Malaysia made an international headline on 9th May 2018 with the unexpected result of our General Election. The 14th GE saw the change of Government from Barisan Nasional who was in power for more than 60 years to Pakatan Harapan. With numerous of changes happening at the moment introduced by the new Government, I hope nothing but the best for this country. It is hoped that the new leaders will lead Malaysia to greater heights and we will achieve our vision of becoming a developed country soon. I would also like to congratulate our 7th Prime Minister, Y.A.B. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad for coming back as our premier.

I also take this opportunity to wish my Muslim friends Selamat Hari Raya, Maaf Zahir dan Batin and may this festive season bring you everlasting joy and happiness!

The following are the main events for May 2018:-

MBAM Mount Kinabalu Climb 2018 was held on 1st – 4th May 2018. A total of six MBAM Secretariat staffs participated together with MBAM President. The MBAM representatives are MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong, MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan, MBAM Assistant Managers, Mr Muhammad Fadzley and Ms Lim Jong Joan, MBAM Accounts & Admin Executive, Ms Tan Lee Teng and MBAM Admin Assistant, Ms Fadhira Aqilah.

On 1st May 2018, the group arrived at Kota Kinabalu International Airport (KKIA) before they embarked to Sutera Sanctuary Lodges at Kinabalu Park Headquarter. The scenic journey took 2 hours. The group made a pit stop at Nabalu, a place where the local natives gather to sell local produce, fruits, home grown vegetables and handicraft souvenirs. They were astounded with the picturesque hills at Nabalu. The next day, they took a short walk to Balsam Café for breakfast and thereafter packed up the essential items for the hike while waiting for the feeder transport to bring them to Kinabalu Park Headquarter for registration. A mountain guide and a porter were assigned throughout the hike. With all arrangements made, the climbed started at the Timpohon Gate.
The Material Resources Committee organized a talk on “Introduction of Innovative Functional Construction Materials” on 3rd May 2018. The talk was attended by 21 participants. Material Resources Committee member, Ms Cho Foong Khuan officiated the talk on behalf of Chairman of Material Resources Committee, Mr Liew Hau Seng.

The General Manager of Chemical & Life Science Group, Nagase Malaysia, Ms Suzanne Chin kicked off the talk by introducing Nagase business model. She highlighted on the main business for Nagase (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd: plastics, chemical & life science, electronics, DFR slitting.

Next, the General Manager, Mr Yoshio Hirobe and Deputy General Manager from Ishihara Sangyo Kaisha, Ltd Singapore Branch, Mr Kee Nai Seng introduced Self Cleaning Coating / Photocatalyst and IR Shield Coating. The field of self-cleaning coatings on glass is divided into two categories: hydrophobic and hydrophilic. These two types of coating both clean themselves through the action of water, the former by rolling droplets and the latter by sheeting water that carries away dirt. Hydrophilic coatings based on Titania (titanium dioxide), however, have an additional property, they can chemically break down absorbed dirt in sunlight. “Clean Nano” by Ishihara Sangyo save on cleaning frequency from 4 times per year to 1 time per year. For example 10,000 m2 is only $60/m2, glass cleaning cost $2.2/m. Where IR-shielding coating, main effect of coating on glass high visible transparent, excellent durability and cool in summer and warm in winter.

The next presentation is from Cemedine Co., Ltd, a manufacturer and seller of glues, sealing materials, adhesives, special paints, coating materials, and processed goods based on adhesives construction and contract work relating to bonding, waterproofing etc.

Mr Daisuke Hori, Manager of Market Development Division, Cemedine Co., Ltd and Mr Masao Takahashi, President, Cemedine Philippines Corp presented “Cemedine” high durable construction sealant (Excel Series) and interior adhesive (Low VOC) – POS Seal Type G. Features of Excel Series Telechelic Polyacrylate Sealant are excellent light resistance, light resistance over glass, high durability, good heat resistance and no water-repellent pollution. Interior adhesive (Low VOC) – POS Seal Type G is for fixing to wall materials, adhesive for mirror materials and various substrates and it features include high strength and elasticity, good adhesion to various substrates, stain free, excellent fixing, solvent free, paintable and no shrinkage.

Mr Eddy Lee, Senior Sales Executive, Nagase Malaysia Sdn Bhd then presented on construction chemicals for cement, ready-mix concrete and paint application. Kelong chemical, its 3rd generation product is called Polycarboxylate Superplasticizer. It allow a water reduction up to 40%, due to their chemical structure which enable good particle dispersion. On the anti-corrosive paint for O&G pipelines & telco towers, PatinaLock ferric coated act on the iron and steel material with the help of the environment.
MBAM annual brainstorming session was held on 5th May 2018 at Le Meridien Putrajaya Hotel with the aim to review our brainstorming roadmap. I delivered the welcome remark while Dato’ Ir. Tan Kia Loke act as the moderator of the event. The Chairmen / Deputy Chairmen of MBAM Committees were required to present their update on their KPIs as outlined in MBAM Brainstorming Session 2016 and the proposed remedial action plans.

Overall, many of the KPIs were achieved, some were not achieved, and some were proposed to be taken out due to various issues (not feasible after discussion with relevant Ministry, cannot be accurately assessed as no baseline to gauge future performance, etc). The Session also discussed other matters such as Branding of MBAM, Administration of MBAM Assets, Membership Classification for Companies with Majority Foreign Shareholders, Amendments to the Constitution, Closing Ranks with Affiliated Associations on Data Collection and Research. The Moderator also provided an impromptu slot for MBAM Secretariat to voice out the issues and challenges that they are currently facing.

The summary and conclusion was delivered by MBAM Deputy Secretary General 1, Mr Ong Ka Thiam and the closing speech was delivered by the President, Mr Foo Chek Lee. Overall, the MBAM Brain Storming Session 2018 provided an avenue for the current MBAM Council Members to relook at the performance of all the KPIs set in the MBAM Brain Storming Session 2016 and updated in 2017 before they handed it over to the new MBAM Council Members for the term 2018-2020. It is hoped that the KPIs updated in the MBAM Brain Storming Session 2018 will provide a roadmap for the next Council Members in charting the future of the Association.

In conjunction with the MBAM Anniversary Dinner on 11th May 2018 at Sunway Resort Hotel and Spa, we also organised the MBAM Affiliates Dialogue to interact better with our affiliates and the Government bodies. A total of 42 participants were present despite the public holiday.

A brief overview of the construction growth data in the first quarter 2018 recorded a moderate growth of 5.9% and the concern of the rising cost of doing business were deliberated. Issues on upfront full levy payment of engaging foreign workers as against the short duration of the construction work program were highlighted by members. MBAM had held discussion with various ministries to resolve this peculiar issue plaguing the industry and had proposed a two tier levy system comprising skilled and unskilled and installment levy payment. National Human Resource Consultative Council (NHRCC) was formed and chaired by the Secretary General of Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR) for Manpower Planning involving of 4 main Working Group (WG) which are supported by 12 government bodies, 21 employers and 12 employees representative. In view of this foreign worker issues, MBAM together with Construction Labour Exchange Centre Bhd (CLAB) and Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) will be working together to propose new solutions in simplifying the process of getting or legalizing foreign worker whereby the process
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The members that attended the Affiliate Dialogue include American Concrete Institute Kuala Lumpur Chapter (ACI), Building Materials Distributors Association Malaysia (BMDAM), Gabungan Persatuan-Persatuan Pembina Malaysia, Light House Club Kuala Lumpur, Malacca Building Contractors’ Association, Malaysia Mobile Crane Owners Association (1987), Malaysian Interior Industry Partners Association (MIIP), Perak Contractors Association, Perak Plumber’s Association, Persatuan Ampunya Jentera Pembinan Berat Malaysia, Sabah Builders Association, The Chartered Institute of Building Malaysia (CIOB), The Malaysian Lift and Escalator Association (MALEA) and Persatuan Industri Komputer Dan Multimedia Malaysia (PIKOM) and a number of Government bodies such as Construction Labour Exchange Centre Bhd (CLAB) and Department of Occupational Safety and Health Malaysia (DOSH).

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The 64th MBAM Anniversary recorded one of the highest number of sponsorship received from generous donors. A total of RM1.326 million was raised for MBAM Building Fund, MBAM Education Fund as well as MBAM corporate social responsibility (CSR) project. Once again, MBAM would like to record our sincere appreciation to the sponsors.

at the moment must go through third party with additional cost and time incurred. MBAM would prefer the direct processing by MOHR or Ministry of Home Affairs (KDN) rather than using the third party. Temporary solution was suggested by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, for small contractors who are having difficulties in getting the foreign worker to apply through CLAB. MBAM would continue to follow up to discuss with the newly formed government.

In the open forum session, MBAM expressed the similar concern faced by its Affiliate Members at large on the influx of China Contractors competing with the locals for construction jobs. MBAM reminded the Government to review the China’s One Belt and One Road policy and its procurement procedure to stipulate a minimum 30% local participation in such venture. In addition, MBAM urged the government to grant tax incentives to allow the importation of relevant machineries to speed up the construction work and to increase productivity with the aim to adopt the Industrial Building System and ultimately reduce dependency on foreign workers.

With the representatives of Affiliates members and Government bodies

MBAM Council Member for the term 2016/2018
MBAM also conferred special awards to individuals & companies in recognition of their contribution to the Association and the Construction industry. During the event, various award were also presented to deserving individuals and members in recognition of their dedication and sacrifices contributed to the Association and the construction industry.

The highlight of the award presentation was the conferment of Honorary Life President to MBAM Past President, Mr Lai Moo Chan who has served in the MBAM Council since 1986. Mr Lai Moo Chan was appointed as the President of MBAM from 1998 to 2002. The President and MBAM Council Members wish to record our heartfelt congratulations to all recipients.

IFAWPCA President Datuk Matthew Tee, IFAWPCA Secretariat Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming and Ms Carmen Chu visited three IFAWPCA members namely the Builders Association of India, the Construction Association of Bhutan and the Bangladesh Association of Construction (BACI) from 23rd – 29th May 2018 to promote the upcoming 44th IFAWPCA Convention to be held from 12th – 16th November 2018.

The first stop was to the Builders Association of India (BAI). The newly elected BAI’s National President Shri A. Puhazhendi and their Council Members warmly welcome our delegation to their Managing Committee Meeting and General Council Meeting which was held on 24th May 2018 at the Heritage, Kochadai, Madurai where approximately 500 BAI member gathered at the said event.

Next, our delegation headed to the Construction Association of Bhutan (CAB) on 26th May 2018 and participated in the 2nd Bhutan Construction Fair 2018 as well as their 17th Annual General Meeting. The Bhutan Construction Fair 2018 is the largest construction related fair in the country which aims to create a forum for development and promotion of the construction industry in the country. The main aim of the event is to create awareness of construction equipment, new technologies, and to exchange business ideas. A total of 60 exhibitors showcased their products and services at the said exhibition.

From Bhutan, our delegation flew to our final destination Dhaka, Bangladesh to meet up with the Bangladesh Association of Construction Industry (BACI) on 28th May 2018. BACI President Engr Munir Uddin Ahmed and Former President Mr. Sk. Md. Rafiqul Islam met up with
IFAWPCA President Datuk Matthew Tee and IFAWPCA Secretary-General Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming to exchange ideas in particularly suggestion for the upcoming 44th IFAWPCA Convention. Our delegation were also able to visit BACI’s secretariat. A project site to Padma Bridge has been arranged to enable our delegation to get the feel about the construction industry in Bangladesh. We were able to meet more BACI members at the dinner party hosted by BACI.

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Chief of IMMIB, Ms Havva Deniz, Project Expert of IMMIB, Ms Zynep Dilara Mese and Managing Director of Esmer Marble, Mr Emre Unal paid a courtesy visit to MBAM on 25th May 2018. It was attended by MBAM Executive Director Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Assistant General Managers, Mr Lenny Lim and Mr Michael Thong, MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan, MBAM Assistant Managers, Mr Leon Leong, Mr Muhammad Fadzley bin Salim and Ms Lim Jong Joan.

Ms Deniz explained that the main purpose of this preliminary meeting and courtesy visit is to introduce Turkey’s natural stone to Malaysia contractors. She felt that MBAM is a good platform to introduce the natural stones products from Turkey and to promote IMMIB B2B meeting or exhibition in Kuala Lumpur in July 2018.

On the enquiries about where Malaysia contractors, developers or architects source for their marble stone, Mr Michael Thong informed that most of them acquired from China or from Indonesia. The stone block from Turkey is likely to be shipped to China for cutting although there are factories in Malaysia that have the facilities to do so. In order to reach our members, it was suggested that they advertise on our website and we will e-blast to our members when they have a definitive details regarding their event. In conjunction with the 44th IFAWPCA Convention, a Building and Construction exhibition will be held from 12th-16th November 2018. This will be a good opportunity to meet exhibitors and visitors that are members of IFAWPCA.
Malaysia-Foshan Chamber of Commerce (MFCC) paid a courtesy visit to MBAM on 31st May 2018. The MFCC were represented by MFCC President, Dato’ Sri Yeat Sew Chuong, MFCC Vice President, Datuk Eric Chong and Dato’ Sri Dr. Ricky Yaw, MFCC Deputy Secretary General, Mr Anthony Mah, MFCC Vice Treasurer, Ms Sandra Lee, MFCC Committee, Ir. Edward CS Lim, Mr Richard Chee and Mr Hugo Koo, MFCC Secretariat Assistant, Mr Choong Chan Loong and Mr Jeffrey Ng as well as Personal Assistant to President Mr Jason Je.

On the other hand, MBAM were represented by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Vice President, Mr Oliver Wee, MBAM Council Members, Mr Chong Tat Yam and Mr Fong Tet Yoong, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Assistant General Managers, Mr Michael Thong and Mr Lenny Lim, MBAM Assistant Managers, En Muhammad Fadzley, Ms Lim Jong Joan and Mr Leon Leong. MBAM has also invited United Malaysia Kin Cho Hong Association (UMKCHA) to attend the meeting. UMKCHA was represented by the President, Mr Leong Kien Keong and Secretary-General, Mr Sinn Fuh Ming.

After the formality of introducing each other, Dato’ Sri Yeat Sew Chuong explained the purpose and formation of MFCC in 2016. MFCC was initiated by the China Foshan City Government and Dato’ Sri Yeat being the Foreign Investment Advisor of Foshan City Government was assigned to be responsible for the establishment of MFCC.

Dato’ Seri Yeat further elaborated that the aims of MFCC is:-

- To provide a platform for SME in Foshan and Malaysia to gain access to huge market in ASEAN and Islamic countries.
- Full support will be given to all overseas investment procedures including the establishment of companies, business licenses, import and export permits and etc.

The objectives of MFCC is:-

- To expand bilateral trade and investment of SME between Foshan and Malaysia along the “Belt and Road Initiative”, especially on the building materials industry; and
- Provides a trustable platform for both Foshan and Malaysia Enterprises to enter Islamic and ASEAN market by fully utilizing the strategic advantages of Malaysia.

MFCC also promoted the “Malaysia-China Business Conference 2018 and First Installation of Malaysia-Foshan Chamber of Commerce 2018” at Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre on 27th - 29th July 2018. Foshan’s building materials suppliers such as tiles, furniture, accessories and hardware will take part in the exhibition and this provides an avenue for Malaysian builders to have a direct access to the suppliers and manufacturers on building material. Before the visit end, both associations exchanged the memento to commemorate the visit.
OTHER KEY EVENTS ATTENDED BY MBAM REPRESENTATIVES IN MAY 2018 :-

3rd May 2018
REHDA Institute Conference - Sales and Marketing Conference Utilizing NAPIC Data was attended by MBAM Public Relations Executive, Ms Tessa Hamid at Connexion Nexus, Bangsar South.

CIDB-Updates on Construction Cases 35 Summary of Cases (Batch 2) – Part 2 & 3 was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at Bilik Mesyuarat Kempas, Tingkat 32, Menara Dato’ Onn, PWTC, Kuala Lumpur.

5th May 2018
9th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Malaysia Green Building Confederation was attended by MBAM Chairman of Environment and Green Technology, Mr Lau Yew Mun at MyIPO Training Hall, Level 12A, Menara UOA Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur.

7th May 2018
CIDB- Jemputan Ke Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Inititative Working Group 19 (CITP-IWG19) / Q5-Integrity) Bil 1/2018 was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim at Bilik Mesyuarat Resak, CIDB, Menara Dato’ Onn, PWTC, Kuala Lumpur.

8th May 2018
CITP Trust Working Group (TWG) on Environmental Sustainability was attended by MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Muhammad Hanif and I at Bilik Seminar@11, Pejabat MAMPAN, Sunway Putra Tower, Kuala Lumpur.

10th May 2018
PIKOM - SEA Dragon Malaysia Networking Night was attended by MBAM Vice President, Mr Oliver Wee at Zenith, Connexion Conference & Event Centre at The Vertical, Bangsar South City.

12th May 2018
PAM Annual Dinner 2018 was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee at Grand Ballroom, Sheraton PJ Hotel.

14th May 2018
SIRIM TC on Fasteners and Screw Threads was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at Bilik ISO, SIRIM, Shah Alam.

15th May 2018
SIRIM TC on Building Design & Construction was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at Bilik ISO, SIRIM, Shah Alam.

Sesi Perbincangan Kumpulan Berfokus Untuk Kajian Developing Multi-Tier Levy: Malaysian Case Study was attended by MBAM Vice President, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming and MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan at Malaysian Global Innovation & Creativity Centre (MaGIC), Cyberjaya.

16th May 2018
SIRIM TC on Ceramic Materials & Sanitary Fittings was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at Bilik ISO, SIRIM, Shah Alam.

18th May 2018
SIRIM TC on Cement was attended by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong at Bilik ISO, SIRIM, Shah Alam.

22nd May 2018
National Ready-Mixed Concrete Association of Malaysia (NRMCA) Annual Dinner was attended by MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling and I at Tropicana Club, Petaling Jaya.

24th May 2018
Joint Meeting to Formulate Proposal on Economic Policies and Issues was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim, MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan and I at ACCCIM Conference Room 6th Floor, Wisma Chinese Chamber 258 Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur.

Yours faithfully,
MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA

DENNIS TAN
MBAM Secretary General
## MBAM SITE SAFETY SUPERVISOR (SSS) COURSE TRAINING CALENDAR 2018

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