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As we are moving into the last quarter of 2020, I hope that all MBAM members will continue to adhere to all the SOPs especially at construction sites to curb the spread of COVID-19. Together we can get through this and emerge stronger! I hope that all members will continue to support us at MBAM as we strive to serve the industry better.



Eric Yong
MBAM Secretary General

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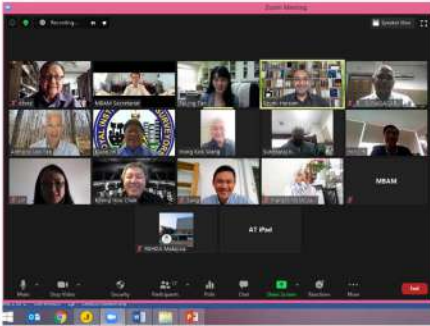


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MBAM Events

Online Briefing to Building Industry Presidents' Council (BIPC)



Coordinated by MBAM, the briefing, Temporary Measures for Reducing the Impact of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Bill 2020, was delivered by the Managing Partner and Head of Construction Services of Chong + Kheng Hoe (C+KH), Chan Kheng Hoe, who is also a committee member of MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee.

Chan in his briefing outlined the coverage of COVID-19 Bill. Three important points of the Bill to note are: (i) Inability to perform contractual obligations (ii) Dispute resolution by mediation (iii) Saving for exercise of rights prior to publication of the COVID-19 Bill. He further explained on the crux of the Bill, the impacts and implications on the contractors and employers.

MBAM was represented by President Foo Chek Lee and Vice President cum Chairman of MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee Oliver Wee.

Meeting on Guidelines for Safe Use of SCP with Technological Association of Malaysia (TAM)

MBAM and TAM representatives had vetted through the drafted Self-Climbing Platform (SCP) Guideline on 19 October at MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room. MBAM will circulate the draft to all industry players such as manufacturers, suppliers, installers and contractors for further comment and input. The Guideline will be officially launched soon to benefit the industry.

MBAM Training

7th MBAM Seminar on Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) and Workshop on Permit-to-Work (PTW) for Construction, Johor 2020

MBAM together with Johor Master Builders Association (JMBA) jointly organised a 2-day Seminar on Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) and Workshop on Permit-to-Work for Construction on 5-6 October at Holiday Villa Johor Bahru City Center, Johor. It was attended by 105 participants and guests. The programme was supported by the Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) and Social Security Organisation (SOCSO) and was endorsed by National Council for Occupational Safety & Health (NCOSH) and Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH).

The programme aimed to create awareness among the employers and construction personnel on the importance of practicing high standard of occupational safety management and also on sharing of best practices with industry practitioners.



The opening ceremony was officiated by the Director-General of Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH) Malaysia, Tuan Ir. Haji Omar bin Mat Piah. Also present were JMBA President Ir. Tee See Kim and MBAM Council Member cum Chairman of Safety & Health Committee Michael Yap Kok Wai.



Opening Speech by Michael



Guest of Honour Ir. Omar Mat Piah



Michael (left) presenting memento to Ir. Tee See Kim

Five papers were presented on day-1 of the seminar. Paper 1 presentation on “Benefits Scheme of SOCSO” was presented by Executive Officer of Social Security Organisation (SOCSO) Johor State, Muhammad Abrar bin Othman which explained on the benefits of schemes introduced by SOCSO. Those schemes include Occupational Disaster Scheme and Disability Scheme. Apart from these two schemes, SOCSO also introduced Return-to-Work Program to help those who has disability due to occupational disaster to adapt and return to work. Health Screening for SOCSO contributors who are currently working and are 40 years old and above are also part of the benefit offered by SOCSO

Paper 2 presentation outlined on “Embracing the New Normal in Construction”, presented by Senior General Manager of Environmental, Safety & Health Department, Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd, Major (Rtd) Leong Yee Keong. He mentioned that more and more countries are facing threat on subsequent wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, it is crucial for local construction industry to adapt and practice new norms. He shared on Sunway’s practices and new policy which is in line with government’s requirements.

Paper 3 was presented by Head of Analysis Section of Construction Safety Division of DOSH Malaysia, Mokhtar Zamimi bin Ranjan, on the topic of “Latest DOSH Chief Inspector Special Orders”. He introduced and explained the three latest DOSH Chief Inspector Special Orders, which are:

- 1) Perintah Khas Ketua Pemeriksa Kepada Pengurus Projek Berkenaan Pengurusan dan Pengendalian Selamat Kren Menara 2017
- 2) Perintah Khas Ketua Pemeriksa Bil 1 Tahun 2020 – Pengurusan Keselamatan Struktur Sementara (Perancah, Acuan dan Penyangga)
- 3) Perintah Khas Ketua Pemeriksa Bil 2 Tahun 2020 – Pengurusan dan Pengendalian Selamat Kren Bergerak



Presentation of token to Abrar by MBAM Council Member cum Deputy Chairman 1 of Safety & Health Committee



Paper 2 by Major (Rtd) Leong



Paper 3 by Mokhtar

Chairman of MBAM Safety & Health Committee and also Corporate Management Director of Satujaya Sdn Bhd, Michael Yap Kok Wai presented the fourth paper on “How safe is construction today? (Current Facts and the New Normal)”. He informed that even though the construction industry has the second highest occupational accident rate compared to the other industries, the fatality rate however is the highest. Despite the effort of authorities introducing many regulations on construction safety, all efforts will go to waste if workers do not possess the right attitude. The cost of underestimation on safety is not only monetary wise but also losses of precious lives.

Last paper was presented by General Manager of Safety, Health & Environment Division of CIDB Malaysia, Ir. M. Ramuseren. This paper introduced the Construction Industry Standard (CIS) 27:2019. Participants were informed that the provision of OSH is usually neglected or covered as a lump sum item under Preliminaries Bill. OSH items are not itemised in the Bill of Quantities. It was recommended that CIS 27:2019 to be used as standalone Bill in Project BQ and it can be used for both building and Engineering projects. He also introduced CIS 10:2020 which will be implemented in November 2020. Changes were made in CIS 10:2020 to simplify the formulas to align with SHASSIC portal and towards real time assessment and report generation.

Day-2 Workshop on Permit-to-Work (PTW) for Construction was facilitated by Mazlan Ahmad, a Safety & Health Specialist and is also the Master Trainer of TESH Resources Sdn Bhd. The full day workshop focused on identifying the purpose and the job which requires PTW and also to train or refresh employees on PTW. It was also to enhance safety awareness among participants through the compliance and commitment in PTW procedure.



Alec presenting memento to Michael



Paper 5 by Ir. Ramuseren



Day 2 Workshop by Mazlan

Webinar on Corporate Liability Provision of the MACC Act – An Overview

MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee organised a webinar with more than 50 attendees. The speaker was Alan Kirupakaran, Partner of OAKS Consultancy.

The webinar centred on corporate liability provision of the MACC Act (Section 17A) that was enforced on 1 June 2020, stating that corporations will be criminally liable for the corrupt action of their employees and agents if it is done with the intent to benefit the corporation. This criminal liability applies to persons in the corporation who are concerned with its management, including directors, controllers, officers or partners, and carries heavy penalties upon conviction.

It is hoped that the session provided an overview of the corporate liability provision and the guidelines on the adequate procedures principles, which was issued by the National Centre for Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption (GIACC) under the Prime Minister's Department.

Before concluding, Alan emphasised that the only defence against Section 17A is having adequate procedure in place and companies should conduct their own risk assessments, produce an anti-corruption plan, have a functional Anti Bureary Management System (ABMS) and last but not least, regular updates on the company's respective systems, procedures and plans. Overall, it was an educational session.

Events Attended by MBAM

Development Workshop on Malaysian Standard – MS 147 and MS1522

At the request of the Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) and the Malaysian Royal Custom to develop a Malaysian Standard (MS) on fireclay materials in view of the increasing amount of imports of fireclay sanitary wares into the country and the current MS1522:2015 Vitreous China Water Close pans: specification (Fourth Revision) and the MS 147:2001 Specification for Quality of Vitreous China Sanitary Appliances (First Revision) did not cover fireclay materials and this created an escape clause to circumvent the tariff payable and Certificate of Approval requirement. In view of the urgency of the matter, the Technical Committee on Ceramic Materials and Sanitary fittings (TC/D/12) initiated a 3-day workshop to complete the MS.

International Standards from Australia, Britain, European nations, India, and Singapore were referenced and deliberated at length in developing the MS on the first day. In addition to understand the subject matter in depth, on the following day, a factory study visit was made to Clay Industries Sdn Bhd, manufacturer of fireclay sanitary wares under OEM arrangement for several International markets like Japan, Australia, New Zealand, United States of America, United Kingdom, Singapore and United Arab Emirates. The last day was the final deliberation and touch up on the draft MS and the wrap up of the workshop. The Department of Standards Malaysia being the Secretariat was tasked to tidy up the final draft and to prepare it for presentation to the Technical Committee for final review and onward presentation to the National Standard Committee for approval before publishing for public comment.

The 3-day workshop took place on 1-3 October at DoubleTree by Hilton Melaka. MBAM was represented by General Manager Michael Thong. Other representatives were from CIDB, Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM), Building Materials Distributors Association of Malaysia (BMDAM) and Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN), including testing bodies from SIRIM, IKRAM CIDB Holdings and ANQAS as well as the manufacturers represented by ROCA, Claytan, and POTEX. Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) chaired the workshop.

Visit to Petronas New Leadership Centre

The visit to Petronas New Leadership Centre at Bangi arranged by Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd was held on 3 October. The visit was to explore the design concept using recycled containers at the project site. A brief introduction on the various projects using recycled containers was presented by its Managing Director, James Yeoh of Solid Horizon Sdn Bhd.

Present were President Foo Chek Lee, Immediate Past President Datuk Matthew Tee, MBAM Vice President cum Building Committee Chairman Dato' Ubull Din Om, Vice President Oliver Wee, Treasurer-General Kenneth Liew, Honorary Advisor (Legal) John Tong, Past Vice President Chung Soo Kiong, Council Members Nalla Sundran, Michael Yap and Alec Chong, Deputy Chairman 2 of MBAM Safety & Health Committee Major (R) Leong Yee Keong, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling, General Manager Lenny Lim and Manager Lim Jong Joan.



Meeting with International Labour Organization (ILO) on Collaboration under Skills for Prosperity (SfP) Programme – Malaysia



Joining the virtual meeting with ILO, from left: Dr Michael, Foo, Mazlan in MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room



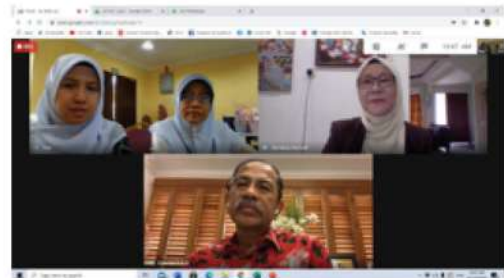
The virtual meeting hosted by International Labour Organization (ILO) was held via Cisco Webex on 13 October. MBAM was represented by President Foo Chek Lee, HR Committee Member Mazlan Haron, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling and Manager Mohd Farhan. The meeting was led by the Chief Technical Advisor of ILO, Junichi Mori and assisted by Senior Project Officer Mohd Afzanizam. Also in attendance was the Director of Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) Academy Dr Michael Chiam Tow Hui.

Mori of ILO briefed MBAM and MEF on the implementation plan of the Skills for Prosperity (SfP) Programme in Malaysia. The meeting also discussed about the industry outlook, skills mismatch and demand as well as industrial perceptions on current institutional mechanism to coordinate skills on demand supply. Other items discussed include feasible industry-led coordination mechanism in Malaysia and the potential collaboration for programme interventions between the MBAM and ILO under SfP Malaysia.

Industry Advisor Panel (IAP) Meeting for Bachelor in Civil Engineering Technology with Honours

The meeting was held on 22 October at Politeknik Ungku Omar, Ipoh, Perak with some attending virtually. MBAM Council Member cum Deputy Chairman of Education Committee, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz was congratulated on his appointment as a panel of IAP for Bachelor in Civil Engineering Technology with Honours (BCT) programme.

The meeting is a requirement for accreditation under Engineering Technology Accreditation Council, a delegated body under Board of Engineers Malaysia. The IAP comprised of panellist from several industries and they will be checking the syllabus for BCT curriculum.



Other key events attended by MBAM

1 October

PEMUDAH Meeting on Buy Malaysian Products/Services for the Construction Industry was chaired by President Foo Chek Lee in MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room.

MPC Technical Working Group on Dealing with Construction Permits (TWGDGP) - Private Sector was attended by President Foo Chek Lee and General Manager Lenny Lim at MPC Office in Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

2 October

CIDB Working Visit cum Luncheon Industrial Dialogue to Plytec Group Malaysia was attended by Executive Director Loh Mei Ling and Senior Assistant Manager Leon Leong at Plytec BIM Centre, Puchong, Selangor.

PEMUDAH Private Sector Virtual Meeting No.18/2020 was attended by President Foo Chek Lee via Microsoft Teams.

7 October

Meeting on Safeguard Investigation with regards to Ceramic Floor and Wall Tiles Products Imported into Malaysia (First Meeting) was attended by Council Member Dato' Sri Eric Kuan, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling, Secretariat Michael Thong, Leon Leong and Nuruljannah Binti Mohd Salleh in MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room.

Angel Investment Programme organised by Malaysian Service Providers' Confederation (MSPC) was attended by General Manager Lenny Lim at Wisma IEM, Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

8 October

Technical Committee Meeting on Fasteners and Screw Threads (TC/D/12) No.1/2020 was attended by General Manager Michael Thong at The Zenith Hotel, Putrajaya.

Department of Standard Malaysia Working Group on Ceramic Tiles Meeting was attended by General Manager Michael Thong via Zoom.

9 October

Malaysian Society for Occupational Safety & Health (MSOSH) Establishment of Committee for the "National Fatigue Management Framework" for Health Service Providers, Road Transport and Construction was attended by MBAM Safety & Health Committee Member Tn Hj Noryani Md Nor at Wisma MSOSH, Shah Alam, Selangor.

Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) Engagement with SME Associations and Business Chambers was attended by General Manager Lenny Lim at Sasana Kijang BNM, Kuala Lumpur.

15 October

PEMUDAH Preparatory Meeting No.2/2020 was attended by President Foo Chek Lee via Cisco Webex.

19 October

Meeting on Safeguard Investigation with regards to Ceramic Floor and Wall Tiles Products Imported into Malaysia (Second Meeting) was attended by President Foo Chek Lee, Council Member Dato' Sri Eric Kuan, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling, Secretariat Michael Thong and Leon Leong in MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room.

21 October

Meeting on Safeguard Investigation with regards to Ceramic Floor and Wall Tiles Products Imported into Malaysia (Internal Meeting) was attended by Council Member Dato' Sri Eric Kuan, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling, Secretariat Michael Thong and Leon Leong via Zoom.

23 October

PEMUDAH Follow-Up Meeting on Buy Malaysian Policy with Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) was attended by President Foo Chek Lee via Cisco Webex.

30 October

Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) Board Meeting was attended by President Foo Chek Lee.



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