ir. Laxana Naidu QLASSIC CIS 7:2014 standard. QLASSIC (Quality Assessment System in Construction) is developed by the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), Malaysia in conjunction with major construction industry stakeholders.



# COURTESY VISIT TO CIDB NEW MYBIM CENTRE

MBAM ICT Committee was invited to visit the new myBIM Centre at Level 11, Sunway Putra Tower on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The Courtesy visit was attended by MBAM Vice President & Chairman of ICT Committee, Mr Oliver Wee, MBAM Vice President, Mr Chung Soo Kiong, MBAM Council Member, Mr Nalla Sundran, Deputy Chairman of ICT Committee, Mr Alex Liew,

ICT Committee Member, Mr Steven Shee, MBAM Members,

Ms Miranda Lui and Mr Jeremy Loh, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim, MBAM Senior Assistant Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan and MBAM IT & Admin Executive, Mr Muhammad Fadzley.

CIDB e-Construct Training Coordinator, Mr Mohd Fakhran introduced and explained the vision of myBIM and existing scenario of our construction industry related to BIM approach. myBIM Centre is the premiere national One-Stop-Centre facilitating the implementation of Building Information Modelling (BIM) in Malaysia via various initiatives parallel to the aspirations of Construction Industry Transformation Program (CITP) 2016-2020.

myBIM centre has facilities including myBIM Studio for BIM Training and Practitioners, myBIM Lab to facilitate the conduct of training





The MBAM delegates being briefed about the myBIM centre

and class, myBIM Seminar ideal to organise talk, mini seminar, product launch, briefing and shows, as well as 5 Showcase areas for exhibitors at the foyer of myBIM Centre. Currently myBIM centre equipped with latest and well-known BIM software such as Autodesk, Revit, CubiCost, Bentley and many others.

The CEO of CIDB e-Construct, Mr Rofizlan Ahmad introduced myBIM library which to help facilitate construction industry players to adopt BIM approach. It has the potential to simplify the relevant consultant to develop a BIM model using components platforms available online. Collaboration training with MBAM will commence next year after detailed discussion on the training programme before the end of this year or early next year.

Group photo at the myBIM

CIDB STATISTICS,
INDICES IN
CONSTRUCTION &
AUTOMATION
FORUM 2017
(SICA FORUM 2017)

The SICA Forum 2017 with the theme "Capitalizing Big Data, Optimizing Productivity" was organised on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Renaissance Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> series of the annual forum since its inception by CIDB in 2015. It was officiated by the Minister of Works, Y.B. Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah Bin Haji Yusof. The objectives of the forum were to enable the construction players to discuss and gain deeper insights on the potential of "Big Data" analytic in

transforming the Malaysian construction industry to be more productive and to provide a platform for members of the construction industry to share experiences and best practices on how big data analysis could lead to better construction management decisions and strategies. MBAM was represented by MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong, MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei, MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Leon Leong and MBAM IT & Admin Executive, Mr Muhammad Fadzley.

The first forum on "The Current Scenario of Data Compilation for Construction Industry in Malaysia: What's the Next Move" and the second Forum on "Creating Value to Data and Statistics in increasing Productivity and Predicting Life Cycle" had panel members



Minister of Works, Malaysia, Y.B. Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah Bin Haji Yusof officiating The SICA forum 2017

from the Master Builders Association Malaysia, Building Materials Distributors Association Malaysia, Khazanah Research Institute, Department of Statistics, National Property Information Center, Institute of Value Management Malaysia and Construction Industry Development Board.

Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming was one of the panel member, being the supplier and users of data discussed on the various types of data



 ${\it The panellist receiving the certificate of appreciation}$ 

such as material pricing data, labour pricing data, machinery data that would assist the contractors to price in a realistic tender. In addition he cautioned on the accuracy and validity of the data that were freely available for usage. In conclusion he summed up that with credible and reliable data, industry players would be able to become more efficient and effective in making business decisions, deciding their cost estimation and above all, improve productivity and profitability. He proposed that CIDB being the custodian of the construction industry should be the central repository for construction data.

In summary, the second forum concurred that the optimized usage of big data would transform the construction industry into a modern, highly productive and sustainable industry.

#### POLITEKNIK UNGKU OMAR'S CEO FACULTY TALK

The CEO Faculty Talk by Politeknik Ungku Omar was held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Dewan Jubli Perak, Politeknik Ungku Omar, Ipoh. MBAM

Vice President and Chairman of Education Committee, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Mohd Zin was invited to deliver the keynote address for the Talk. The Talk was held in conjunction with the Civil Engineering Technology Conference and Exhibition. Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri talked on the topic of Enhancing Employability of Young Professionals in Construction Industry. He later took on questions from the floor.

After the talk, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri toured the Work Based Learning (WBL) Semester 8 Student Final Year Project Presentations. There were about 30 final year projects on



Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri at the CEO Talk



display at the exhibition area. After that , Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri and the attendees from TRC was given a tour of the almost completed TRC Edu Centre, a project by TRC for Politeknik Ungku Omar to modernise the teaching facilities available at the Polytechnic.

Group photo with the coordinator from PUO

## MBAM BUDGET 2018 TALK

The MBAM Finance Committee organised the MBAM Budget 2018 Talk on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at MBAM Training Centre. The event was attended by 61

participants and was officiated by the MBAM Treasurer General, Mr Kenneth Liew. MBAM Honorary Advisor (taxation) and Managing Director of Deloitte Malaysia, Mr Yee Wing Peng led the talk by sharing the updates on Budget 2018.

Mr Yee has more than 21 years of experience in audit and tax, specializes in group tax planning, corporate tax restructuring, cross border tax structuring and tax advisory. He highlighted 2018 Budget key changes on personal/corporate income tax, investment incentives,



Among the Participants for the talk

Presenting a souvenir to Mr Yee Wing Peng

stamp duty, RPGT and GST. He added that TN50 was introduced, however there are challenges faced by Malaysia such as digitalization and technological breakthrough, rapid urbanisation as well as ageing population. Also highlighted were updates on Budget 2018's fund allocation for various sectors.

He delivered a very interesting presentation which was followed by some Q and A session. The panel speakers, MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee and I also talked about construction related news updates.

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

The 2-days seminar on Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) and Workshop on Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWPs) was jointly organised by MBAM and Penang Master Builders & Building Materials Dealers Association (PMBBMDA) on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at Sunway Hotel Seberang Jaya, Penang. This Seminar was supported by Social Security Organisation

(SOCSO), endorsed by National Council for Occupational Safety & Health (NCOSH) and Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH). The Deputy Director of Technique Services Division, Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH) Penang, En Idris Bin Abdul Rahman was also present as the Guest of Honour.



Presenting a souvenir to En Idris Bin Abdul Rahman



The attendees of the seminar

This seminar was aimed to enrich the standard of safety and health at construction work sites by creating awareness among the employers and construction site personnel on the importance of practicing high standard of occupational safety management at construction project sites. 67 participants attended the seminar.

Day one covered on Workshop on Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWPs) and was facilitated by the Regional General Manager of IPAF, South East Asia & China, Mr Raymond Wat. This full day workshop underlined on Product Knowledge and Awareness on Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWPs). Our participants was enlightened to gain knowledge for investigation in the event of an accident at construction sites

that related to MEWPs. Besides that, Mr Raymond also focused on knowledge for workplace Inspection that paramount on feasible safer alternatives available and acceptable way to work.

The second day covered on topic entitled "Guideline of Occupational Safety and Health in Construction Industry (Management) 2017", presented by Senior Assistant Director, Construction Safety Division, Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH) Malaysia, En Azman bin Hussain @ Hussin.

This paper charting few important aspect such as fundamental to future construction legislation, key elements to construction safety, and construction OSH Management Guidelines and its significant. He also emphasized on the catalyst for improving industry's poor OSH performance and signify policy shift, self-regulated, cooperation, performance-based approach and also duty holders.

Next, they have presentation on Update on "Regulating Construction Product and Material Under CIDB Act 520 (Amendment 2011) & Standard Requirement on Scaffolding" by Manager, Building Materials Division, CIDB Malaysia, Pn. Nor Hamiza Zahar. This paper emphasized on the 4th Schedule (2011) and (2016) amendment on the building materials in line with Benefits of Regulating Mandatory Standard which include to safeguard the workers, protecting our country from becoming dumping ground of sub-standard products, established equal level of playing fields by promote standardization, healthy competition based on productivity, efficiency and cost effectiveness.

We also have a speaker from Pembinaan Mitrajaya Sdn Bhd, Mr Foo Chek Lee, presented a paper on "Roles & Responsibilities of Designated Person (DP) in Construction Industry". He highlighted on the mandatory for contractor to appoint Designated Person (DP) during submission of JKJ 103 Form plus clarifying on the legal requirement of Designated Person for certain work activities at construction sites in Malaysia. Meanwhile, we also had another representative from Industry player, Mr Michael Yap Kok Wai, Corporate Management Director, Satujaya Sdn Bhd delivering a paper presentation on "Safety Minutes of Meeting (MOM) + Standard Operation Procedure (SOP)". This paper highlighted on accountability and responsibility liaise with the people who attend the meeting to ensure that message are communicate properly to all workers at site in line with DOSH Construction Industry (Management) OSH Guidelines.

SOCSO Penang, also presented a paper on Social Security Protection Schemes by Mr Anthony Arul Dass. He enlighten participants on the claim benefits and procedures that most of our construction workers are not aware of. This two full day seminar was essential for all construction safety personnel who are responsible for occupational safety and health.

**COURTESY VISIT TO MASTER BUILDERS AUSTRALIA (MBA)** 

IFAWPCA President, Datuk Matthew Tee paid a courtesy visit to Master Builders Australia (MBA) on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 in conjunction with their Annual General Meeting and National Conference and National Awards which was held from 23rd - 25th November 2017

in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. Present at the meeting were Master Builders Australia National

President Mr Dan Perkins as well as other MBA Council Members.

During the engagement with MBA Council Members, Datuk Matthew Tee took the opportunity to welcome all MBA members to the next 44th IFAWPCA Convention in Kuala Lumpur which is scheduled to be held from 12th to 16th November 2017 as well as participate actively in the upcoming conference and exhibition.



MBAM Immediate Past President cum IFAWPCA President, Datuk Matthew Tee with MBA board members

## MBAM FUTSAL TOURNAMENT 2017

The MBAM Publications & Outreach Committee have successfully organized the MBAM Futsal Tournament 2017 on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Samba de Futsal, Seksyen 51a, Petaling Jaya. The event, which was sponsored by UAC Berhad, was held to enhance the camaraderie between MBAM Members and to celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship.



The Futsal Tournament was first held in 2014 and this year the Tournament saw the record participation of 32 teams from MBAM Ordinary Members and members of MBAM Affiliate, NRMCA. Attending the Tournament to support their teams was MBAM Deputy Secretary General, Mr Ong Ka Thiam, and MBAM Council Member, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz.

The winners of the MBAM Futsal Tournament

After a day of intense matches, the results were as follows:

Champion – Redscape from Norwest Sdn Bhd winning the Champion's Trophy, medals and RM800.00 cash

1st Runner Up – Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd winning medals and RM600.00 cash

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up – Eversendai Constructions (M) Sdn Bhd winning medals and RM400.00 cash

MBAM hopes everyone had a good time at the Tournament and looks forward to host the next Tournament in 2018.



Group photo of the players for MBAM Futsal Tournament 2017

#### COURTESY VISIT TO REGISTERED MASTER BUILDERS

IFAWPCA President, Datuk Matthew Tee headed to Wellington, New Zealand and visited the Registered Master Builders (RMB) where a meeting was arranged with its President Mr Simon Barber and Chief Executive Officer Mr David Kelly on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Datuk Matthew Tee requested RMB to continue its supports to IFAWPCA and hoped that RMB and its members will support the 44<sup>th</sup> IFAWPCA Convention in Kuala Lumpur, next year.

Datuk Matthew Tee also took the opportunity to present some of the upcoming business programme namely the international exhibition and conference to be highlighted at the  $44^{\rm th}$  IFAWPCA Convention. RMB will consider our request favourably and disseminate the information to their members for participation.



With the President of Registered Master Builders Association, Mr Simon Barber and Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Kelly

# COURTESY VISIT TO CAMBODIA CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION (CCA)

IFAWPCA President, Datuk Matthew Tee, IFAWPCA Secretary-General, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming and MBAM Past Deputy President, Mr Aziz Bahaman visited CCA on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to promote the next 44<sup>th</sup> IFAWPCA Convention.

MBAM Delegation also attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Cambodia Constructors

Association Summit and Cambodia Construction Industry Expo on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at the Diamond Island Exhibitions and Convention Centre, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The expo which lasted for 3 days was hosted and organised by the Cambodia Constructors Association (CCA) as part of the Association's Annual General Assembly. The show was supported by many public institutions including the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, the Ministry of Commerce, the Board of Engineers Cambodia, the Board of Architects of Cambodia, the ASEAN Constructors Federation (ACF) which represents constructors in ASEAN as well as the International Federation of Asian & Western Pacific Contractors' Association (IFAWPCA).



At the 6th CCA summit and Cambodia construction industry expo

The main purpose of the exhibition was to showcase and promote construction materials, services and technologies which are available in the Cambodian market. The expo features about 250 booths (with 150 exhibitors) and showcase a wide range of materials and services from the building materials and decoration to mechanical and electrical (M&E) equipment and technology to plumbing and water supply systems, machinery, and mechanical and steel forms, construction machineries, etc. Supporting industry such as real estate agencies, banks, insurers and education have also participated in the said exhibition. Overall, the exhibition has attracted professionals from the construction industry, government officials as well as overseas guests. The expo has created an opportunity for investors and buyers to meet and establish new contacts with new customers.

Datuk Matthew Tee was also invited to deliver a speech at the opening ceremony. According to the World Bank, Cambodia's real growth is projected to remain healthy at 7.0% in 2017, driven partly by a significant increase in Government spending with fiscal expansion. Construction enjoyed a steadily increase from 6.5% in 2012 to 6.9% in 2016, while maintaining its prospect for growth in coming years. Approved construction projects in Cambodia in 2016 grew to an estimated value of USD 5.579 billion, a 68% year-on-year increase from the previous year, according to the report by the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction (MLMUPC), Cambodia.

#### OTHER KEY EVENTS ATTENDED BY MBAM REPRESENTATIVES IN NOVEMBER 2017:-

#### 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017

The Society of Construction Law's Workshop on Handling Delay and Prolongation Claims was attended by MBAM Vice President and Chairman of Contracts & Practices Committee, Mr Oliver Wee at KLRCA, Bangunan Sulaiman, Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin, Kuala Lumpur.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Opening of Metagaya Sand factory was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong and MBAM Executive Officer, Ms Abbie Ng at Metagaya Sand factory, Sibu.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

SIRIM's Technical Committee Meeting No. 7/2017 on Windload was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at GERAKAN Meeting Room, SIRIM Berhad, Shah Alam.

#### 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017

The National Integrity Convention 2017 jointly organised by the Malaysian Institute of Integrity and Petronas was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

PAM Annual Golf was attended by MBAM Vice President, Mr Oliver Wee at Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Resort, Kuala Lumpur.

REHDA invitation to CEO Series 2017 was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee and MBAM PR Executive, Ms Tessa Hamid at Connexion Nexus, Bangsar South.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> MTC (Malaysian Timber Council) International Conference on Wood Architecture was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at Level 3, Plenary Theatre, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

#### 15th November 2017

CIDB Bengkel Penambahbaikan Soalan SCORE V2 was attended by MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming at Bunga Room, Level 3, Seri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

#### 17th November 2017

Malaysian Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Association (MACRA) 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Fundraising Dinner 2017 was attended by MBAM Council Member, Mr Chong Tat Yam at Dewan Tan Sri YTL, Wisma Hua Zong, Seri Kembangan, Kuala Lumpur.

#### 20th November 2017

Department of Statistic, Malaysia (DOSM) invitation to 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Statistics Briefing was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at Dewan Anggerik, Aras 2, Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia, Blok C6, Kompleks C, Putrajaya.

Majlis Profesor Negara's Roundtable Discussion on Industry Revolution 4.0: Construction Industry was attended by MBAM Vice President, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Bin Haji Mohd Zin and MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Mohd Hanif Bin Ismail at Balai Ilmuwan, Majlis Profesor Negara, Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Putrajaya.

CIDB TWG on Development Coordination Meeting CIS 23: Falsework in Construction was attended by MBAM Manager, Ms Chai Min Fung at Diamond Meeting Room, Sunway Putra Tower, Kuala Lumpur.

Engagement Visit on e-Tanah at Pejabat Tanah dan Galian Kuala Lumpur was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at Bilik Mesyuarat, Pejabat Tanah dan Galian Kuala Lumpur.

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

Majlis Pelancaran Garis Panduan dan Kertas Dasar Jabatan Kawalan Bangunan was attended by MBAM Council Member, Mr Lau Yew Mun and MBAM PR Executive, Ms Tessa Hamid at Dewan Megapuri, Menara DBKL 1, Jalan Raja Laut, Kuala Lumpur.

MATRADE - Malaysia Promotion Investment Programme in Vietnam 2017 was attended by MBAM Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei at 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Berjaya Times Square Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

#### 23rd November 2017

SME Malaysia Association Dinner Invitation to Platinum Business Awards 2017 was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee at Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre.

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

CIDB Seminar on Quality Awareness and Building Materials Standard & Compliance was attended by MBAM Chairman of Safety & Health Committee, Mr Michael Yap and MBAM Senior Assistant Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan at Waterfront Hotel, Kuching Sarawak.

#### 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Malaysia – China Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) opening ceremony of the Malaysia-China Entrepreneur Conference 2017, Gala Dinner and The Malaysia-China Entrepreneur Award Ceremony was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Accounts & Admin Executive, Ms Tan Lee Teng and I at Putrajaya International Convention Centre.

#### 27th November 2017

Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner was attended by MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Dato' A K Nathan at Imperial Ballroom, One World Hotel, Petaling Jaya.

#### 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017

CITP Initiative Working Group on Contractor Registration Meeting No. 4/2017 – CITP\_IWG3/Q3a - Contractor Registration was attended by me at Bilik Mesyuarat Lembaga, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, Menara Dato' Onn, PWTC, CIDB Malaysia.

Public Consultation Session, Market Review of Building Material in Construction Industry under Competition Act 2010 was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at Thistle Hotel, Johor Bahru.

Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Teknikal Pembangunan Standard Industri Pembinaan Kebangsaan – Bil. 1/2017 was attended MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at Bilik Mesyuarat Diamond, Tingkat 23, Sunway Putra Tower,Kuala Lumpur.

Majlis Anugerah LAM 2017 & Pelancaran Manual Akreditasi Program Rekabentuk Dalaman was attended by MBAM Vice President, Tan Sri Sufri Bin Haji Mohd Zin at Royale Chulan Kuala Lumpur.

REHDA Annual Dinner 2017 was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee at Sime Darby Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

#### 29th November 2017

CIDB WG Meeting on CIS 10: SHASSIC was attended by MBAM Chairman of Safety & Health Committee, Mr Michael Yap at Diamond Meeting Room, Level 23 Sunway Putra Tower, Kuala Lumpur.

Yours faithfully,

**MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA** 

DENNIS TAN
MBAM Secretary General

#### MBAM SITE SAFETY SUPERVISOR (SSS) COURSE TRAINING CALENDAR 2017

		2017	
STATES	CLASS	NOV	DEC
KUALA LUMPUR	FULL TIME	13 - 20	11 - 18
KUALA LUMPUR	WEEKEND	14 Oct - 5 Nov	
PENANG	FULL TIME		13 - 20
JOHOR	WEEKEND	17 Nov - 3 Dec	
KOTA KINABALU, SABAH	FULL TIME		
KUCHING, SARAWAK	FULL TIME	28 Nov - 5 Dec	
MIRI, SARAWAK	FULL TIME		
BINTULU, SARAWAK	FULL TIME	23 - 30	

<u>Weekend (WE) Classes will be conducted on :</u> **Saturday & Sunday**: 8.00 am to 7.00 pm

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