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As we enter the last month of the third quarter for 2022, MBAM continues its efforts in helping Malaysian construction companies compete and succeed globally through potential capital investment and construction works in the international arena namely the Nusantara national capital project. This is inline with MBAM's effort to provide support to its member and the construction industry.

Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz MBAM Secretary-General



#### MBAM EVENTS. MBAM TRAININGS. OTHER KEY EVENTS ATTENDED BY MBAM







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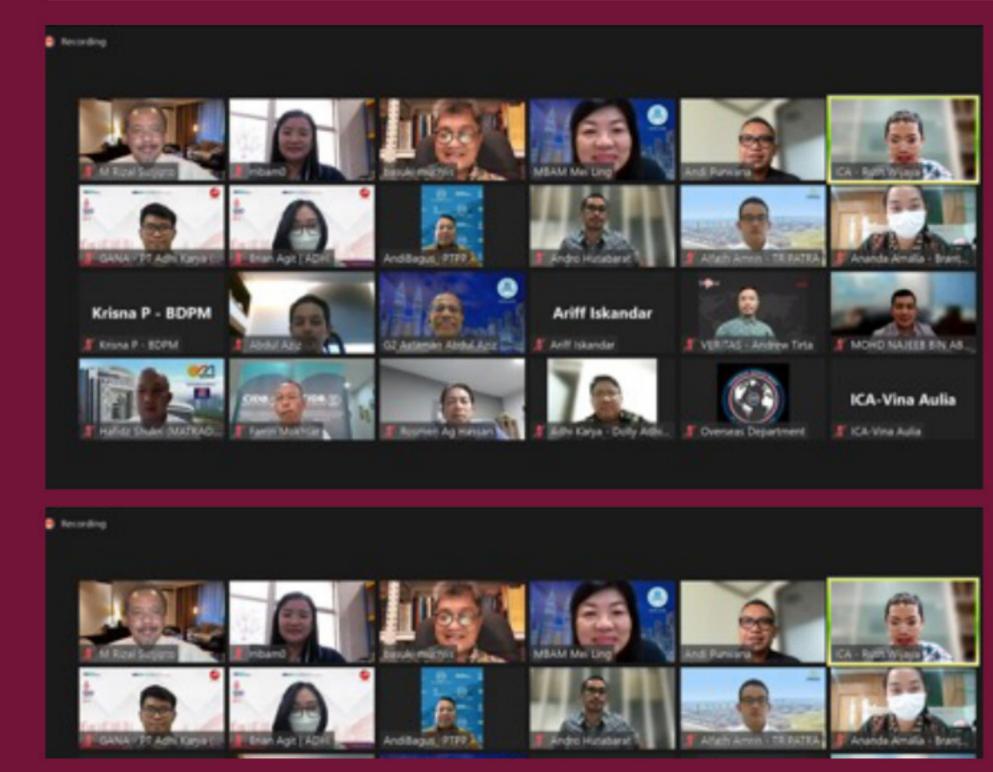
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#### Pre-Mission Meeting between MBAM Members and ICA



The meeting above was held on 2 September 2022 via online between MBAM and ICA with the aim to create a platform for MBAM members to build closer rapport with the Indonesia Contractors Association (ICA). The ICA Chairman of International Affairs Relation, Mr Andi Purwana Sutjipto welcomed all 34 meeting attendees to the session and introduced major ICA members as below to share their respective presentations and/or company profile as well as the up-coming project opportunities in Indonesia.

1. PT PP (Pesero) Tbk.

2. PT Brantas Abipraya (Persero)

3. PT Tripatra Engineers & Constructors

4. PT Adhi Karya (Pesero) Tbk.

Other members from ICA present were:

5. PT. Karya Intertek Kencana

6. PT Wasco

At the end of the meeting, MBAM Executive Director Ms Loh Mei Ling represented MBAM in thanking ICA for the premission meeting arrangement and looked forward to meeting up in person with the ICA members in Jakarta soon.

#### Construction Export & Investment Mission To Indonesia



Indonesia's developing public infrastructure remains a major national challenge and presents opportunities in aviation, rail, ports and land transport; as well as in municipal infrastructure projects such as water supply, wastewater systems and waste management facility. From 2020 – 2024, Indonesia plans to develop transportation infrastructure including toll roads, new roads, and bridges. Projects to build mass transportation systems are planned for the six metropolitan areas of Jakarta, Surabaya, Bandung, Semarang, Medan and Makassar with the goal of reducing economic losses due to traffic jams.

Meanwhile, on January 18, 2022, Indonesia's Parliament passed the Capital City Bill into law granting the construction of the country's new capital to begin, ahead of the planned relocation from Jakarta to East Kalimantan province starting in early 2024. Indonesia's new capital, which was first announced in 2019, is estimated to cost over US\$35 billion to construct. The government had also just announced the name 'Nusantara' with the meaning of archipelago – to be the new capital's name.

Indonesia's plans to relocate its capital presents ample opportunities for foreign investors particularly Malaysian investors, given Malaysia's strategically close proximity to Indonesia. In brief, Indonesia's growth rebounded to 3.7 percent in 2021 after a contraction of -2.7 percent in 2020. Its economic growth is expected to reach 5.1 percent in 2022, accelerating into 2023 with pent-up demand as a driver. According to the World Bank, Indonesia is a middle- income country with growing income levels and is expected to rise to upper-income status by 2030.

In view of the vast opportunities in Indonesia, MBAM had led a delegation of 24 construction industry representatives for an export and investment business mission to Indonesia from 4 to 7 September 2022. The mission's aim was to conduct engagement activities in Balikpapan and

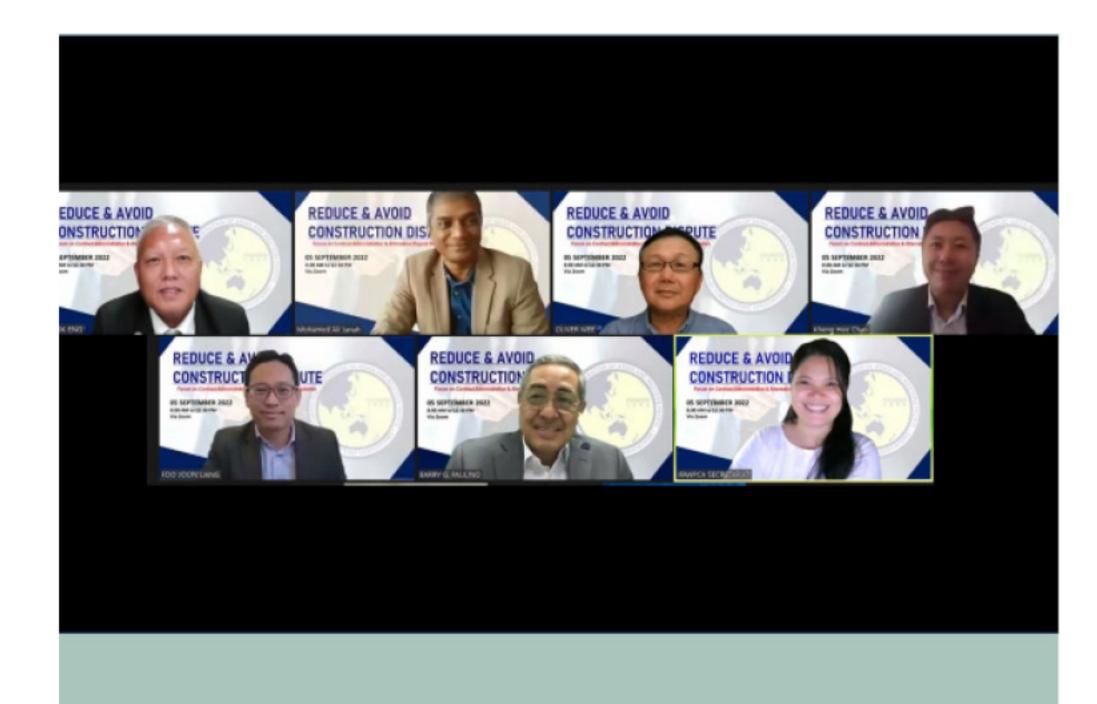
Jakarta, in order to obtain first-hand and latest information on potential investments and business opportunities relating to the development of Nusantara, the new national capital of Indonesia. The mission was fully supported by the Embassy of Malaysia in Indonesia, Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) and the Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB). It was also MBAM's first in-person trade visit since the onset of the global pandemic.

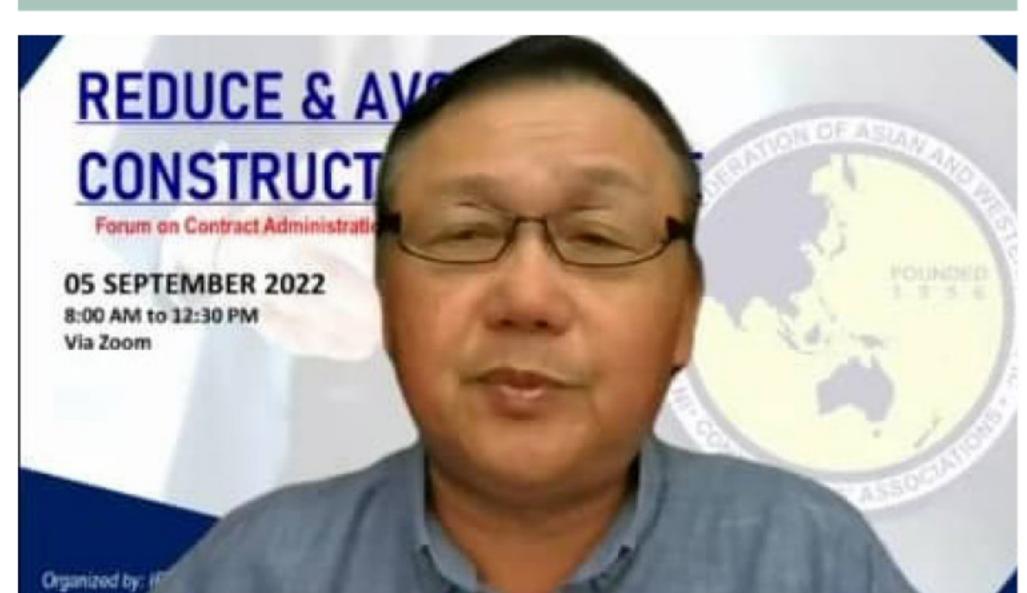
Organised by the International Affairs & Business Development Committee of MBAM and led by MBAM Immediate Past President, Tan Sri Sufri Haji Mhd Zin, the visit was designed to assist and facilitate Malaysian construction businesses seeking to expand into new markets, particularly in Indonesia. The visit allowed for participating company representatives to have unique opportunities meeting face-to-face with relevant Indonesian government representatives and market experts, in addition to prospective and existing local business contacts.

The four-day visit featured a Focus Group Discussion with the Ibu Kota Negara (IKN) stakeholders, namely the Otorita IKN Nusantara, Ministry of Investment Indonesia, Badan Perencanaan dan Pembangunan Daerah Kalimantan Timur (BAPPEDA), Dinas Penanaman Modal dan Pelayanan Terpadu Satu Pintu (DPMPTSP) Kalimantan Timur; Meeting discussion with representatives from the Ministry of Public Works and Housing and Perusahaan Umum Daerah (Perumda) Pembangunan Sarana Jaya, networking sessions with members of the Indonesia Contractors Association (ICA) and the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN) in Jakarta, Balikpapan and East Kalimantan; a B2B Meeting and networking session with members of Himpunan Pengusaha Muda Indonesia (HIPMI) as well as a sharing session with the local Malaysian business community.

The Nusantara national capital project is a major potential catalyst for significant growth in the region, with immense opportunities for collaboration with Malaysian companies in capital investment and construction works. MBAM's primary objective is to help Malaysian construction companies, including small and medium sized firms, compete and succeed globally. This mission is a vital manifestation of that objective, and we look forward to paving the way for Malaysian construction industry players to meaningfully participate in the IKN Nusantara project, especially in the long term.

Overall, the mission was informative and deemed a success.





### Webinar on Reduce and Avoid Construction Disputes

When the parties to a construction contract are unable to resolve a serious dispute, the decision to pursue the matter beyond the administrative remedies defined in the Contract can turn out to be either a worthwhile investment or throwing good money after bad. Often, the difference is related to the medium that has been chosen to resolve the dispute. As a result, contractors and owners, and the lawyers who represent them, need to be familiar with the different options that exist for resolving construction disputes.

The above IFAWPCA initiated webinar which attracted 245 participants took place on Monday, 5 September 2022 via Zoom. IFAWPCA President, delivered the welcome remarks. The event saw some well-known presenters from the legal and mediation circle namely Managing Partner, Chong + Kheng Hoe who presented on "Contract Administration and Arbitration". Partner at Gan Partnership, Mr Foo Joon Liang then presented on "adjudication and Mediation" while the Principal Mediation of Singapore mediation Centre spoke on Mediation. During the Panel Discussion and Q&A, MBAM President, Vice Chairman of IFAWPCA Condition of Contract Committee and IFAWPCA Ambassador to FIDIC, Mr Oliver HC Wee moderated the session. Overall, it was an interesting session.

## Johor Master Builders Association Malaysia (JMBA) 67<sup>th</sup> & Youth 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner cum Swearing-in Ceremony for 39<sup>th</sup> Term JMBA Council & 6<sup>th</sup> Term Youth Committee

The above event took place on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Restaurant Pekin Sutera, Johor. MBAM was represented by MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee, MBAM Vice Presidents, Dato' Ubull Din Om and Mr Richard Wong and MBAM Council Member, Mr Alec Chong. In the speech of MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee said that it was a pleasure to witness the Johor Master Builders Association Malaysia (JMBA) 67th & Youth 11th Anniversary Dinner Cum Swearing-In Ceremony for 39th Term JMBA Council & 6th Term Youth Committee. He also expressed his gratitude and congratulations to the JMBA under the leadership of Mr Kong Weng Keong. MBAM is also happy to be connected with JMBA during such a grand event and to have JMBA as a member of MBAM since 2004.



#### 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner of Penang Master Builders

The above event held on Thursday, 8 September 2022 was represented by MBAM Deputy President, Mr Kenneth Liew Kiam Woon and MBAM Mechanical and electrical Committee Member, Mr Tony Kok at St Giles Hotel Penang. The grand event was graced by Penang Chief Minister, YB Chow Kon Yeow and was a very successful event. MBAM was glad to be invited to be a part of such a celebration.







#### MBAM Fellowship 5/2022

The above event took place on Friday, 9 September 2022 at Sunway Eight Gourmets Gala, Petaling Jaya and saw 84 participants attending. Also seen at the function was MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee, MBAM Deputy President, Mr Kenneth Liew, MBAM Vice Presidents, Dato' Ubull Din Om, Dato' Sri Eric Kuan and Mr Ong Teng Cheng, MBAM Secretary- General, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 1, Mr Fong Tet Yong, MBAM Council Member and Chairman of Fellowship, Social and Recreation, Mr Alec Chong, MBAM Council Member and Machinery Committee Chairman, Mr Ong Ka Thiam, MBAM Council Members, Mr Au Yong and Mr Ho Chee Leong.

The event was sponsored by Liebherr Construction Machines Malaysia and GEO Ground Engineering Operations Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. Through this event, MBAM members had a merry get together to build closer rapport for networking within our construction fraternity. MBAM is very proud of the strong support it receives from its members. It is hoped that members will continue to sponsor future fellowship activities so that we can keep the momentum going.

### Technical Seminar by Asian Workers' Compensation Association (AWCA) – "Navigating Social Security & Wellbeing Post COVID-19 in Asia"

Asian Workers' Compensation Association (AWCA) and Social Security Organisation of Malaysia (PERKESO) had jointly organised a 3-days technical seminar on 6 – 8 September 2022 at Intercontinental Kuala Lumpur. The seminar was officiated by Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Human Resource, Yang Berhormat Haji Awang bin Hashim. The main objective of the seminar is to promote better understanding of the social security trends that would not only help workers, but the regional economy collectively as the COVID-19 outbreak had significantly strained social security systems by pushing more than 80 million people in Asia into poverty. With the theme "Navigating Social Security & Wellbeing Post COVID-19 in Asia", the technical seminar aims to communicate and discuss specific strategies and case studies to strengthen social security systems in the region. This 2-days technical seminar also consisted of 3 thematic sessions and a visit to the PERKESO Rehabilitation Centre at Melaka on Day-3.





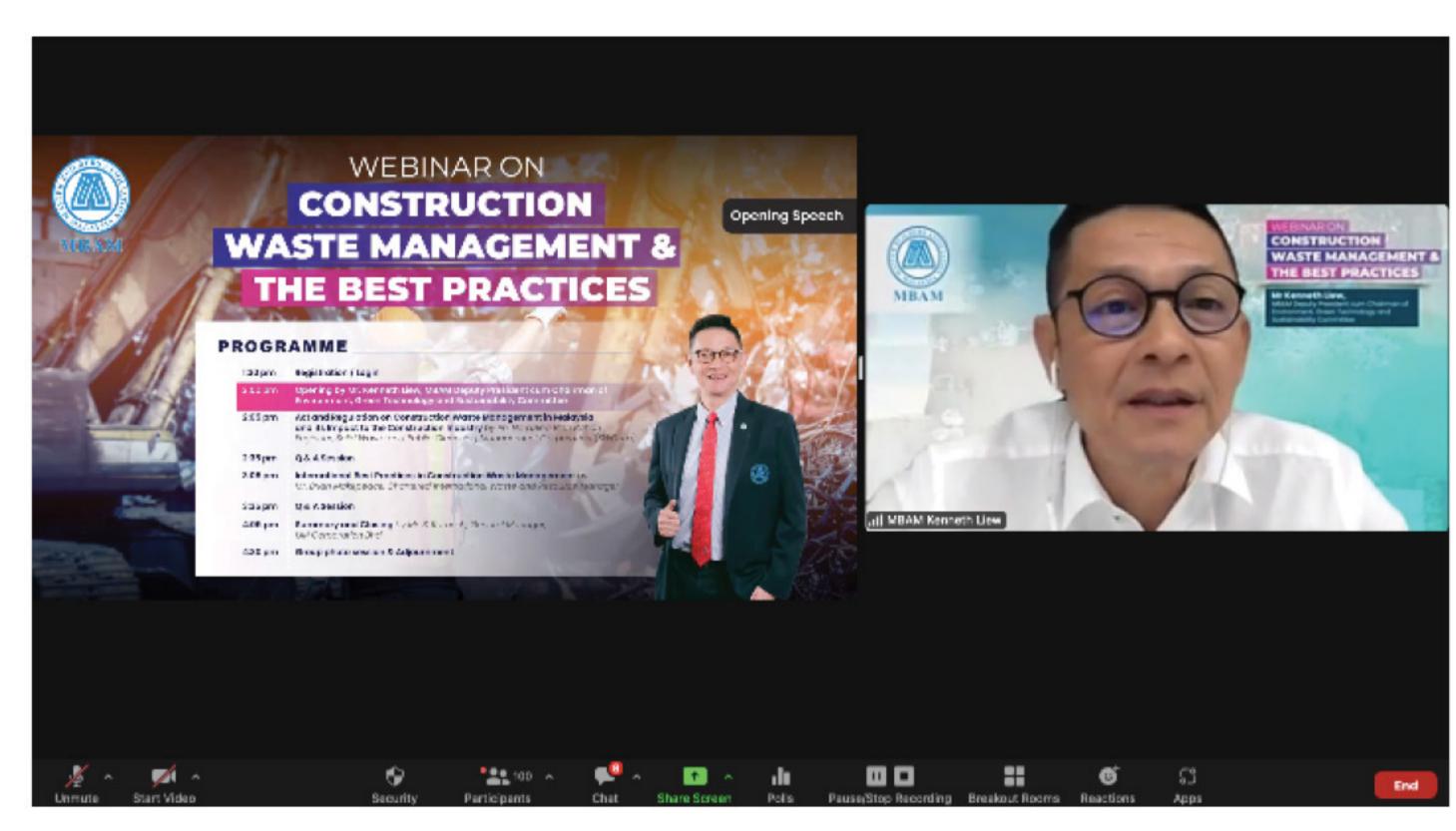
The topics presented for each thematic session are as below:

- 1) Thematic Session 1: Vision Zero in the Digital Era
  - Addressing the Safety & Health of Delivery Riders in Korea via Workers' Compensation Insurance by Dr Kang Soonhie, Korea Workers' Compensation and Welfare Service (COMWEL)
  - Getting the Community on Board, Malaysia by Dr Azlan bin Darus, Social Security Organisation of Malaysia (PERKESO)
- Vision Zero Experience in Thailand by Dr Chaiyuth Chavalitnitikul, Safety and Health at Work Promotion Association (SHAWPAT), Thailand
- Implementation of Vision Zero Initiatives Among Small and Medium Enterprises by Dr Kamarizan Kidam, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
- Promoting Vision Zero in Singapore through Industry & Community Outreach by Mr Christopher Koh, Workplace Safety and Health Council, Singapore
- 2) Thematic Session 2: Rehabilitation and Return to Work
  - CDMP Certification as Universal Language in Disability Management by Mr Azirruan Arifin, Social Security Organisation of Malaysia (PERKESO)
  - Return to Work Program for Migrant Worker by Ms Roswita Nilakurnia, BPJS Ketenagakerjaan, Indonesia
  - Psychological Safety in Disability Management, Mr Mark Lester R. Flores, Employees' Compensation Commission, Philippines

- Enhancing Work Flexibility in Disability Management by Mr Abhinandan Mookherjee, Asia HRM.
- Supporting Early Return to WORK OF Industrially Injured Workers using the Data-based Scientific Rehabilitation Administration, Mr Zhang Shangyil, Korea Workers' Compensation and Welfare Service (COMWEL)
- The Portability of Social Security Rights between ASEAN States by Dr. Bonnwara Sumano Chenphuengpawn, Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)
- 3) Thematic Session 3: Social Security Protection for Migrant Workers
  - Social Security Protection for Migrant Workers in Malaysia by Mr John R. Marin, Social Security Organisation of Malaysia (PERKESO)
  - Social Security Protection for Thai Migrant Workers Abroad by Mr Tanodom Jariyapan, Social Security Office (SSO) of Thailand
  - Pandemic-caused Service Transformation For All Domestic & Migrant Workers by Mr Indrajid Nurmukti, BPJS Ketenagakarjaan, Indonesia
  - Way Forward in Securing Filipino Migrant Workers: Philippine SSS Experience, Ms Joy A. Villacorta, Social Security System (SSS) of Philippines
  - Closing the Gap: Extending Social Security Protection Coverage to Migrant Workers by Mr Markus Ruck, ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team for East and South East Asia and the Pacific.

Webinar on Construction Waste Management and the Best Practices





The above webinar organised by the Environment, Green Technology & Sustainability Committee was successfully held on 20 September 2022 via Zoom.

The event started with the welcome speech by MBAM Deputy President cum the Chairman of Environment, Green Technology & Sustainability Committee, Mr. Kenneth Liew Kiam Woon. In his opening speech, Mr. Kenneth Liew mentioned that the rapid development of the construction industry has resulted in the disposal of significant number of wastes from construction activities. When such construction wastes are not managed properly according to the proper guidelines and Act, it will cause huge damages to the environment, society and economy. So, he hoped that the webinar will be able to enhance members' awareness on Act 672 and educate them on the management of construction waste and the best practices in waste management.

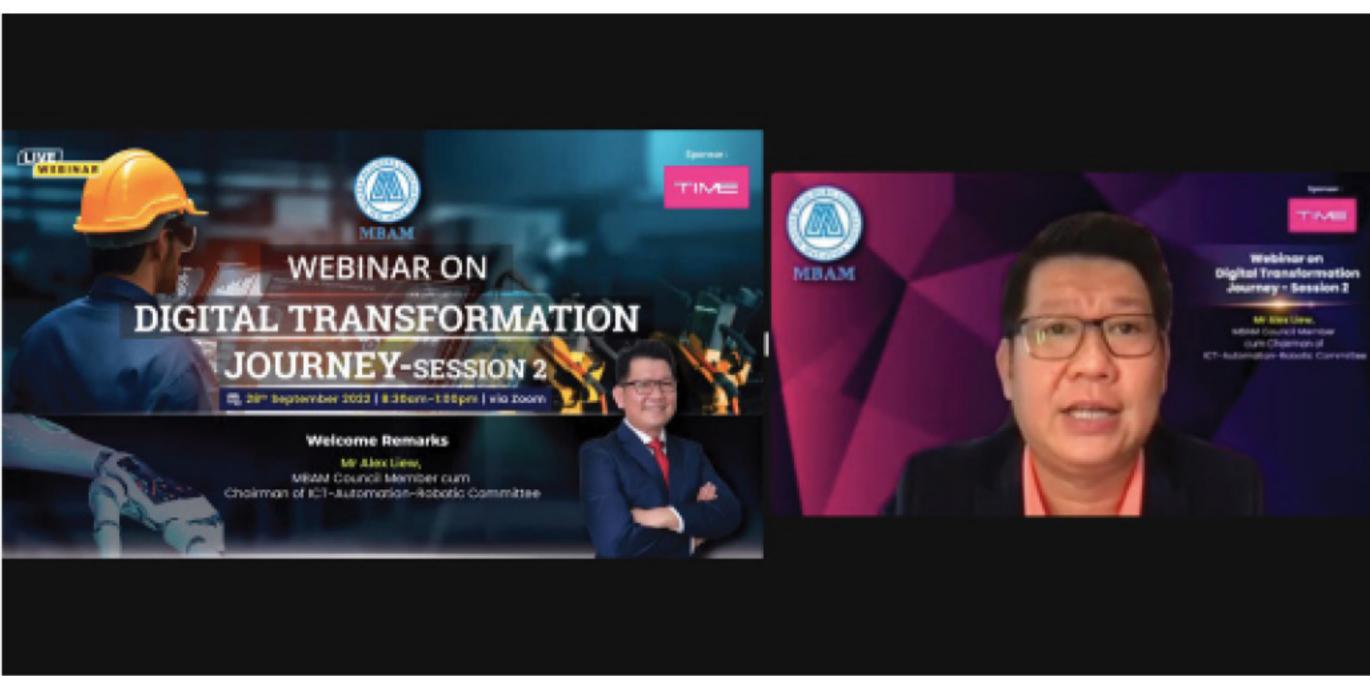
The webinar which was attended by approximately 100 participants also consisted of 2 speakers. The first speaker was the Engineer of Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Corporation (SWCorp), Pn. Norazlina Binti Bahari who presented on the topic of Act and Regulation on Construction Waste Management in Malaysia and its Impact to the Construction Industry. She first introduced the type of recyclable construction waste, the problems caused by construction and demolition waste, and the challenges in construction waste management. She then presented on Act 672 and regulation in construction waste management in Malaysia, the duty of the licensed construction solid waste collection contractors, and the process of the license application. She also shared the information on trends and data of construction waste disposal in Peninsular Malaysia. Some efforts have been done by SWCorp to educate the public on waste management such as conducting awareness and education

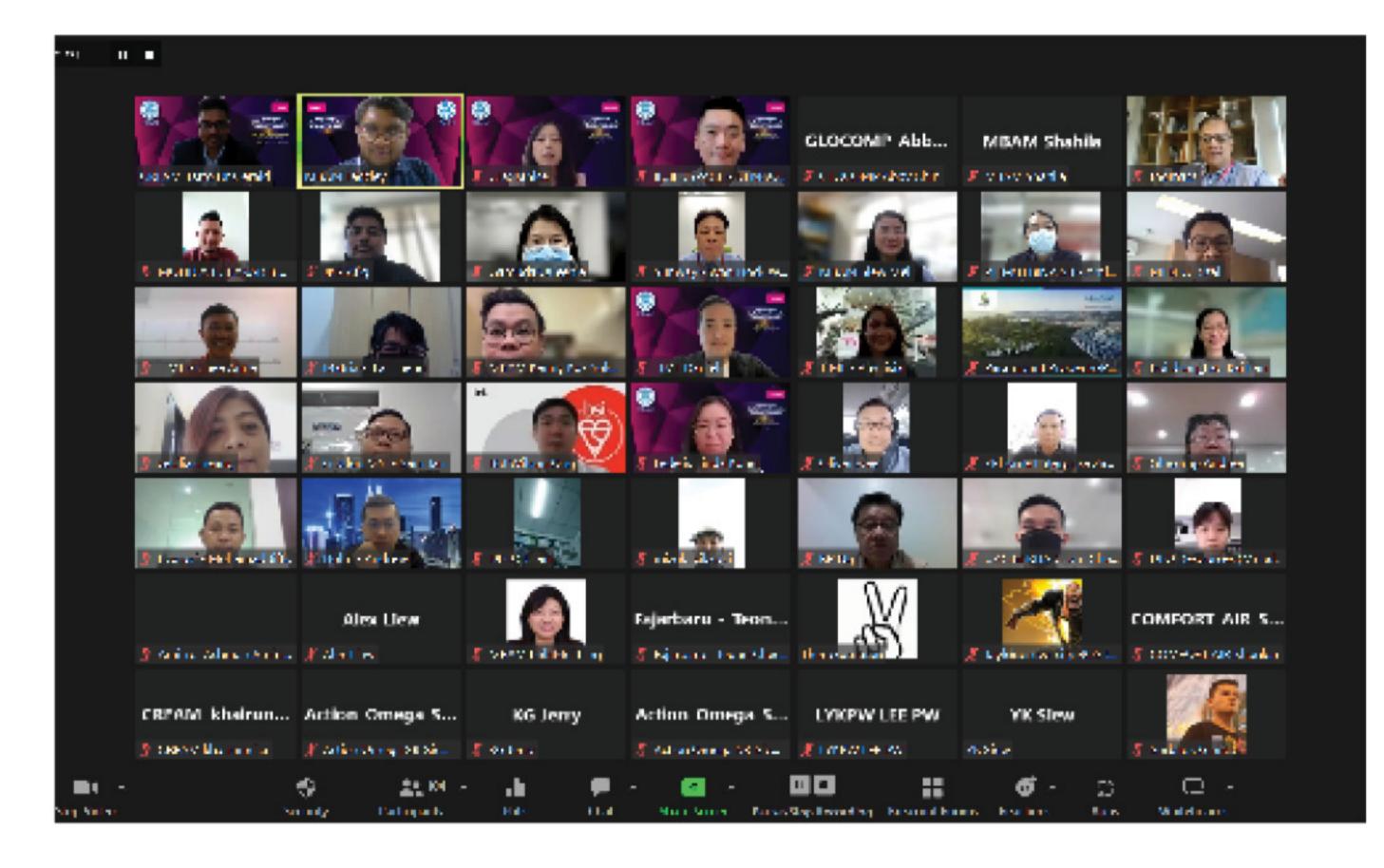
talks on waste management, etc. She concluded her presentation with the topic of enforcement of act and regulation for illegal dumping. After the presentation, participants had the opportunity to raise their questions related to construction waste management and the enforcement.

The webinar proceeded with the second speaker, Chartered International Waste and Resource Manager, Mr. Brian Makepeace. The topic he presented on was Resource Efficiency in the Building Sector- an Overview of International Best Practice. He first shared on the scale of the problem caused by global waste. Among the problems mentioned were increased urbanisation, increased pressure on food, water and energy supplies, and climate change. The inappropriate actions of waste dumping have also caused serious impacts to the environment such as use of energy and resources, pollution of air, soil, and water, as well as greenhouse gas emissions. He then discussed the barriers to sustainable construction and demolition waste management such as the lack of a well-developed waste recycling markets, reluctance to adopt waste management, lack of penalties for waste management, perception that waste reduction is time consuming and not cost effective, non-availability of waste management procedures, inadequate training of construction sector workers related to waste handling, lack of awareness among clients about sustainable construction, limited knowledge of eco-technologies, lack of regulatory support/deficient legislation, etc. He then shared the international policy of sustainable construction and demolition waste management and the implementation. Finally, he presented about the options for treatment of Construction and demolition waste, which are: recovery via backfilling, C&D waste recovery technologies, mechanical treatment, recycled aggregates, sustainable concrete, and Advanced AI, deep learning and smart robotic waste sorting technologies. A Q&A session was held after the conclusion of all presentations where participants actively raised their questions on the respective topics.

Before the session ended, the General Manager of IJM Corporation Berhad, Mr. S. Ramesh summarised all the presentations and also shared some insights on the topics. Overall, it was an informative and interesting webinar.







#### Webinar on Digital Transformation Journey Session 2

The above webinar was successfully held on 28 September 2022 online via Zoom. The webinar organised by MBAM ICT-Automation-Robotic Committee and sponsored by TIME dotCom Berhad was attended by 112 participants. For this second session, the committee brought together leaders and innovators on digitalisation to speak on how we can empower existing talent using technology for the betterment of the construction industry. MBAM ICT-Automation-Robotic Committee Chairman, Mr Alex Liew mentioned is his welcome remarks that industrial efforts towards digital transformation are being pushed forward despite the construction industry still being in the midst of recovery post-pandemic. Furthermore, he also highlighted the Construction 4.0 Strategic Plan (2021-2022), the framework that will encourage the construction sector to embrace digital revolution in the industry.

The level of adoption among contractors towards Construction 4.0 technologies is still low and Design for Manufacturing Assembly (DfMA) is the way forward to Construction 4.0 as mentioned by Construction Research Institute of Malaysia (CREAM) Chief Executive Officer, Dato' Ts. Dr. Gerald Sundaraj in his keynote address. He also shared recommendations to bridge the gaps for successful implementation of Construction 4.0 technologies.

Principal consultant in Digital Cognitive (CDx) Sdn Bhd, Ms Janice Kong continued with the presentations and shared ways on leveraging the construction ERP system with industry 4.0 technology. It was demonstrated that the ERP platform would be modernised to manage project execution with high connectivity that will create a competitive business edge and also future-proof businesses.

The programme was followed with a presentation by Mr Daniel Ang, Solution Sales Specialist of TIME dotCom Berhad who shared on leveraging TIME's 3Cs where businesses could be operated with an increased speed, better financial control, better collaborations and communications that will simplify and ease access to common data and also ultimately decrease the number of mistakes in documentation.

Then, Ms Abby Chin, Cybersecurity Consultant from Glocomp System (M) Sdn Bhd. presented on cybersecurity trends in Malaysia and how one should protect themselves against a cyberattack. She also enlightened all attendees regarding the importance of cybersecurity in digital transformation. She mentioned that the adoption of cloud or edge computing, big data analytics and IoT increases one's risk of cyberattack.

After that, Mr Vincent Choy, Microsoft MVP from Fedelis Sdn Bhd discussed a study regarding embracing modern work productivity platforms like Google G Suite or Microsoft 365 among MBAM members. He also explained the importance in considering modern work productivity platforms that consolidate email, chats, online meeting, file sharing and other productivity apps and the risk associated with free apps. Next, Ms Linda Kong, Business Development Manager of Fedelis Sdn Bhd updated the attendees with the latest industrial news and explained that MDEC and Hybrid work grant is currently offered by the government to assist SMEs to acquire modern work productivity platforms and application processes.

Lastly, Mr Desmond Loi, the Chief Marketing Officer of BuildSpace Solutions shared the findings of a research that indicated more than 50% of contractors were aware and relied on data in predictive modules and information to facilitate them in making better plans and decisions. His presentation focused on the types of data that could be collected through the digitalisation of construction procurement and contract management processes which would prepare construction for further analysis and even predictions.

Due to the positive response from the participants especially members, the ICT-Automation-Robotic Committee is planning to conduct another webinar on digital transformation and construction 4.0 in November 2022.

#### MBAM 1-day Workshop on Safe Management of Temporary Works



The above workshop on Safe Management of Temporary Works was held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at the MBAM Training Centre, Kuala Lumpur and was attended by 28 participants. Major (Rtd) Leong Yee Keong, Senior General Manager in Environmental, Safety & Health Division of Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd was the trainer for the workshop.

In his Opening Speech, Mr Michael Yap, Chairman of MBAM Safety & Health Committee informed that there had been many accidents involving temporary works in the country recently and reports have shown that management failure is one of the major root cause of these accidents. The Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH) also reported that insufficient consideration is given to the management of temporary works which leaves projects open to risks; such as injuries or fatalities, the failure or collapse of both temporary and permanent works, damages to adjacent properties and the consequent delays and increased costs. As such, it is evident that the need to manage temporary works is vital as all temporary works are identified as high-risk activities in all construction projects.

At the end of the workshop, participants were more exposed to safe management of temporary works including the roles and responsibilities of the project team from designing, planning, executing and interfacing with machinery and the legal requirements to manage them.



### MBAM Education Scholarship Award 2022

The MBAM Education Scholarship 2022 was held on 21 September 2022 at the MBAM office. Eight (8) scholarships for undergraduate studies were awarded to deserving students of which four (4) were under Master Builders Association Malaysia, one (1) sponsored under MBAM – Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sufri Hj. Mhd Zin scholarship, one (1) is sponsored under MBAM – Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz scholarship, one (1) is sponsored under MBAM – Glocomp Systems (M) Sdn Bhd scholarship and one (1) is sponsored under MBAM – Oh Kim Sun scholarship.

The eight (8) new scholarship recipients consisted of six (6) students in their 2nd year and two (2) students in their 1st year. Collectively, the total scholarship to be disbursed to this year's new recipients is RM230, 000.00. In addition, for the year 2022 alone, a total of RM200, 000.00 will be disbursed to MBAM's past and new scholarship recipients.

Since 2004, MBAM has been awarding scholarships amounting to about RM3.3million, bringing to a total of 171 scholarship recipients. As of 2022, MBAM is still sponsoring 14 scholars in their 4th year, 6 scholars in their 3rd year and 1 scholar in their 2nd year. As such, MBAM is thrilled to continue its contributions to the academic and upward progress of the Malaysian youth who will be the future leaders to lead the construction industry.

MBAM President, Mr. Oliver HC Wee accompanied by MBAM Secretary-General, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz presented the award to four (4) students under Master Builders Association Malaysia scholarship, Director of Glocomp Systems (M) Sdn Bhd, Mr. Chan Tze Ming presented the award to one (1) student under the MBAM-Glocomp System (M) Sdn Bhd Scholarship and Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz also presented the award to one (1) student under the MBAM-Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz Education Fund Scholarship.

MBAM would like to thank those who have contributed to the education fund despite the current economic predicament. A university education is part of everyone's dream and every young person deserves a real chance to have their dreams come true. As such, MBAM wishes that we could support more deserving students and be part of their journey in completing their university education.



## Pre-Council Meeting on the revision and improvement of CIS 24 IBS Manufacturer & Product Assessment & Certification (IMPACT) in accordance with the Act 520 (Fourth Schedule Amendment 2021)

A Pre-Council Meeting on the revision and improvement of CIS 24 IBS Manufacturer & Product Assessment & Certification (IMPACT) in accordance with the Act 520 (Fourth Schedule Amendment 2021) was held on 22 September 2022 at the main meeting room, CREAM, level 29, Sunway Putra Tower. CREAM briefed all attendees on the proposed changes to be revised from the previous standard which is to be included in CIS 24:2024. CREAM also expressed its decision to establish a technical committee for the new development of CIS 24:2024 with industry players.

There are three main objectives of the technical committee which are to review and improve CIS 24 in accordance with the Act 520 (Fourth Schedule Amendment 2021), to develop a new comprehensive and systematic draft of CIS 24 and lastly, to examine other documents as a cross-reference or to be incorporated together with CIS 24 resulting in a more detailed and efficient standard for easier use by the industry.

MBAM Alternate Council Member and Technical & IBS Committee Member, Ts. Lim Hui Yan and MBAM Manager, Muhammad Fadzley bin Salim attended the meeting.



#### Perak Contractors Association (PCA) 56th Annual Dinner

The above event took place on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Sun Lee How Fook Restaurant, Ipoh, Perak. MBAM was represented by MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee, MBAM Vice Presidents, Dato' Ubull Din Om, Dato' Sri Eric Kuan Khian Leng and MBAM Honorary Advisor, Datuk Matthew Tee Kai Woon. Mr Oliver Wee thanked the PCA President, Mr Chong Chee Leong for the kind invitation and opportunity to interact with PCA at the dinner. He also expressed his gratitude and congratulations to the PCA under the leadership of Mr Chong Chee Leong. MBAM is also happy to be connected with PCA during such a grand event and to have PCA as a member of MBAM since 2013. In his speech, Mr Oliver HC Wee also spoke on current issues in the construction industry and provided suggestion on how to transform the industry through transformation and digitalisation.

MBAM looks forward to paving the way for Malaysian construction industry players to meaningfully participate in the IKN Nusantara project while also continuing our diverse programmes in areas of safety and health, digitalisation and sustainability in the construction sector.

