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## OCTOBER 2018 BULLETIN

The month of October was an exciting and busy month for the Organising Committee and MBAM Secretariat as we are in the final leg in organising one of the biggest international events in our calendar, the 44<sup>th</sup> International Federation of Asian and Western Pacific Contractors' Associations (IFAWPCA) Convention which is happening on the 12<sup>th</sup> until 16<sup>th</sup> November at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. With a series of eventful activities that will take place throughout the Convention with the theme of "Strategic Alliance with Innovation & Human Capital" including a 3-day exhibition and a whole day conference to address issues revolving the construction industry, not just on the domestic level but also on the international level. It is my hope that the Convention and the Conference that we have planned will be a great platform to strengthen regional cooperation amongst IFAWPCA members as well as create drivers for better construction growth in the region. I also hope that all MBAM members will be attending the Convention, the Conference and Exhibition as a mean of support to us as the host this year.

Now, let us look at the key events that MBAM has been busy with in the month of October:-

### INDUSTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING DEPARTMENT OF POLYTECHNIC AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION

The meeting was held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 at The Everly Hotel Putrajaya and was chaired by Minister of Education, YB Dr. Maszlee bin Malik. The meeting was attended by MBAM Deputy President and Chairman of Education and Special Institutions Committee, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Hj Mohd Zin.



*Group Photo with Industry Advisory  
Council Department of Polytechnic  
and Community College Education*

### TRAINING ON IMPLEMENTING ISO 9001:2015 AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN CONSTRUCTION



On 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018, MBAM ISO Committee organised a training entitled "Implementing ISO 9001:2015 and Quality Management System in Construction". The training was facilitated and conducted by the Principal Consultant and Director of Synovate Solutions Sdn Bhd, Dato' Ir. K. Laxana Naidu. He has 18 years of experience in providing consultancy and training in quality, environmental, safety and health management. He has also led over 100 companies in construction, property development, engineering and related sectors attain certification to ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, MS 1722 and ISO 45001 standards.

*Dato' Ir. Laxana during his presentation*

The training course was held with the aim to provide an understanding of ISO 9001:2015 best practice requirements and how it can be applied in construction, property development and engineering companies. Other than that, the training was aimed to develop risk based thinking among the participants and exposed the right way to implement quality management system (QMS) in their organization.

The training was attended by 21 participants which consisted of MBAM Secretariat staffs and MBAM members. The training concluded with a Q&A session with Dato' Ir. Laxana. Overall, we received positive feedback from participants saying that the training was educational and it enabled them to enhance their knowledge. Besides that, the trainer was really good in giving clear examples which were relevant to the industries and easy to understand for application in participants' daily working process.



*MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling delivering her opening speech*

## COURTESY VISIT BY CEO OF HILTI

Courtesy Visit to MBAM on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 from Hilti CEO was attended by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee; MBAM Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee; MBAM Vice President, Mr Steven Shee; MBAM Treasurer-General, Mr Kenneth Liew; MBAM Council Member, Mr Chong Tat Yam; MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling; MBAM Assistant General Managers, Mr Lenny Lim and Mr Michael Thong at Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng meeting room.



*Presenting Dr. Christoph Loos with a memento at the end of the visit*

Representing the Hilti team for the visit were:

- I. CEO of Hilti, Dr. Christoph Loos
- II. General Manager of Hilti Malaysia, Mr Gary Tse
- III. Head of Marketing of Hilti Malaysia, Mr Kelvin Lee

Mr Foo chaired the meeting and welcomed representatives from Hilti to MBAM and took the opportunity to show MBAM Corporate Video and IFAWPCA video to the visitors. Mr Foo also thanked Hilti Malaysia for sponsoring the Technical Product Talk and Fellowship on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Both organisations then shared briefly on initiatives and how to promote safety and productivity in the construction industry. Dr Christoph mentioned one of the key focus of Hilti is to enhance the safety and productivity through their product and services. They are more than happy to partner with the association in different activities and provide Hilti's support and expertise in fastening and protection areas as well as enhance the code and regulation for the industry.

## MEETING WITH CIDB ON JOINT COLLABORATION ON SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAMME 2019

A meeting with CIDB to discuss on proposed collaboration on Safety Training Programme 2019 was held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at CIDB. The meeting was chaired by CIDB SHE Division General Manager, Ir. M. Ramuseren. MBAM was represented by the Safety and Health Committee namely Chairman, Mr Michael Yap; Deputy Chairman, Mr Alec Chong; Manager, Ms Chai Min Fung and Assistant Manager, Ms Ida Fatmawati.

The meeting agreed that CIDB will support MBAM on the following training programmes:

- a) SSS
- b) SHO
- c) Designated Person (DP) on Concreting
- d) SHASSIC Training
- e) Seminar on OSHCIM (Occupational Safety & Health in Construction Industry – Management 2017)
- f) MBAM Series of Road Shows on OSH across the country.

MBAM Secretariat will coordinate with CIDB to carry out the above agreed training programmes in 2019.

## COURTESY VISIT TO CIDB WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN KUALA LUMPUR (WPKL)



*Group Photo with CIDB WPKL Officers*

During the engagement with CIDB Wilayah Director, Puan Zainora Zainal, MBAM took the opportunity to promote the upcoming 44<sup>th</sup> IFAWPCA Convention and invited her to join the convention which is scheduled on 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at KL Convention Centre.

*Dialogue session with Puan Zainora*

Courtesy Visit to CIDB WPKL new office was held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Level 11, Wisma Sime Darby. The visit was attended by MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling; MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din and MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Muhammad Fadzley Salim.

The issues on Managing Foreign Workers, Accreditation of Skilled Workers, the government policy in issuing the CIDB green card and the other business concern on construction industry (joint collaboration programme between MBAM & CIDB Wilayah) were raised and discussed.



## COURTESY VISIT BY BANGLADESH PLANNING COMMISSION (BCI)

The above visit took place on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room, MBAM Secretariat Office.

MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin; MBAM Vice President, Mr Dennis Tan; MBAM Council Members, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and Mr Nalla Sundran; MBAM Members, Dato' Sri Sukumar and Mr Tan Kim Yoke; MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling; MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim; MBAM PR Executives, Ms Tengku Ainifarihin and Ms Chew Chee Yan received the delegation.

There were 10 representatives from BCI led by Honourable MP Member (Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Planning), Mr Abul Kalam Azad.

Tan Sri Sufri chaired the meeting and welcomed the delegates from BCI in the hope that the meeting can enhance relationship between both organisations. Mr Abul Kalam spoke on behalf of the visiting delegates from BCI and thanked MBAM for accommodating the visit. The purpose of the visit was to understand some of the best practices exercised in the construction of roads and pavements in Malaysia.

MBAM also played MBAM Corporate video and 44<sup>th</sup> IFAWCPA Convention video and invited the delegation to come in November as delegates. MBAM presented our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coffee Table book to Mr Abul Kalam as a souvenir commemorating the visit.



*Group photo with Tan Sri Sufri (8 from right) presenting MBAM's Coffee Table Book to Mr Abul Kalam*

## MBAM DIALOGUE MEETING ON CURRENT ISSUES FACED BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WITH MBAM AFFILIATE MEMBERS

MBAM held the above meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00 pm at Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room. The Dialogue was attended by MBAM Council representatives and MBAM Affiliate Members.

MBAM Immediate Past President and 44<sup>th</sup> IFAWPCA President, Datuk Matthew Tee helped to chair the meeting after MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Mohd Zin, delivered a welcome speech emphasising the importance of the Dialogue as it enabled the Association to hear and understand current issues faced by our Affiliate Members.

Some of the issues and proposals brought up during the Dialogue were:-

### 1. Cancellation of Projects

*Impact:* Huge investment by contractors causing major cash flow problems.

*Proposal:* Government to consider proceeding with the projects albeit at a smaller scale.

### 2. Machinery Import Duties

*Impact:* High import duties on many construction machineries.

*Proposal:* Reduction of import duties to 0% on machineries that are not manufactured within Malaysia.

### 3. Impact of Transition from GST to SST

*Impact:* The period for payment of final accounts by end of this year is too short as it is a norm to finalise the accounts 1 to 2 years after completion of projects. Moreover, there are still many uncertainties and unclear exemption list with only four basic items in the construction industry announced to be exempted from SST namely bricks, cement, sand and iron.

*Proposal:* Government to consider at least 2 years period for GST payment pending a release of retention sum and final account payment.

### 4. Manpower and Foreign Workers

*Impact:* Shortage of skilled and trained foreign workers with high levy charges to be borne by employer.

*Proposal:* Government to review this matter and to revise the levy charges for skilled workers to be lesser than unskilled workers. We advocate for a holistic and comprehensive policies covering the entire foreign worker employment process.



*During the Dialogue session*



*From left: Tan Sri Sufri, Mr Foo and Datuk Matthew*

## INTERVIEW SESSION OF CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT (COCD) FOR CONSTRUCTION TRADE SUPERVISOR (FOREMAN) PROGRAMME 2<sup>ND</sup> INTAKE MELAKA

On 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018, an interview session was held at MBAM Training Centre to conduct final assessment for eight participants to complete and fulfil the requirement of CIDB on Construction Occupational Competency Development (COCD) for Construction Trade Supervisor (Foreman) Programme. The assessors for this interview were Dr. Yeow Yoon Foo, Mr Andrew Ong, Mr Michael Thong and Mr Wong Khin Yip.



The final assessment was to assess whether all interviewees understand their assignments and all modules that have been taught by COCD programme trainers. Submission is based on completed assignments with brief explanation for each task given. Six out of eight participants attended the interview while the other two were absent due to unforeseen circumstances. The interview session was supervised by MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Muhammad Fadzley Salim and MBAM Admin Officer, Ms Sung Suet Yee.

*Final assessment for COCD Programme 2nd Intake Melaka*

## MBAM TECHNICAL PRODUCT TALK 3/2018 AND FELLOWSHIP 4/2018 SPONSORED BY HILTI MALAYSIA (M) SDN BHD

MBAM organised a successful Technical Product Talk 3/2018 sponsored by Hilti Malaysia (M) Sdn Bhd on Hilti's product and services on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at MBAM Training Centre. The event which attracted 51 participants consisted of business owners, managers, executives, safety practitioners, supervisors, industry representatives and MBAM Affiliate members. The event gave an opportunity for representatives of Hilti Malaysia to introduce and share with MBAM members on the safety enhancing features and on their wide range of products and services.



*From left: Mr Teddy, Ir. Ng, Mr Nalla, Mr Gary and Mr Kelvin*

Hilti's panel of experts on the safety features of their products, introduce asset management solutions and provide excellent opportunities to build contacts and networking.

Overall, the event was a successful technical product talk and MBAM would like to graciously thank Hilti Malaysia for their generosity to ensure that the event was a memorable and significant one.



*Mr Nalla presenting souvenir to Mr Gary Tse*

*Guest speakers from Hilti Malaysia together with talk participants*



MBAM Fellowship 4/2018 which took place after the Technical Product Talk was held at Million 9 Club in Plaza Miramas, Taman Desa Business Park and was attended by 120 participants. 13 MBAM Council Members including Immediate Past President and 44<sup>th</sup> IFAWPCA President, Datuk Matthew Tee were also present at the Fellowship event.



MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 1 and Chairman of MBAM Fellowship, Mr Ong Ka Thiam kicked off the event with a warm word of welcome to everyone who attended the event as we celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> in the series of MBAM fellowship gatherings for the year, this time sponsored by Hilti Malaysia. Mr Ong extended his utmost appreciation to the sponsor for agreeing to sponsor the event and was also glad that many people were able to join us that evening.

The aim of the MBAM Fellowship gathering was to create a platform where members of MBAM can get to know each other better, to strengthen the bond between fellow

*Mr Ong delivering his Opening Speech*

members as well as to get to know other people who have come together in the spirit of celebrating fellowship in the construction industry. Only by knowing each other we can work together towards the advancement of the industry as well as the nation.

Mr Gary Tse took to the stage with his speech where he gave a brief introduction on the organization and on how both MBAM and Hilti Malaysia can collaborate to improve safety in the industry. A token of appreciation was given by Mr Ong to Mr Gary after the speeches. Overall it was a successful event and many attendees brought out their business cards for a merry round of networking and there was even a lucky draw carried out with prizes sponsored by Hilti Malaysia.

*Mr Gary presenting the Grand Prize to the lucky draw winner*



## MEETING AND VISIT BY GLOBAL BIM CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (CoE)

A meeting and visit by Global BIM CoE on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 was held at Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room to introduce the proposed International Assessment Centre Framework with the intention to invite MBAM and CIDB to join the Steering Committee and also become one of the supporting organisations.



ICT Committee recommended CIDB to join the Steering Committee which will be the more appropriate body that can drive the BIM promotion and recognition in Malaysian construction industry.

Global BIM CoE also plans to issue a publication on the topic of BIM Best Practices for Construction in Asia Pacific and International Experience and invited MBAM to support the publication on collection of BIM cases.

The meeting was attended by MBAM Vice President who is also the Publication, ICT & Data Resources Committee Chairman, Mr Steven Shee; MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling; MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim; MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Muhammad Fadzley Salim; Global BIM CoE Chairlady, Sr. Miranda Lui; Global BIM CoE representative, Mr Kelvin Kuo and Dean, Faculty Engineering of University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus (UNMC), Prof. Andy Chan.

*Mr Steven presenting MBAM coffee table book to Sr Miranda*

## JOINT MEETING OF INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS TO DISCUSS INDUSTRY PROPOSALS FOR HOLISTIC REVIEW OF FOREIGN WORKER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at MEF Headquarters Petaling Jaya a meeting organised by Malaysia Employers Federation (MEF) was held to discuss on the Industry Proposals for Holistic Review of Foreign Worker Management System. MBAM Vice President cum Chairman of Human Resources Committee, Mr Dennis Tan; MBAM Deputy Chairman of Human Resources Committee, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz; MBAM HR Committee Member, Mr Mazlan Haron; MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din and MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Muhammad Fadzley Salim attended the meeting.

The proposal was prepared and sent to Encik Wan Zulkifli, as the secretariat of (ILMIA) for “Jawatankuasa Bebas Pengurusan Pekerja Asing” formed by the government.



*During the meeting organised by MEF*



The meeting also drafted a letter to Prime Minister on G2G Arrangement on Recruitment of Foreign Worker in view of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Malaysia and Nepal which was expected to be formalised on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in conjunction with the visit of the Minister of Human Resources, YB M. Kulasegaran to Kathmandu on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

*Middle: Mr Dennis and Datuk Astaman on his left*

## aOS CONFERENCE KUALA LUMPUR 2018

aOS Conference Kuala Lumpur 2018 was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at Microsoft Malaysia. The conference had three concurrent sessions namely the Business Decision, IT Pro and Developer sessions. aOS is an international community and non-profit organisation with professional working on Microsoft Collaboration Platform. The conference consisted of 18 sessions which featured MVPs and domain experts with 14 International Speakers from seven countries. The objective was to exchange ideas on how to maximise the usage and ROI from Microsoft's cloud technologies.

The conference shared about Technologies Content that included Microsoft Teams (and Groups), PowerApps, Flow, Power BI, OneDrive, Microsoft Forms, Skype for Business, Azure, Yammer, OneNote, Office 365, many 3rd party tools and an awesome line up of SharePoint content.

Apart from that, there was also sharing on Business and Productivity Content that included Digital Workspace, Security, Governance, Information Architecture, Collaboration, Data Migration, User Adoption, Agile Development, Mobile and Paperless Workforce.

The conference was attended by MBAM Publication, ICT & Data Resources Committee Deputy Chairman, Mr Alex Hoo and MBAM Assistant Manager, Mr Muhammad Fadzley Salim. MBAM Associate Member, Fedelis Sdn Bhd was one of the sponsors for aOS Conference Kuala Lumpur 2018.



*Mr Fadzley and Mr Alex at the aOS Conference*

## MEETING ON ENHANCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CCPD) TRAINING PROGRAMME AND CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT (COCOD) FOR CONSTRUCTION TRADE SUPERVISOR (FOREMAN) PROGRAMME

On 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018, meeting on enhancement of CCPD and COCOD Programme with Dr. Yeow Yoon Foo was held to discuss on the revision for the course outline of CCPD and COCOD programme to include awareness on CIS 7:2014 Quality Assessment System for Building Construction Work (QLASSIC) and CIS 19:2011 QLASSIC for Roadworks in the modules as per requested by CIDB. The objective was to create awareness and provide proper guidance for Trade Supervisor on CIS 7 and CIS 19.

Part of the meeting outcome was that the CCPD training will be changed from Tuesday or Wednesday to Friday or Saturday to attract more participants to register for the training. This was based on demand and feedback from previous participants. MBAM Training Services Sdn Bhd (MTSSB) will be in charge of registration and venue for training for the next CCPD training.

This meeting was attended by MTSSB Chairman, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz; MTSSB Deputy Chairman, Mr Dennis Tan; MBAM Deputy Chairman of Education Committee, Mr Andrew Ong; MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling; Managers, Ms Chai Min Fung and Mr Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din; Assistant Managers, Ms Ida Fatmawati and Mr Muhammad Fadzley Salim, and Admin Officer, Ms Sung Suet Yee. Ms Joanne Hung from CPD Construction Training & Development Centre Sdn Bhd also attended the meeting.

## NEW SST 2018 FOR BUSINESS OWNERS & CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Another series of talk on the current issue on the implementation of New SST was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at MBAM Training Centre. The workshop was attended by 71 participants. MBAM Treasurer-General, Mr Kenneth Liew delivered the welcome remarks, introduced and thanked Executive Director cum Head of Tax Department in YYC Tax Consultants Sdn Bhd, Mr Zen Chow for taking his time to support the event and by sharing his knowledge and expertise on the topic of SST.



Mr Zen specialises in both direct and indirect Malaysian taxation. He is a qualified consultant and has been involved in the tax compliance and advisory works for more than 10 years in various industries. He started off with the new SST placed on taxable goods manufactured by an individual or company with an annual turnover exceeding RM500,000 and on taxable goods imported into Malaysia. Some transitional issues from GST, scope and charges were elaborated. His guidance on interpretation of how Sales Tax works on manufacturing industry was comprehensive and useful. Taxable goods, rates of tax and valuation of tax were part of the highlights.

*Mr Kenneth delivering his welcome remarks*



List of exempted goods under Sales Tax Act 2018 were included. Lastly, he reminded the compliance of record keeping of SST and penalty would be imposed for non-compliance.

He demonstrated an interesting and warm presentation with a long session during the Q&A.

*Mr Zen during his presentation*

## **MBAM WORKSHOP ON CREATING A CULTURE OF CARE & CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATION**

MBAM Safety and Health Committee has successfully organised a Workshop on Creating a Culture of Care and Workshop on Construction Accidents Investigation on 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at The Pearl Kuala Lumpur with attendance of 46 participants. The workshop was supported by the Social Security Organisation (SOCSO), endorsed by National Council for Occupation Safety & Health (NCOSH) and Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH).

It was aimed to enhance 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.

Other objective was to increase the productivity and efficiency of the construction industry by improving further the standard of safety personnel, facilities and quality of worksites environment in line with the Construction Industry Transformation Plan (CITP) 2016-2020.

The Workshop on Creating a Culture of Care was facilitated by Mr Abdullah Bin Embong from Master Team Resources (MTR) Sdn Bhd. The session emphasised on behaviour based Safety Perspective as fundamental to form a culture of care on safety at Malaysian construction project sites. Mr Abdullah also outlined on employer's and employee's responsibilities and some of human behaviour that prologue to incidents.



*Chairman of MBAM Safety & Health Committee, Mr Michael Yap Kok Wai presenting his opening remarks*



*Mr Abdullah's presentation during Workshop on Creating a Culture of Care*

This full two-day seminar was beneficial and essential for all construction safety personnel who are responsible for occupational safety and health.

Day-two of the Workshop was on the topic of Accident Investigation. It was facilitated by Ir. Abdul Aziz Bin Yahya who is the former DOSH Director of Forensic Engineering Division. The workshop highlighted on the effectiveness of accident investigation as an important element. A good accident analysis will typically produce valuable information that can be used to prevent future accident.



*Ir. Aziz's presentation during Workshop on Accident Investigation*

## CONTRACT AND PRACTICES SEMINAR - SESSION 6: TERMINATION AND DETERMINATION

The MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee held its sixth programme for the year 2018 on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at MBAM Training Centre which attracted 48 participants. The programme was conducted by Sr. Ong Hock Tek of BK Entrust. Deputy Chairman of Contracts and Practices Committee, Ir. Anthony Teoh delivered the welcome speech on behalf of MBAM Vice President and Chairman of Contracts and Practices Committee, Mr Oliver Wee where he welcomed all participants to the 6<sup>th</sup> session which focused on Termination and Determination.

In his speech, Ir. Anthony said that one of the common problems in the construction industry which usually has serious implications on the project and the parties concerned is termination of contract or determination of employment by the Employer or Contractor. The action of determination or termination almost always brings the contracting parties into arbitration or litigation. However, although the implications are serious for the parties concerned to arrive at such a precarious state, many players in the construction industry still lack the understanding and appreciation of the difference between determination of employment and termination of contract. Often the term has been construed, mistakenly, as being the same in meaning and implications when in fact they are somewhat different and can be well distinguished.



*Ir. Anthony delivering his welcome speech*

Further, it is often said that a contract has been determined or the Contractor's employment has been terminated, which in the strictest sense and interpretation, is wrong. It means that although the employment of the contractor has ended, the contract nevertheless still subsists but the rights and obligations of the parties are governed by the post determination provisions as set out in the contract. Termination of contract occurs when a valid and enforceable contract is ended either by becoming impossible to perform due to unforeseeable circumstances at the time the contract was formed or by the actions of one or both parties.

When used in the context of construction contracts, the word 'determination' is employed in connection with the ending of Contractor's employment under the particular contract. In determination, it is the Contractor's obligation and responsibility to carry out the works under the contract that is terminated and not the contract.

Most of the Malaysian standard forms of construction contracts only carry provisions for determination of the Contractor's employment by the Employer in the event of specified breach by the Contractor of its obligation to complete the works accordingly or conversely determination of its own employment by the Contractor if Employer breaches its contractual obligations as provided in the particular contract.

In conclusion, the programme was useful to members especially for those in contract administration.



*Speaker, Sr. Ong Hock Tek during his presentation*

## SELANGOR & KUALA LUMPUR PLUMBING ASSOCIATION'S 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER



MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee was the Guest of Honour at the Selangor & Kuala Lumpur Plumbing Association's (SKLPA) 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner celebration on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and was joined by MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong. The occasion marks yet another milestone for SKLPA and MBAM is proud to be affiliated with an association like SKLPA.

*From left:  
Mr Michael,  
Mr Lock Mei  
Wai (President  
of SKLPA) and  
Mr Foo*

*During Mr Foo's  
opening speech*



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

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

MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee attended the 2018 Korean Night reception on the occasion of the National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea that was held at Grand Ballroom, Shangri La Hotel Kuala Lumpur. The night also featured Hanbok Fashion show.

### 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

The Launching of Malaysia Property Expo (MAPEX) 2018 was officiated by Minister of Housing and Local Government, YB. Hajah Zuraida Kamaruddin at Mid Valley Exhibition Centre (MVEC), Kuala Lumpur. The theme this year was "A Home for Better Tomorrow". The nation's premier exhibition gathered a vast selection of properties and provides a different experience to its new and seasoned visitors. The event was attended by MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 1, Mr Ong Ka Thiam and MBAM PR Executive, Ms Tengku Ain Tengku Abdullah. MAPEX 2018 provided an opportunity to better understand activities carried out by Real Estate & Housing Developers' Association Malaysia (REHDA).

### 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018

The Launching Ceremony of the International Construction Week (ICW) 2019 and ASEAN Super 8 by CIDB Malaysia was held at @my5-8, Aras 1, Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC) on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018. It was attended by MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling and MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din. The ceremony was officiated by the Deputy Minister of Works Malaysia, YB Tuan Mohd Anuar Mohd Tahir. The ICW 2019 & ASEAN Super 8 is scheduled to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at MITEC.

### 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Haji Mohd Zin attended The Novus Nite which was part of CIDB-CIOB Novus Youth Arena Malaysia 2018 on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at CIDB Convention Centre Kuala Lumpur. MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim and MBAM Graphic Designer Cum Photographer, Ms Shahila Atika were also in attendance. Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri also presented prizes to the winners of the CIDB Youth activities.

### 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018

MBAM Vice President, Mr Dennis Tan represented MBAM at the CIDB-CIOB Novus Youth Arena Malaysia 2018 at CIDB Convention Centre. The theme was "Challenges of the Young Professionals for the Build Environment-Professionalism towards Excellence". MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim was also in attendance. During the Industry Forum Group Discussion, Mr Dennis shared his experience and tried to change perception of the students who were attending the function on the perceived view that construction is Dirty, Dangerous and Demanding. He also encouraged the students to excel and be very professional when they join the industry and create a better future for construction.

*Yours faithfully,*

**MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA**

**ERIC YONG SHANG MING**

*Secretary-General*