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In light of the current Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic situation, MBAM would like to urge and remind all MBAM members to always practice good hygiene at all times. We advise members to follow the latest developments related to COVID-19 and adhere to the guidance of Government and public health officials from time to time. Our hearts and thoughts go out to the people who have been affected by this unprecedented event and we appreciate the healthcare workers, local communities, and Government who are on the front line working to contain this coronavirus.

Eric Yong | MBAM Secretary-General



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MBAM Events

MBAM Scholarship Recipient's Project Assignment



During the presentation by Sundran

On 7 February, MBAM Council member, Nalla Sundran and his team met with MBAM scholarship recipient, Low Ming Chee and her team at their office on their request to obtain information method statement of pre-stressed slab and beam for their Construction Technology II course assignment. The students were encouraged to ask any question during the presentation. After a brief introduction of VSL Group and its ultimate holding group – Bouygues Group, Senior Engineer, Roland Tan presented on pre and post tensioning including the design and construction advantages. During the presentation, questions were raised to clarify on the slides presentation. Engineer of VSL Group, Ir. Tee Hoi Eng was also at hand to answer their queries. Sundran shared with them his working experience and simultaneously advised on the importance of keeping abreast with the latest development in the construction industry. He also shared about IR 4.0 and the effects from the digital technology disruption affecting the construction industry.

The student conveyed their heartfelt thanks to Sundran and his team who availed their time for the session. MBAM Manager, Lim Jong Joan and Executive officer, Claire Wong were at hand to facilitate the discussion.

Meeting with the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia

MBAM International Affairs Committee is planning to organise a Malaysia-Indonesia Investment Promotion 2020 to Jakarta. Thus, a meeting with the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Kuala Lumpur was held on 18 February to obtain more information about the Indonesia's new capital master plan and how to participate in some of the project developments in Kalimantan.



Dennis presenting memento to Krishna

MBAM met with the Deputy Chief Minister, Krishna K.U. Hannan and the Counsellor (Economic), Harry R. Irawan. The delegation from MBAM were represented by Vice President, Dennis Tan; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and secretariat staff.

Education & Special Institutions Committee Meeting No.1/2020 with University Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia



Tan Sri Sufri presenting memento to Department of Engineering Head, Prof. Madya Ts Dr Norsuhaila Mohamed Sunar

The above meeting was held on 19 February at MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room and was attended by MBAM Deputy President cum Chairman of Education & Special Institutions Committee, Tan Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin with Deputy Chairmen, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and Andrew Ong. Also in attendance were the Committee Members, Lee Chee Yian and Hasnah Mohd Ali; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; and secretariat staff. A total of nine delegates from UTHM led by Head Department of Civil Engineering Technology, Prof. Madya Ts Dr Norsuhaila Mohamed Sunar.

The meeting served as a follow up of the Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony held on 22 September 2019. Head of Programme, Dr. Mimi Faisyalini Ramli started with a recap on the area of cooperation and proceeded to brief on the programme structure, planning, and timeline for Work-Based Learning implementation for the new Bachelor of Engineering Technology in Rail Transportation.

There was also an open discussion on potential ways or methods of collaboration for research and consultation. One of the methods is through mediation where disputes or problems at workplace/site can be directed to MBAM Mediation Service for settlement or advice.

Courtesy Visit and Dialogue with Waste Management Association of Malaysia (WMAM)

MBAM Vice President, Dennis Tan; Council Member and Chairman of MBAM Affiliates Committee, Chong Tat Yam; and General Managers, Lenny Lim and Michael Thong paid a courtesy visit to the Waste Management Association of Malaysia (WMAM) on 25 February at Menara LGB, Taman Tun Dr Ismail. Representing WMAM were its Chairman, Ho De Leong and Manager, Rachele Chwee.



During the dialogue

The purpose of the courtesy visit was to get to know more about WMAM and issues faced by the waste management industry. Today, waste and waste management has given rise to many pressing issues such as expensive land prices, strict environmental regulations, health and safety issues, improper management of waste disposal sites and landfill spaces becoming limited and policy problems. Failure in managing solid waste leads to increased operation cost and damaging the environment. In Malaysia, waste management and waste minimisation are not the sole responsibility of local authorities but most government agencies like the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Health, the various academic institutions.

Overall, the meeting was productive and WMAM was requested to consider joining MBAM as an affiliate member in the interest of working towards a better environment for the construction industry.

MBAM – Politeknik Ungku Omar (PUO) Work Based Learning (WBL) 5th Cohort Progress Report Meeting No.1/2020



During the progress report meeting with PUO



The meeting, which was held at MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room on 26 February was to discuss the progress report for the Work-Based Learning (WBL) Programme for the 5th Cohort was followed by the students' performance and mentor feedback. During the meeting, it was suggested that the Likert Scale 1-10 is to be implemented from the 6th Cohort onwards.

The above meeting was attended by MBAM Deputy President cum Chairman of Education & Special Institutions Committee, Tan Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin with Deputy Chairmen, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and Andrew Ong. Also in attendance were the Committee Members, Lee Chee Yian and Hasnah Mohd Ali; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; and secretariat staff.

PUO was represented by Dr Azuin Ramli, Mazziyatol Farizza Mat, Sarifah Salwa Sapani and Yong Rashidah Mat Tuselim. Also present were the representatives from Trans Resources Corporation Sdn Bhd and Syarikat Pembinaan Yeoh Tiong Lay Sdn Bhd.

CIDB Certified Construction Manager (CCM) Programme Briefing to MBAM Council Members



President Foo presenting an appreciation certificate to Zainora

The briefing was held on 28 February at MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room. CIDB was represented by the Wilayah State Director, Zainora Zainal and Manager of CIDB Competency Supervisory & Management Division, Hanishahani Othman.

The objective of this session was to brief MBAM Council Members on the accreditation programme and framework of the CCM Programme. The council were also briefed on the methods and processes for accreditation of the CCM programme by CIDB. It was noted that by Quarter 4, 2023, all construction projects with the value of RM50 Million and above must be managed by accredited CCM.

MBAM Safety and Health Pledge



A safety and health pledge ceremony was held on 28 February prior to MBAM council meeting. Council members who were present signed the pledge that they will commit 'to promote and to provide a safer and healthy working environment for all in the construction industry, to share information and resources on Environmental, Safety & Health for MBAM "Big Data" as part of our initiatives to move towards IR 4.0 and to promote best practices in Environmental, Safety and Health through continuous awareness programmes, effective communication and joint consultation with relevant authorities, industry players and members.'

MBAM as 'The Prime Mover and the Recognised Voice of the Malaysian Construction Industry' is fully committed and pledge to demonstrate industry leadership in environmental, safety and health in the construction industry.

MBAM Training

MBAM Lifting Supervisor Training, 16th – 18th Intakes

MBAM Lifting Supervisor Training 16th – 18th Intakes took place in the month of February with a total of 68 pax trained. It was jointly organised with MBAM Affiliate Member Malaysia Mobile Crane Owner's Association (1987) with the support from the Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH) Malaysia.

This training was formulated in view of the increasing construction accidents involving crane lifting activities at construction sites. MBAM has taken proactive initiative to assist members and industry by providing industry-based training to further enhance the professionalism of the construction personnel in carrying out their duties and responsibilities in any lifting operation at construction sites. This will ultimately reduce crane lifting activities accident rate.

Day 1 of the training focussed on technical knowledge for lifting activities which includes regulatory legislation, knowing the roles and responsibilities of a lifting supervisor, understanding lifting activities and cranes, reading of load charts and lifting plan. Day 2 of the training was conducted on-ground with practical lifting activities. Trainees applied their technical knowledge into the actual lifting actions where communication with other lifting team members such as slingers, riggers and crane operator were carried out effectively.

MBAM Scaffolding Course Level 1 – 62nd Intake

The training above was successfully held from 17 February to 26 February at KLIAC Training Institute, KLIA Sepang.

The course was designed for any personnel involved in heavy industry and construction especially relevant to those Safety and Health practitioners who are responsible to coordinate, plan and implement scaffolding work at work site.

The structured approach of learning using the Training Modules and Methods of presentation was designed to give a comprehensive overview of the work process so that it is in compliance with the scaffolding standard BS 1139 and the requirement of the legislations.

MBAM Half Day Seminar on Slope Stability and Landslide Risk Management (Legal), Amendments to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 and Recent Legal Developments in Construction Law

The above event was held at MBAM Training Centre on 19 February with the opening speech delivered by MBAM Deputy Chairman 1 of Contracts and Practices Committee, Ir. Anthony Teoh. In his speech, he mentioned that the Association is resolute in equipping itself and members to overcome the complexities and maximise the opportunities that are present in our industry today. The programme is part of MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee's effort to educate members on current issues and contract related topics.



Ir. Anthony delivering the opening remarks

Director of Dr. Toh Associates Sdn Bhd, Dr. Toh Cheng Teik delivered his presentation on "Uncertainties of Slope Stability Assessment and Landslide Risk Management". In his presentation, he mentioned that in Malaysia, we have rainfall data but not slope failure data analysis compared to data that is extensively available in Hong Kong and New Zealand. He concluded by emphasising there is a need to minimise and reduce the changes of landslides through monitoring and warning systems to be put in place as well as other risk management options including seeking alternative sites and provision of insurance.

Managing Partner of Azman Davidson and Co, H.Y. Chong spoke on the notable changes to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 ("MACCA 2009") including the introduction of section 17A of the MACCA 2009, which imposes liability on a commercial organisation for corruption committed by persons associated with the commercial organisation. This provision is to be enforced on 1 June 2020. Chong also explained and defined what commercial organisation and person associated with the commercial organisation means and who will be jointly and severally liable when a commercial organisation is found liable. He informed that upon conviction, the person can be punished with a fine of not less than 10 times the sum or value of the gratification, if it can be valued, or RM1 million (whichever is higher), or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 20 years, or both. Malaysia has adopted the ISO 37001: Anti-Bribery Management Systems international standard, which can also be used as a guide to implement a systematic way of managing corruption risks in an organisation.

Partners from Azman Davidson and Co also took turns to present various topics relating to contract management in the construction industry. Overall, it was a very interesting half day session and MBAM would like to thank all the speakers for taking time off their busy schedules to share their knowledge with MBAM Members.

The event attracted 39 participants. MBAM Vice President and Chairman of Contracts and Practices Committee, Oliver Wee presented certificate of appreciation to all the speakers. Also, in attendance was Deputy Chairman 2 of Contracts and Practices Committee, Png Choon Yam.



During the Seminar



Oliver presenting the certificate of appreciation to one of the speakers, Chong

Events Attended by MBAM

The Special Task Force to Facilitate Business (PEMUDAH) Technical Working Group on Employing Workers (TWGEW) Engagement Session with Manufacturing and Construction



Mazlan at the engagement session

The Engagement Session held at Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) Headquarters on 3 February was attended by MBAM Human Resources Committee Member, Mazlan Haron and Manager, Mohd Farhan. The meeting was chaired by the PEMUDAH Co-Chair, Dato' Dr. Ir. Andy Seo Kian Haw. The objectives of the session were to discuss further and to provide better understanding on the Holistic Strategy for Employment of Foreign Direct Workers.

Discussion on Validation Model with Technical Committee of MyKVI

The Discussion on Validation Model with Technical Committee of MyKVI held on 4 February at Fakulti Kejuruteraan dan Alam Bina (FKAB), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi was attended by Council Member, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and Manager, Mohd Farhan. The purpose of the meeting was to validate a model that includes industry involvement by niche area to maximise the success, marketability and entrepreneurship of Vocational College graduates.



Datuk Astaman (seated: second from right) with other meeting attendees

GreenRE Advisory Panel (GREAP) Meeting No.3

MBAM Committee Member of the Environment and Green Technology Committee, Dato' Ir. Laxana Naidu attended the above meeting held on 5 February at Wisma REHDA. The meeting was chaired by Immediate Past President REHDA, Datuk Seri FD Iskandar b Tan Sri Dato' Mohamed Mansor.

The Advisory Panel which comprises participation from the local government authorities, relevant government departments and agencies, institutions and building industry Associations/ Organisations aims:

- To provide feedback on latest developments and trends in the green building sector from relevant government, industry and academic bodies.
- To make recommendations on steps to enhance growth of GreenRE and the green building sector in Malaysia.
- To provide independent oversight of GreenRE operations.

CIDB Certified Construction Manager (CCM) Programme Briefing

The CIDB Certified Construction Manager (CCM) Programme Briefing held on 5 February at Bangunan Pusat Pengurusan Akademik, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi was attended by Vice President cum Chairman of Human Resources Committee, Dennis Tan; Vice President, Steven Shee; Council Member, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz; Technical Director, Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming and Manager, Mohd Farhan. Also in attendance was the CIDB Wilayah State Director, Zainora Zainal and CIDB CCM Working Group (WG) led by Prof. Sr. Dr. Fadzil Hassan.

The objective of the briefing was to present the accreditation programme and framework to the academicians as well as construction industry players, which included the methods and processes for accreditation, followed by a Q&A session with CIDB to explain in-depth on the implementation of CCM programme.



Council Members posing with Zainora and other attendees



Group Photo at the end of meeting

Certified Construction Manager (CCM) Programme Working Group (WG) Meeting No.2/2020



During the Working Group meeting

Held on 6 February at CIDB World Trade Centre, the meeting was attended by Vice President cum Chairman of HR Committee, Dennis Tan and Manager, Mohd Farhan. The meeting discussed on the strategic roadmap for 2020 KPI which covers the promotional activities with all stakeholders, the assessment schedule for all states and assessors' coordination.

Consultation Session with Industry Players on the Impact of Coronavirus to the Industry/Economy

The consultation session organised by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) was held on 11 February at MITI Tower. The welcome speech was delivered by MITI's Deputy Secretary General (Industry), Dato' Sri Norazman Ayob in which he mentioned that the purpose was to get feedback from industry players on the impact of coronavirus to the industry or economy and to get suggestion on the measures that can be implemented by the Government to help the industry. The suggestion provided will be proposed to Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Economic Affairs for consideration. The feedback will be gathered and presented by the Ministry to The Cabinet of Malaysia.

Among the topics presented were on the impact of coronavirus to the current economy by Malaysian Industrial Development Finance (MIDF), information and statistics as well as prevention steps by the Ministry of Health. There was also a consultation session where representatives from the industry had a chance to voice out their difficulties and problems faced during this outbreak period.

Representatives from more than 20 associations and organisations attended the session. MBAM was represented by Secretariat, Sung Suet Yee. A circular to request for feedback on the impact of Corona Virus Disease 19 (COVID-19) to the construction industry or economy has been sent to MBAM members.

Focus Group Discussion (FGD) For Commercial Development Act (CDA)

MBAM Vice President, Oliver Wee and General Manager, Lenny Lim attended the above FGD on 12 February upon the invitation of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government at Pulse Grand Hotel, Putrajaya. The meeting discussed on how to define commercial real estate, compliances to the Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Act 1966 (HDA) and whether the implementation of CDA is timely. The Ministry is planning to draft the CDA as it realised the need to standardise the sales and purchase agreement for commercial property.

Meeting with Labour Division of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia (KBRI), Kuala Lumpur



Memento presentation to Labour Division of KBRI

The meeting with Labour Division of KBRI held on 12 February at MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room was chaired by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee in the presence of Vice President, Dennis Tan; Council Member, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz; Human Resources Committee Member, Mazlan Haron; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling, and Secretariat staff. KBRI was represented by the Attaché of Labour, Budi H. Laksana and accompanied by Turja Sugiman and Lulu Seruni.

The meeting discussed on the new requirement by CIDB Malaysia whereby the foreign workers are required and must be accredited at their source country before entering Malaysia starting 1 January 2020. It was noted that in view of the insufficient numbers of the centres in Indonesia, those who have already received the calling visa in 2019 will be allowed to come in to Malaysia and the accreditation will be done here.

Seminar on Construction Skill Competency Assessment Programme and Foreign Accredited Assessment Centre

In view of the new requirement by CIDB Act 520, Section 33A (1), whereby starting from 1 January 2020, the new intake of foreign workers must be accredited at their source country before entering Malaysia, the Seminar on Construction Skill Competency Assessment Programme and Foreign Accredited Assessment Centre was held on 13 February by CIDB Holdings Sdn Bhd at Seri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The event was attended by Vice President, Dennis Tan; Council Member, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, MBAM Human Resources Committee Member, Mazlan Haron and Manager, Mohd Farhan. Representative from Gabungan Persatuan-Persatuan Pembina Malaysia, Tee Seng Kong was also present. The seminar was officiated by the CIDB Chief Executive, Datuk Ir. Ahmad 'Asri Abdul Hamid. The event was attended by 42 representatives from six countries including Bangladesh, Nepal and Indonesia.



From left: Dennis; Director of CIDB WPKL, Zainora Zainal; CLAB CEO, Abdul Rafik B. Abd Rajis; Datuk Astaman; Tee

Seminar on Industrial Relations (Amendment 2019) Act 177

The above seminar was held at Sime Darby Convention Centre on 14 February. Hosted by Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM), the Seminar was attended by MBAM Human Resources Committee Member, Mazlan Haron and Manager, Mr Mohd Farhan. The IRA 1967 is an Act to promote and maintain industrial harmony and to provide for the regulation of the relations between employers and workmen and their trade unions. It also serves as the prevention and settlement of any differences or disputes arising from their relationship and generally deal with trade disputes and matters arising therefrom. The amendment of the Act was approved by the Senate on 19 December 2019.

The IRA 1967 applies to all employers, trade unions of employers, workmen and trade unions of workmen in the country. The paper was presented by the Deputy Director General of Industrial Relations from Ministry of Human Resources, T. Shanmugam.

On the amendments of the IRA 1967, members can speak to MBAM Secretariat for more information.

Precast Concrete and Steel Frame Professional Training Module Verification Meeting

The meeting was held on 14 February at CIDB E-Construct Seminar Room, Sunway Putra Tower. MBAM and Malaysian Iron & Steel Industry Federation (MISIF) were invited to be part of the assessors for the new Industrialised Building System (IBS) professional training module by Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB). This module was developed by appointed panels including Malaysian Institute of Architects, consultant firms, universities and polytechnics related to construction, architecture and engineering.

The first draft of the module will be published on 20 October 2020. The meeting was attended by MBAM IBS Committee Member, Fong Fatt Kee and Senior Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley Salim.



Fong (left) at the meeting

National Seminar on Behavioural Insights (BI) 2020

The Seminar took place on 20 February 2020 at Pulse Grande Hotel, Putrajaya, the National Seminar on Behavioural Insights (BI) 2020 was organised by Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC). The welcome speech was delivered by its Chairman, Tian Chua. To officiate the seminar, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Deputy Secretary General (Industry), Dato' Sri Norazman Ayob delivered the opening speech on behalf of YB Minister, Datuk Darell Leiking.

There were a couple of keynote sessions and panel discussions as well as sharing sessions by industry experts relating to the topic of BI throughout the seminar. The main objective of the seminar was to promote and inculcate the importance of Behavioural Insights (BI) for better public policymaking and to serve as a platform to share global best practices and exchange ideas.



Opening Speech by Dato' Sri Norazman

Seminar on National Action Plan (NAP) for Business and Human Rights

The seminar organised by Legal Affairs Division (Bahagian Hal Ehwal Undang-Undang, BHEUU) under the Prime Minister Department was held on 19 February 2020 at Dewan Saksama, BHEUU. The seminar started with the welcome speech and introduction by its Director General, Datuk Dr. Rose Lena Lazemi. The Seminar was divided into few different sessions consisting of presentation and panel discussion on topics such as the National Action Plan (NAP) and human rights in the business setting. The seminar was attended by MBAM Secretariat, Sung Suet Yee.

Digital Project Delivery: BEXEL Manager Building Information Management (BIM)



Lau (left) with Lakhbeer at the event

MBAM representatives and members attended to IPEC Project Systems Sdn Bhd (IPEC) launch of "Digital Project Delivery: BEXEL Manager Building Information Management (BIM)" on 20 February at Kristal Ballroom, PJ Hilton. At the event were Council Member, Lau Yew Mun; General Manager, Lenny Lim and Senior Assistant Manager, Mohammed Fadzley Salim.

IPEC Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Lakhbeer Singh delivered the welcome speech while CEO of CIDB e-Construct Services Sdn Bhd (CIDB myBIM Center) Rofizlan Ahmad, the Guest of Honour also delivered a speech where he welcomed the launch of the product and hoped that the industry will also use the services of myBIM Centre library of resources to further improve industry players' skill level and competitiveness.

Industry Engagement for the Development of Ibukota Negara Republik Indonesia by MITI

Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) is exploring fresh trade, investment and economic cooperation opportunities from the new administrative capital in East Kalimantan for development of Ibukota Negara Republik Indonesia.

Thus, an engagement session with the objective to discuss financial and technical facilitation to support emerging opportunities in Indonesia was held on 24 February at Menara MITI. The session was chaired by MITI Deputy Secretary General (Industry), Dato' Sri Norazman Ayob. It covered on the Enhancement of Government Financial Mechanism like Services Export Fund (SEF) by Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), Market Development Grant (MDG) by MATRADE, Dana Ekuiti Projek Antarabangsa (DEPA) by CIDB, Export Financing by Exim Bank; SME Bank and Soft Loan Scheme by Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Berhad (MIDF).

It will involve Government Linked Investment Companies like Minister of Finance (Incorporated), Khazanah Nasional Berhad, Employees Provident Fund, Lembaga Tabung Haji, Armed Forces Fund Board, Retirement Fund Incorporated, and Permodalan Nasional Berhad.



Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling (most left) attended the engagement session

Industry Outreach and Handholding Session for the Anugerah Kecemerlangan Industri (AKI) / Industry Excellence Award 2020

In brief, AKI was established to promote excellence and to stimulate healthy and positive competition within the industry sectors. Key objectives of the award are to recognise the most outstanding companies in the manufacturing and services industries, companies with business plans to increase value-added products or services and companies with best practices that render them as inspiring role models to other companies. The above event was held on 25 February to promote the Award.

The following presentations were presented at the event to enable companies from various industry to know more about the Award as well as to share experiences from the past winners.

- a) Deputy Director General Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) Hj Ab Rahim Yusoff, - "Malaysia Business Excellence Framework" (MBEF) Assessment Criteria and Handholding
- b) President of Malaysian Consortium of Mid-Tier Companies (MCMTC) and CEO LH Plus Sdn. Bhd, Callum Chen - "Shape up or get Shipped Out"
- c) CEO KPJ Ipoh Specialist Hospital, Yusmah Salleh, - Success story of AKI 2018 Prime Minister's Award Winner

For more details, please visit: <https://www.miti.gov.my/aki>

Seminar on Managing Foreign Workers with Employers, Trade Associations and Private Employment Agencies



During the Seminar

Five papers were presented at the seminar above held on 25 February at Marriott Hotel Putrajaya, and attended by MBAM Human Resources Committee Member, Mazlan Haron. Deputy Director General (Control) of Immigration Department of Malaysia, Dato' Abdul Halim Bin Haji Abdul Rahman delivered the welcoming remarks.

The participants learnt about the mandatory requirement on the accreditation of new foreign workers at the source country before entering Malaysia, which commenced on 1 January 2020. "The requirement is under Section 33A(1) of CIDB Act 520", explained Senior Manager of CIDB Holdings Sdn Bhd, Nazri Noordin when he presented 'The Implementation of Accreditation of Skill Construction Workers at Source Country'. CIDB established the Construction Skilled Worker Management System (CSWMS) to manage the recruitment and training requirement compliance of foreign workers.

A dialogue session with Director General of Immigration Department of Malaysia (IMI), Dato' Indera Khairul Dzalmee Daud was held in the afternoon. In response to one question raised, he mentioned that those having valid documents to work and were arrested by police are to write to him officially. JIM and the police are working together to avoid such incidents.

After summation of the presentation papers in his closing remarks, Dato' Indera Khairul urged all parties to work hand-in-hand with IMI to find the best solutions in managing foreign workers in Malaysia. He stressed on the rules of law and informed that i-Kad (an identification card system) will be re-introduced by the government in two to three months' time to control the influx of illegal foreign workers.

New IMP WG Manufacturing Product Identification Workshop Series II

Held on 26 February 2020, the New IMP WG Manufacturing Product Identification Workshop Series II conducted by Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) was to establish sub-sector value chain parameters, conduct product mapping and identify filters which include feasibility, regional demand, future products demand and others. MITI anticipated that by 2025, Malaysia's manufacturing sector is agile, smart and sustainable where production is driven by technology and local innovations, supported by strong network enablers which will in turn drive more investments in high-value added products and enhance balanced and inclusive participation across sectors.

There were several sectors covered during the workshop including electrical and electronics, machinery and equipment, chemical, aerospace, automotive, ship building, pharmaceutical, resource-based, lifestyle, iron and steel.

The workshop was attended by MBAM Senior Assistant Manager, Muhammad Fadzley Salim.

TVET Branding Cluster Technical Committee Meeting No.2/2020

On 26 February, TVET Branding Cluster Technical Committee Meeting No.2/2020 endorsed the jury decision on the logo competition winners and TVET influencer under Adiwira TVET category that comprised of three (3) logos and one influencer. These are to be presented during "Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Kabinet Pemerkasaan TVET" in March 2020. The TVET national logo creation competition and TVET influencer (Adiwira and Celebrity category) were part of the National TVET Promotion Campaign that was held last year from September to December 2019.

A consultant firm was appointed to develop a co-ordination framework for the TVET ecosystem in Malaysia supported by detailed implementation plans across 5 pillars which is Governance, Funding, Industry, Quality and Branding. TVET branding cluster will collaborate with the consultant firm to share on current strategies and the outcome related to TVET branding in their study and report.

Other Key Events Attended by MBAM

3 February

Federation of Chinese Associations Malaysia (Huazong) 2020 Geng-Zi (Metal Rat) Year Chinese New Year Celebration was attended by Immediate Past President, Datuk Matthew Tee; Vice President, Dennis Tan; Past President, Datuk Kwan Foh Kwai; and General Manager, Lenny Lim at Wisma Huazong, Seri Kembangan, Selangor.

4 February

Joint Committee Meeting WG/P/22-3 & WG/P/3-1 on Cold Formed Steel Structure was attended by General Manager, Michael Thong at Department of Standards Malaysia, Cyberjaya, Selangor.

5 February

IJM Innotech Day was attended by Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; and secretariat, Chai Min Fung and Natasha Foo at Wisma IJM, Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

6 February

MBAM National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (NCOSH) Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Excellent Award for NGO Audit was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; MBAM Safety and Health Committee Member, Rozaimy Amiruddin; and Senior Manager, Chai Min Fung at MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room.

Majlis Mesra Tahun Baharu Cina TNB 2020 was attended by General Manager, Michael Thong at Kompleks Sukan TNB, Kuala Lumpur.

Lighthouse Club Kuala Lumpur: Chinese New Year 2020 Get Together was attended by Council Member, Fong Tet Yoong; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; General Managers, Lenny Lim and Michael Thong; and I at El Sids Pub, Bukit Damansara, Kuala Lumpur.

7 February

Malaysia Steel and Metal Distributors' Association (MSMDA) CNY Open House 2020 was attended by Vice President, Dennis Tan and General Manager, Michael Thong at Copper Mansion, Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

The Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM) Chinese New Year Open House was attended by Vice President, Steven Shee and General Manager, Lenny Lim at Wisma IEM, Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

9 February

Selangor & Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur Kin Cho Hong Chinese New Year Luncheon was attended by General Manager, Michael Thong at their Headquarters in Kuala Lumpur.

10 February

Taklimat Pembangunan Kerangka dan Manual Kelayakan TVET Beserta Kod Amalan Kualiti TVET Industri Pembinaan Malaysia was attended by Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming and Manager, Mohd Farhan.

11 February

The Politeknik Ungku Omar (PUO) 2020 Career and Entrepreneurship Carnival and Signing Ceremony of Strategic Collaboration Certificate (COC) was attended by Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin; Council Member, Sinn Fuh Ming; and secretariat, Jocelyn Ng and Nur Fatin Shahira Binti Mohd Nazer at Dewan Jubli Perak, PUO, Johor.

Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Selangor Meeting on Improvement for Concreting Works at Construction Sites was attended by Council Member and MBAM Safety & Health Committee Chairman, Michael Yap and Committee Member, Wong Kheng Siew at Wisma Consplant 2, Subang Jaya, Selangor.

12 February

Department of Statistics (DOS) Technical Committee (TC) Meeting on D-12 Ceramic Materials was attended by General Manager, Michael Thong at DOS's office, Cyberjaya, Selangor.

Malaysia International Trade & Exhibition Centre (MITEC): Latest update on 2019 Novel Coronavirus in Malaysia: Giving Clarity was attended by Vice President, Dennis Tan; Council Member, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and Executive Officer, Jocelyn Ng at MITEC Kuala Lumpur.

13 February

DOS TC Meeting on Household Fitting and Building Products was attended by General Manager, Michael Thong at DOS's office, Cyberjaya, Selangor.

Building Materials Distributors Association of Malaysia (BMDAM) 2020 Chinese New Year Dinner was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling; and General Manager, Michael Thong at Copper Mansion, Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

14 February

CIDB Working Group (WG) Meeting on Certified Construction Manager (CCM) No. 3/2020 was attended by Manager, Mohd Farhan at CIDB World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

15 February

Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival (KLAF) 2020 Launch & PAM'S Chinese New Year Open House 2020 was attended by Vice President, Steven Shee and General Manager, Lenny Lim at PAM Centre, Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur.

17 February

Organiser Meeting for International Construction Week (ICW) 2020 & ASEAN Super 8 No.2/2020 was attended by Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and Manager, Mohd Farhan at World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

18 February

MBAM Meeting with Affiliate Members on Human Resources Issues was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee; HR Committee Member, Mazlan Haron; Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling and secretariat staff at MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room. Representatives from Gabungan Persatuan-Persatuan Pembina Malaysia, Malacca Building Contractors' Association, Perak Contractors' Association, Perak Plumber's Association, Selangor & Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur Kin Cho Hong, Selangor & Kuala Lumpur Plumbing Association and Perak Kin Cho Hong were also present.

19 February

Courtesy Visit to see CIDB Senior Manager of Technology Development Sector, Dr. Ir. Zuhairi Abd. Hamid was attended by General Manager, Michael Thong at Sunway Putra Tower, Kuala Lumpur.

The Federation of Malaysia Hardware, Machinery & Building Materials Dealers' Association (FMHMBA) Chinese New Year Gathering Dinner 2020 was attended by Council Member, Lau Yew Mun and General Manager, Lenny Lim at Pusat Perdagangan Mines, Seri Kembangan, Selangor.

20 February

The soft launch of the 35th Conference and Annual General Meeting of Asia Pacific Occupational Safety and Health Organisation (APOSHO 35), the 23rd Conference and Exhibition on Occupational Safety and Health (COSH 2020) and the 6th Scientific Conference on Occupational Safety and Health (SciCOSH 2020) was attended by Executive Officer, Shirley Foo at Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

24 February

Malaysian Society for Occupational Safety & Health (MSOSH) National Awareness Seminar on Fatigue Management for Health Care Providers was attended by MBAM Safety & Health Committee Members, Wong Kheng Siew and Hj. Noryani Md Nor at AC Hotel by Marriott Kuala Lumpur.

CIDB CCM Programme Briefing was attended by Manager, Mohd Farhan at Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia's Pagoh Campus, Johor.

DOS TC Meeting on D-11 Building Design was attended by General Manager, Michael Thong at DOS's office, Cyberjaya, Selangor.

Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and Agency Chinese New Year Celebration and Networking Luncheon was attended by Executive Director, Loh Mei Ling at Menara MITI, Kuala Lumpur.

Construction Labour Exchange Centre Bhd (CLAB) Board of Director Meeting No.1/2020 was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee; Deputy President, Tan Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin and Vice President, Dennis Tan at CLAB's office, Menara Milenium, Kuala Lumpur.

25 February

CIDB SHASSIC Day 2020 was attended by President, Foo Chek Lee; Senior Manager, Chai Min Fung and I at CIDB Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

27 February

DOS WG Meeting on Ceramic Tiles was attended by General Manager, Michael Thong at DOS's office, Cyberjaya, Selangor.

Meeting on Way Forward for Issuance of the Certificate of Completion and Compliance (CCC) No.1/2020 by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT) was attended by General Manager, Lenny Lim at KPKT Putrajaya.

28 February

National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (NCOSH) Occupational Safety & Health Excellence Awards Dinner was attended by Council Member and Safety & Health Committee Chairman, Michael Yap at Palace of the Golden Horses, Seri Kembangan, Selangor.



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