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MBAM Secretary General

As we are moving into the last quarter of 2021, 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. As we have adapt and adopt new ways of working, do keep an eye on MBAM's official platforms as we are planning to roll out more exciting programmes in the coming year.



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## MBAM Event(s)

## Discussion on Proposal and Feedback for TWG03: Digital Talent

Internal discussion to review on proposal and feedback for the Technical Working Group 3: Digital Talent (TWG3) was held virtually on 7 October. The discussion was attended by Deputy President cum ICT-Automation-Robotic Committee Chairman Oliver Wee, Deputy Committee Chairman Alex Liew, Committee Member Jonathan Lim and Senior Assistant Manager Muhammad Fadzley.

Based on the discussion and the feedbacks, issues and challenges that may be encountered by the TWG3 were:

1. Slow to change and to implement transformation;
2. Fear of changes;
3. Fear of increasing cost of operation to implement transformation;
4. No opportunity for organisation to do transformation and make changes;
5. Lack of specialist in certain area of technology;
6. Challenges to identify and certify individual or professional; and,
7. Lack of local skilled labour and foreign labour.

The feedback was submitted to the Policy and Strategy Unit, Construction Personnel Policy Division, Construction Personnel Sector, Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) Malaysia on 12 October 2021.

## MBAM Received Courtesy Visit from H.E. Ambassador Bulat Sugurbayev, Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Malaysia



H.E. Ambassador Bulat Sugurbayev (front, middle) and on his left, President Tan Sri Sufri

H.E. Ambassador Bulat Sugurbayev and Counsellor Samat Zhanabay from the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Malaysia paid a courtesy to MBAM on 25 October to explore further business opportunities between Malaysia and Kazakhstan.

Receiving the courtesy visit were President Tan Sri Sufri Hj Mhd Zin, Deputy President Oliver Wee, Vice Presidents Chung Soo Kiong and Kenneth Liew, Deputy Secretary-General 2 Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and Council Members Ir. Chee Weng Loon and Nalla Sundran. Both parties shared and exchanged information and view on various aspects in particular the general construction practices in the Republic of Kazakhstan.



## MBAM Training(s)

## MBAM Study Visit to Gamuda IBS



Council at Gamuda IBS Banting

President Tan Sri Sufri Hj Mhd Zin led a study visit to Gamuda Industrialised Building System (IBS) factory in Banting on 18 October. 17 other Council Members joined the study visit including myself. Gamuda IBS is an end-to-end digital IBS solutions provider, who is among the pioneers in digital IBS adoption in Malaysia, leveraging on today's digital design tools and robotic construction to ensure fast construction and quality finish. The purpose of the visit was to find out more about the products and services offered by Gamuda IBS since MBAM is embarking on a move to build MBAM Centre of Excellence. Overall, it was a productive study visit to understand further the services offered.

## Webinar on Heavy Lifting & High Level Concreting

Successfully organised by the Safety & Health Committee on 21 October, the webinar attracted 86 participants and guests. This webinar was supported by the National Council for Occupational Safety & Health (NCOSH), Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH), Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) Malaysia and Social Security Organisation (SOCSCO).

The objectives of the Webinar were: to provide a platform for OSH professionals, practitioners and industry experts to mutually exchange view and sharing of best practices with regards to Heavy Lifting and High Level Concreting.



Council Member and Committee Chairman Michael Yap in his welcome remarks commended the commitment from DOSH towards improving the overall OSH performance for the construction industry. MBAM was honoured to have DOSH Kuala Lumpur Director Ir. Zamzurin bin Maarof to officiate and deliver the opening remarks.

Personnel involved in Lifting Operation is required to follow regulations according to Act 139, Act 514 and also Chief Inspector Orders. However, accidents might still happen due to negligence. Therefore, continuous supervision and training are required as an additional precautionary step and to increase the awareness of personnel during lifting activities and high level concreting activities.

According to the latest statistics by the Policy, International and Development Research Division of DOSH, occupational accident statistics by sector until August 2021 (as reported to DOSH), the total number of accidents for the construction sector was 150 cases. There is an increase of 17 cases from the previous month, and out of these, 9 cases resulted in fatalities. Therefore, Ir. Zamzurin took the opportunity to call on all participants to always be sensitive to the safety requirements at construction sites and to always strive to achieve zero accident levels.





## Webinar Get Your Fundamental Right with Transfer Pricing & Strategic Cash Flow Management (Mandarin Session)



MBAM Finance Committee organised for the first time a Webinar session in Mandarin on the topic of “Get Your Fundamental Right with Transfer Pricing & Strategic Cash Flow Management”. The Webinar which took place on 21 October in collaboration with YYC Tax Consultants Sdn Bhd and YYC Advisors Sdn Bhd drew a crowd of 39 participants. Tax experts, Zen Chow and KL Boon were the speakers who presented on Transfer Pricing and Cash Flow Management respectively.

The overall sharing by Chow on Transfer Pricing documentation and issues were brief but precise. Then, Boon briefed on current economy situation impacted by the pandemic. His sharing on strategic cash flow management would hopefully help attendees in making dramatic influence on cash flow, profit and value of businesses disrupted during this pandemic period.

## Webinar on Sustainable Rating Tools as Ways to Enhance Your Project



Organised by MBAM Environment, Green Technology & Sustainability Committee, the webinar was successfully held on 26 October with the attendance of around 66 participants.

In his opening remarks, Vice President cum Committee Chairman Kenneth Liew mentioned that sustainability has been getting increasingly popular in construction development and evaluating sustainability of a project has become a necessity. The webinar aimed to create awareness among industry players on the rating tools and other green initiatives developed by the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) Malaysia for construction industry as well as to share experiences by industry players towards adopting these rating tools in project development.

The first speaker was Manager of Safety & Health, Environment & Quality (SHEQ) Division, Technology Development Sector, Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) Malaysia, Ts. Fuhairah Binti Ahmad Fuad who presented on CIDB's Sustainable Rating Tools and Green Initiative. Ts Fuhairah highlighted the importance of green technology and green living and the problems that Malaysia is facing as a result of climate change. One of the most serious problems that we are facing is flood. There are six initiatives taken by the government to encourage sustainable construction in Malaysia, namely: Capacity Building Development, Awareness Talk/activities, Incentives, Best Practice Certification/Assessment, Standards and Guidelines, and Legal Requirements. She then briefly introduced CIDB rating tools namely MvCREST and Sustainable INFRASTAR.





MyCREST guides construction industry players and stakeholders to design, construct and operate buildings that integrate low carbon and sustainable practices. The aim of MyCREST is to quantify, and reduce built environment's impact in terms of carbon emissions and environmental implication. MyCREST cover the planning from pre-design of a building until the demolition of the building. To help project team to adopt MyCREST and achieve MyCREST criteria, CIDB has created three documents for reference: Reference Guide, Scorecard, and Carbon Calculator.

Sustainable INFRASTAR aim to assess the extent of sustainability measures adopted by infrastructure projects in design and construction. It is applicable for all types of infrastructure projects. The essence of Sustainable INFRASTAR comprises of six core criteria, 27 criteria and 89 sub-criteria that encapsulate the three pillars of sustainability namely environment, social and economy. CIDB has also created two documents for reference, the Scorecard and the Reference Guide.

The second speaker was Acting Director of Standard and Compliance, MRT Corp, Azhar Bin Sofah. He shared his experience on Sustainable INFRASTAR for KVMRT Putrajaya Line Project. His presentation covered a brief introduction on Mass Rapid Transit Corporation and the KVMRT Putrajaya Line Project which includes his experiences on the Sustainable INFRASTAR submission for the project and challenges faced. The six core criteria the project needed to fulfil and evidence of achievement was submitted to CIDB included Pre-Design & Pre- Construction (PDC), Site Land Use (SLU), Ecology & Environment (ENE), Material Resources & Waste (MRW), Energy Performance (ENP), and Social & Culture (SOC).



Third presentation on CEEQUAL and Sustainable INFRASTAR was presented by Project Director of Lim Seong Hai Capital Berhad, Timothy Pang, particularly for the DUKE-3 Highway project. He gave a brief introduction on the sustainability rating tools used worldwide for infrastructure projects, and shared that most people have the perception that to carry out sustainability assessment, it requires project to spend more money, involve extra manpower, is time consuming, is not legally required, risk exposing project shortcomings, and has no tangible benefit.

Pang then shared the examples of sustainable design that led to a better outcome of the project whereby the benefits of the sustainable design and how they were done was explained in detail. Lastly, he also shared the lessons learnt from the sustainable assessment process which he hope will overturn the negative perceptions in carrying out sustainability assessment.

Director of Greenscapes Sdn Bhd, Ngho Wan Fei was the last speaker who shared her experience in the submission of MyCREST for SP Setia Berhad Corporate Headquarters. Ngho started her presentation with the briefing on the project's overview and she went on to explain in detail the key green design features of the building which helps to reduce heat and energy, reduce the emission of carbon to the environment, minimise the formation of heat island effect, and produce cooling effect. As an alternative way to generate energy, renewable energy was also being used to cut down energy consumption. Raised floor system was used in air-condition system of the building to produce more efficient cooling effect.

Ngho also emphasised on the design features that can provide a more comfortable working environment and facilities for the health and well-being of the occupants. In term of water efficiency, low flow fitting was used to cut potable water consumption by 56% compared to conventional fittings, and rain-water collected will also be used for toilet flushing. There are recycle bin centre and recycle sub-bins in the building to promote and raise awareness on recycling. She then shared the experience on the MyCREST assessment process and the certifications that the project has obtained.

Lastly, the webinar conducted a Q&A session led by moderators: Committee Members, S. Ramesh and Ong Jee Lian. Participants got to share their views and raised questions to all the invited speakers.





## 29<sup>th</sup> Intake Lifting Training Supervisor Course

Successfully held on 27 and 28 October with 20 participants, the training was conducted at Gamuda Plant Operator School Shah Alam (GPOS). The resumption of first full physical training since the announcement of Phase 3 National Recovery Plan required all participants and trainers to be fully vaccinated in order to participate.

Day-1 of the training was classroom training which focused 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 training and assessment was conducted on ground with practical lifting activities. Trainees applied their technical knowledge in carrying out actual lifting actions where communication with other lifting team members such as slingers, riggers, signalman and crane operator were carried out effectively and safely. Participants were required to individually develop their own lifting plan and Job Safety Analysis according to different scenarios given as part of the assessment.

**Event(s) Attended by MBAM**

## NCOSH Meeting No.1/2021 (Construction Bureau)

The meeting held via Google Meet on 1 October was attended by Council Member cum Chairman of MBAM Safety & Health Committee Michael Yap and Manager Mohd Farhan Mohammad Din. The meeting was chaired by Yap who is also part of National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (NCOSH) Committee. The meeting which was attended by representatives from NCOSH, Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) and Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) focused on OSH programme for year 2021 and 2022 under NCOSH.



## PEMUDAH Webinar Series: Challenges and Way Forward for COVID Act for Construction Industry



A webinar was organised by PEMUDAH on 1 October to discuss challenges and area of improvements to the COVID Act to help the construction industry. The event will allow feedback to be recorded and presented to the Special Taskforce to Facilitate Business – PEMUDAH.

The moderator of the webinar was MBAM Deputy President cum Chairman of MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee, Oliver Wee and the speaker was MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee Member, Chan Kheng Hoe.

The COVID-19 pandemic may be coming to an end but the effects will linger for some time. The construction industry needs to deal with a post pandemic situation right now. It would be very helpful if the Government can provide some certainty to avoid post pandemic breakout of disputes.

Some proposal for amendment, work ministry to provide formal guidelines for EOT entitlement. It is hoped CIDB will revamp the standard form of contracts. We hope for the COVID-19 mediation initiative, Government will remove the RM500,00.00 limit and encourage pre-dispute resolution.



## JTKSM Technical Task Force on Labour Policy and Law Compliance for the Construction Sector No.1/2021

The above meeting was held virtually on 8 October and was attended by MBAM Human Resources Development Committee Members comprising of Chairman Foo Chek Lee, Deputy Chairman I Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and Deputy Chairman II Mazlan Haron.

The agenda of the meeting was to discuss on ways and steps to be taken to improve the rating of Malaysia in the United States (US) Trafficking in Persons (USTIP) Report 2021 by the US Department of State (JNAS). Currently (as of year 2021), Malaysia is at the Tier 3 of the Watchlist.

## Online Seminar on Quality Apprenticeships: Concept and Implementation

The Skills for Prosperity Southeast Asia Programme - Malaysia (SfP Malaysia), funded by the UK Government, aims to improve Malaysia's capacity to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth through the enhancement of skills development and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) systems. The purpose of the online seminar on quality apprenticeship, aimed to understand the implementation challenges of apprenticeships in Malaysia and to introduce the concepts and measures of Quality Apprenticeship in formulating and implementing apprenticeship programmes.

The seminar was attended by representatives from various national governments, sectoral regulators, workers' and employers' organisation, key national and sub-national partners. Participants were encouraged to give feedback and suggestion towards development of an improved apprenticeship programmes and the outputs from the seminar will be utilised in further discussion to refine activities on the pilot implementation of apprenticeship programmes in the construction and food-processing sector with national and sub-national partners.

## Roundtable Conference with the Minister of Higher Education and JPPKK Industry Advisory Council Meeting

The Department of Polytechnic Education and Community Colleges (JPPKK) has appointed MBAM President Tan Sri Sufri Hj Mhd Zin as a member of the Industry Advisory Council for term 2021-2023.

The IAC was formed as one of the initiatives under the Malaysian Education Development Plan (Higher Education) - PPPM (PT). The main function of the JPPKK Industry Advisory Council is to provide input and feedback on the direction and strategic planning of JPPKK and open opportunities for collaboration between academia and industry to produce holistic and balanced graduates while increasing the marketability of JPPKK graduates.

Additionally, Tan Sri Sufri was invited to attend a roundtable conference with the Minister of Higher Education and meeting of the Industry Advisory Council on 28 October at Hotel Everly Putrajaya. Accompanying Tan Sri Sufri at the meeting was Deputy Secretary-General 2 cum Chairman of Education & Special Institutions Committee, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz. The meeting aimed to realise industry engagement with Polytechnics and Community Colleges in line with the Malaysian Education Development Plan (Higher Education) in producing quality TVET graduates to meet market demands.





## Other key events attended by MBAM

### 1 October

Meeting between International Labour Organization (ILO) and MBAM on the Pilot Project Implementation was attended by Human Resources Development (HRD) Committee Members including Immediate Past President Foo Chek Lee, Deputy Secretary-General 2 Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, HRD Committee Members Andrew Ong and Lee Chee Yian, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling, and Secretariat staff Lee Siew Mei, Chai Min Fung and Jocelyn Ng at MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room.

### 5 October

National Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Council (MTVET) Industry Focus Group (KFI) Virtual Meeting No. 2/2021 was attended by HRD Committee Member Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming and Secretariat staff Chai Min Fung and Jocelyn Ng.

SWCorp: Webinar on Commercial, Industrial & Institutional Solid Waste Management-Moving towards a Sustainable Practices was attended by Secretariat staff Lee Siew Mei and Sung Suet Yee.

### 7 October

NSC M/TC6/WG1 Virtual Working Group Discussion on Fire Rated Lift Landing Door No.3/2021 was attended by General Manager Michael Thong.

Meeting with ILO's officer Mohd Afzanizam was attended by HRD Committee Members including Immediate Past President Foo Chek Lee, Deputy Secretary-General 2 Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, HRD Committee Member Andrew Ong, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling, and Secretariat staff Lee Siew Mei, Chai Min Fung and Jocelyn Ng at MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room.

Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC): Malaysian Licensing Guidelines (MyGP) Virtual Launching Ceremony was attended by Council Member Lau Yew Mun and General Manager Lenny Lim.

### 11 October

Virtual discussion on article pertaining to Contracts and Practices matter as initiated by Construction Research Institute of Malaysia (CREAM) with its Manager Syed Hazni Abd Gani was attended by Deputy President Oliver Wee and Senior PR Executive Chew Chee Yan.

### 12 October

CIDB Pre-ICW Webinar: Tackling the Impact of COVID-19 on Construction Projects (from the Legal Perspective) was attended by General Manager Lenny Lim.

### 15 October

MTVET Quality Focus Group Virtual Meeting No. 2/2021 was attended by HRD Committee Member Andrew Ong.

### 18 October

Department of Standards (DOS) TC/D/9: Technical Committee Virtual Meeting on Household was attended by General Manager Michael Thong.

Discussion with Gamuda IBS Team on Potential Building Materials Sponsorship Items was attended by Vice President Dato' Ubull Din Om, Deputy Secretary-General 1 Ir. Anthony Teoh and General Manager Lenny Lim at Gamuda IBS, Banting.

Virtual Meeting on ILO-MBAM Pilot Project on Training was attended by Immediate Past President Foo Chek Lee, Past Safety & Health Committee Members Major (Rtd) Leong Yee Keong and Vargis Joseph, and Secretariat staff Lee Siew Mei, Chai Min Fung and Shirley Foo.

Pre-IFAWPCA Finance Committee Virtual Meeting was attended by Immediate Past President Foo Chek Lee, Honorary Legal Advisor John Tong, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling and Assistant General Manager Lee Siew Mei.

### 20 October

The Ministry of Environment and Water: Stakeholder Engagement on the Preparation to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for the Development of a National Adaptation Plan (NAP) was attended by Vice President Kenneth Liew, Environment, Green Technology and Sustainability Committee Member Chang Chui Seng, and Assistant General Manager Lee Siew Mei.



### 21 October

Virtual Meeting with the Legal Affairs Division (BHEUU) of the Prime Minister's Department was attended by Deputy President Oliver Wee and General Manager Lenny Lim.

### 22 October

Virtual Meeting on Centralised Labour Quarter (CLQ) and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) was attended by Vice President Chung Soo Kiong, Deputy Secretary-General 2 Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, Council Member Michael Yap, HRD Deputy Chairman Mazlan H Haron, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling and General Manager Lenny Lim.

Malaysian Service Providers' Confederation (MSPC) 38th General Council Virtual Meeting was attended by Immediate Past President Foo Chek Lee and General Manager Lenny Lim.

### 25 October

MPC Let's Check Campaign (Kempen Jom Semak) Virtual Launching Ceremony was attended by General Manager Lenny Lim.

### 27 October

MPC Business Licensing Partnership Virtual Session in conjunction with the Good Regulatory Practice (GRP) Month Celebration 2021 was attended by General Manager Lenny Lim.

Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM): Online Stats Executive Talk Session in Conjunction with National Statistics Day (MyStats Day) 2021 was attended by Deputy Secretary-General 2 Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz.

DOS TC/D/12 Ceramic Materials & Sanitary Fittings Virtual Meeting was attended by General Manager Michael Thong.

Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) Government-Industry TVET Coordination Body (GIC) Protem Committee Virtual Meeting was attended by Deputy Secretary-General 2 Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz.

DOS WGD9-7 Solar Glass Virtual Meeting was attended by General Manager Michael Thong.

Meeting with American Concrete Institute (ACI) Malaysia Chapter on Proposed Training Programme was attended by Past Vice President Thomas Samuel, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling and General Manager Lenny Lim at MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room.

### 28 October

The Malaysian Steel Institute (MSI): Webinar on IR4.0 Steel and BIM Adoption in Construction Industry was attended by Technical Director Ir. Quah Beng Teong as Webinar Moderator.

Virtual Discussion on Matters Related to Liquidating Agency Services with the Malaysian Department of Insolvency (MDI) was attended by Council Member Lau Yew Mun, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling and General Manager Lenny Lim.

Webinar by PEMUDAH Technical Working Group on Enforcing Contracts: Contracts in Pandemic the Conundrum was attended by Immediate Past President Foo Chek Lee.

### 29 October

Budget 2022 Tabulation by Finance Minister Live Telecast Viewing was attended by President Tan Sri Sufri Hj Mhd Zin, Deputy Sec-Gen 1 Ir. Anthony Teoh, Deputy Sec-Gen 2 Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling, General Manager Lenny Lim, Senior PR Executive Chew Chee Yan and I at MBAM Tan Sri Datuk Tee Hock Seng Conference Room.



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