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SEPTEMBER 2018 BULLETIN

Welcome to the September edition of the MBAM Bulletin. Bringing you the usual mix of MBAM news, construction industry events and more.

September has been a busy week for the Association. We have attended a number of events this month. Some of the events include :-

MEETING WITH CIDB ON JOINT COLLABORATION ON SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAMME 2019 NATIONAL HUMAN RESOURCES CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL (NHRCC) WORKING GROUP 4: MANAGEMENT OF FOREIGN WORKERS NO.1/2018

On 4th September 2018 at Bilik Gerakan, Ministry of Human Resource, Putrajaya was held NHRCC WG4 – Management of Foreign Workers No.1/2018 meeting. The meeting was attended by MBAM Technical Director, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming and MBAM Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley bin Salim. Item discussed in the meeting were the working groups term of references and issues on management of foreign workers. It included the following:

1. Priority for Local Employment

- Reducing of Dependency on Foreign workers
- Recruitment of foreign works based on real industrial demand

2. Single Entity, Single Window and Online System

3. Enforcement

(Real compliance on Employers Undertaking, Laws and Policies)

4. Source Countries

(General Guideline VS MoU)

5. Improvement on recruitment process

- Role of APS
- Outsourcing companies
- Duration of recruitment
- Expatriates
- Multi-Tier Levy

6. Other Related Matters

- incentives for prioritizing on local
- recognition as example employer

Due to time constraints, all stakeholders were given timeline and deadline to propose recommendations and other related issues to be submitted on 10th September 2018.



Discussion on management of foreign workers



MBAM Technical Director, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming with CIDB representatives during the working group meeting

SIGNING OF NOTES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN MEMBER COMPANIES OF MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA (MBAM) AND POLITEKNIK UNGKU OMAR (PUO)

The Signing of Notes of Collaboration for Bachelor in Civil Engineering Technology (BCT) Work-Based Learning (WBL) Programme between members companies of Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) and Politeknik Ungku Omar (PUO) to establish Work Based Learning (WBL) was held on 3rd September 2018 at MBAM Training Centre, Taman Business Park, Kuala Lumpur.

The WBL programme is designed with the aim to produce human capital that meets the needs of the construction industry. The students under the programme will be exposed to real work situation during their training period with the member companies of MBAM. Among the advantages to be gained by the students are improving classroom learning with real time/hands on experience in the construction industry and increase in the understanding of the skills required for career advancement. Through the programme, the industry will also be able to establish a closer cooperative relationship with institution of higher learning.

Among the 11 MBAM's Members of Companies that have signed the Notes of Collaboration are Bina Puri Sdn Bhd, Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd, Trans Resources Corporation Sdn Bhd, Putra Perdana Construction Sdn Bhd, MGB Berhad, Premier Construction Sdn Bhd, Syarikat Pembinaan Yeoh Tiong Lay Sdn Bhd, Fajarbaru Builder Sdn Bhd, Trans Elite Group Sdn Bhd, Bauer (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd and Ocned Water Technology Sdn Bhd.



*Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Hj Mohd Zin
giving a welcome speech*



Signing ceremony between Tuan Haji Zairon Bin Mustapha, The Director of Politeknik Ungku Omar (PUO) with one of the MBAM's member companies, Dato' Chee Tai Wah from Premier Construction Sdn Bhd.

It is my hope that the programme can contribute to the progress of the national construction Industry. A total of 20 Bachelor of Civil Engineering Technology (BCT) students have successfully completed their Work Based Learning (WBL) programme at seven MBAM member companies for the 1st batch of the programme which started on 22nd February 2016 and ended on 26th November 2016. The 2nd batch of the WBL programme has completed with 22 students which commenced on 6th February at 11 MBAM member companies and the 3rd batch completed consists of 20 students. The 4th batch for WBL Programme has commenced their WBL on 4th Sept 2017 which consists of 25 students. The latest 25 students will be participating in WBL 4th Cohort which will cover the duration of collaboration from 1st September 2018 – 31st August 2021.

MBAM hopes that the industry will see the benefits of this programme and more companies will join in to train the students thus contributing to a more skilled and knowledgeable work force.



Seated in front from left - Encik Mohamad Isa Bin Azhari, Director (BKPRO, JPPKK), YDH. Toh Muda Orang Kaya Kaya Panglima Kinta Seri Amar Bangsa Diraja, Dato' Ab. Wahab B. Dato' Seri Azizul Hassan Orang Besar Jajahan Kinta, Tuan Haji Zairon Bin Mustapha (Director, Politeknik Ungku Omar), YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Bin Haji Mohd Zin (MBAM Deputy President/Chairman of the Education Committee), Mr Steven Shee (MBAM Vice President) with MBAM members of companies

MBAM SITE SAFETY SUPERVISOR (SSS) COURSE KUALA LUMPUR 70TH INTAKE

Site Safety Supervisor (SSS) Course was held on 4th to 12th September 2018 at MBAM Training Centre. This eight days competency course was held with the aim to qualify our participants for Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH)'s Yellow Book once they have passed all the examination conducted by MBAM which is accredited by DOSH. All our SSS participants are required to sit for Paper 1 written assessment and Paper 2 oral assessment at site project.

Under Regulation 25 (1), of the Factories and Machinery (Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction) (Safety) Regulations 1986 (BOWEC), the main contractors shall appoint a site safety supervisor for the safety supervision on construction activities within the site. With regards to the competency of a site safety supervisor, DOSH has decided that site safety supervisor must be a person who has successfully completed a site safety supervisor course.

Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) contractors will be eligible to earn 20 Contractor Continuous Development (CCD) points with this SSS course.



Participants at Site Safety Supervisor (SSS) Course Kuala Lumpur 70th Intake

MBAM COCD PROGRAMME MELAKA ADDITIONAL CLASS



An additional class for all participant of COCD Melaka 2nd Intake was held on the 4th September 2018 at MBCA Melaka. The objective of the class was to have a peer to peer discussion and to complete all of their assignments.

Participants of COCD Melaka 2nd intake then had to prepare for their presentation of assignments and they were evaluated on the 13th September 2018 at MBCA Melaka.

Initiative by the participants to discuss among peers and complete their assignments

THE 46TH ASEAN CONSTRUCTORS' FEDERATION (ACF) COUNCIL MEETING

The 46th ASEAN Constructors' Federation (ACF) Council Meeting chaired by the Indonesian Contractors Association (ICA) was successfully hosted by the Thai Contractors' Association (TCA) on 7th September 2018 at Impact Convention and Exhibition Centre in Bangkok. MBAM was represented by MBAM Immediate Past President and IFAWPCA President, Datuk Matthew Tee, MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Haji Mohd Zin and I. Also present were MBAM Past Deputy President, Dato' Aziz Bahaman, MBAM Council Member, Datuk Astaman and MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Joseph Pangalila and assisted by ACF Secretary General, Mr Adrianus Hadiwinata. They welcomed all ACF Council members present and took the opportunity to thank TCA for hosting the meeting. The Council discussed matters namely the approval of the Agenda and minutes of the 45th ACF Council Meeting. ACF Secretary-General, Mr Adrianus Hadiwinata presented the ACF Secretary-General report and this was followed by the Treasurer's Report and Approval of the Interim Financial Report as of 31st August 2018 which was presented by ACF Treasurer-General, Mr Desmond Hill. During the break, ACF members visited the INTERMAT ASEAN exhibition. Matters arising included:

1. Signing of Amendment of the ACF Constitution
2. Draft of Manual of Standard of Procedures for the host Country
3. ACF Website progress report



ACF Delegates at Renaissance Bangkok Ratchprasang Hotel.

I presented the paper on behalf of MBAM followed by other ACF members who presented their latest country reports. MBAM also took the opportunity to present the 44th International Federation of Asian and Western Pacific Contractors' Associations (IFAWPCA) Convention promotional video to the ACF delegates and invited them to participate in the convention schedule from 12th – 16th November 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association (MCEA) has agreed to host the 47th ACF Council Meeting in Myanmar.

At the closing MBAM Deputy President, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin presented souvenirs to TCA as host and to the ICA for chairing the meeting.

A dinner was hosted by TCA at Renaissance Bangkok Ratchprasang Hotel.

MBAM COURTESY VISIT TO YANG BERTHORMAT TUAN BARU BIAN, MINISTER OF WORKS, MALAYSIA

On 7th September 2018, MBAM paid a courtesy visit to Yang Berhormat Tuan Baru Bian, Minister of Works, Malaysia at Menara Kerja Raya. The representatives from MBAM was led by MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee. Included in the MBAM entourage were MBAM Vice Presidents, Mr Dennis Tan and YBhg. Dato' Ubull Din Om, MBAM Treasurer General, Mr Kenneth Liew, MBAM HR Committee Member, Mr Mazlan Haron, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling and MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din. The issues discussed were on Managing Foreign Workers, Accreditation of Skilled Workers, the government policy in awarding a contract, and the business concern on GST output tax as well as the impact of SST on construction industry.

During the engagement with YB Minister, MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee took the opportunity to promote the upcoming 44th IFAWPCA Convention and invited YB Minister to be the Guest of Honour for the Opening Ceremony of the 44th IFAWPCA Convention which is scheduled to be held on 13th November 2018.



The representatives from MBAM led by President, Mr Foo Chek Lee paid the courtesy visit to Minister of Works, Malaysia Yang Berhormat Tuan Baru Bian

ACCIM JOINT MEETING ON FOREIGN WORKER ISSUES

The ACCIM Joint Meeting on Foreign Worker Issues was held on 12th September 2018 at 11.00 am attended by MBAM Vice President cum Chairman of MBAM HR Committee, Mr Dennis Tan, MBAM HR Committee Member, Mr Mazlan Haron, and MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din.



The discussion focused on the matters on Transparent, Practical Foreign Worker Management System and issues in relation to the suspension of the Recruitment of Bangladeshi Foreign Workers (FW) via Sistem Pengurusan Pekerja Asing (SPPA) by Ministry of Home Affairs. The suspension has cast uncertainty and caused disruptions to business operations as Bangladeshi is one of the main sources of foreign workers (252,365 persons or 13.5% of total FW as of March 2017) for businesses.

The ACCIM Joint Meeting on Foreign Worker Issues was attended by MBAM Vice President cum Chairman of MBAM HR Committee, Mr Dennis Tan, MBAM HR Committee Member, Mr Mazlan Haron and MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din

IFAWPCA PRESIDENT COURTESY VISIT TO ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, MANILA

On 18th September 2018, IFAWPCA President, Datuk Matthew Tee and his team members, IFAWPCA Secretary General, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming, IFAWPCA Executive Director, Mr Levy V. Espiritu, IFAWPCA Chief Operating Officer, Mr Ibarra P. Paulino, IFAWPCA Contracts Officer, Ms Anne B. Rao, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling and MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei paid a courtesy visit to the Asian Development Bank, Manila. The IFAWPCA delegation was received by Mr Ashraf Mohammed, Deputy Director General, Office of the Director General, Procurement, Portfolio & Financial Management Department and his team members, Mr Jesper Pedersen and Mr Rustam Abdukayumov. Mr Ashraf Mohammed gave a brief introduction on the role and functions of the Asian Development Bank. Whilst Datuk Matthew Tee gave a short brief about the IFAWPCA's history and role in the Asian and Western Pacific region.

The meeting discussed on the following issues/matters:

- (i) Review on the Performance Bond amount.
- (ii) Security of Payment Legislation e.g. CIPAA.
- (iii) Promotion of Joint Venture between Foreign and Local Contractors.
- (iv) FIDIC Contracts – proposed amendment to some of the clauses.
- (v) Bangladesh (BACI) extends their appreciation to ADB for the "Skills for Employment Investment Programme".
- (vi) IFAWPCA's desire to work closely with ADB on policy matters affecting the delivery of development projects.
- (vii) Request ADB to consider to give grant to the Asean Constructors' Federation (ACF) to obtain proper reports on the development of the Asean countries' report.



The IFAWPCA delegation was received by Deputy Director General, Office of the Director General, Procurement, Portfolio & Financial Management Department, Mr Ashraf Mohammed, and his team members, Mr Jesper Pedersen and Mr Rustam Abdukayumov.

IFAWPCA invitation to ADB to participate in the coming 44th IFAWPCA Convention to be held from 12th – 16th November 2018 in Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre and for them to participate & brief IFAWPCA members in the Contracts Committee on the new policies of ADB relating to project developments.

The meeting ended with IFAWPCA President, Datuk Matthew Tee presenting a memento to Mr Ashraf Mohammed of ADB.

MBAM TALK ON CONCRETE REPAIR & WATERPROOFING CHALLENGES

MBAM Talk on Concrete Repair & Waterproofing Challenges was held on 24th September 2018 at MBAM Training Centre. The training which was officiated by MBAM Chairman of Technical & IBS Committee, YBhg. Datuk Kow Choong Ming, and attended by Deputy Chairman of Technical & IBS Committee Member, Mr Nalla Sundran and MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din and attracted 60 participants. This talk was organized by MBAM Technical & IBS Committee to enhance the knowledge on post-construction matters (building/bridges) for concrete repair work. It is also the aim of MBAM to convey the latest technology and development on concrete repair work and waterproofing to our members through this talk.

Speakers from SIKA Kimia Sdn Bhd; Mr Philippe Stoll, Corporate Product Engineer Waterproofing of SIKA and Ir. Steven Ng, Product Manager presented the papers.

Below were the topics discussed at the talk:

- Introduction – What is classified as defect, types of defect and early symptoms related to concrete repair and the challenges of waterproofing.
- Waterproofing – Built structure problem common issue on swimming pool and roof top leaking, expansion joint in between old and new building, basement injection, common mistake during application/workmanship etc., and latest product development.
- Concrete Repair – Definition, types of repair on RC, which repair method is suitable for defect types, common mistakes during application/workmanship, latest product development for repair.
- Strengthening – Definition, types of strengthening by using SIKA Software Calculation, which method is suitable for strengthening types, common mistakes during application or workmanship etc, latest product development for strengthening.



Opening Speech by MBAM Chairman of Technical & IBS Committee, YBhg. Datuk Kow Choong Ming.



Corporate Product Engineer Waterproofing of SIKA, Mr Philippe Stoll receiving souvenirs from MBAM Chairman of Technical & IBS Committee, YBhg. Datuk Kow Choong Ming.



The participants attended for the talk

MALAYSIAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE AWARDS (MCIEA) 2018

The Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) celebrated the achievements of 29 industry players at the Malaysian Construction Industry Excellence Awards (MCIEA) 2018. This year's Awards was the first time for one company, WCT Berhad, to take home two major accolades – "Builder of the Year Award" and the "International Achievement Award" for their work on the Ministry of Interior Headquarters at Wadi Al-Sail, Qatar.



Mr Foo Chek Lee receiving The Best CEO Award from The Minister of Works, YB Tuan Baru Bian at MCIEA Awards, 2018

WCT also took home the "Green Building Award (Non-Residential)" for its work on the Ministry of International Trade and Industry headquarters.

Other awards presented include a "Best Project Award – Building (Major)" to IJM Construction Sdn Bhd for the Damansara Uptown Retail Centre (Starling Mall) and an "International Achievement Award (Special Mention)" to Eversendai Corporation Bhd, our members' companies, awarded for various buildings such as an International Convention Exhibition Centre in India.

In addition, the "Best Project Award (Infrastructure) – Small" went to Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd for the Sunway Velocity Link Bridges, as well as "Best Project Award (Building) – Major (Special Mention)" to Pembinaan Mitrajaya Sdn Bhd for the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission headquarters in Putrajaya.



The award winners of the night at The MCIEA Awards 2018

Congratulations to our MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee for winning the "CEO of the Year Award", while the Managing Director of KPK Quantity Surveyors (Semenanjung) Sdn Bhd, Datuk Srikanthan Kanaganthiram, was awarded the "Prominent Player Award".

Two "Construction Leading Lady" awards were given to Executive Director of YTL Corporation Bhd, Datuk Yeoh Soo Keng and Managing Director of Majidah Design Sdn Bhd, Majidah Majid.

Introduced by the Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) in 2000, MCIEA recognizes individuals, organizations and projects that have contributed and demonstrated excellence in enhancing the image and performance of the construction industry. This year it received 195 nominations for 22 awards under 10 categories.

"The award also intends to provide a platform for healthy competition amongst industry players in the quest for excellence by showcasing best practices in project implementation", CIDB Chief Executive, Datuk Ahmad Asri Abdul Hamid said.

The Guest of Honour at the MCIEA 2018 award ceremony was Works Minister, YB Tuan Baru Bian. Also present at the event was Deputy Works Minister, Tuan Mohd Anuar Tahir and CIDB Chairman, YBhg. Tan Sri Dr. Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali.

PRE-COUNCIL JAWATAN KUASA BEBAS PENGURUSAN PEKERJA ASING BERSAMA STAKEHOLDER MEETING BY ILMIA, MOHR

The meeting hosted by Institute of Labour Market Information and Analysis (ILMIA) held 19th September 2018 at Bilik Mesyuarat Utama ILMIA, Cyberjaya, was attended by MBAM Deputy Chairman of Human Resources Committee, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, MBAM HR Committee Member, Mr Mazlan Haron, MBAM Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan and MBAM IT & Admin Assistant Manager, Mr Muhammad Fadzley.

The independent committee is chaired by either a top government official, former judge or secretary-general is managed by ILMIA as a secretariat. It was formed in view of the mandate from the Prime Minister to address the issue of foreign workers and will holistically look at policies and the management of foreign workers in the country.



The proposals from MBAM and other industries were sent to ILMIA for compilation and will be considered and addressed by the committee.

MBAM Council Member & Deputy Chairman of HR Committee, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz (right) and MBAM HR Committee Member, Mr Mazlan Haron during the meeting

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSAL OF MANAGEMENT OF FOREIGN WORKERS

A discussion on proposal of management of foreign workers for Institute of Labour Market Information and Analysis (ILMIA) was held on the 20th September 2018 at Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room. ILMIA requested from the industry on the proposal related to management of foreign workers during the pre-council management of foreign workers independent committee with stakeholder meeting on 19th September 2018.



HR Committee Members discussed on management of foreign workers proposal to ILMIA

MBAM HR Committee compiled issues and proposal on management of foreign workers to be submitted to ILMIA. The issues and proposal were related to employers' responsibility and several items such as Quota System for Acquiring Foreign Workers, Replacement Quota of Foreign Workers, Process of Acquiring Foreign Worker, Comprehensive One Single System, Definition of Wages, Registration of The Movement of Workers, Foreign Worker More Than 10 Years Services with RM10k Levy, Levy Payment, Rehiring Programme and many more.

The proposal was submitted to ILMIA on 26th September 2018.

PIKOM ANNUAL DINNER AND ICT AWARDS NIGHT 2018

PIKOM Annual Dinner and ICT Award Night 2018 was held on the 21st September 2018 at Majestic Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. Minister of Entrepreneur Development, YB Tuan Mohd Redzuan Md Yusof was the Guest of Honour. PIKOM ICT Leadership Award (PILA) awards and MSC Malaysia Asia Pacific ICT Awards (APICTA) awards were given that night. PIKOM also launched their first publication "MyIT". It is also preparing to host the 24th World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT) in Malaysia in the year 2020.

The event was attended by MBAM Vice President and Publication and ICT Chairman, Mr Steven Shee and MBAM IT & Admin Assistant Manager, Mr Muhammad Fadzley bin Salim.



MBAM Vice President & Publication & ICT Chairman, Mr Steven Shee with PIKOM Executive Director, Mr Ong Kian Yew

44TH IFAWPCA CONVENTION PROMOTIONAL VISIT TO TAIWAN GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION (TGCA)



International Federation of Asian and Western Pacific Contractors' Associations (IFAWPCA) President, Datuk Matthew Tee led a delegation for a courtesy visit to the Taiwan General Contractors Association (TGCA) on 21st September 2018.

Group photo of MBAM Vice Presidents, Mr Oliver Wee and Dato' Ubull Din Om, MBAM Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee, MBAM Treasurer General Mr Kenneth Liew, MBAM Secretary-General, Mr Eric Yong, MBAM Deputy Secretary-General, Mr Ong Ka Thiam, MBAM Council Members, Mr Alec Chong and Mr Wilson Ang and MBAM Honorary Advisor (Legal), Mr John Tong.

The delegation was well received by TGCA President, Mr Chiang Chi-Ching, TGCA Secretary-General, Mr Chen Fu-Tien, TGCA Chairman, Mr Chen Shih-Han, TGCA International Affairs Coordinator, Mr Hsieh Ming-Ta.

The main purpose of the visit was to promote the 44th IFAWPCA Convention which will be held from 12th-16th November 2018 at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) hosted by Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM). As the IFAWPCA President, Datuk Matthew Tee briefed and updated TGCA on the detailed Programme of the Convention.

MEETING ON TRAINING COLLABORATION BETWEEN CIDB AND MBAM

A meeting was held on the 25th September 2018 at Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room on training collaboration between CIDB and MBAM. CIDB would like to include Construction Industry Standard (CIS) as one of module in the COCD Programme. This is an initiative from CIDB to give awareness to contractors on CIS. CIS 7:2104 on CIS 7:2014 Quality Assessment System for Building Construction Work (QLASSIC) and CIS 19:2011 QLASSIC For Roadworks to be included in the module of COCD programme. Meeting concluded that MBAM will restructure and revise a module from COCD programme with emphasis on CIS.

The COCD programme and supervisor accreditation were clarified during the meeting. COCD participants will be awarded the Malaysian Skills Certificate (SKM) level 3 which is equivalent to trade foreman supervisor category. However, a site supervisor will be accredited and awarded *Perakuan Kecekapan Penyeliaan Pembinaan* (PKP) by CIDB after going the process of accreditation. Therefore, supervisor who attended the COCD programme must attend the accreditation process to be accredited supervisor and comply with CIDB Act 520 (Amendment 2011).

The above meeting was attended by Chairman of MTSSB, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, Deputy Chairman of MTSSB, Mr Dennis Tan, Deputy Chairman II of Education and Special Institutions, Mr Andrew Ong, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Manager, Ms Chai Min Fung, MBAM Manager, Mohd Farhan bin Mohammad Din, MBAM IT & Admin Assistant Manager, Mr Muhammad Fadzley bin Salim, MBAM Admin Officer, Ms Sung Suet Yee.



MBAM and CIDB representatives during the meeting

JOINT MEETING OF INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL FOR EMPLOYER TO PAY RM10,000 LEVY TO EXTEND EMPLOYMENT OF SKILLED FOREIGN WORKER BEYOND 10 YEARS

Malaysia Employers Federation (MEF) organised a meeting on 28th September 2018 at MEF Headquarters Petaling Jaya to discuss on RM10, 000 levy to extend employment skilled foreign worker beyond 10 years. MBAM Vice President, Mr Dennis Tan and MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei attended the meeting.

MEF members decided to prepare proposal on the payment on yearly basis of the levy such as RM10,000 for three years, for employer is RM 5,550.00 as levy for three years and for employee (foreign worker) is RM 4,450.00 as a levy for three years.



MEF Members meeting on levy to extend employment skilled foreign worker beyond 10 years

REHDA'S CEO SERIES



MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee and other panelists receiving token of appreciation from Finance Minister YB Tuan Lim Guan Eng

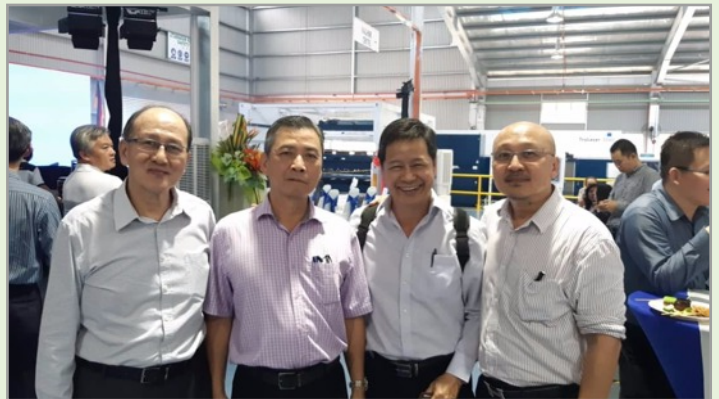
On 24th September 2018, MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee was invited to speak at REHDA Institute's Annual Property Developers Conference, CEO Series 2018. More than 600 senior property developer personalities and business leaders from related industries attended the conference. The total of 18 speakers and 3 panel discussion sessions were held to discuss how can stakeholders work together in stimulating and rebuilding the economy post GE14, how to attract investments into Malaysia as well as to look at new solutions to overcome the issue on unsold property units in Malaysia.

The conference was a huge success and we look forward to attending future events. MBAM Vice President, Mr Steven Shee, MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim and MBAM PR Executive, Ms Tengku Ain also attended the conference.

TROX MALAYSIA SDN BHD - NEW FACTORY OFFICIAL OPENING

On 25 September 2018, Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) Committee were invited to attend the official opening of new factory at Taman Perindustrian Senawang, Seremban, Negeri Sembilan. M&E committee members who attend the new factory official opening ceremony include Mr Tony Kok, Mr Gan Wah Lien, Mr Vincent Lim, Mr Lee Ah Nam and MBAM Assistant Manager Mr Leon Leong. The opening ceremony was followed by a dinner at Hotel Royale Chulan, Seremban.

M&E committee members attended the new factory official opening ceremony include Mr Tony Kok, Mr Gan Wah Lien, Mr Vincent Lim and Mr Lee Ah Nam



MBAM CSR 2018 – HOME FOR LIFE

MBAM Publications & Outreach Committee successfully organised the MBAM CSR Activity for 2018 in conjunction with the Malaysia Day on 28th to 30th September 2018. The participation of 67 men and women from 17 MBAM member companies and from MBAM Secretariat for CSR Programme – Home for Life. The event started with a one day builders' workshop for the participants which was held on 22nd and 23rd September 2018 at EPIC DNA office at Bandar Sunway. The builders' workshop introduced the participants to the power tools and concluded with the participants building a simple furniture using the skills gained.



MBAM President, Mr Foo Chek Lee together with MBAM Council Members handing over the completed house to George Anak Albinus' family.

The CSR activity was held at the Kampung Orang Asli Sungai Lalang, Semenyih, where we were divided into two groups to build the two new houses for the orang asli families. The first build site was located on a slope and the house was intended for the family of Mr George. The second build site was located on a flat land and the house was intended for the family of Mr Roslan. All the participants started working on the two houses as soon as they arrived at the sites in the early morning of 28th September 2018. All in all, approximately RM150,000.00 was allocated from the MBAM 64th Anniversary Dinner surplus towards this CSR programme which was spent on the material, transportation, accommodations as well as the food and drinks for the participants during the 3 day / 2 nights stay in Semenyih.

After three days of hard work, both houses built using the EPIC HOME modules, were successfully completed and handed over to both families on the 30th September 2018. MBAM is proud to be part of this CSR initiative which have contributed to raising the living standards of both Mr George's and Mr Roslan's families and we hope to continue with such CSR initiatives in the future with the support of our Members and business associates.

Group Photo at MBAM CSR 2018 – Home for Life at Kg Sg Lalang, Semenyih



DIGITAL CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT BY GLODON MALAYSIA

Digital Construction Summit by Glodon Malaysia was held on the 29th September 2018 at Sheraton Hotel, Petaling Jaya. Glodon Malaysia Branch Manager, Mr Victor Lee welcomed attendees to the summit. Executive Director of thinkBIM Malaysia, Dr John Rogers started off with an opening speech followed by the launching of the summit. The keynote speaker, YBhg. Dato' Massuan Ahamad, Special Officer, Minister of Works spoke on New Malaysia: Exploring the Future of Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC) Industry. The Malaysia BIM contest 2018 Award was given during the summit as well.



The summit was attended by MBAM Vice President and Publication and ICT Chairman, Mr Steven Shee and MBAM IT & Admin Assistant Manager, Mr Muhammad Fadzley bin Salim.

Keynote speaker by Special Officer Ministry of Works, Dato' Massuan

CONTRACTS & PRACTICES PROGRAMME 5: LOSS AND EXPENSE ON 27TH SEPTEMBER 2018 (THURSDAY) AT MBAM TRAINING CENTRE.

MBAM Assistant General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim delivered a welcome speech on behalf of MBAM Vice President and Chairman of Contracts and Practices Committee and welcomed the participants to the 5th of the 9 Sessions of Practical Construction Contract Administration/Management based on 48 BK ENTRUSTY articles published in MBAM Journal from 2002 to 2016. It was written by Managing Director of BK Entrusty and MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee Member, Sr. Ong Hock Tek.

The programme was conducted by Sr. HT Ong and was attended by 56 pax.

Construction contracts generally provides contractors to claim direct loss and/or expense as a result of the progress of the works being materially affected by relevant matters for which the client is responsible such as failure to give the contractor possession of the site, failure to give the contractor access to and from the site, delays in receiving instructions, opening up works or testing works that then prove to have been carried out in accordance with the contract, discrepancies in the contract documents, disruption caused by works being carried out by the client, failure by the client to supply goods or materials, instructions relating to variations and expenditure of provisional sums and inaccurate forecasting of works described by approximate quantities.

The programme was interesting and gave participants a chance to clarify matters with regards to the topic of loss and expenses.



Participants at Contracts & Practices Programme 5: Loss And Expense On 27th September 2018

COURTESY VISIT BY PENANG MASTER BUILDERS & BUILDING MATERIALS DEALERS ASSOCIATION (KIM TIN SEAH)

On 27 September 2018, Penang Master Builders & Building Materials Dealers Association (Kim Tin Seah) (PMBBMDA) paid a courtesy visit to Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM).

The representatives from PMBBMDA were President, Dato' Lim Chee Tong, Immediate Past President, Mr Alvin Yeow, Deputy President, Dato' Fan Kam Meng, Vice President, Ms Jaddie Leong Siew Geo, Secretary General, Mr Tan Yee Churd, Treasurer, Mr Ng Eng Peng, Assistant Treasurer, Mr Teh Eng Hwar, Committee Members, Mr Jeffery Koay Kai Chin, Mr Tan Kia Lock and Mr William Low, Council Members, Datin Low Seow Hoon, Ms Fan Sin Yee, Mr Fan Chern Hong and Ms Penny Tan and accompanying persons, Datin Chuah Soo Cheng, Ms Erin Yeoh Yee Yui and Ms Annie Chu.

Representatives from MBAM included Vice President, Mr Dennis Tan Soo Huang and Mr Steven Shee Boo Cheong, Deputy Secretary-General I, Mr Ong Ka Thiam, Council Member, Mr Nalla Sundran, Assistant General Manager, Mr Michael Thong and Mr Lenny Lim, Assistant Manager, Mr Leon Leong, Accounts & Admin Executive, Ms Tan Lee Teng.

The meeting was fruitful with both sides updating each other on the current news. We hope to work together for the betterment of the industry.



Group photo of PMBBMDA and MBAM representatives

OTHER KEY EVENTS ATTENDED BY MBAM REPRESENTATIVES IN SEPTEMBER 2018 :-

5th SEPTEMBER 2018

Invitation to MACRA Golf Tournament was attended by MBAM Vice President, Mr Oliver Wee at Sungai Long Golf & Country Club Cheras

7th SEPTEMBER 2018

The Malaysian Water Association 30th Anniversary Annual Dinner & Awards Night was attended by MBAM Vice President, Dennis Tan Soo Huang at Marriot Hotel, Putrajaya

13th SEPTEMBER 2018

Paper Discussion to the Ministry of Trade and Industry led by MBAM Deputy Sec-Gen 1, Mr Ong Ka Thiam. The meeting also attended by MBAM Council Member, Mr Verdon Tan and MBAM Public Relations Executive, Ms Tengku Ain Tengku Abdullah

Yours faithfully,

MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA

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MBAM Secretary General