



# MBAM Bulletin



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## MARCH 2018 BULLETIN

There has been a plethora of activities that MBAM has successfully organised in the first quarter of the year. A review of my diary indicates that the Association was present at a number of external activities and also initiated a significant amount of events in this month. A number of current issues facing the construction industry were discussed with various parties and our views were conveyed to the various Government agencies. It is through this process of working closely with related parties that enabled us to achieve outcomes that benefit members' and positions the construction sector in a better light.

The following are the main events in March:-

### 45<sup>TH</sup> ACF COUNCIL MEETING

The 45<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Constructors' Federation (ACF) Council Meeting chaired by the Indonesian Contractors Association (ICA) was successfully hosted by the Philippine Constructors Association (PCA) on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at The Shangri-la Hotel at the Fort, Manila, Philippines. MBAM was represented by the President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri A.K. Nathan and I. Also present were IFAWPCA President cum MBAM Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee, MBAM Past Deputy President, Mr Aziz Bahaman and MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling.



*Presenting a souvenir to PCA*

The meeting commenced with the official handover of chairmanship of ACF from the current ACF Chairman, Mr Nattaphorn Bhromsuthi of Thai Contractors Association (TCA) to the new ACF Chairman, Mr Joseph Pangalila of Indonesian Contractors Association (ICA).

The new ACF Chairman, Mr Joseph Pangalila and new ACF Secretary General, Mr Adrianus Hadiwinata took over the meeting and recorded special thanks to the Immediate Past ACF Chairman, Mr Nattaphorn Bhromsuthi and Immediate Past Secretary-General, Ms Liza Ngamtrakulpanit as well as TCA Secretariat for their excellent effort and initiatives for the past two years. The meeting then proceeded with the appointment of Mr Desmond Hill from SCAL as the ACF Treasurer.



*During the ACF meeting*

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*Group photo of the ACF council members*

They welcomed all ACF Council members present and took the opportunity to thank PCA for hosting the meeting. The Council discussed outstanding matters namely:

1. ACSTST program
2. Amendment of ACF Constitution
3. Manual of Standard of Procedure for the host Country
4. ACF Website
5. ACF Special Conference

All members then presented their latest country reports. Copies of the reports are available in MBAM Secretariat for reference. MBAM also took the opportunity to present a promotional video for the 44<sup>th</sup> International Federation of Asian and Western Pacific Contractors' Associations (IFAWPCA) Convention to the ACF delegates and invited them to participate in the convention which is scheduled from 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

At the end of the meeting, the Council unanimously agreed that TCA will host the 46<sup>th</sup> ACF Council Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand. All ACF delegates will be invited to attend the opening ceremony of the IMPACT exhibition held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in Bangkok. The Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association (MCEA) has agreed to host the 47<sup>th</sup> ACF Council Meeting in Myanmar and the ICA will host the 48<sup>th</sup> ACF Council Meeting together with the ACF Special Conference in Indonesia in 2019.

### **FUJIAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

The representatives from the Fujian Construction Industry Association, Mr Chen Wei Qun of Fujian Jian Geotechnical Engineering Co Ltd who is also the Chairman of Jian Zhuan Builders (M) Sdn Bhd together with his staff Mr Karl Ming Wang paid a courtesy visit to MBAM on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018. On hand to welcome the guests were MBAM, Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Assistant General Managers, Mr Michael Thong and Mr Lenny Lim, MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Leon Leong and I.

In the welcome speech, I touched on the close relationships between the local contractors with the Fujian contractors. The ties and history of migration of Fujian contractors to Malaysia are strong and well known; I myself still have relatives in the Fujian Province, along with compatriots like Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng and many others. The MBAM corporate video was played to introduce the Association followed by the IFAWPCA presentation.

The discussions touched on construction activities in the local scene and Chinese contractors in the International scene. Projects undertaken by the Chinese contractors in the Malaysia were briefly discussed and the types of construction methodology adopted. Challenges and barriers in the local construction industry were delved upon and we invited Jian Zhuan Builders (M) Sdn Bhd to join MBAM as a member. To foster a closer ties between MBAM and the Fujian Construction Industry Association, I also proposed that Mr Chen Wei Qun organize a visit by the Fujian Construction Industry to MBAM. Both proposals were accepted by Mr Chen Wei Qun.



*The 60<sup>th</sup> MBAM Coffee Table Book was presented as a souvenir*



## COURTESY VISIT FROM MR SHINOZAWA OF ALBA SOURCING

aimed to promote their digital forest / 3D walker technology to MBAM members. Also present at the meeting was Mr Kohi Oda, Global Navigator from the Tokyo SME Support Centre. The said equipment is a state-of-art forest management system using 3D laser scanner which enable it to create 3D mapping automatically. The features of the equipment include



*The representatives from Alba Sourcing*

ultra-light back-pack scanner (approximately 5 kg); accurate data collection and also short scanning time (approximately 10 - 20 minutes for 1 ha). A 3D mapping demo using the said scanner was presented to MBAM.

The said technology is certainly useful for the construction industry. MBAM took the opportunity to invite Alba Sourcing to participate at our upcoming MBAM OneBuild Construction Exhibition to showcase their technology and product.

*Presentation of 60<sup>th</sup> MBAM Coffee Table Book as a token of appreciation*



## TRAINING WORKSHOP ON MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY ISTIC

Training Workshop on Maintenance of Infrastructure for Developing Countries organised by the International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre for South-South Cooperation (ISTIC) under the auspices of UNESCO in collaboration with The Institute of Engineers Malaysia Malaysia Training Centre (IEMTC) was organised on 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Furama Hotel, Bukit Bintang. The event was attended by MBAM

Council Member cum Deputy Chairman of Technical Committee, Mr Nalla Sundran, MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan and Mr Chuah Tiong Lin from VSL Engineers (M) Sdn Bhd.



*Mr Nalla Sundran during his presentation*

The main objective of this training workshop is to provide participants with the knowledge and learning experiences in the planning, management and implementation of infrastructure maintenance. The programme covers essential contents on Malaysia's Ascertain Institutional Framework on Infrastructure Maintenance, assessment needs, planning and execution, including financial planning and budgetary control of infrastructure maintenance. MBAM was invited to be one of the panel speaker to present a paper on the topic "Project Maintenance". The paper was presented by Mr



Nalla Sundran. More than 40 participants from developing countries; Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uganda and Malaysia attended the training workshop. The combination of participants from developing countries and Malaysia allows for exchange of knowledge, ideas and experiences as well as opportunities for networking and collaboration.

*Group Photo with all the participants*



## MEETING WITH MR TANGUY TERTRAIS FROM XL INDUSTRIES

Mr Tanguy Tertrais of XL Industries, a French bespoke manufacturer of access systems equipment like construction elevators, material hoist, mast climbing platform visited the Master Builders Association Malaysia on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 with the objective to promote their range of products into the Malaysian construction Industry. Through a video presentation he introduced the various specialized range of equipment manufactured by their company and the projects that used their equipment both in France and internationally. He highlighted the setup of the Singapore office to serve the ASEAN region.



MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Assistant General Managers, Mr Michael Thong and Mr Lenny Lim were present. They shared their input and brief overview on the local construction market industry. It was proposed to XL Industries to participate in the MBAM OneBuild 2018 which will be held in conjunction with the 44<sup>th</sup> International Federation of Asian and Western Pacific Contractor's Associations (IFAWPCA) Convention to promote their products and in addition to join MBAM as a member. Both proposals were received favourably.

*During the meeting with Mr Tanguy Tertrais*

## ICW 2018 OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony of the International Construction Week 2018 was held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Kuala Lumpur

Convention Centre. Officiated by the Minister of Works, Malaysia, Y.B. Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah Bin Haji Yusof, ICW 2018's objective was to raise awareness amongst industry players in the area of construction technology and innovation as part of the aim to improve the overall productivity and competitiveness of the industry.

The theme of "Achieving Peak Productivity" is timely, as productivity is one of the strategic thrust of CITP. The theme was particularly relevant as the Malaysian construction industry continues to transform and prepare itself for the next level of growth. During the opening ceremony, nine companies were recognised for achieving the 5-Star CIDB competitive rating for enhancement programme (SCORE), which enables companies to identify their level of performance and growth. ICW 2018 was organised from 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018. It encompasses exhibitions, seminars and talks on the use of modern construction technologies such as Industrialised Building



*The Minister of Works, Malaysia Y.B Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah Bin Haji Yusof presenting a certificate to the recipient of the 5-Star CIDB competitive rating for enhancement programme (SCORE)*



Systems (IBS) and Building Information Modelling (BIM), new sustainable material and energy sources.

*MBAM council members after the ICW opening ceremony*



## IBS SEMINAR 2018

In conjunction with the Malaysia IBS International Exhibition (MIIE'18) week which is also part of the International Construction Week, MBAM and CIDB co-organised the IBS Seminar at the CIDB Convention Centre on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The opening ceremony for the IBS Seminar was officiated by YBhg. Tan Sri Dr. Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin

Ali, Chairman of CIDB Malaysia on behalf of Y.B. Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah Bin Haji Yusof, Minister of Works Malaysia who was unable to attend.

MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee in his welcome speech praised the appropriateness of the theme "Enhancement of Productivity through Smart Construction Technologies" and commented it was timely for Malaysian contractors to adopt IBS construction methodology as IBS would be the way forward for future construction projects as it improves quality of works and move the industry up the value chain. It also reduce the reliance on foreign manpower, an issue which has been plaguing the local construction industry.

YBhg. Tan Sri Dr. Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, Chairman of CIDB Malaysia read out the Minister of Works Malaysia Y.B. Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah Bin Haji Yusof's speech. It touched on the use of advanced technologies as a way forward, citing Industry Revolution 4.0 and quoted examples of international players adopting technologies such as Building Information Modelling, IBS and others. He was happy to note under the Construction Industry Transformation Programme 2016 -2020, productivity per worker in the construction industry in 2016 had improved to RM40,018.00 as compared to RM22, 464.00 in 2011 and attributed this increase to the adoption of new technologies. He congratulated the setup of CIDB MyIBS Sdn Bhd, a centre to help small and medium sized contractors to adopt IBS.



*The press conference session with Mr Foo Chek Lee, Tan Sri Dr. Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali and Dato' Ir. Ahmad Asri Abdul Hamid*



*Group photo during the Opening Ceremony*

**"Building to Reduce Defects"** emphasized on the seminar theme and presented various ways to overcome defects to achieve the required standards. The speaker from United Kingdom **Mr Simon Jenner's** through his paper **"Challenges of Battersea Power Station Construction"** shared his experiences on the rehabilitation of the historical power house to an integral complex shopping and high end residential units and office space. **Mr Muthu Bhavanesvaran**, who is also popularly known as Bonis, a representative of Singapore Contractors Association Limited presented on **"Raising Productivity Through New Construction Method and Technology"** where he talked on the Prefabricated Prefinished Volumetric Construction methodology and the offsite and assembled units onsite.

During the forum session, MBAM Council member cum the IBS Seminar 2018 Organising Chairman, Datuk Ir. Kow Choong Ming acted as the moderator. He skillfully solicited many questions from the floor which were answered by all the speakers, keeping the forum lively and interactive. Next, CIDB General Manager, Mr Ahmad Farrin Bin Mokhtar presented mementos to the speakers and moderator. In his closing speech he was appreciative of MBAM's initiative in organizing the successful IBS seminar. He said the Seminar has proved to be very beneficial for the participants judging from the large turnout of 325 participants.



*The forum session*



## CIDB CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

CIDB Captains of Industry Roundtable Discussion with a theme "A Perspective Towards Stakeholder's Responsibility and Safety Culture in Construction Industry" chaired by the Minister of Works Malaysia, Y.B. Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah

Bin Haji Yusof was held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at KLCC.

MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee attended on behalf of MBAM and also as a CIDB Board Member. MBAM Vice President, Mr Chung Soo Kiong, MBAM Council Member cum Chairman of Safety & Health Committee, Mr Michael Yap, MBAM Council Members, Datuk Kow Choong Ming and Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, S&H Committee members, En Mohd Yusof Kasiron and Maj Kamarulzaman Musa attended on their personal capacity.



*During the roundtable discussion*

The Roundtable Discussion served as a follow-up to the previous year's Roundtable Discussion on Instilling the Safety Culture in the Construction Industry in Malaysia. It provided an opportunity for leaders to come together to share experiences and expertise in formulating safety culture in the construction industry and how the responsibility can be shared among stakeholders.

During the Roundtable Discussion, three papers were presented as follows:

- (1) Securing Improvement in the Health & Safety Performance of Malaysia's Construction Industry by Mr Nic Rigby, HM Principal Inspector International Unit, Health and Safety Executive, UK
- (2) CITEP – Status Update on Safety by Dato' Ir. Ahmad 'Asri Bin Abdul Hamid, Chief Executive of CIDB
- (3) Occupational Safety & Health in Construction Industry (Management) OSHCIM Guidelines by Ir. Hj. Omar Bin Mat Piah, Acting Director General of DOSH

In conclusion, Y.B. Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah reminded all players attended to work hand-in-hand to elevate further the safety level of the Construction Industry.

## MBAM PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

MBAM staff had the opportunity of a lifetime on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 when MBAM Deputy President, YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' AK Nathan conducted a half day Personal Development Training at MBAM

Training Centre. The morning session saw 21 MBAM secretariat staff attending the programme. Tan Sri stressed that the contents of the programme were through his personal experience and self-realization over the years of running his own organization and business.

In his programme, YBhg. Tan Sri shared the importance of having self-realization within each individual person and to analyze one's own strength and weaknesses besides setting the right mindset and positive attitude. YBhg. Tan Sri also shares the traits needed to ensure success in life and career such as the need to have passion, self-initiative, focus, determination, learning from mistakes, communication, being firm to principles, punctuality, time management and team work among other critical for success values in the 3-hour programme.



*Tan Sri Dato' A K Nathan sharing his insights on how to change your mindset*



*Group photo with Tan Sri Dato' A K Nathan*

At the end of the session, the MBAM Secretariat team members were given the opportunity to each ask a question which added to the wealth of knowledge of the attending secretariat staff. After the session, the staff were treated to a luncheon at a nearby premise hosted by YBhg. Tan Sri. MBAM is grateful to YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' AK Nathan for sharing his experience and knowledge. Hopefully this will contribute towards the improvement of MBAM secretariat's productivity and service levels.

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Sesi Libat Urus Pindaan Akta Kerja 1955 dan Garis Panduan Solat di Tempat Kerja bagi Sektor Swasta was attended by MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming, MBAM HR Committee Member, Encik Maslan Haron and MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan at Dewan Serbaguna Kementerian Sumber Manusia, Aras 1, Kompleks D, Putrajaya.

CIDB's Meeting – CITP Initiative Working Group on Quality – CITP-IWG1-Quality was attended by Dato' Laxana Naidu at Diamond Meeting Room, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Sunway Putra Tower, Kuala Lumpur.

SIRIM TC on Bricks & Blocks was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at SIRIM Berhad, Shah Alam.

Launching of Guideline to 2u2i educational mode – private and professional sectors was attended by MBAM Deputy Chairman of Education Committee, Mr Andrew Ong at Dewan Zaa'ba, Kementerian Pendidikan Tinggi, Aras G, No. 2, Menara 2, Jalan P5/6, Presint 5, Putrajaya.

### 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

TC-Construction Law Report (CLR) No. 2/2018 meeting was attended by MBAM Alternate Council Member, Mr Thomas Samuel and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at Bilik Mesyuarat Resak, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Menara Dato' Onn, Kuala Lumpur.

### 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Progress Meeting No. 1/2018 with Politeknik Ungku Omar on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Cohort of Work Based Learning Programme for Bachelor in Civil Engineering Technology Students was attended by MBAM Vice President, Tan Sri Dato' Sufri Bin Haji Mohd Zin, MBAM Council Member, Datuk Astaman Bin Abdul Aziz, Dato' Steven Hooi, MBAM Education Committee Deputy Chairman, Mr Andrew Ong, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan, MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Muhammad Fadzley and MBAM Admin Officer, Ms Nor Azlina at Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room.

### 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018

SIRIM TC on Flat Roll Steel was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at SIRIM Berhad, Shah Alam.

### 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018

RISM's 27<sup>th</sup> National Real Estate Convention 2018 with the theme - Real Estate Trends: 2018 & Beyonds was attended by MBAM Public Relations Executive, Ms Tessa Hamid at Hilton Hotel, Petaling Jaya.

Focus Group Registering Property (FGRP) Meeting No. 1/2018 and Workshop on World Bank Registering Property Questionnaire was attended by MBAM Public Relations Executive, Ms Tessa Hamid at Garden 3, Level 1, Putrajaya Marriot Hotel, IOI Resort City, Putrajaya.

### 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Official Launch of Asian International Arbitration Centre's (AIAC) Website and AIAC Rules was attended by MBAM Vice President, Mr Oliver Wee and MBAM Graphic Designer, Ms Shahila Atika at Bangunan Sulaiman, Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin, Kuala Lumpur.

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

ACF's Golf Friendly Game was participated by me at Manila Southwoods Golf & Country Club, Manila.

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

Technical Committee on Sewerage Meeting No. 1/2018 (TC/D/26) was attended MBAM Alternate Council Member, Mr Abdul Rashid and I at Gerakan Room, Level 3, Blok 3, SIRIM STS Sdn Bhd, Shah Alam.

### 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Building Materials Distribution Association of Malaysia (BMDAM) Chinese New Year Dinner Gathering 2018 was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong and I at Copper Mansion, Petaling Jaya.

### 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Sesi Bengkel Pembangunan Kota Perdana/ Zon Ekonomi Sempadan Khas (SBEZ) Bukit Kayu Hitam, Kedah Bagi Workstream Fizikal was attended by MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming and President of Penang Master Builders & Building Materials Dealers Association, Mr Alvin Yeow at Hotel Equatorial, Bayan Lepas, Pulau Pinang.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

Opening Ceremony of Eakon Academy was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong and I at Eakon Academy, Jalan Kuchai Maju, Kuchai Entrepreneur's Park.

*Yours faithfully,*

**MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA**

**DENNIS TAN**

**MBAM Secretary General**

## MBAM SITE SAFETY SUPERVISOR (SSS) COURSE TRAINING CALENDAR 2018

		2018								
STATES	CLASS	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
KUALA LUMPUR	FULL TIME	2 - 9	3 - 11		24 - 31		4 - 12	3 - 10		10 - 17
KUALA LUMPUR	WEEKEND	7 - 29					22 SEPT - 14 OCT			
PENANG	FULL TIME		7 - 15			9 - 16			29 NOV - 6 DEC	
JOHOR	FULL TIME				25 JULY - 2 AUG					5 - 12
KOTA KINABALU, SABAH	FULL TIME		10 - 17					10 - 17		
KUCHING, SARAWAK	FULL TIME	6 - 13					29 SEPT - 7 OCT			
BINTULU, SARAWAK	FULL TIME				25 JULY - 1 AUG				27 NOV - 5 DEC	

**FULLTIME** : 8.00 am to 7.00 pm

**WEEKEND (Saturday & Sunday)** : 8.00 am to 7.00 pm

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