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We celebrate the Year of the Tiger with the hope that this year the Malaysian construction industry will be stronger and bolder in charting new path as we brave the new normal post pandemic. The Master Builders Association Malaysia continues to organise activities for its members in order to elevate the construction industry to the next level and we hope members can continue to support us in our endeavours.

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Note of Collaboration (NoC) Signing Ceremony between PUO with MBAM and Participating Companies



The Note of Collaboration (NoC) signing ceremony between Politeknik Ungku Omar (PUO) and MBAM as well as participating companies for the Work-Based Learning programme was held successfully on 23 February 2022 at MBAM Training Centre. The purpose of the NoC renewal signing is to recognise the participating companies' corporate social responsibility (CSR) contribution and support towards the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in developing the human capital in Malaysia.

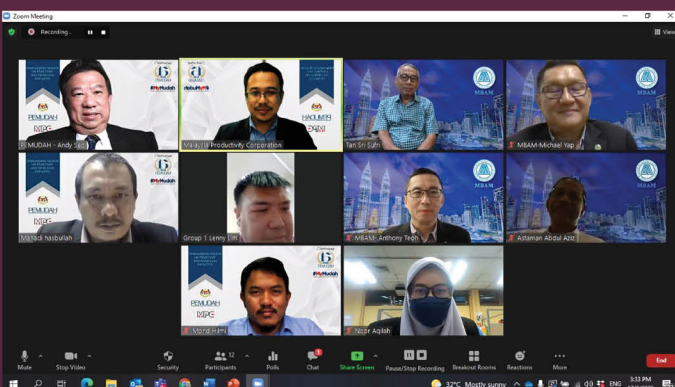
A total of 13 companies signed the NoC, witnessed by 43 attendees inclusive of media. The event ended with a press conference where MBAM President, Tan Sri Sufri Haji Mhd Zin, Immediate Past President, Foo Chek Lee and Chairman of Education & Special Institutions Committee, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz addressed the questions raised by the media.

Session on the Establishment of MYMUDAH Unit at Business Associations/ Chambers

The above virtual meeting held on 17 February 2022 was attended by MBAM President, Tan Sri Sufri Haji Mhd Zin, MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 1, Ir Anthony Teoh Teik Thiam, MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 2, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, MBAM Council Member, Michael Yap and MBAM General Manager, Lenny Lim.

PEMUDAH Co Chair, Dato' Dr Ir Andy Seo Kian Haw and MBAM President, Tan Sri Sufri Haji Mhd Zin both delivered their remarks before the commencing of the meeting. MBAM President, Tan Sri Sufri Haji Mhd Zin thanked PEMUDAH for inviting MBAM to the meeting and to understand MYMUDAH better. Tan Sri Sufri mentioned that the construction industry is facing not just the challenges brought by the pandemic but also other difficulties such as the hiring of foreign workers, rising material prices and high cost of doing business, just to name a few. MBAM Council Member, Michael Yap mention the cost of COVID-19 testing and impact on future projects.

It was explained that the Economic Action Council (EAC) Meeting chaired by the YAB Prime Minister on 24 November 2021 has agreed to establish the #MyMudah Units at all government institutions and business associations. It is hoped that MYMUDAH can be an effective platform to enable effective public-private collaboration. This can help build a conducive business environment to enhance productivity growth and competitiveness. MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 1, Datuk Astaman brought out the matter of Multi-Tier Levy and its implication to the construction Industry.



Virtual Meeting with ASEAN+3 Macroeconomics Research Office (AMRO)



The virtual meeting took place on 21 February 2022. MBAM was represented by MBAM President, Tan Sri Sufri Haji Mhd Zin, MBAM Immediate Past President, Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Executive Director Loh Mei Ling and MBAM General Manager, Lenny Lim.

AMRO was represented by its Mission Chief, Sumio Ishikawa, officer for Malaysian Desk, Diana del Rosario, as well as Justin Lim, Cuc Thi Kim Nguyen, Andriansyah and Yang Chunyu.

In the meeting AMRO was briefed on the construction sector which is affected by the price increase of the building materials as most of the construction contracts signed are fixed contract without Variation of Price (VOP) for materials, with the exception for government projects. Other matters discussed include the industry's need for foreign construction workers and what Government can do for the industry.

MBAM Extraordinary Annual General Meeting

The MBAM Extraordinary Annual General Meeting 2022 was held on 14 February 2022 via online live from MBAM Secretariat office. A total of 80 members comprising of Ordinary members, Affiliate members, Associate members, Honorary members and Graduate Alumni members have logged into the meeting.

MBAM President, Tan Sri Sufri Haji Mhd Zin called the meeting to order at 11.00 a.m. and delivered the welcome remarks. He briefly recalled that at the 66th Annual General Meeting held on 20 December 2020, members have unanimously approved a budget of RM3,000,000.00 to construct a temporary structure for training at MBAM land purchased at Persiaran Harmoni Putra Heights. The MBAM land, measuring approximately one acre freehold title was purchased by MBAM in March 2016 for RM6.535 million. An application to remove the existing express condition commercial title to use the MBAM land for Petrol Stations and related services was successfully approved by the Land Office in 2020.



After months of discussions and deliberations, MBAM Building team led by Vice President Dato' Ubull Din Om has finalised the designs and building plans and MBAM may now proceed to commence the construction of the new building. The Council at its last meeting No.1/2022 held on 14 January 2022 has resolved and recommended to proceed with the construction of MBAM new building and take other necessary actions. Therefore at this virtual EGM, the Council was seeking members consent to proceed with the construction of this new building at a cost of RM3,500,000.00.

Tan Sri President then passed the session to me to present the final proposal of MBAM Centre of Excellence. I then proceeded with the meeting main agenda which was to get endorsement and approval from members on the following resolutions:

- 1) To construct MBAM New Building at MBAM land located at Persiaran Harmoni, Putra Heights with a total construction budget of RM3,500,000.00.
- 2) To apply financial and banking facilities as follows:
 - a. Bank loan up to RM3,500,000.00;
 - b. Bank overdraft facilities up to RM500,000.00;
 - c. Bank guarantee facilities up to RM100,000.00;
- 3) To approve and authorise the sale and disposal of the existing MBAM Building held under HS-D-89935 PT4412 located in Mukim Kuala Lumpur, District of Kuala Lumpur, State of Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur and bearing postal address No. 2, Jalan 2/109E, Desa Business Park, 58100 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur for a sale consideration of not less than RM3,500,000.00.

The meeting also sought the approval from members that the Council is empowered and authorised to make necessary decisions and execute appropriate actions related to the construction of MBAM New Building in the best interest of the Association.

All the above motions were successfully passed with majority votes from members.

There was no other matter, the meeting adjourned



Webinar on Drive Cost Savings and Improve Productivity in Construction



The Webinar on Drive Cost Savings and Improve Productivity in Construction organised by MBAM Mechanical & Electrical committee and Autodesk was held on 23 February 2022 and was attended by 120 participants. At the beginning Autodesk Regional Manager Asia, William Low presented a topic on Drive Cost Savings and Improve Productivity with Digital Construction. He briefly shared on causes of cost and delays in construction, digital transformation for office and field.

Next is a sharing experience by Design Manager of Patience Modular, Muhammad Nazim on Working on Projects with Common Data Environment (CDE). In addition to that William Tan showed a demo on CDE using Autodesk Build which enable collaboration during design in office and field. The presentations were followed by a lively quiz session with prizes given away to the winners.

Event(s) Attended by MBAM

Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) Launch of Malaysia Contractors Portal (MCP) and Contractor Report Card (CRC)



MBAM President, Tan Sri Sufri Haji Mhd Zin and I attended the above event on 15 February 2022 at CIDB Convention Centre.

MCP is the country's first one stop registration portal for contractors in the construction industry. It provides a single-sign on facility for contractors to register with four licensing agencies in Malaysia.

The participating agencies are:

1. CIDB Malaysia
2. Pusat Khidmat Kontraktor and Kementerian Pembangunan Usahawan dan Koperasi (MEDAC)
3. Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN)
4. Energy Commission (EC)

The portal aims to improve the ease of registration process in line with the government's initiative for Ease of Doing Business. The Portal is a platform for leading construction and infrastructure contractors to register with various regulatory agencies through one portal.

As part of the Construction Industry Transformation Program (CITP) initiative, the Portal aims to improve and streamline the registration process among contractors with regulatory agencies involved. Various regulatory agencies are committed to ensure that portal members comply with all aspects and relevant laws. On the Contractor Report Card (CPC), 360° information on Contractor such as stakeholder information, project performances, awards, use of technology and even disciplinary matters can be obtained. Members can take a look at this portal at: <https://mcp.cidb.gov.my>

Other key events attended by MBAM

7 February

Forum Pasukan Petugas Khas Pemudahcara Perniagaan (PEMUDAH) with the theme “Past Lessons, Future Excellence, and Productivity Breakthrough” in conjunction with 15th anniversary was held via Zoom and was attended by MBAM General Manager Lenny Lim.

9 February

Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) Technical Working Group on Paying Taxes (TWGPT) Meeting No.1/2022 was held at MBAM and Zoom and was attended by MBAM President Tan Sri Sufri Mhd Zin, MBAM Immediate Past President Foo Chek Lee and MBAM Secretariat.

10 February

Persatuan Industri Komputer dan Multimedia Malaysia (PIKOM) Chinese New Year Dinner was held at KLGCC, Kuala Lumpur and was attended by MBAM President Tan Sri Sufri Mhd Zin.

11 February

The Federation of Malaysian Hardware and Metal Dealers Association (FMHMBA) Chinese New Year Gathering Dinner 2022 was held at Grand Imperial Restaurant, Hartamas Shopping Centre, Kuala Lumpur and was attended by Affiliate Membership Committee Co-chairman Fong Tet Yoong and MBAM Secretariat.

15 February

Majlis Taklimat Dan Penyerahan Geran Bantuan Kewangan Pertubuhan Kebajikan Sosial (PERKESO) Kepada Institusi Dan Badan-badan NGO 2022 was held at Dewan Intan, Menara PERKESO, Kuala Lumpur and was attended by MBAM Safety and Health Committee Chairman Michael Yap and MBAM Secretariat.

Mesyuarat bagi Membincangkan Isu Kenaikan Kos Bahan Binaan dalam Industry Pembinaan was held at Bilik Mesyuarat Berlian, Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) and was attended by MBAM Deputy Secretary General 1 Anthony Teoh Teik Thiam and MBAM Secretariat.

16 February

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing ceremony MBAM with QESTRA Resources Sdn Bhd was held at MBAM and was attended by MBAM Executive Director Loh Mei Ling and MBAM Secretariat.

17 February

Meeting with Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) Malaysia on Multi-tier Levy & Foreign Workers Issues was held at CIDB HQ and was attended by MBAM Immediate Past President and Human Resource Development Committee Chairman Foo Chek Lee, MBAM Education and Special Institutions Committee Chairman Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and Human Resource Development Committee Deputy Chairman Mazlan Haron.

Pasukan Petugas Khas Pemudahcara Perniagaan (PEMUDAH) Private Sector Virtual Meeting No.1/2022 was held via Microsoft Teams and was attended by MBAM General Manager Lenny Lim.

Lawatan Kunjungan Hormat Dan Dialog Untuk Membincangkan Garis Panduan Terkini Dan Panduan Penggunaan “Fire Rated Roller Shutter” was held at Bilik Mesyuarat Mawar, Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia and was attended by MBAM General Manager, Michael Thong.

18 February

Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) Deep Dive Workshop on Technical Working Group on Human Capital (TWGHC) - Day 2 was held via Microsoft Teams and was attended by MBAM Education and Special Institutions Committee Chairman Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and MBAM Human Resource Development Committee Deputy Chairman Mazlan Haron.

21 February

Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) Malaysia Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Kewangan, Akaun dan Pelaburan Bil.1/2022 was held online and was attended by MBAM President Tan Sri Sufri Mhd Zin.

22 February

Courtesy Visit by Hilti South Asia Pacific & Hilti Malaysia Sdn Bhd to MBAM was attended by MBAM President, Tan Sri Sufri Mhd Zin, Vice President Kenneth Liew, Deputy Secretary General 2 Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling and MBAM

23 February

Mesyuarat Kumpulan Fokus Industri (KFI) Majlis Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Negara (MTVET) Bil.1/2022 was held via Microsoft Teams and was attended by MBAM Human Resource Development Committee Member Chuan Yeong Ming.

24 February

Malaysian Research & Education Foundation (MyREF) Online Seminar Review of Institutional Mechanism for Industry Engagement in TVET/Skills Training: Presentation of the Draft Final Report and International Cases was held online and was attended by MBAM Education and Special Institutions Committee Chairman Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and MBAM Secretariat.

25 February

Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) Briefing Session was held online via Zoom and was attended by MBAM Representative Tan Kim Yoke and MBAM Secretariat.