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We hope MBAM members are still staying safe and adhere to the directives made by government. MBAM had setup a dedicated webpage on all information related to COVID-19 matters in relation to construction industry at <http://mbam.org.my/covid-19/> and this page is being updated from time to time. Members can also download the MBAM Mobile App to get an updated information.



Eric Yong
MBAM Secretary General



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Other Key Events Attended by MBAM

23 April, 29 April, 30 April

Department of Standard Working Group Meetings on Ceramic Tiles were attended by MBAM General Manager, Michael Thong via Zoom online meeting.

28 April

Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)'s Meeting to discuss the operation of the industrial sector during the period of Movement Control Order (MCO) was attended by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee at Menara MITI, Kuala Lumpur.

29 April

The Special Taskforce to Facilitate Business (PEMUDAH) Private Sector Virtual Meeting No. 4/2020 was attended by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee via Webex online meeting.

MBAM Events

IFAWPCA Video Conference Meeting



The 45th IFAWPCA Convention was supposed to be held in June this year. However, due to the travel restriction and lockdown imposed by various countries to contain the pandemic, this affected the hosting of the convention. A video conference was held on 20th April 2020 for the Board members to discuss, among other things, the administrative matters pertaining to the 45th IFAWPCA Convention and to share the latest economic and industry updates on the impact of COVID-19.

In current IFAWPCA President, Mohammad Jannah's opening remarks, he highlighted the severity and an unparalleled impact of COVID-19 on the economies and the people. The lockdowns enforced in almost all countries globally and the containment measures caused businesses to suffer loss of revenue gravely and resulted in risks and vulnerability of people live and livelihood.

In his remark, he cited the World Bank statement that the global economy was at its worst recession since the Great Depression and it could decline further if the current restrictions on economic activities are extended to the third quarter of this year. He expressed hopes that the members continued to exchange ideas, expertise and knowledge through this IFAWPCA platform to mitigate the economy and social impact for the benefits the economy especially the construction industry and mankind. He also aimed to share the country reports with other international bodies such as Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), Asian Development Bank (ADB), and International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) to obtain their support.

Among the matters concluded were the deferment of 45th IFAWPCA Convention to 2021, each Standing Committees including the Finance Committee to hold its own meeting virtually and the intended formation of a COVID-19 Pandemic Ad-Hoc Task Force to comprise of a representative from each member to this Taskforce.

MBAM representatives present at the meeting were President/ Board Member Foo Chek Lee, Honorary Legal Advisor/ Legal Advisor Mr John Tong, Past Officers Datuk Lai Foot Kong, Datuk Matthew Tee and Ir Chuan Yeong Ming, Council Members/ Standing Committee Members Eric Yong and Oliver Wee and MBAM Secretariat.

ACF Video Conference Meeting

In this challenging and unprecedented time, MBAM has initiated and hosted an online meeting with ASEAN Constructors Federation (ACF) Members President to exchange ideas from members with regards to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on 21 April 2020.

The meeting was chaired by ACF Chairman, Joseph Pangalila and attended by 31 representatives of member associations and was moderated by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee. The purpose of the meeting were to exchange updates, information as well as to share best practices and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to minimise the impact of COVID-19 in the construction industry in member countries. Seven associations namely the Cambodia Constructors Association (CCA), Indonesian Contractors Association (ICA), Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM), Philippine Constructors Association Inc (PCA), Singapore Contractors Association Ltd (SCAL), Thai Contractors Association (TCA), and Vietnam Association of Construction Contractors (VACC) have presented their papers which covers the respective ACF members' government policies and actions e.g. stimulus packages for construction industry and the proposal submitted by ACF Members to their respective government in sustaining construction activities. The details of the presentation slides and notes will be compiled and shared with all members. All members were present except Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Federation (MCEF).

Generally, the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly impacted the economy and construction industry of all ACF members. All countries have taken the necessary steps to contain the spread of the COVID-19 in their communities while ACF members' Association were also seen taking proactive measures to safeguard their construction industry.

Among all countries, Cambodia and Vietnam have shown a small number of infection cases, while there is no case of death due to COVID-19 reported in Vietnam. VACC shared that this was due to the effort by the Vietnamese Government to close all borders into Vietnam at the early stage of the pandemic outbreak and the practice of strict screening and follow-up with COVID-19 suspected cases.

Members also shared the following during the lockdown / movement control order / circuit breaker period in their countries;

MBAM reported that only critical projects or companies who fulfil certain criteria set by the Government (upon approval from the Ministry of International Trade & Industry) are allowed to be opened during MCO period. SOP for construction sites are also in place.

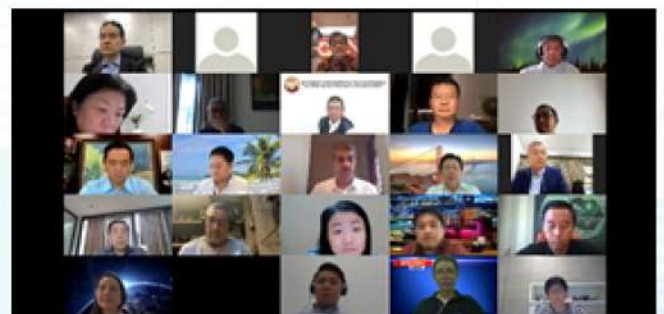
For SCAL, as majority of the cases are from the workers' dormitories and construction activities are halted for the time being. It was noted that on the recent announcement by the Singapore Government that COVID-19 lockdown to be extended to 1 June 2020.

PCA informed that construction activities are not allowed and it is making the necessary preparation when the construction activities can resume work after the lockdown.

While ICA informed that they have submitted few proposals on the moratorium to stop construction site activity within 15-30 days period to avoid spreading the virus among construction labour as well as tax deduction, incentive and instalment to its government.

TCA reported that construction activities are allowed in their country except in Phuket. During this period, companies are opting various methods to practice social distancing such as rotation of working days among staff; priority to work from home to be given to elderly staff, staff with children and elderly, pregnant staff, flexi-hour for staff who rely on public transportation (to avoid rush hours) etc.

In his closing remarks, Pangalila once again thanked all for taking their time to meet up virtually to update and share information in particular their Government and the respective ACF members' effort in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. It is hope that the information and strategies shared will be useful as a guide to help members to minimise the impact of COVID-19 in their construction industry. He also extended special thanks to President Foo for initiating and moderating the video conference and wishes all to be well and stay healthy.



MBAM representatives present at the meeting were President, Foo Chek Lee; Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin; Secretary General, Eric Yong; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; Assistant General Manager, Lee Siew Mei and Manager, Mohd Farhan.

*All information reported are as per update on meeting day.

MBAM Donates RM100,000 Worth of Medical Supplies to Front Liners in the Fight Against COVID-19



MBAM Donation for COVID-19 handover ceremony at Hospital Ampang

MBAM contributed RM100,000 worth of medical gowns, face shields and masks to Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) for COVID-19 namely the Kepong District Health Centre and Hospital Ampang in a handover ceremony on 30 April 2020.

MBAM, carried out a donation drive to raise fund as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in response to shortage of PPE especially for those in the healthcare profession on the front lines of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

We are glad that with all the support and response received from our members, we have successfully collected the amount in less than two weeks. It is MBAM's small way of saying thank you for all the commitment and tireless efforts made by the front liners.

MBAM's hearts and thoughts go out to the people who have been affected by this unprecedented event. We also appreciate the local communities and government who are on the front lines working to contain this coronavirus. Whether one was directly impacted or is witnessing the global pandemic through the media, one thing is very clear is that Malaysians are united in addressing this pandemic.

Present at the handover ceremony were MBAM President Foo Chek Lee, Deputy President Tan Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin, Treasurer-General Kenneth Liew, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling and Senior PR Executive Chew Chee Yan.

Once again, from all of us at MBAM, we would like to thank all the front lines for doing such a great job in handling and managing the COVID-19 situation.

We would also like to thank all the donors for their generous contributions and support.



MBAM Donation for COVID-19 handover ceremony at Kepong District Health Centre

List of Donors

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List of Circulars

Following is the list of circulars issued by MBAM on COVID-19 related matters:

- 1 April 2020** – Urgent Feedback Request from MBAM Members for Those Who Have Not Received Payment from the Government on Input Tax for Goods and Services Tax (GST)
- 1 April 2020** – Improved FAQ by the Ministry of Works Malaysia and FAQ by the Ministry of Human Resources Malaysia No. 3
- 1 April 2020** – Urgent Feedback Request from MBAM Members on Estimated Financial Losses Due to Movement Control Order (MCO)
- 3 April 2020** – Press Release by the Ministry of Transport Malaysia
- 4 April 2020** – Urgent Feedback Request from MBAM Members on How Construction Project Can Continue Work after the Movement Control Order (MCO) Is Lifted
- 7 April 2020** – Urgent Feedback Request from MBAM Members on What Actions or Measures the Construction Industry Need To Take After the Movement Control Order (MCO) Is Lifted To Ensure Sustainability and Growth
- 8 April 2020** – FAQ by the Ministry of Human Resources Malaysia No. 4 and Ministry of International Trade and Industry No. 2
- 9 April 2020** – Urgent Feedback Request from MBAM Members on List of Contractors, Sub-Contractors, Suppliers both Materials and Equipment, Scope of Work
- 9 April 2020** – Urgent Feedback Request from MBAM Members on Industry Association Company Prioritisation List as Requested by Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia (MITI)
- 11 April 2020** – Approval to Operate Additional Sectors to Bolster the Economy Post COVID-19 as Per Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia (MITI) Press Statement
- 11 April 2020** – Survey on G1-G2 Contractors Affected by the Movement Control Order (MCO)
- 11 April 2020** – MBAM Site Operating Guidelines – Protecting Your Workforce from COVID-19
- 13 April 2020** – MITI Call Centre for COVID-19
- 13 April 2020** – FAQ by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) No. 3
- 14 April 2020** – Notice of Extension of Office Closure (15 – 28 April 2020)
- 15 April 2020** – ACCCIM'S Quick-Take Survey on the Preparation of Post MCO's Exit Strategy
- 16 April 2020** – Guidelines for the Prevention of COVID-19 Pandemic for the Workers at Centralised Labour Quarters (CLQ)
- 19 April 2020** – Survey on How Many MBAM Members Apply For Restarting Of Work
- 20 April 2020** – Announcement on the Usage of Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines Documents
- 21 April 2020** – FAQ by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) No. 4
- 21 April 2020** – Additional Measures by BNM to Assist SMEs Affected By COVID-19 – SMEs to Be More Vigilant of Scams
- 21 April 2020** – MATRADE Survey on Impact of COVID-19 to Malaysian Exporters
- 22 April 2020** – How Can Construction Industry Recover Post-MCO?
- 23 April 2020** – Survey for contractors who have been approved to operate
- 27 April 2020** – Survey on impact of COVID-19 on the construction
- 28 April 2020** – Guidelines for Prihatin Screening Programme (PSP) BY SOCSO
- 29 April 2020** – Permission for Company Human Resource and Finance Personnel to Return to Workplace to Process Payroll
- 29 April 2020** – Press Release by the Ministry Of International Trade and Industry
- 29 April 2020** – Download the MySejahtera Application
- 29 April 2020** – COVID-19 Test – Special Offer Package for MBAM Members
- 30 April 2020** – Request for Urgent Feedback from Members Whose Application Has Been Rejected during the Movement Control Order (MCO)

For more updates, logon to MBAM's dedicated webpage related to COVID-19 at <http://mbam.org.my/covid-19/>