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MARCH 2019 BULLETIN

The month of March has been another busy month for MBAM as we paid a courtesy visit to the Minister of Finance Malaysia, YB Tuan Lim Guan Eng. Besides that, the month was also filled with other events including International Construction Week (ICW) 2019 and MBAM Lifting Supervisor Training Programme. The following were key events organised and attended by MBAM:

COURTESY VISIT TO THE MINISTER OF FINANCE MALAYSIA

MBAM met with YB Tuan Lim Guan Eng on 4 March at his office in Putrajaya to discuss on some of the critical issues faced by the Malaysian construction industry. The delegation was led by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee and he was joined by the Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee; Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj Mohd Zin; Council Member, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz; President of Penang Master Builders & Building Materials Dealers Association (PMBBMDA), Dato' Lim Chee Tong; MBAM Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and I. The issues discussed included:

1. Cancellation/reduction/deferment of projects
2. Delayed and unpaid work for government projects
3. Pressure from foreign contractors
4. Malaysian contractors seeking support venturing overseas
5. Reviewing issuance of temporary import permits for foreign companies to import their own construction equipment and machineries
6. Review of import duties for European mobile cranes
7. Further support for adaption of Industry 4.0
8. Bumiputera contractors losing their Bumiputera status
9. Request Bank Negara to allow the bankers to stretch the non-performing loan period to their customers
10. Request for more work for Penang public sector



MBAM Delegation during the discussion with YB Tuan Lim



MBAM Delegation for the Courtesy Visit to the Minister of Finance Malaysia, YB Tuan Lim Guan Eng

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The meeting proved to be highly productive, with a firm, positive response from the Government, and assurances that the Government is currently looking into solving the issues raised. MBAM is thankful with the prompt action taken by the Government, and hopes to continue to work closely with the Government for the betterment of the Malaysian construction industry.

President Foo presenting a memento to YB Tuan Lim

TASKFORCE COMMITTEE FOR TRAINING MODULE ON CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Green & Environment Technology Committee Member, Gan Wah Lian and MBAM Secretariat, Lee Siew Mei attended the above taskforce committee for Training Module on Construction and Demolition Waste Management held on 6 March at CREAM Office. The purpose of the meeting was to review the training modules prepared by the consultant. Developing such training programme is part of the effort under the Construction Industry Transformation Programme (CITP) and 11th Malaysia Plan where waste management is highlighted as one of the strategies towards sustainable consumption and production concepts.

In general, the training module consist of three modules which target three groups namely:

1. Construction/site workers;
2. Site management staff, and
3. Project owner, designer/ client representative.

With the aim to enhance contractors' knowledge on the importance of the construction site waste management, the taskforce reviewed both module 2 and module 3 training materials and provided some feedback to improve the training materials. Secretariat will call for the final meeting once it is ready.

During the discussion



MEETING WITH FEDERATION OF MALAYSIAN MANUFACTURERS (FMM) SELANGOR BRANCH

MBAM Secretariat met with FMM Selangor representatives on 7 March in MBAM Secretariat Office. FMM Selangor Branch were represented by its Vice Chairman, Richard Peh and Senior Executive, Haslinda Harun.



Peh invited MBAM to join their Business Opportunity and Networking (BON) on 25 April in Nicemann 1940s by Lewre, Starling Mall focusing on the members of the building industry. Other parties involved in the collaboration included Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC).

MBAM Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling presenting souvenir to Peh

MBAM TECHNICAL PRODUCT TALK NO. 1/2019

MBAM Machinery Resources Committee together with Sime Darby Industrial Sdn Bhd on 8 March held the Technical Product Talk No. 1/2019 "Towards Industry 4.0: Technology & Connected Asset" in Sime Darby Industrial Academy, Puchong, Selangor. A total of 105 pax attended the talk which featured presentation by four industry practitioners and experts from Sime Darby Industrial. Sime Darby Industrial's Managing Director, CK Teoh and MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 1, Ong Ka Thiam both were invited to say a few words before the session begins.

The following topics were presented at the talk session:

1. Smart Construction: Take the Guesswork Out of Earthworks by Will Newall, Business Development Manager, Civil Construction Division of Trimble South East Asia.
2. How Technology Enhanced Equipment Improve Construction Productivity by Chiang Kwong Hong, Industry Manager, Sales & Marketing of Sime Darby Industrial.
3. Connected Construction Worksite - Technology Driving Productivity by Bonaventure Wong, General Manager, Product Support Marketing of Sime Darby Industrial Sdn Bhd
4. Connecting Distributed Power Challenge of Connecting Multiple Assets by Kwok Yew Hoe, General Manager of Power Systems, Sime Darby Industrial for Malaysia and Brunei.



During one of the presentations

Teoh, Ong and MBAM Council Member, Tan Zi Ni with the guest speakers

MBAM FELLOWSHIP 2/2019

MBAM and Sime Darby Industrial Sdn Bhd organised the MBAM Fellowship 2/2019 on 8 March at Sime Darby Industrial Sdn Bhd office in Puchong. The above fellowship which also celebrated the Chinese New Year festive attracted 328 pax.



MBAM Council Members and Secretariat with invitees from other Associations

MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee also delivered a speech during the fellowship. In his speech, he thanked Sime Darby Industrial for the generous sponsorship of the event. He then exchanged souvenirs with CK Teoh to commemorate the event. Guests were treated to a buffet spread of delicious food and beverages besides being entertained by nine lions and a live band. The fellowship enabled MBAM members to catch up and interact with the guests of Sime Darby Industrial.

Managing Director of Sime Darby Industrial Sdn Bhd, CK Teoh delivered his speech and invited the attendees to walk about the venue to have a better understanding of the products and services offered by Sime Darby Industrial. He also briefed attendees that the event was held in conjunction to celebrate Tractors Malaysia 90th Anniversary.



Some of MBAM Council Members posing for a photo

MBAM-PUO WORK-BASED LEARNING (WBL) PROGRAMME 4TH COHORT SEMESTER 7 (PROGRESS REPORT) MEETING

The meeting was held on 12 March at Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room and chaired by MBAM Deputy President cum Chairman of Education Committee & Special Institutions, Tan Sri Sufri Hj Mohd Zin. It was also attended by its committee members and MBAM Secretariats.



Tan Sri Sufri chairing the meeting

Representatives from Politeknik Ungku Omar (PUO), led by Head of Civil Engineering Department, Hj. Che Norazman bin Che Wan were BCT Programme Leader, Dr Azuin Binti Ramli; BCT WBL Coordinator, Mazziyatol Farizza Binti Mat; and BCT WBL Committee, Sharifah Salwa Bt Sapani.

Representatives of the WBL participating companies were also present, namely 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 David from Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd.

The objective of the meeting was to report on the Student Progress for WBL Programme 4th Cohort (Semester 7). There are 24 students participating in this 4th Cohort attached to nine MBAM Member

companies namely Trans Elite Group Sdn Bhd, Bina Puri Sdn Bhd, Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd, Trans Resources Corporation Sdn Bhd, Putra Perdana Construction Sdn Bhd, MITC Engineering Sdn Bhd, Syarikat Pembinaan Yeoh Tiong Lay Sdn Bhd, Fajarbaru Builder Sdn Bhd and Bauer (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd.

WBL is a subset of workplace learning and it differs from conventional education in that it involves conscious reflection on actual experience. The objectives of MBAM-PUO WBL Programme are;

- To strengthen and enhance collaborative activities towards human capital development in the construction industry;
- To help students develop workplace skills through real-life practices and implementation of theoretical lessons and principles;
- To develop the student's career awareness while providing working experience that will help them to find a good career fit;
- To develop the student's interpersonal skills;
- To assist in the effort of delivering graduates that meet the construction industry's needs; and
- To provide the opportunity for the industry to identify potential employees.

47TH ACF COUNCIL MEETING IN SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

The 47th ASEAN Constructors Federation (ACF) Council Meeting chaired by the Indonesian Contractors Association (ICA) was successfully hosted by the Cambodia Constructors Association (CCA) on 15 March at The Angkor Miracle Resort & Spa, Siem Reap, Cambodia. MBAM was represented by President, Foo Chek Lee; Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj Mohd Zin and I who sat in the ACF Council as Members. Also present were MBAM Past and Current Council Members, MBAM Members and Secretariat Staffs.

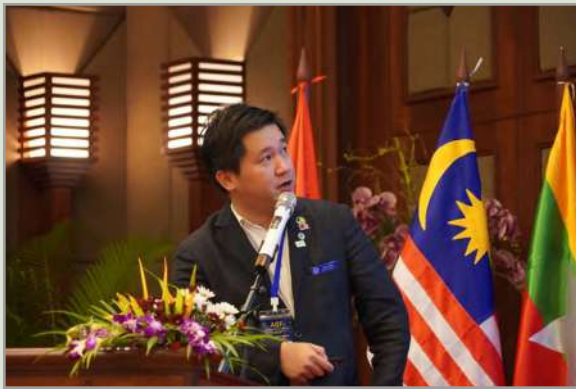
The meeting was chaired by ACF Chairman, Joseph Pangalila and assisted by its Secretary-General, Adrianus Hadiwinata and Treasurer-General, Desmond Hill. Pangalila welcomed all ACF Council Members and took the opportunity to thank CCA for hosting the meeting. The Council discussed matters namely the approval of the Agenda and minutes of the 46th ACF Council Meeting. Hadiwinata then presented the ACF Secretary-General report and was followed by the Treasurer's Report and Approval of the Interim Financial Report for year ended 31st December 2018 and budget 2019 which was presented by Hill. All members then presented their latest country reports and I had the opportunity to present on behalf of MBAM and Malaysia. Copies of the reports are available in MBAM Secretariat for reference.

At closing, MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee presented souvenirs to the host CCA and to ICA for chairing the meeting.

In the afternoon, a tour to The Cambodia Culture Village was arranged by CCA followed by a dinner hosted by Overseas Cambodian Investment Corporation (OCIC) at The Cambodia Culture Village Restaurant.



MBAM delegation to 47th ACF Council Meeting



Here I am presenting the country report

The next day on 16 March, ACF delegations visited the Angkor Wat and Bayan Temple followed by lunch hosted by CCA at the Cambodia Culture Village Restaurant. In the afternoon, the delegation visited the Bontey Srey Temple, Ta Prohm, Neakporna Temple and other temples at small circuit of Angkor Wat which was sponsored by LY CHHUONG Construction & Import Export Co., Ltd.

After the visit, the delegation was invited to a dinner which was hosted by Muhibbah Engineering (Cambodia) Co., Ltd followed by the Angkor Dynasty Show at Angkor Grand Theatre, hosted by Canadia Bank. Overall, it was a very fruitful meeting and a memorable visit for delegates.



President Foo presenting a souvenir to CCA



President Foo presenting a souvenir to ICA



Group photo of ACF Members



MBAM delegation at The Cambodia Culture Village



MBAM delegation at Angkor Wat

MEETING ON IMPACT PROGRAMME AND IBS LOGISTIC & INSTALLATION WITH CIDB IBS DEPARTMENT

MBAM Machinery Resources and IBS Committee together with CIDB IBS Department and CIDB MyIBS Sdn Bhd on 18 March held a meeting on IMPACT Programme and IBS Logistic & Installation at Sunway Putra Tower. The meeting was attended by MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 1 and Machinery Resources Committee Chairman, Ong Ka Thiam with the committee members of Machinery Resources and IBS Committees as well as MBAM Secretariats.

Attended on behalf of CIDB Malaysia were General Manager, Ahmad Farrin Mokhtar; Manager, Mohamad Razi Ahmad Suhaimi; MyIBS Head of Department (Technology & Development), Zaharuddin Mohamed Tambah; and MyIBS Technical Executive (Technology), Muhamad Irwin Shah Shamsuddin.

The following were discussed during the meeting:

1. Brief on IBS Manufacturer & Product Assessment and Certification (IMPACT) Programme by CIDB MyIBS Sdn Bhd
2. IBS Logistic and Installation Process
3. Initiatives and Incentives of Using IBS in Construction Work

The meeting concluded that CIDB will invite MBAM as industry player for a meeting or workshop on initiatives and incentives to be accorded to contractors who adopt IBS in their construction work. MBAM hopes that these initiatives and incentives will focus on logistic and installation of IBS in construction project sites.

During the meeting with CIDB IBS Department and CIDB MyIBS Sdn Bhd



THE INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION TRANSFORMATION CONFERENCE (ICTC)

ICTC 2019 with the theme "Construction Beyond 2020" was hosted by CIDB in conjunction with International Construction Week (ICW) 2019 on 18 and 19 March was attended by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and Manager, Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din at Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC).

The keynote address on Construction Beyond 2020 was delivered by Chief Executive of CIDB Malaysia, Dato' Ir. Ahmad 'Asri Abdul Hamid. President Foo was also the Moderator for Session 2 on the topic of "Zeroing on Death in Construction". Speakers for the session were Chief Executive Officer of JBT Consult IVS from Denmark, Jakob Thomasen and Managing Director and Head of Country of Lendlease (Malaysia), Stuart Mendel.



President Foo as the Moderator

President Foo moderating the Q&A session on Zeroing on Death in Construction

OPENING CEREMONY OF INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION WEEK (ICW) 2019 AND ASEAN SUPER 8 EXHIBITION

The above event which took place on 19 March was officiated by Minister of Works, YB Tuan Baru Bian at Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC) Kuala Lumpur. The Opening Ceremony was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee; Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee; Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj Mohd Zin; other MBAM Council Members and Secretariats.



MBAM Council Members posing for a photo



2019 marks ICW's 21st edition bringing together construction industry players to showcase, learn, build partnerships and share innovative ideas. While the ASEAN SUPER 8 combined regional exhibition for the construction, engineering, energy, heavy machinery and equipment as well as security industries.



MBAM Council Members together with CIDB Malaysia Chairman, Tan Sri Dr Ir Ahmad Tajuddin Ali (fourth from left); KLIA Premier Holdings Chairman, Tan Sri Dato' (Dr) Ir Jamilus Hussein (third from left), BMDAM President, Bill Lee (far right) and Dato' Ir. Jamaludin Non of PKBM (far left)

YB Tuan Baru Bian visited MBAM booth at ASEAN Super 8 Exhibition

BRIEFING ON SKIM JAMINAN PEMBIAYAAN PERNIAGAAN (SJPP)

The meeting on SJPP held on 19 March at Kompleks Kementerian Kewangan in Putrajaya was attended by MBAM Vice Presidents, Dennis Tan and Steven Shee together with other Council Members and Secretariats.

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Secretary of Commercial Sector under the Government Investment Division, Razali Osman who was joined by other officers namely: General Manager, Azlan Mohd Agel; Senior Manager, Khairul Annuar Abdullah; and Senior Manager, Masliza Zainal Abidin.

Azlan briefed the attendees regarding the guarantee scheme offered by the Government namely:

Working Capital Guarantee Scheme - ("WCGS")

WCGS is a guarantee scheme by the Government of Malaysia to assist small and medium-sized enterprises ("SME") in all sectors to gain access to financing from participating Financial Institutions ("FI").

Working Capital Guarantee Scheme - Start-up ("WCGS-SU")

WCGS-SU is a guarantee scheme by the Government of Malaysia to assist small and medium-sized enterprises ("SME") start-up companies in all sectors to gain access to financing from participating Financial Institutions ("FI").

Working Capital Guarantee Scheme - Bumiputera ("WCGS-Bumi")

WCGS-Bumi is a guarantee scheme by the Government of Malaysia to assist small and medium-sized enterprises ("SME") Bumiputera companies in all sectors to gain access to financing from participating Financial Institutions ("FI").

Automation Process Guarantee Scheme ("APGS")

APGS is a guarantee scheme by the Government of Malaysia to assist small and medium-sized enterprises ("SME") in all sectors to gain access to financing from participating Financial Institutions ("FI") for the purpose of investing in automation, digitalisation and modernisation in line with Industry 4.0.

Advice was given to MBAM to shop around for participating banks in the scheme in order to get the best value for members.



Group photo of MBAM Council Members with the team of SJPP

EXPERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ASIAN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE (AIAC) SFC MEETING

The above meeting was attended by Vice President cum Chairman of Contracts and Practices Committee, Oliver Wee and General Manager, Lenny Lim on 20 March at AIAC. The meeting nominated the new Chairman namely Acting Director of AIAC, Vinayak Pradhan. The meeting decided to combine the Standard Form of Building Contract (SFC) roadshow with CIPAA roadshow in Kuala Lumpur, Johor, Penang, Sarawak and Sabah. The meeting also discussed the AIAC 2019 SFC Manual. Discussions were also made on revamping the Design and Build SFCs and internalisation of the AIAC SFCs. Other topics deliberated include contract administrator trainings and other potential collaboration.



Oliver (far right) during the meeting

QLASSIC DAY 2019



The QLASSIC DAY 2019 on 21 March was officiated by Minister of Works, YB Tuan Baru Bian and was attended by Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj Mohd Zin; Technical Committee Members, Ir Quah Beng Teong and Dato' Laxana Naidu; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; Secretariats and I at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC). Crest Builders Sdn Bhd was recognised with High QLASSIC Achievement Awards 2019 Contractor for the Anggun Residences Wilayah Persekutuan KL.

Tan Sri Sufri (second from left) and I (fourth from right) at the Opening Ceremony of QLASSIC Day 2019

HIRING FOREIGN WORKERS PROGRAMME FOR G1-G3 CONTRACTORS TALK IN SEREMBAN

The talk in Seremban for the Hiring Foreign Workers Programme for G1-G3 Contractors was held on 22 March at Sutera Hotel, Seremban 2. The speaker was Mohd Ghazalie bin Mohd Salleh from Central Labour Exchange Centre Berhad (CLAB) who was accompanied by Nurul Amalin Mohammad Afandi.

CLAB is working with MBAM to conduct a nationwide roadshow in order to build awareness of the programme among MBAM members so that they can take this opportunity to easily employ foreign workers for their projects on a short term basis. The talk was divided into two sessions: 1st session was a briefing by CLAB on the objectives for the programme, employer eligibility and the procedures for hiring foreign workers by G1 to G3 contractors. 2nd session was a very lively Q&A session.

A total of 38 participants attended the talk. MBAM Vice President, Dennis Tan delivered the welcome remarks. Also in attendance were Seremban Plumber Association's President, Mark Tung Kong Ming; Negeri Sembilan Kin Cho Hong' President, Soh Leng Teck and Port Dickson Builders' Association's President, Tan Chong Heng. MBAM Secretariat Staff, Michael Thong, Mohd Farhan, Mohd Hanif and Sung Suet Yee were on hand to facilitate the event.



Dennis Tan delivering the welcome remarks



Some of the participants during the roadshow in Seremban

REHDA INSTITUTE “IBS MASTERCLASS & CONFERENCE”

IBS CONFERENCE: Advanced Construction Technology via Industrialised Building System on 26 March was organised by REHDA Institute and the Opening Ceremony was graced by Minister of Works, YB Tuan Baru Bian. MBAM was also invited to attend the Conference.



During YB Tuan Baru Bian's keynote address

The first speaker, CIDB Senior General Manager, Datuk Ir Elias Ismail spoke about the IBS Score (CIS18:2018), IBS Ecosystem and the role that CIDB plays in supporting the ecosystem; CREAM, Akademi Binaan Malaysia and CIDB IBS Sdn Bhd. Ending his presentation, he invited the industry to work with CIDB on ways to reduce IBS cost.

Thereafter, there was a panel discussion led by REHDA's President, Dato' Soam Heng Choon with some interesting insights revealed. Deputy Director of Public Works (Specialist Sector) of Public Works Department, Ir Kamaluddin Abdul has opined that after 16 years into the IBS roadmap, Malaysia is still at an early stage of IBS adoption. Then, Datuk Elias added that Government adoption of IBS is 80% while that of the private sector is only 31%. To embrace this future challenge, the industry must upskill via IBS.

The panel discussed the issues of insufficient competent IBS designers, the uneven distribution of IBS capacity and the required industry mind-set change to compel the inclusion of IBS design and BIM from project inception, the plight of SME contractors faced with client's request for IBS alternative design, as well as the rigidity of UBBL in accepting IBS components.

Datuk Elias cautioned that cheap foreign labour may be a thing of the past. MBAM Technical Director, Ir Chuan Yeong Ming who was also part of the panellists informed that since 2018 except for a very limited numbers, no new foreign labour have come to Malaysia. Ir Kamaluddin shared that the Government feels that 70% IBS score is the tipping point, after the industry has achieved 70% acceptance, the industry is unlikely to regress. So there is a chance that the private sector mandatory IBS score may be raised.

REHDA Institute's Chairman, Dato' Jeffrey Ng echoed the views of the panel in his welcome speech to the Minister of Works, YB Tuan Baru Bian. Dato' Jeffrey also informed that REHDA is producing a survey on IBS and in conclusion effectively asked, "Are we prepared for a no foreign labour environment?" The Minister of Works in his speech stated that housing affordability is a major issue and targets 100,000 units of affordable homes per year. Public Works Department supports the IBS ecosystem and highlighted the initiative, IMPACT.



MBAM Technical Director, Ir Chuan Yeong Ming presenting his view at the conference

After the Opening Ceremony, the session continues with sharing from different experts in their field related to IBS. Other sessions also talked about Funding, Loans and Incentives for IBS as well as Affordable Housing Delivery through Modern Construction Technologies.

C & P PROGRAMME 1: PAYMENTS, FINAL ACCOUNTS AND CIPAA



Ir Anthony delivering his opening speech

The above full day Contracts and Practices training programme of Session 1 conducted by Managing Director of BK Entrust, Sr Ong Hock Tek was held on 27 March at MBAM Training Centre and was attended by 25 participants.

MBAM Deputy Chairman of Contracts and Practices Committee, Ir Anthony Teoh delivered the opening speech. The focus of the training was on "Payment, Final Accounts & Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act (CIPAA)". Construction contracts generally provide some mechanism for the final payment to be made to the contractor on completion of the works described in the contract. It was commented that agreeing on the final account can be a complicated, time consuming and adversarial process, often resulting in disputes.

Another topic explored in the programme was delayed payment in the construction industry which has become a common problem in Malaysia and in most countries, especially in developing countries. CIPAA has specially drafted for resolving the issues with prohibition of conditional payment and to provide remedies for the recovery of payment. The Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act (CIPAA) 2012 has come into operation with effect from 15th April 2014.

Guest speaker, Sr HT Ong during his presentation



STUDY VISIT TO GAMUDA ROBOTIC INDUSTRIALISED BUILDING SYSTEM (GIBS) FACTORY- 2ND VISIT

The second study visit to Gamuda IBS Factory, Sepang Selangor hosted by Gamuda Berhad was held on 27 March. The aim of this study visit was to raise an awareness and to enhance our member's knowledge on the IBS technology, Building Information Modelling (BIM), Common Data Environment (CDE) and Robotic Machine Operations, insulation of panels and construction using IBS. MBAM Council Member and Deputy Chairman of Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) Committee, Chong Tat Yam led a team of

25 MBAM Members which include some Council Members and Secretariats for this study visit. Abang Ibrahim, the representative of Gamuda IBS Factory gave explanations during the tour at the IBS factory.

Gamuda IBS is located at 7ha plot in Sepang's Tanjung Industrial Park. It boasts superior technology capable of customising property products to individual specifications. Currently, Gamuda IBS in Sepang has the capacity to produce 3,000 apartment units per year.

Chong (middle) together with some of the participants



Chong (second from left) presenting memento to Abang Ibrahim

Group Photo of MBAM second visit to Gamuda IBS



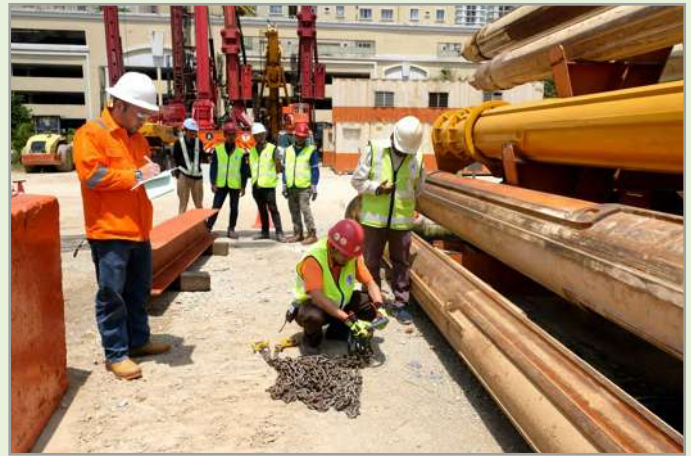
MBAM LIFTING SUPERVISOR TRAINING PROGRAMME 1ST INTAKE

MBAM Lifting Supervisor Training 1st Intake successfully kicked-off on 26 and 27 March at Sunway Machinery Sdn Bhd. The training was jointly organised by MBAM with its Affiliate Member, Malaysia Mobile Crane Owner's Association (1987) and with the support from the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Malaysia. This training was formulated in view of the increasing construction accidents involving crane lifting activities at construction sites. MBAM has taken proactive initiative to assist members and industry by providing industry-based training. It is MBAM's aim to train and upgrade the skills of construction personnel to become competent personnel and increase productivity, efficiency and a safer working environment.

Factory and Machinery Inspector under the Construction Site Safety Division of DOSH, Azman Hussain; MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee; Council Member cum Safety and Health Committee Chairman, Michael Yap and his Deputy Chairmen, Alec Chong and Major (R) Leong Yee Keong observed the first day training progress.



During Day 1 lessons in class



During Day 2 hands-on practical training on site

Day 1 training was focused on imparting the technical knowledge which is required for trainees to apply and perform during the lifting activities. MBAM was honoured to be awarded by DOSH with this lifting supervisor training modules and MBAM has gathered feedback from industry practitioners to further enhance the modules to suit the needs of the construction industry.

Day 2 training was on practical lifting activities. Trainees applied their technical knowledge into the actual lifting actions where communication with other lifting team members such as slingers, riggers and crane operator need to be carried out effectively.

CINNOTEK INTERNATIONAL (MALAYSIA) – DIGITAL AND AUTOMATED CONSTRUCTION CUM MRT CORPORATION BIM DAY 2019

The above event was held on 27 March at Sunway Putra Hotel and MBAM was the supporting organisation. There were two sessions, namely “Digital Transformation in Asia-Pacific Construction Economies” and “Building Information Modelling (BIM) and Associated Emerging Technologies”. About 140 participants attended the conference including MBAM Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee; Council Member, Tan Zi Ni; ICT Committee Member, Janice Kong; and Secretariats, Loh Mei Ling and Muhammad Fadzley.

Presentations in the morning session included:

1. Keynote speech by Professor Thomas Bock from Building Realisation and Robotics at Technische Universität München (TUM), Germany, “The Fourth Industrial Revolution and The Construction Industry – Robotic and the integration with current Digital Transformation”.
2. “Digital Transformation on the Construction of MRTC Malaysia and Beyond BIM Level 2” by Director of Planning and Design of MRT Corp Malaysia, Er Poh Seng Tiok.
3. “Building Information Modelling (BIM) Implementation in Australia and New Zealand: Similarities & Differences” by Digital Engineering Leader of Arup New Zealand, Chris Vorster.
4. Project Case Sharing on SSP Line 2 “Implementation and Management of BIM in the Contractor’s prospective” by Head of Project Information Management of GAMUDA, Ir Ronan Collins.



From left: CIDB E-Construct General Manager, Mohammad Farid Bin A.Hamid; Ir Dr Julian Lee; Tan Zi Ni; Datuk Matthew; Janice Kong



Panel discussion was moderated by Principal of Cinnotek International Group, Ir Dr Julian Lee and he was joined by Technical Director, Digital Transformation Lead of AECOM Singapore, Argoon Chuang and General Manager of Bina Initiatives Sdn Bhd, N.V Kumaran.

Presentations in the afternoon session included:

1. “Future of Digital Design – The best practices and applications in Southeast Asia” by Nizar Abdul Rahim, T&R BIM Manager and Colin Yip, Associate from Arup Singapore.
2. “Better Solutions by Integrating GIS, Reality Modelling, VR and AR in the Virtual Design and Construction Process” by Solutions Director of Bentley Systems Australia, Paul King.

Participants at Digital & Automated Construction 2019 Conference

48TH BIPC MEETING HOSTED BY MBAM

MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee who was also the Chairman for Building Industry Presidents' Council (BIPC) chaired the 48th BIPC meeting at Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room on 27 March. President Foo welcomed all the representatives from other Associations to MBAM and briefly updated all attendees on the recent activities organised by MBAM as well as on upcoming events like MBAM Safety and Health Conference 2019 scheduled on 23-24 March 2019 and 65th MBAM Anniversary Dinner scheduled on 16 August 2019. Representatives from other Associations also updated reports on their recent and upcoming events. During the meeting, some issues relating to the construction industry were also brought up for discussion.



During the 48th BIPC Meeting chaired by President Foo

Present at the meeting were ACEM President, Ir Dr Wong Wai Wah; IEM President, Ir David Lai Kong Phooi; PAM President, Ar Ezumi Harzani Ismail; REHDA Deputy President, Dato' Khor Chap Jen; RISM Deputy President, Sr Kwan Hock Hai; REHDA Manager (Industry Affair), Shirley Ho; and PAM Secretariat, Mimi Yuslinda Yusof.

Also in attendance from MBAM to welcome representatives of other Associations were Vice Presidents, Oliver Wee, Dennis Tan and Steven Shee; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; and Secretariats, Lenny Lim and Chew Chee Yan.



At the end of the meeting, President Foo handed over the chairmanship for BIPC to ACEM President, Ir Dr Wong Wai Wah as the next BIPC Chairman

Group Photo after the 48th BIPC Meeting



CHINA GEZHOUBA GROUP CORPORATION (CGGC) COURTESY VISIT

MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee; Vice President, Dennis Tan; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; and Secretariats Lenny Lim and Leon Leong attended to the visit by China Gezhouba Group Corporation (CGGC) on 29 March at MBAM Secretariat Office.



President Foo presenting memento to Zhang Chang

The delegates from CGGC Malaysia were Managing Director, Zhang Chang; Senior Manager, Louis Loo and Marketing Manager, Din Chan.

MBAM Corporate Video was played and President Foo gave a brief overview of Malaysia's construction economy. CGGC also shared the expertise of CGGC and hope for more opportunities to engage MBAM as an organisation.

At the end of the meeting, MBAM thank representatives of CGGC for the visit and hope that CGGC will participate actively in our activities including 65th MBAM Anniversary Dinner 2019 scheduled on 16th August 2019 at Sunway Resort Hotel and Spa.

MBAM FELLOWSHIP 3/2019

MBAM Fellowship 3/2019 was held on 29 March at HSpace, Menara Mitraland. The above fellowship sponsored by Aathaworld Sdn Bhd attracted 90 attendees.

The Managing Director of Aathaworld Sdn Bhd, Jay Chan who is also the co-founder of Builtry gave his speech at the event. In his speech he thanked MBAM members for supporting his event and he also gave a brief introductory of Builtry which is a platform that allow builders to access information on the latest, green and innovative building materials from ground to roof.

MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee also delivered a speech during the fellowship. He thanked Jay Chan and Aathaworld for the generous sponsorship of the event which enabled the third fellowship of the year to be held.



A presentation of memento in appreciation to Jay Chan by President Foo, witnessed by Council Member cum Organising Chairman of MBAM Fellowship, Ong Ka Thiam

Jay Chan (second from right) together with MBAM Council Members and Member from Lighthouse Club Kuala Lumpur

OTHER KEY EVENTS ATTENDED BY MBAM REPRESENTATIVES IN MARCH 2019 :-

5th March

PMBBMDA: Members & Guests Night 2019 was attended by MBAM Technical Director, Ir Chuan Yeong Ming and General Manager, Michael Thong at Vouk Hotel Suites, Georgetown, Penang.

7th March

Lighthouse Club KL March Get Together was attended by MBAM Council Members, Chong Tat Yam and Lau Yew Mun; MBAM Member, Sr Ong Hock Tek; Secretariat, Michael Thong and I at El Sids Damansara Kuala Lumpur.

8th March

The Future of Learning: Engagement Session with Learning Partners was attended by MBAM Assistant Manager, Ida Fatmawati at UEM Learning Centre, Petaling Jaya.

12th March

BETT Asia 2019 was attended by MBAM Senior Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley at Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur.

17th March

Tunku Abdul Rahman University College 50th Anniversary Homecoming Event was attended by MBAM Deputy Sec-Gen 1, Ong Ka Thiam and Honorary Advisor (Tax), Yee Wing Ying at Tunku Abdul Rahman University College Main Campus Kuala Lumpur. Yee was awarded the Outstanding Alumni of TARUC.

18th March

Majlis Penyampaian Watikah Perlantikan Ahli Jawatankuasa Penasihat Industri Politeknik Ungku Omar was attended by MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj Mohd Zin at Dewan Jubli Perak, Politeknik Ungku Omar, Ipoh, Perak.

25th March

Mesyyarat Jawatankuasa Teknikal Bahan Binaan (JTBB) CIDB was attended by MBAM General Manager, Michael Thong at PWTC Kuala Lumpur.

28th March

Soft Launch of Construction Industry Law Centre (CILC) was attended by MBAM Vice President, Oliver Wee; Penang Master Builders & Building Materials Dealers Association (PMBBMDA) President, Dato' Lim Chee Tong and PMBBMDA Immediate Past President Alvin Yeow at Universiti Sains Malaysia Pulau Pinang.

Yours faithfully,

MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA

ERIC YONG SHANG MING

Secretary-General