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One of the main highlights of the month was MBAM had its Annual General Meeting on 29 June at Sunway Resort Hotel and Spa. Earlier that day, there was also an annual Focus Group Dialogue with MBAM Members. Among the issues discussed were human resources and foreign workers, rising cost of doing business and high machinery cost. I hope these concerns raised by members were addressed during the Dialogue session.



*Eric Yong | MBAM Secretary-General*

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## MBAM Dialogue with Building Materials Distributors Association of Malaysia (BMDAM) and the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA)

MBAM led by President, Foo Chek Lee held a dialogue on 17 June with BMDAM and NRMCA to discuss on the issues plaguing the cement industry and the effect to the construction sector. The dialogue duly noted the various press statements reported in the press and agreed to leave it to the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry to take the necessary action. In addition, the dialogue mooted the reintroduction of fluctuation clause in the construction contract. MBAM would seek to meet up with the cement manufacturers to better understand their issues.



Representatives from BMDAM and NRMCA



During the Dialogue session with BMDam and NRMCA





During briefing session by Dr Yeow

## 11<sup>th</sup> Intake of the MBAM COCD Programme for Construction Trade Supervisor (Foreman) in Kuala Lumpur: Module 9 and 10

The training on modules 9 and 10 of the COCD programme held on 18 June 2019 at MBAM Training Centre was attended by a total of 16 participants.

In module 9, participants learnt about time vs resource constraint project planning and scheduling, resource allocation and utilisation in project execution for construction trade foremen/supervisors, resource inventory and store control for construction trade foremen/supervisors, and material handling and wastage control for construction trade foremen/supervisors.

In module 10, participants were taught about elements of effective construction project monitoring and control, project scheduling requirement for contract compliance and executive, Project "S" Curve and Earned Value Management (EVM) in project time and cost monitoring and control, as well as the changes, disruption and time control in project execution.

The trainer for this session was Dr Yeow Yoon Foo, while the assessors were Ho Chee Leong and Michael Thong.

## C&P Contract Administration Programme: Session 3 – Extension of Time

The above programme was successfully organised on 19 June 2019. MBAM Council Member and Deputy Chairman of Contracts and Practices Committee, Ir. Anthony Teoh delivered the welcome speech.



Ir. Anthony Teoh delivering welcome speech

The programme conducted by Sr Ong Hock Tek at MBAM Training Centre attracted 37 participants. The focus of the programme was on Extension of Time (EOT). Construction contracts generally allow the construction period to be extended where there is a delay that is not due to the contractor's fault. This is described as an EOT. When it becomes reasonably apparent that there is, or that there is likely to be, a delay that could merit an extension of time, the contractor gives written notice to the contract administrator identifying the relevant event that has caused the delay. If the contract administrator accepts that the delay was caused by a relevant event, then they may grant an extension of time and the completion date is adjusted. Relevant events may include variations, failure to provide critical information, delay on the part of a nominated subcontractor, force majeure and many other factors.

It is very important when deducting liquidated damages to ensure that the correct contractual procedures are adhered to. Overall, it was an interesting programme with strong participation by the attendees for the topic presented.



Session 3 training in progress



## Diplomatic Reception in Celebration of the 121<sup>st</sup> National Day of the Republic of the Philippines



President Foo with Raul Sanchez from Embassy of Colombia & Diaz from Embassy of Philippines

MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee attended the Diplomatic Reception in celebration of the 121<sup>st</sup> National Day of the Republic of the Philippines on 20 June 2019 at JW Marriott Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. A number of diplomats and dignitaries attended the celebration. Mr Diaz from Embassy of Philippines was there to play host. The guests were feted with various delightful dishes as well as colourful cultural performances.

## MBAM Lifting Supervisor Training 3<sup>rd</sup> Intake

MBAM Lifting Supervisor Training 3<sup>rd</sup> Intake was successfully held on 25 and 26 June at Sunway Machinery Sdn Bhd with a total of 27 participants. It was jointly organised with MBAM Affiliate Member Malaysia Mobile Crane Owner's Association (1987) and with the support from the Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH) Malaysia.

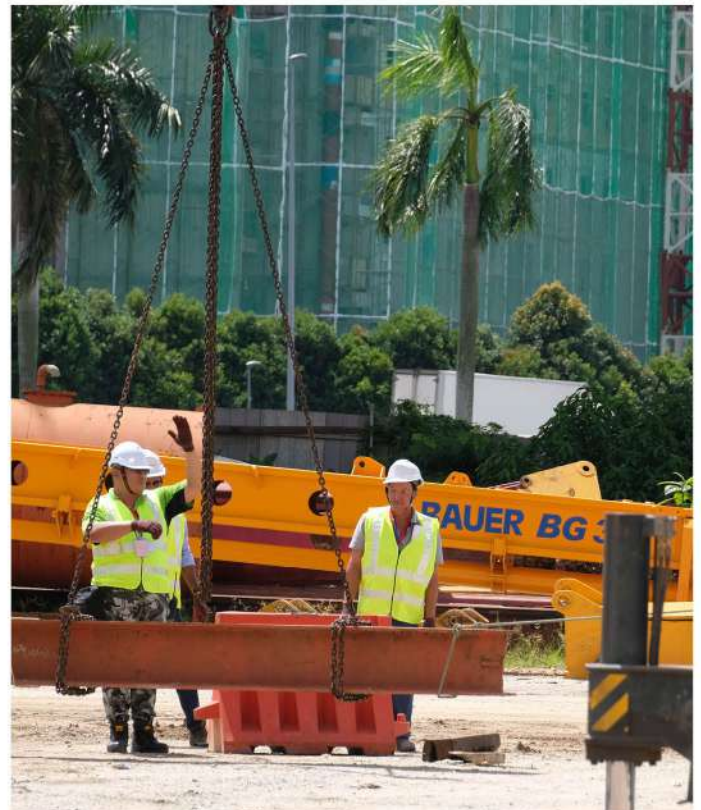
MBAM Lifting Supervisor Training is customised to provide and assist participants to acquire adequate knowledge, skills and ability to ensure every aspect of the assigned lifting operations at site are executed and managed in a correct and safe manner while in compliance to the company's policy and authorities' requirement. It is MBAM's aim to train and upgrade the skills of construction personnel to become competent personnel, to increase productivity, and efficiency as well as to create a safer working environment. This will ultimately reduce crane lifting activities accident rate.

The Day 1 training was focused on the technical knowledge which is required for trainees to apply and perform during the lifting activities.

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



Day 1 lessons in class



Day 2 on ground training





Group Photo with the meeting attendees

## CIDB Engagement Session with Stakeholders on Internationalisation

The CIDB Engagement Session with Stakeholders on Internationalisation was held on 26 June at Putra World Trade Centre and attended by Deputy Chairman II of IA Committee, Chung Soo Kiong; Alternate Council Member, Shafidz Azhar; TRC Synergy Berhad Head of Corporate Affairs, Lee Lay Chan; Sunway Construction Group Bhd Senior General Manager, Tan Kim Yoke; MBAM Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and Manager, Mohd Farhan Bin Mohammad Din.

The session was led by CIDB International Division General Manager, Sr Mohd Zaid Zakaria starting with the briefing on Financing Initiative in venturing abroad followed by the presentation on Construction Industry Outlook and Internationalisation Strategy.

Group discussion was conducted at the end of the session to get the views from the industry in identifying potential markets abroad and how CIDB can facilitate the contractors when they ventured overseas.



MBAM Deputy Chairman II of IA Committee, Chung Soo Kiong (second from the left), MBAM Executive, Loh Mei Ling (first from left) with other participants

## 2019 NRMCA Concrete Convention: Challenges and Opportunities in a New Malaysia

On 27 June 2019, MBAM Affiliate Member, the National Ready-Mixed Concrete Association of Malaysia (NRMCA) organised its 2019 NRMCA Concrete Convention entitled “Challenges and Opportunities in a New Malaysia” at Tropicana Golf & Country Resort.

The Convention covered topics such as new materials to produce modern concrete, production highly durable concrete and use of Apps to control deliveries as well as the latest safety and the environmental best practices. The event was attended by Senior Assistant Manager, Leon Leong.

## ACCCIM Meeting on the Proposed Amendments to Employment Act 1955, Industrial Relations Act 1967 & Trade Unions Act 1959

The meeting was held on 28 June 2019 at The Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM) and attended by MBAM Manager, Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din.

The meeting discussed on the proposed amendments to the Employment Act 1955, Industrial Relations Act 1967 and Trade Unions Act 1959 which covers Working Hours, Maternity & Paternity Leave, Flexibility Working Hours, Ordinary Rate of Pay (ORP), Freedom of Association and Recognition of Representation of the Trade Unions.



Meeting in Progress



## MBAM Focus Group Dialogue No 1/2019



President Foo chairing the Focus Group Dialogue

The MBAM Focus Group Dialogue No 1/2019 was held in conjunction with the MBAM Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 29 June 2019 at Sunway Resort Hotel and Spa. A total of 65 members attended the dialogue. MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee thanked all members present and noted that quite a number of issues submitted to the secretariat for the dialogue were on foreign workers and increased cost of doing business.

MBAM HR Committee Member, Mazlan Haron was invited to explain regarding hiring of foreign workers.

Other issue raised related to foreign workers were on rehiring programme where MBAM re-emphasized that this programme has ceased and on shortage of workers.

A member highlighted that the CIDB green card renewal process is too lengthy and slow, MBAM notified that CIDB is now in the midst of introducing new green card with embedded chip which will be linked to the Immigration Department, thus the transition caused the delay in processing and issuance of green card.

On the recent increase of cement price, MBAM informed that this issue was already dealt with by the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs and there will not be any increase in cement price as it is a controlled item.

MBAM also informed that the issues and challenges faced by small contractors, including the increase cost of doing business and to emphasize on local contents were con-

veyed at the courtesy visits to the Prime Minister and Finance Minister.

On the question of sub-standard mesh, President Foo advised under the existing CIDB 520, all construction material must get certification from CIDB Malaysia.

MBAM will continue to take actions by informing relevant government authorities in finding best approach and solutions for the betterment of the construction industry at large. With no further questions raised, President Foo declared the dialogue closed.

## 65<sup>th</sup> MBAM Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 65<sup>th</sup> MBAM Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 29 June 2019 at the Congress 1 & 2, Level 12, Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa, Petaling Jaya.

The AGM was chaired by President Foo Chek Lee. In his speech, he shared on the success of MBAM in the past year. He also mentioned on the need to move forward with Industrial Revolution 4.0.

The members at the AGM approved all the resolutions including the proposed amendments to the existing clause 8.7 of the Constitution of the Association and the budget of RM3.0 million for the Phase 1 of the development of MBAM Centre of Excellence.



Here I am presenting the MBAM 2018 Annual Report

With the conclusion of the AGM, MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee accompanied by MBAM Secretary-General, Eric Yong presented the membership certificates to the new members who joined in the year 2018 & 2019 and encouraged the new members to actively participate in MBAM activities.





## Other Key Events Attended by MBAM Representatives in June 2019:-

### 13 June

SME Grand Launching Platinum Business Awards 2019 was attended by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee at The Royale Chulan Damansara Hotel, Petaling Jaya.

Malaysian Service Providers Confederation (MSPC) 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and MSPC-MATRADE Angel Investors Construction Industry Workshop was attended by MBAM Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee and General Manager, Lenny Lim at Menara MATRADE, Kuala Lumpur.

CIDB Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Teknikal Standard Industri Pembinaan (CIS 7) Bil. 3/2019 was attended by MBAM Council Member, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming at Sunway Putra Tower, Kuala Lumpur.

Majlis Mesra Aidilfitri TNB 2019 was attended by MBAM Treasurer-General, Kenneth Liew at Kompleks Sukan TNB, Kuala Lumpur.

### 17 June

SIRIM STS Customer Day 2019 was attended by MBAM Manager, Mohd Farhan Bin Mohammad Din and Senior Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley Bin Salim at Auditorium Dato' Yahya Ahmad, SIRIM Bhd, Shah Alam, Selangor.

TC Meeting on Wire Rods, Steel Bars & Wire Product was attended by MBAM General Manager, Michael Thong at Department of Standards.

### 18 June

WG on Ceramic Tiles was attended by MBAM General Manager, Michael Thong at Bilik ISO, Department of Standards.

### 19 June

White Paper Iron and Steel Industry Clarification Meeting was attended by MBAM General Manager, Michael Thong at Menara MITI, Kuala Lumpur.

### 19 – 26 June

MBAM Site Safety Supervisor (SSS) Sabah 14<sup>th</sup> Intake was attended by MBAM Senior Manager, Chai Min Fung at Kingfisher Plaza, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

### 20 June

CIDB Mesyuarat TC-LPC Bil.7 was attended by MBAM Secretary-General 1, Ong Ka Thiam and Senior Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley Bin Salim at CIDB Malaysia Headquarters, Kuala Lumpur.

IKRAM QA - CAC Meeting 1/2019 was attended by MBAM Secretary-General 1, Ong Ka Thiam at Philea Mines Beach Resort, Selangor.

MBAM OSH Seminar & NCOSH Workshop was attended by MBAM Council Member and Safety & Health Committee Chairman, Michael Yap; MBAM Secretariat, Chai Min Fung and Ida Fatmawati Binti Md. Ghazali.

MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee was interviewed by TV3 in MBAM Office.

### 20 and 21 June

Workshop on Technical Working Group (TWG) Labour Market under Inter Agency Planning Group Human Capital Development (IAP PMI), Rancangan Malaysia ke-12 was attended by MBAM HR Committee Member, Mazlan Haron at National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) Bangi, Selangor.

### 21 June

TVET Empowerment Committee Meeting No.1/2019 chaired by YBhg. Dato' Soh Thian Lai as the Chairman of TVET Empowerment Technical Committee was attended by MBAM Technical & IBS Committee Member, S. Ramesh and Manager, Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din at Galeria Kementerian Belia dan Sukan Malaysia, Putrajaya.



Sime Darby Berhad Hari Raya Open House 2019 was attended by Secretary-General 1, Ong Ka Thiam; Council Member, Lau Yew Mun; and Secretariat, Loh Mei Ling, Lenny Lim, Michael Thong and Muhammad Fadzley Bin Salim; and I at Sime Darby Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

MALEA 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner was attended by MBAM Council Members, Chong Tat Yam and Lau Yew Mun; and General Manager, Lenny Lim at Royal Lake Club, Kuala Lumpur.

Majlis Perasmian Pejabat CIDB Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur and Jamuan Hari Raya Aidilfitri 2019 was attended by MBAM Council Member, Ir. Chee Weng Loon; MBAM Committee Member, Andrew Ong; MBAM Secretariat, Loh Mei Ling, Michael Thong and Muhammad Fadzley Bin Salim.

KLAF2019: "Tomorrow" Opening Ceremony & Party by PAM Malaysia was attended by MBAM General Manager, Lenny Lim at APW Bangsar, Selangor.

#### 24 June

Mesyuarat Kumpulan Kerja Teknikal (TWG) / IAPG Sektor Perkhidmatan – Industri Pembinaan Bil. 1/2019 – KKR was attended by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee at Ministry of Works' Office in Kuala Lumpur.

#### 24-26 June

NCOSH Meeting No 2/2019 held at Promenade Hotel, Kota Kinabalu was attended by MBAM Safety & Health Committee Chairman, Michael Yap.

#### 25 June

TC Meeting on Ceramic Materials & Sanitary Fitting Meeting was attended by MBAM General Manager, Michael Thong at Bilik ISO, Department of Standards.

#### 26 June

Presentation on Technical Working Group (TWG) Labour Market under Inter Agency Planning Group Human Capital Development (IAP PMI), Rancangan Malaysia ke-12 was attended by MBAM HR Committee Member, Mazlan Haron at the office of Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR) in Putrajaya.

Discussion regarding the Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 (RMK12) was attended by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee; Honorary Advisors, Dato' Ng Kee Leen and John Tong; Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee; Vice Presidents, Oliver Wee and Dato' Ubull Din Om; Secretary-General 1, Ong Ka Thiam; Council Members, Chong Tat Yam, Datuk Kow Choong Ming and Alec Chong, HR Committee Member, Mazlan Haron; and Secretariat Staffs.

#### 27 June

Green Build Conference (GBC) – REHDA/GreenRE was attended by MBAM Council Members, Dato' Sri Eric Kuan, Lau Yew Mun and MBAM Technical Director, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming at One World Hotel, Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

Majlis Konsultasi Belanjawan 2020 was attended by MBAM General Manager, Lenny Lim at Ministry of Finance's Office in Putrajaya.

TC on Household Fitting & Building Accessories Meeting was attended by MBAM General Manager, Michael Thong at Bilik ISO, Department of Standards.

Jamuan Hari Raya CREAM 2019 was attended by MBAM General Manager, Michael Thong at Sunway Putra Tower, Kuala Lumpur.

Discussion on TVET & Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 was attended by MBAM Vice President, Dennis Tan; Council Members, Tan Zi Ni and Alec Chong; and Secretariat Staffs. Also in attendance were Choo Sau Ling, Joanne Ng, Mazlan Haron, Tee Seng Kong, Chen Ka Kim, Azlan Ismail, Andrew Ong, Hasnah Mohd Ali and Leong Kien Keong.

#### 28 June

Mach 1 JCB Inauguration was attended by MBAM Secretary-General 1, Ong Ka Thiam; MBAM Member, Verdon Tan; MBAM Secretariat, Loh Mei Ling, Michael Thong and Muhammad Fadzley Bin Salim.

Majlis Jamuan Hari Raya Aidilfitri by DOSH Malaysia was attended by MBAM Council Member and Safety & Health Committee Chairman, Michael Yap at DOSH Headquarters in Putrajaya.

#### 29 June

PAM Annual Dinner 2019 was attended by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee.



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