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Eric Yong
MBAM Secretary General

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MBAM Events

MBAM Dialogue with Segamat Builders Association (1973)

On 20 September, MBAM received a courtesy visit and held a dialogue with Segamat Builders Association (1973) in MBAM Secretariat office to enhance relationship and collaboration between both Associations. MBAM was represented by President Foo Chek Lee, Vice President Dennis Tan, Council Member cum Deputy Chairman of Affiliate Member Committee Fong Tet Yoong, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling and secretariat staff. On the other side, Segamat Builders Association (1973) was represented by President Chau Yih Gau, Deputy President Tan Boon Lye, Vice President Lim Sheng Kang, Advisor (Affairs) Lim Kwee Chuan, Honorary Advisor Tan Ah Chew and several other Council Members.



Group photo with Segamat Builders Association (1973)

MBAM Annual Golf Tournament 2020

This year, the annual golf tournament was held at Kota Permai Golf and Country Club with the theme CSR Golf! The theme was chosen to reflect MBAM's corporate social responsibility efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic and simultaneously, to echo the compassionate hearts of MBAM members and sponsors.

It was encouraging to note that MBAM members and sponsors supported the golf event despite facing impact from the pandemic. MBAM would like to acknowledge all sponsors and contributors for realising this tournament. The MBAM Annual Golf Tournament Organising Committee Chairman, Ir. Anthony Teoh in his speech said, "Their (the sponsors) generosity is even more meaningful because it also goes to students whose families were gravely affected by the pandemic, through the MBAM education scholarship fund."

Ir. Anthony further mentioned that "As much as the organising committee wanted the event to be more flamboyant and extravagant than last year with pomposity, the magic wand of COVID-19 (not Harry Potter, unfortunately) curtailed us to be more prudent and cautious with regards to the organisation of the golf event."

MBAM President Foo Chek Lee also thanked MBAM members and the sponsors for their support and participation. He also highlighted that MBAM managed to secure support and awarded scholarships to seven students. After a video presentation of the MBAM Education Fund Scholarship 2020 Award, the novelty prize and main prize winners were announced. This year, the Longest Drive winners, Krishna Raj Sangar and Eugene Goh, were for the 1st and 12th holes respectively. Nearest to Line Winners were Datuk Sharuddin Md. Som for the 8th hole and Datuk Ir. Elias Ismail for the 18th hole. Nearest to Pin winners were Noor Ilias Mohd Idris for the 4th hole and Peter Tan Chin Wah for the 14th hole.

The winner for this year's MBAM Annual Golf Tournament 2020 were Lee Pak Hong with the winning prize of Bushnell V4. Zamzurin Maarof and Mohamad Mohamad Nor won the Callaway Epic Flash Star Hybrid 5 as the second and third runners up respectively.



Anthony thanking the sponsors



Before tee-off



It is fun time!

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Top three winners' group photo, from left: Organising Chairman Anthony, 2nd Runner Up – Mohamad, Champion – Lee, 1st Runner Up – Zamzurin, President Foo



Golfers posing with their lucky draw prizes.



The organising committee with President Foo (back row, first from right) - (not in picture Dato' Tan Gim Foo)

MBAM Training

Safety and Health Assessment System in Construction (SHASSIC) Assessor Training



MBAM in collaboration with CIDB Malaysia, has successfully organised a one-day Safety and Health Assessment System in Construction (SHASSIC) Assessor Training on 9 September at MBAM Training Centre. A total of 33 participants attended the training.

SHASSIC is an independent method to assess and evaluate the safety and health at the worksite in the construction projects and it was published as Construction Industry Standard (CIS) in November 2008. It was further reviewed in 2018 to suit the needs of the latest construction industry development. It provides a standard measurement tool for Safety and Health assessment at site and to assist in ensuring OSH procedures and systems are in place towards OSH Management Certification. With the SHASSIC implementation, it can help in continuous OSH improvement and ultimately, reduce accident rate of the construction industry.

A written assessment was conducted by CIDB at the end of the training and those who passed the assessment will be qualified as a CIDB SHASSIC Assessor after participating a live SHASSIC assessment at actual job site together with CIDB.

Certified Site Supervisor (CSS) Training Programme for Building & Architecture & Construction Industry Apprenticeship Programme under CIDB PRIHATIN Budget 2020



Datuk Astaman delivering the opening remarks

With the current COVID-19 pandemic affecting all the social activities, economy and workforce in Malaysia, MBAM in collaboration with CIDB Malaysia under PRIHATIN Budget 2020 is taking the initiative to help affected individual and construction personnel by providing a Certified Site Supervisor (CSS) Training Programme – Building & Architecture and Construction Industry Apprenticeship Programme.

A total of 25 participants consisted of fresh graduates, retrenched and employed workers attended the consecutive 12 days CSS training from 14 to 26 September at MBAM Training Centre. MBAM Council Member cum Chairman of the MBAM Training Services Committee, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz delivered the opening remarks on the first day of the training. As this training programme is fully subsidised by CIDB under PRIHATIN Budget 2020, he emphasised to all trainees to grab this opportunity to learn and pass the assessment.

A total of 8 modules were presented throughout the training. Trainees were required to sit for the assessment every day. Upon completion of the full training programme, each trainee was awarded with an allowance and a Certificate of Attendance from MBAM. A Sijil Kompetensi Kemahiran Pembinaan (SKKP) by CIDB Malaysia will be issued to trainees upon passing the minimum requirements on the assessment.

For the Construction Industry Apprenticeship Programme, which is mainly for unemployed or retrenched workers, a total of 13 trainees from this CSS training programme took part. The trainees will start their apprenticeship for the duration of three months from October to December 2020 with an allowance of RM 1,000.00 per month by CIDB Malaysia. The trainees were required to have full attendance of 80-100% and to fill in the CIDB log book.



Group photo during the presentation of Certificate of Attendance by MBAM

MBAM Live Webinar: Forum on the Temporary Measures for Reducing the Impact of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) Bill 2020

The above webinar organised by MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee was held on 15 September via Microsoft Teams and was attended by 67 participants. Vice President and Chairman of Contracts and Practices Committee Oliver Wee welcomed attendees to the webinar and stressed how important it is to look at the sections of the Bill that impacts the construction industry as most Members still do not understand how the Bill can help members and its impact to the industry. Oliver also moderated the session with the speakers.

Partner of Azman Davidson and Co and MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee Member, Rajendra Navaratnam spoke on the impacts of the Bill. The above Bill was passed at Dewan Rakyat on 25 August 2020. COVID-19 Bill is well intentioned to give relief resulting from COVID-19 and it does give some level of relief in the Parts II and XI considered here. However, drafting could be better, in particular in the savings provisions to avoid ambiguities.

On the Inability to Perform Contractual Obligations, Rajendra said that this part is deemed to have come into operation on 18 March 2020 and shall continue to remain in operation until 31 December 2020. The inability of any party or parties to perform any contractual obligation arising from any of the categories of contracts specified in the Schedule to this Part due to the measures prescribed, made or taken under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 [PCID Act] to control or prevent the spread of COVID-19 shall not give rise to the other party or parties exercising his or their rights under the Contract.

Rajendra also commented on the savings section namely "Notwithstanding section 7, any contract terminated, any deposit or performance bond forfeited, any damages received, any damages received, any legal proceedings, arbitration or mediation commenced, any judgment or award granted and any execution carried out for the period from 18 March 2020 until the date of publication of this Act shall be deemed to have been validly terminated, forfeited, received, commenced, granted or carried out."

The above section may have the effect to encourage parties to try to beat deadline. The speaker also covered briefly Part XI on Amendment to Housing Development (Control and Licensing Act) 1966.

Managing Partner and Head of Construction Law of Chong+Kheng Hoe and MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee Member, Chan Kheng Hoe said that the Bill gives members who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic time from the date of publication to at least 31 December 2020. However, it is not a get out of jail card as it does not cover pre-COVID delays and defects. Mediation is now a very viable approach as members can leverage to encourage employers to come to the mediating table. At the table, an experienced mediator with the right process could help. He also said not to wait until the Bill comes into effect and to start mediating disputes now.

Group Chief Operating Officer and Transformation Officer of Bina Puri Holdings Bhd, Ar. Anthony Lee Tee started his session by stressing that industry players should proceed with business as usual and comply with procedural notices as the Bill is not a magic bullet. He also advised that for works in progress joint effort to initiate discussions for settlements with stakeholders i.e. employers and consultants, suppliers, trades, workers, sub-cons and banks. One must also take broad decisions or consensus to complete or not, to vary or maintain status quo. There may be a need to change terms of payments (shortened payment cycle, advanced, release of retentions) and to get house finances in order. In addition, players can explore variations in design, re-phasing, alternatives, variations in materials or specifications. He also suggested to explore other ways to complete the works through joint venture, risk sharing and contra.

On future works tender, Ar. Anthony suggested to look at new tenders and decide how to price with standard terms and conditions defined perhaps in the preliminaries. As to variation of prices necessitated solutions i.e. for cement or steel need to be thought of and many other potential risks to be mitigated.

Industry players must look at the terms of the contract and talk to the clients in order to find the best way forward despite the challenges brought by COVID-19. He also suggested to set up an industry resolution framework wide so that the problems can be resolved as an industry.

Oliver concluded the session by saying that the main purpose of this Bill is to offer temporary relief to businesses and individuals who are unable to perform their contractual obligations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He hopes that that industry players will look at the terms of the contract and talk to the clients in order to find the best way forward despite the challenges brought by COVID-19.

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



MBAM together with Penang Master Builders & Building Materials Dealers Association (PMBBMDA) jointly organised a 2-day Seminar on Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) and Workshop on Permit-to-Work for Construction on 17 and 18 September at Ixora Hotel, Perai Jaya, Pulau Pinang. It was attended by 85 participants and guests. The programme was supported by the Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) and Social Security Organisation (SOCSO) and 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.

On 17 September, the Workshop on Permit-to-Work (PTW) for Construction took place. The workshop 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.

MBAM was honoured to have Director of DOSH Pulau Pinang, Tuan Hassan bin Alias to attend and officiate the Seminar on 18 September. Also present at the opening ceremony were SOCSO Pulau Pinang Deputy Director Chiam Hong Lan and PMBBMDA Deputy President Dato' Goh Teng Whoo. MBAM was represented by President Foo Chek Lee and Council Member cum Chairman of Safety & Health Committee Michael Yap Kok Wai.



During the opening ceremony, from left: Chiam, Foo, Guest of Honour Tuan Hassan, Dato' Goh, Michael



The seminar started with Paper 1 presentation on "OSH Specific and Bill of Quantities for Construction Works and CIS10:2020" by General Manager of Safety, Health & Environment Division of Construction CIDB Malaysia, Ir. M. Ramuseren. This paper introduced the Construction Industry Standard (CIS) 27:2019. Participants were informed that 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. Ir. Ramuseren also introduced the 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.

Paper 2 presentation outlining on “Death Accident Analysis and Construction Accident Statistic” was presented by Deputy Director of Construction Safety Division, DOSH Malaysia, Ir. Dr. Mohd Fairuz bin Ab Rahman. The occupational accident statistic in Malaysia shows that construction industry was the third highest in Malaysia with 4,863 accidents in 2019. However, the number of deaths is the highest among other industries with 144 deaths in 2019. The top reason which contributed in the fatality rate at construction sites are falling from height, falling object, lifting and structural works. These reasons contributed 70% of the total fatal accidents in 2019.



Paper 3 was presented by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee. His presentation topic covered on the impact of COVID-19 in construction industry. Foo shared that since the pandemic hit Malaysia, the GDP for construction sector has decreased significantly at 44.5% in Quarter 2 compared to -7.9% in the previous quarter. Losses due to the initial stages of MCO in construction was roughly RM 11.6 billion per month. He also shared how COVID-19 affected the industry's employment, site operations and supply chain. He also mentioned that the industry also faced difficulties in terms of financial issues, compliance with SOPs and shortage of construction workers.

Paper 4 on How Safe is Construction Today? (Current Facts and the New Normal) was presented by Council Member cum Chairman of MBAM Safety & Health Committee, Michael Yap Kok Wai. The presentation focused on the importance of having a safe working environment in the construction industry. He emphasised that the attitude of the employees and employers need to be changed. If the right attitude is not in place, no matter how much safety regulations are introduced, the result will still be the same.

The last speaker for the day was Deputy Director of Construction Safety Division, DOSH Malaysia, Azman bin Hussain. His presentation topic was “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 Berkanaan 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

I hope the two full-day seminar and workshop are beneficial to all the construction safety personnel who are responsible for occupational safety and health.



MBAM Lifting Supervisor Training, 1st Penang Intake

The first intake in Penang for the MBAM Lifting Supervisor Training successfully kicked off on 19 and 20 September at Greentech Building Industry Training and Academy Centre, Seberang Perai, Penang. The training programme is jointly organised by MBAM with Affiliate Member, Malaysia Mobile Crane Owners Association (1987) and with the support from the Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH).

MBAM Technical Director Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming delivered the welcome remarks and briefed the participants that 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.

Ir. Chuan highlighted that DOSH has issued the Chief Inspector Special Order to Project Manager on Safe Operation & Management of Tower Crane 2017 and the item 2(b) stated that all Project Managers must appoint experience, knowledgeable and having relevant and sufficient skills' Lifting Supervisor, Signaller and Rigger for the operation, controlling and maintenance of tower crane. Any offences related to this Special Order could be charged under the Factory and Machinery Act 1967 (Act 139) Section 8(g) where he/she can be fined not more than RM200,000 or jailed not more than 5 years or both.

In view of this, MBAM Lifting Supervisor Training is customised to provide and assist participants to acquire adequate knowledge, skills and ability to ensure every aspect of the assigned lifting operations at site are executed and managed in a correct and safe manner while in compliance to the company policy and authorities' requirement. It is MBAM's aim to train and upgrade the skills of construction personnel to become competent personnel, to increase their productivity and efficiency, and can contribute towards a safer working environment.

Day 1 of the training focused on technical knowledge which required trainees to then apply and perform during the next lifting activities. Day 2 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 was carried out effectively. Participants were required to individually develop their own lifting plan and Job Safety Analysis according to the different scenarios given as part of the assessment.

MBAM Lifting Supervisor Training 23rd Intake and 24th Intake in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor were successfully held on 2 – 3 September and 29 – 30 September respectively. The trainings were conducted at Gamuda Plant Operator School (GPOS), Shah Alam, Selangor. For updates on MBAM Lifting Supervisor

Webinar on Revolution and Proven Starbar™ Technology with Cost Effective and Green Solution for Concrete Reinforcement

On 22 September, a total of 91 participants attended the webinar which was jointly organised by MBAM Material Resources Committee and sponsor Dai-Ichi Jitsugyo (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, MBAM Member Company. The webinar based on above topic was presented by the Director of CRT Manufacturing Sdn Bhd, Huang Mei Si. MBAM Executive Director Loh Mei Ling delivered the welcome remarks. MBAM Council Members Nalla Sundran, Dato' Lim Chee Tong and Sinn Fuh Ming, MBAM Technical Director Ir. Chuan Yeong Ming, MBAM Material Resources Committee Members Cho Foong Khuan and Tan Siew Lian, and Secretariat also attended the webinar. MBAM hoped that the webinar managed to educate and enhance the knowledge of participants within the topic discussed.

Webinar: Productivity in Construction

Held on 30 September, the above webinar was jointly organised by MBAM Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) Committee and Hilti Malaysia.

Productivity is becoming more and more important in the Malaysian construction industry in the recent years. The need for higher productivity has increased especially due to the impact of the pandemic on the industry. The key issues in productivity scope are (1) how to observe and plan ahead for supply of materials, (2) how to maximise jobsite productivity to deal with tighter timelines and shortage of labours and (3) how to deal with rising cost after the movement control order (MCO)?

Therefore, the webinar was to address the issues through the workflow and process productivity on design and engineering, jobsite execution, infusion of technology and innovation, as well as reskilling of workers. It focused on Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) trade.

Productivity means more speed, more output with less manpower, and at the same time it also reduce cost and boost profitability. Currently the productivity growth in construction lags far behind than manufacturing sector or total economy. Whereby, there were seven major subject areas where action could be taken which are reshape regulation, rewire contracts, rethink design, improve procurement and supply chain, improve onsite execution, infuse technology and innovation and lastly, reskill workers which could increase around 45% on productivity.

Take-away from the issues presented were:-

1. How to observe and plan ahead for supply of materials?
- *Change the way you buy the supply of materials. Use e-commerce solutions from vendor. They will give you more transparency and control.*
2. How to maximise jobsite productivity to deal with tighter timelines and shortage of labours?
- *Investigate ways to improve onsite execution, particularly in methods to reduce working time through technology and reliance on labour as well as improve the process through asset management.*
3. How to deal with rising cost after the movement control order (MCO)?
- *Look into bottom line saving through process productivity and improvement in onsite execution from labour cost reduction.*

MBAM Treasurer-General cum Chairman of M&E Committee, Kenneth Liew gave the opening remarks at the webinar with some 80 participants in attendance, including council members Lau Yew Mun and Alvin Yeow.

Event Attended by MBAM

International Strategy Institute (ISI): 2nd Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum 2020 “Restoring Trust and Building A Culture of Integrity”



The Second Anti-Corruption Forum on 3 September was held at Everly, Putrajaya and was attended by MBAM Vice President cum Chairman of Contracts and Practices Committee Oliver Wee and Council Member cum Deputy Chairman 1 Ir. Anthony Teoh. In attendance was General Manager Lenny Lim. The opening keynote address was delivered by Deputy Chief Commissioner (Prevention), Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, Dato' Sri Shamshun Baharin bin Mohd Jamil. Topics covered include understanding the linkages between governments and big corporations, tackling corruption in society and understanding corporate liability law and its impact.



Online Dialogue Meeting With Presentation to the Japanese Chamber of Trade and Industry Malaysia (JACTIM)

MBAM had an online Dialogue Meeting with a presentation to JACTIM on 8 September via Microsoft Teams. MBAM was represented by President Foo Chek Lee, Council Member Michael Yap and Executive Director Loh Mei Ling. Other MBAM Secretariat staff were also in attendance. JACTIM was represented by its Chairman Yorihiisa Hirata, Vice Chairman Ken Yoshitomi, Secretary-General Daisuke Tanaka and close to 20 other members.

Foo welcome JACTIM representatives and after sharing MBAM Corporate Video, he shared a presentation on the Impact of COVID-19 on the Malaysian construction industry. Foo said that contractors faced challenging times when restarting work due to the various SOPs to comply to as well as the financial difficulties that the industry is facing. He also highlighted what MBAM has done for MBAM members including sending of various memorandums and representations at various forums and dialogues on the issues faced by members during the pandemic including shortage of workers, contractual issues, supply of jobs and cash flow among others. A lot of free webinars were also conducted for members during this period to help educate and share knowledge to our members.

Industry Advisory Council Meeting and Roundtable Meeting With YB Minister of Higher Education, Department of Polytechnic and Community College Education (DPCCE)

Held on 10 September at Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC), the meeting was attended by MBAM Deputy President Tan Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin and Manager Mohd Farhan. The meeting chaired by Minister of Higher Education (MOHE) YB Dato' Dr. Noraini Ahmad focused on post pandemic issues related to TVET graduate employability. It was noted that the Government has allocated RM100 million for the Career Advancement Programme (CAP) known as PENJANA KPT-CAP to help graduates attune themselves to new demands in the job market due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which also aims to reskill and upskill the participating graduates, consisting of three sub-programmes, namely the Place and Train, Entrepreneurship and Gig Economy. The PENJANA KPT-CAP programme was scheduled for launch by The Honourable Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin on 28 September 2020 at the Dewan Counselor Tun Abdul Razak, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM).

Job matching and placement would upskill graduates according to industry needs and help them secure jobs with companies that have given their guarantee through a letter of commitment. MOHE is expecting 116,161 unemployed graduates in the job market this year, according to the ministry's Graduate Tracer Study 2019.



Group photo with MOHE Minister YB Dato' Dr. Noraini

DBKL Majlis Sesi Pandangan Awam Garis Panduan Jabatan Kawalan Bangunan

The above meeting was held on 14 September at Tower PT80 and was attended by MBAM Vice President Dennis Tan and Council Member Michael Yap. The purpose of the event was to obtain the feedback from the audience on the draft guidelines for Temporary Workers Accommodation at Construction, Hoarding Board (Temporary Protective Fence), and Issuance of Work Permits for Minor Work for Residential Buildings.

The event started with the welcome speech from the Director of Building Control Department, Sr Norizan bin Sulaiman and then followed by presentations from three officials from DBKL Building Control Department. The first presenter was Muhammad Azri Abdul Aziz who presented on the Draft Guidelines for Temporary Workers Accommodation at Construction Sites. He mentioned that the temporary workers accommodation needs to follow the specific requirement on the size and shape of the building, building materials, facilities provided to workers, and the features of Safety, Health and Wellness. He also briefed on the application process.

The second presentation was the Draft Guidelines on Hoarding Board (Temporary Protective Fence) at Construction Site by Mohd Firdaus. He mentioned that construction sites should be completely covered with protective fences to protect the public. Protective fences should not only be able to protect the public from the dangers of construction sites but should also act as a barrier to avoid trespassing the construction sites. There are some requirements and specifications that must be followed by the contractors when building the hoarding board or protective fence.

The third presentation was the Draft Guidelines on Issuance of Work Permits for Minor Work for Residential Buildings by Tahrina Binti Taib. The purpose of the guidelines is to explain the principles and methods of submitting applications for small works on buildings.

51st Building Industry Presidents' Council (BIPC) Meeting

MBAM President Foo Chek Lee and Executive Director Loh Mei Ling attended the 51st BIPC Council Meeting held on 21 September at Wisma REHDA, Kelana Jaya, Selangor. The meeting was chaired by Chairman of BIPC cum President of Association of Consulting Engineers, Malaysia (ACEM), Datuk Ir. Mohd Adnan Mohd Nor. The other BIPC members present were representatives from Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM), Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia (PAM), Real Estate & Housing Developers' Association (REHDA) Malaysia and Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM).

The meeting discussed among others issues pertaining to the proposal to transfer of workers, human resources and contractual issues, issue on payment for work from home by professionals, SST holiday period, unemployment, double taxation for individual and corporate, and Building Plan & Planning approval.



MOW Engagement Session with Senior Minister of Works



The above meeting was attended by MBAM Deputy President Tan Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin and General Manager Lenny Lim at Ministry of Work (MOW) office on 22 September chaired by Senior Minister of Works, Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof and also attended by Minister in Prime Minister's Department for Economic Affairs, Dato' Sri Mustapa bin Mohamed.

Earlier on 14 September, MBAM submitted several points on how to improve the construction industry following the impact of COVID-19:

1. Launching of more projects;
2. Need to use local construction material / resources;
3. Strengthening and Reviewing Project Procurement;
4. Plug Shortage of Construction Workers;
5. Encourage Local Skill Workforce;
6. Lower cost and improve productivity through technology; and
7. Extend moratorium by banks past 30 September 2020.

During the engagement session, Tan Sri Sufri managed to highlight the urgent need to train locals to fill up the gap in terms of shortage of workers in the construction industry as well as the need to give incentives such as tax deduction and other efforts to revive the construction industry especially during this challenging times.

CIDB: Committee Meeting on Contract Related Issues in Construction Projects

MBAM Deputy President Tan Sri Sufri Haji Mohd Zin and Vice President cum Chairman of MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee Oliver Wee attended the above event on 24 September at CIDB Head Office chaired by CIDB Chief Executive, Datuk Ir. Ahmad 'Asri Abdul Hamid. MBAM raised the need to promote mediation for the construction industry and an urgency to tackle problems created by the Nominated Sub-Contractors (NSC) and MBAM has requested assistance from CIDB on how to tackle this problem on an industry level.

Workshop on Development of Malaysian Standard (MS) Fire Rated Lift Landing Doors: Fire Resistance Test

The above workshop on 28-29 September 2020 at Bangi Golf Resort, Bangi, Selangor was attended by MBAM General Manager Michael Thong together with Malaysian Lift and Escalator Association (MALEA). Other interested parties that attended include Jabatan Kerja Raya (JKR), Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH), Malaysian Fire Protection Association (MFPA), Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE) Malaysia Branch and SIRIM. Tuan Jasni Ali from Fire Rescue Department Malaysia (BOMBA) chaired the workshop and assisted by the secretariat from Department of Standards.

The two day workshop was a directive from the Technical Committee on Fire Properties of Building Materials (TC/M/6) to develop a MS fire test for fire rated landing door based on the local environment. After two days of deliberation, comments and fact findings in which the following documents EN81-58:2018-Safety rules for construction and installation of lifts: Examination and tests; BS476-22:1987-Fire tests on building materials and structures-Part22: Methods for determination of fire resistance on non-loadbearing elements of construction; BS EN 1363-1:2012 Fire resistant tests: Part 1 General requirements; BS EN 1634-1:2014 Fires resistance and smoke control tests for door and shutter assemblies, openable windows and elements of building hardware and MS 1073-2:1996 (confirmed 2015) Specification for fire resistant door-sets-Part 2: methods for determination of the fire resistance-General Principles were used as the basis to develop the MS Fire rated lift landing doors: Fire resistance test, consensus on the final draft was agreed upon.

The Secretariat was tasked to tidy up the final draft and present it to the TC/M/6 for their review. The chairman thanked all members and concluded the workshop.

Launching Ceremony of the Ministry of Higher Education's National Economic Reform Plan (PENJANA) Career Advancement Program or KPT-CAP



The launching ceremony was held on 28 September at Dewan Canselor Tun Abdul Razak, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) Bangi, Selangor and was attended by MBAM Deputy President Tan Sri Sufri Hj. Mohd Zin and Manager Mohd Farhan. The programme was launched by the Honourable Prime Minister YAB Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin which ensures graduates of the skills improvement programme will be gainfully employed. PENJANA KPT-CAP, which will begin in October 2020 will be conducted by academicians, practitioners and industry players at selected higher education institutions nationwide for graduates who did not manage to secure a job in 2019 as well as those who will graduate in 2020. PENJANA KPT-CAP is a unique programme that will ensure every graduate gets a job as the courses were designed to cater for companies' needs and is unlike other up-skilling and re-skilling programmes.

Other Key Events Attended by MBAM

1 September

DOSH Involvement Session on Drafting of the Occupational Safety and Health Master Plan 2021-2025 (OSHMP25) was attended by Council Member cum Chairman of Safety and Health Committee Michael Yap at Hotel Marriot Putrajaya.

2 September

PEMUDAH Technical Working Group on Registering Property: Meeting on Project Improvement for Pejabat Tanah dan Galian (PTG) Selangor was attended by General Manager Lenny Lim at MPC Headquarters, Petaling Jaya.

3 September

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) 27th Annual General Meeting was attended by Council Member cum Chairman of Safety and Health Committee Michael Yap at Menara NIOSH, Bandar Baru Bangi, Selangor.

4 September

Site Visit to CRT Manufacturing Sdn Bhd was attended by Executive Director Loh Mei Ling, General Manager Michael Thong and Senior Assistant Manager Leon Leong at CRT Manufacturing Sdn Bhd, Shah Alam, Selangor.

8 September

National Standard Committee of Fire Safety (NSC/M) Meeting was attended by General Manager Michael Thong at Bilik Tanjung, Bomba Putrajaya.

CIDB CIS 23:2018- Safe Use Falsework and Formwork in Construction was attended by Council Member cum Chairman of Safety and Health Committee Michael Yap at Sunway Putra Tower, Kuala Lumpur.

Malaysian Service Providers' Confederation (MSPC) 33rd General Council Meeting or 1st GMC for Session 2021/22 was attended by Immediate Past President Datuk Matthew Tee and General Manager Lenny Lim at Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation, Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur.

9 September

Technical Committee Meeting on Sewerage (TC/D/26) No.3/2020 was attended by Vice President Dennis Tan via Zoom.

15 September

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

17 September

Technical Committee Meeting on (TC/D/11) Technical Drawing Building Design was attended by General Manager Michael Thong via Zoom.

22 September

Safety & Health Award for Site Personnel Site Visit was attended by Council Member cum Chairman of Safety and Health Committee Michael Yap, Deputy Chairman 2 Maj(R) Leong Yee Keong, Senior Manager Chai Min Fung and Senior Executive Officer Shirley Foo at 118 Pro Site, MRT underground, Velocity 2, Kuala Lumpur.

23 September

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

PEMUDAH Technical Working Group for Registering Property Meeting with Selangor Land and Mineral Office was attended by Council Member Lau Yew Mun and General Manager Lenny Lim at Pejabat Tanah dan Galian, Shah Alam, Selangor.

24 September

Technical Committee Meeting on (TC/D/21) Code of Practice Concrete Design was attended by General Manager Michael Thong and Committee Member Ir. Quah Beng Theong via Zoom.

Building Materials Distributors Association of Malaysia (BMDAM) Wire Mesh Understanding Sub-Standard (CQ) Mesh was attended by Senior Assistant Manager Leon Leong at BMDAM Secretariat Office in Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Industrial Advisory Panel (IAP) Committee Meeting for Bachelor of Civil Engineering Program with Honours No.2 was attended by Council Member Dato' Sri Eric Kuan at UPM Serdang, Selangor.

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

25 September

Discussion on the proposed MBAM Designated Person for MEWP and Designated Person for Concreting Training was attended by Council Member cum Safety & Health Committee Chairman Michael Yap, Council Member cum Deputy Chairman 1 Alec Chong, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling and secretariat Chai Min Fung and Siti Nur Fatin Najihah at Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Office in Putrajaya.



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