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This is the last bulletin for 2022. As we wrap up the year end, MBAM would like to extend our gratitude to Council Members, Members, staff of Secretariat, and deserving parties of the Association for their continuous contribution and dedicated services to the Association.

Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz MBAM Secretary-General



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#### MBAM Technical Visit to Serdang Depot

The above technical visit held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2022 at Serdang Depot Admin Building, Serdang, Selangor was attended by 17 participants.

MBAM Deputy President cum Chairman of Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) committee, Mr Kenneth Liew thanked MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP SSP) Sdn Bhd and Gamuda M&E Sdn Bhd, Director, Mr Looi Hong Weei for their assistance in organising the technical visit

The technical visit started with a briefing on the SSP project overview presented by MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP SSP) Sdn Bhd, Deputy Head of Power Supply & Distribution System, Mr Mohd Noor Syabani bin Jamaludin. Next, Assistant Systems Manager, Ir Ali Akbar bin Ahmad Jasmi presented on the power distribution of the metro system, Traction Power Substation (TPSS) and also introduced the stinger switchgear panel and stinger rail system. Project Manager PMD Putrajaya, Mr Alan Conrad Cheong Chi Loong continued to brief on the facilities available at the Serdang Depot such as Maintenance Pit, Depot Control center, Depot Signaling Equipment Room (DSER) and

# Courtesy visit and meeting with MOW Deputy Secretary-General (Management) & CIO, YBhg Dato' Ahmad Nadzri bin Embong



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022, MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee and MBAM Chairman of ICT-Automation-Robotic Committee, Mr Alex Liew held a Courtesy visit and meeting with MOW Deputy Secretary-General (Management) & CIO, YBhg Dato' Ahmad Nadzri bin Embong at the Ministry of Works Malaysia.

MBAM also extended an invitation to YBhg. Dato' Ahmad Nadzri to deliver a keynote address during the Webinar on Digital Transformation Journey Session 3 "Construction Industry Digital Roadmap & Cybersecurity" which will be held on 7 December 2022. MBAM also proposed having YBhg. Dato' conduct a sharing session on the Construction Industry Digital Roadmap during the webinar.

Furthermore, MBAM also expressed their intention on having YBhg. Dato' Ahmad Nadzri as their guest of honour during the ICT-Automation-Robotic committee's upcoming seminar in March 2023.

Mr Oliver HC Wee also hoped for the continuous cooperation between MBAM and MOW in regards to raising awareness and the latest updates on policies, collaboration through training and seminars aligned with the Industrial Revolution 4.0 (IR 4.0) and Construction 4.0 to increase productivity and improve quality in the Malaysian construction industry. In a nutshell, YBhg. Dato' Ahmad Nadzri agreed to deliver the keynote address for the webinar.

### Internal Progress Meeting and Discussion for Survey Report and Final Report of the Effectiveness on QLASSIC and SHASSIC Programme



The Internal Progress Meeting and Discussion for Survey Report and Final Report Research of the Effectiveness on QLASSIC and SHASSIC Programme was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 at MBAM Secretariat Office. MBAM Council Member cum Technical and IBS Committee, Mr Nalla Sundran thanked the selected panel from the Technical and IBS Committee as well as the Safety and Health Committee for attending the meeting and briefed the attendees on the current progress of the research.



The main objectives of the meeting were to share the findings of the QLAS-SIC and SHASSIC surveys held from 20 October to 22 November 2022, the draft report of the surveys and the outline of the final report. Among other matters discussed during the meeting were the recommendations on the current QLAS-SIC and SHASSIC as well as comments on the new rates of the QLASSIC and SHASSIC assessment by CREAM. In conclusion, all the recommendations and comments were included in the final report that was submitted to CIDB on 21 December 2022.



The MBAM Table Tennis Tournament organised by the Fellowship, Social and Recreation Committee was successfully held on the 3rd of December 2022 at Shakirin NTTDP Centre.

The tournament was sponsored by Al-Ambia Sdn Bhd, Leon Fuat Metal Sdn Bhd, TCS Construction Sdn Bhd, Chong Lek Engineering Works Sdn Bhd and Macro dimension Concrete Sdn Bhd.

The Table Tennis Tournament saw 23 pairs play for the open category. MBAM wishes to congratulate all winners of the tournaments as per table below and thank those who actively participated in the tournament in the spirit of sportsmanship!



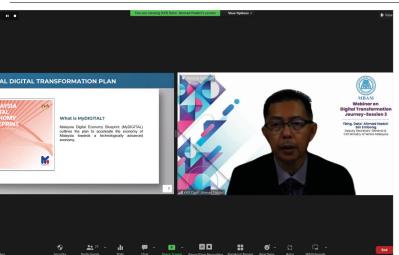
#### Visit from China Enterprise Chamber Of Commerce in Malaysia (CECCM)





The above visit took place on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at MBAM Tan Sri Tee Datuk Hock Seng Conference Room. MBAM was represented by MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee, MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee Member, Ms Karen Ng Yueh Ying, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling and MBAM General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim while CECCM was represented by Group Managing Director of Zhongtian Holdings,Ms Rebeca Deng and Chief Economist, Malaysia Main Branch, China State Construction Engineering Sdn Bhd, Mr Huang Yi Dong,

The meeting agreed to collaborate to arrange a talk to CECCM members at MBAM Training Centre on Friday, 17 February 2022 with more details to be finalised accordingly. The talk in Mandarin will cover issues related to Covid Act 829 and the impact post pandemic as well as MBAM Mediation Services followed by a dialogue between CECCM and MBAM.





## Webinar on Digital Transformation Journey Session 3 "Construction Industry Roadmap & Cybersecurity"

MBAM ICT-Automation-Robotic Committee successfully organised a Webinar on Digital Transformation Journey Session 4 "Construction Industry Digital Roadmap & Cybersecurity" on 7th December 2022 online via Zoom. MBAM Council Member cum Chairman of ICT-Automation-Robotic Committee, Mr Alex Liew thanked all participants who participated in the webinar and extended his gratitude to Deputy Secretary General of Ministry of Work scum Chief Information Officer, Yang Berbahagia Dato' Ahmad Nadzri bin Embong for his participation in delivering a keynote address for the webinar.

He also added, as part of our efforts for the betterment of the construction industry, we should keep encouraging the industry players to kick start their digital transformation journey to remain relevant in the industry. It is hoped that construction industry players perceive digital transformation as an investment to the organisation, especially as a future investment for businesses to operate more effectively and efficiently. Throughout the journey towards digitalisation, there will be challenges to be overcomed by the industry. Cybersecurity threats is one of the challenges faced by the industry where the laws and protection are yet to be fully developed.

Yang Berbahagia Dato' Ahmad Nadzri in his keynote address shared on the National Digital Transformation Plan which is the Malaysia Digital Economy Blueprint (MyDigital) that outlines the plan to accelerate the Malaysian economy towards a more technologically advanced economy. The Ministry of Works (MOW) also introduced an Organisation Strategic Plan 2021-2025 and Digitalisation Strategic Plan 2021-2025 aligned with the initiatives by MOW on upgrading ICT infrastructure, increasing online services, accelerating adoption of emerging digital technologies and utilizing ICT to develop digital application systems .He also stated that among the challenges towards the digital transformation journey were high cost, availability of reliable infrastructure, readiness of workforce and many others. Nevertheless, he also shared that there are measures to be taken such as build integrated application systems, improve the network latentct and banwith access, adopt IBS and BIM, develop integrated platfrorm for data and many others shared during the webinar.

After that, CyberSecurity Malaysia, Senior Vice President, Strategic Research, Ts. Sazali Sukardi shared on cyber security in VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity) world where the current and emerging trends of technology will increase cyber threats. He added that the attacks might be due to a highly interconnected environment thus bringing to obscurity of an incident response.

He also shared on risk inherent to technologies and motivation behind cyber-attacks by cyber criminals especially on cyber espionage. Intrusion, intrusion attempt and denial of service (DOS) attack were the top three cyber incidents reported to CyberSecurity Malaysia as of 30 November 2022. It is important for an organisation to be cyber resilience which is an ability for an organisation to resist, respond and recover from the threats that will impact the information they require to do business.

Next, Netassist (M) Sdn Bhd, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Hon Fun Ping shared on the trends and myths of cyber threats. He showed the statistics of the top three biggest business risks in 2022 by Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty which consisted of cyber incidents, business interruption and natural catastrophes. He also shared that an organisation was 15 times more likely to receive cyber-attacks than being a victim of theft or fire incident. He added on the various penetration tests and differences between types of penetration testing due to vulnerabilities of technology and application used by the industry. He also highlighted why many advanced security solutions fail due to wrong selection of defence systems and human behaviour. Statistically, NetAssist showed that there was a 20 percent increase of cyber-attacks monthly in the first and second quarter of 2022. Therefore, an organisation needs to conduct security awareness programmes and phishing campaigns to avoid more incidents of cyber threats.

After that, Mr Chee Yih Tzuen shared CIO's perspective on cybersecurity. As the Chief of Information Officer of IJM Corporation Berhad, he was aware of the cyber threats and vulnerabilities of an organisation towards cyber-attacks. He shared that statistics by Kroll Inc. showed that the construction industry was one of the top impacted sectors of ransomware. Additionally, cybersecurity risk was related to the extent of digitalisation and that construction digitalisation is usually siloed at individual project level. He added that the construction sector has a low level of digitalisation relative to other sectors. In CIO's perspective, he mentioned that one must identify, categorise and protect your mission critical data, take a layered security approach and have detection as well as remediation strategies in addition to protection.

In a nutshell, MBAM hopes that this webinar will give a broader and better judgement for an organisation especially members to embark on their journey of digital transformation and take into account the importance of cyber security. It was a compact and informative webinar. The next session will be a seminar related to Construction 4.0 while the focus of the year 2023 will be on the emerging technologies.

### Knowledge-Sharing Seminar on "Digital Technology Utilisation and Industry Skills Needs"





The Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR) and the International Labour Organization (ILO)/the Skills for Prosperity Programme in Malaysia (SfP-Malaysia) had recently initiated the cooperation for the formulation and implementation of the Digital Talent Development Roadmap.

As part of this strategic cooperation, this knowledge-sharing seminar held on 7th December 2022 aimed to obtain a deeper understanding of how the industry is utilising the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) or digital technologies, what skills are required to promote the adaptation of these technologies, and how TVET/skills training programmes should be improved by incorporating current and future skills needs.

Alternate Council Member Ts. Tan Hui Ling was invited as one of the presenters at the knowledge-sharing seminar to share on the practical experience on the adaptation of 4IR / digital technologies, such as Building Information Modelling (BIM) and automation in the construction industry.

Overall, it was an informative seminar.

#### MBAM Fellowship No.7/2022

The Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) Fellowship 7/2022 event took place on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Daikin Solution Plaza. The event attracted 149 participants.

The event was attended by industry leaders from the construction, building, machinery, business community and MBAM representatives; President, Mr. Oliver HC Wee; Immediate Past President, Tan Sri Sufri; MBAM Deputy President, Mr. Kenneth Liew; Vice President: Dato Ubull, Mr Eric Yong, Mr. Ong Teng Cheng, Mr. Richard wong and Dato' Sri Eric Kuan; Secretary-General, Datuk Astaman; Sec-Gen 1 & 2, Ir Anthony Teoh & Fong Tet Yoong and MBAM Council Members.

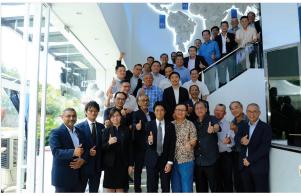
Mr. Oliver HC Wee delivered a warm welcome speech followed by a speech by Sponsor Daikin Malaysia Sales and Services Managing Director, Mr Lawrence Song - A souvenir of appreciation between Daikin and MBAM was exchanged in the strong spirit of collaboration.

There were good interactions amongst participants during the networking sessions. Mr. Alec Choong, MBAM Fellowship, Social & Recreation Chairman led the handing out of lucky draw prizes to lucky winners. First Prize was won by Ms. Tan Zi Ni from Trans Elite Group Sdn Bhd; Second Prize was won by Dr. G.Ananthan from Rivha Builders (M) Sdn Bhd and Third Prize was won by jay Shankear from JD Network Solution Sdn Bhd.

As a gesture of appreciation, all participants were given a goodies bag each containing Daikin's product catalogue, Daikin Humidifier and Daikin Non-Woven Bag before leaving the event.

In a nutshell, the event was a success and met its objectives. We look forward to meeting again in the next fellowship networking session.





#### Presentation of MBAM Long Service Award 2021 And 2022

On 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022, President Oliver HC Wee presented the MBAM Long Service Award to commemorate and honour Council Members, Members, staff of Secretariat, and deserving parties of the Association for their contribution and dedicated services to the Association for the past years.

The Award was presented to recipients consisting of those who have completed 5 and 10 years of continuous service for the year 2021 and 2022.

In his opening speech, President Oliver HC Wee congratulated all the Award recipients present for achieving a significant milestone in their career. Although MBAM wished to celebrate these achievements earlier, the unfavourable economic situation and pandemic prevented the association from doing so. The construction industry's journey to recovery post-pandemic has not always been smooth sailing but it is through the members' continuous dedication, commitment and loyalty to MBAM that will allow the Association to strive further in the future to come.

The recipients of the MBAM Long Service Award for year 2021 and 2022 were as follows:













#### International Project Management Conference (IPMC)

MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee, MBAM Vice President, Mr Richard Wong Kwan Song, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling and MBAM General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim attended the above opening ceremony on Monday, 12th December at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. PETRONAS Senior Vice President, Project Delivery and Technology, Datuk Bacho Pilong delivered a welcome speech where he expressed his gratitude for the support for this year's event and the fact that face to face events can now be organised. Secretary-General, Ministry of Works, Malaysia, Datuk Wira Wan Ahmad Uzir delivered the Keynote Address on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof where he encouraged those attending to learn diligently the contents that will be shared at this year's conference.

## Workshop and Launch of the Research Report on Economic Justification of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Programs in the Construction Sector

The above Workshop and Launch held on 13th December 2022 was organised by the Ministry of Manpower of Indonesia, Directorate General of Labour Inspection and Occupational Safety and Health. The Director General of Labour Inspection and Occupational Safety and Health Development, Ministry of Manpower of Indonesia, Mrs Haiyani Rumondang had officiated the event. MBAM was honoured to be representing ASEAN Construction Federation (ACF) to be part of the panel discussion alongside Chamber of Commerce of Indonesia (KADIN), Ministry of Public Works and Housing Indonesia and Institute of Labour Studies, Department of Labour and Employment of the Philippines. Chairman of Safety and Health Committee, Mr Michael Yap had represented MBAM to share and exchange views on the findings and recommendations of the research. Information on the cost and benefits of OSH in Malaysia's construction sector was shared during the discussion.



#### Discussion with Ministries, Local Authority and Industry Players

The above meeting took place on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the Everly Putrajaya. MBAM was represented by MBAM Deputy Secretary General 1 and Contracts and Practices Chairman Ir. Anthony Teoh at the session. Some of the changes deliberated included carrying out pre-purchase building survey of building condition through inspection and checking, checking of procedural requirement of drawing and building to ensure compliance to by laws and regulations and other recommendations.



#### MBAM Technical Visit to ABB Malaysia Sdn Bhd & Talk on EV Charging Solutions and Requisite Infrastructure



The MBAM Technical Visit to ABB Malaysia Sdn Bhd and Talk on Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Solutions and Requisite Infrastructure organised by MBAM Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) Committee was held on the 14th December 2022 at ABB Training Room, ABB Malaysia Sdn Bhd. MBAM Deputy President cum Chairman of M&E Committee, Mr Kenneth Liew thanked ABB Malaysia Sdn Bhd especially to ABB Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Senior Vice President Electrification Business Area Malaysia, Mr Alireza Mehrtash and their Marketing Communication representative, Ms Stella Ho for their assistance in organising the visit. He also added with the influx of EVs at the beginning of 2023, the infrastructure to accommodate EVs in building projects for residence and commercial must be equipped with necessary EVs charging.

ABB Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Mr Hiew Thian Wai introduced a solution in EV charging infrastructure and services of ABB E-mobility. ABB E-mobility is the world leader in EV charging solutions and a pioneer of the green mobility revolution. He also shared on the difference between Alternating Current (AC) charging and Direct Current (DC) charging, also Combined Charging System (CCS) sometimes referred to as "Combo" or CCS-2 in Europe. He showed the development of light commercial vehicles from 2010 to current Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs).

Participants were also presented on the electric bus revolution, ranging from their charging landscape to its application. He introduced the overnight charging (at the depot) and opportunity charging (on route or end stop) for electric buses and also showed the participants a pantograph charging and connector charging.

Lastly, Mr Hiew demonstrated the EV charger port that has been used and is made available at the petrol stations in Malaysia. He also explained the difference between the AC and DC charger that are suitable for BEVs available in Malaysia. MBAM hopes that members are aware of the revolution of EV and the importance of EV charging especially in building projects for residence and commercial in the future.

### MBAM Technical Visit to East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) Project Section 7



The Machinery Resources Committee organized a Technical Visit to the ECRL Project, Section 7 at Bentong, Pahang on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The 32 delegates' visit was led by Secretary General, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz. Among other Council Members present were Deputy Secretary General II, Mr Fong Tet Yong and alternate Council Member Mr Lau Ping Hui of Satujaya Sdn Bhd. The delegation was warmly received by Executive Project Manager of ECRL Project, Section 7, Mr Zong Qi, General Manager, Mr Jiang Qianlu, and Deputy Manager of China Communications Construction Company (M) Sdn. Bhd, Mr Mao Hui.

The objective of the Visit was to keep our members abreast with the latest technological knowledge on the construction of the 665km double-track railway link infrastructure project connecting Port Klang on the Straits of Malacca to Kota Bharu in northeast Peninsular Malaysia, connecting the East Coast Economic Region states of Pahang, Terengganu and Kelantan. The participants were briefed on the construction of the ECRL project and were provided with a learning opportunity on the adoption of contemporary advanced tunnelling technologies such as the operation of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) which was used to excavate the twin-bore Genting Tunnel portion of ECRL, the biggest exercise of its kind in South-East Asian works.

Participants also had the opportunity to hear directly from the professionals involved in the project on matters related to the engineering challenges of this complex tunnelling and rail link project. The half day informative visit ended with a presentation of token of appreciation to the host, Executive Project Manager of ECRL Project.





#### Meeting With REHDA on Defects Raised by Building Inspectors

MBAM Council Member, Mr Tang Juang Yew and MBAM General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim attended the above meeting on Thursday, 15th December 2022 at Wisma RE-HDA chaired by REHDA Deputy President, Datuk Ho Hon Sang.

The meeting agreed to jointly submit a recommendation to BIPC on the above issue before the next BIPC meeting.

It was also agreed for MBAM to work with REHDA, parallel with the submission to BIPC to see CIDB and the Ministry of Housing officers on the above issue and the matter of the recognition of such building inspectors and their recommendations.



#### Sabah Builders Association (SBA) Courtesy Visit





The courtesy visit and dialogue took place on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at MBAM Office.

The following were MBAM representatives namely:

- 1. MBAM President, Oliver HC Wee
- 2. Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, MBAM Secretary-General
- 3. Ms. Loh Mei Ling, MBAM Executive Director

SBA were represented by:

- 1. Mr Henry Tsen, SBA President
- 2. Mr. Johnny Wong, Deputy President
- 3. Mr. Chaw Zi Der, Secretary General
- 4. Mr Charles Tsen, Committee Member

MBAM President, Mr. Oliver HC Wee welcomed the SBA team for the visit. While Mr Henry Tsern, SBA President thanked MBAM for accepting the visit. Mr. Henry introduced their recent jointly organized event which is the Sabah Construction & Machinery Expo 2023. An introductory video of the expo was shared for preview. Other matters such as the foreign labour shortage, raw material price hike and etc were discussed during the meeting. MBAM and SBA can work closely together for the betterment of the industry. A souvenir of appreciation was presented by SBA to MBAM at the end of the session.

#### Perak Plumbers Association (PPA) 48th Anniversary Dinner





MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 2, Mr Fong Tet Yoong and MBAM General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim attended the Perak Plumbers Association (PPA) 48 Anniversary Dinner on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at Super HLT Restaurant lpoh. Mr Fong shared a souvenir programme with Mr Lee Yee Kuan, Chairman of PPA. PPA has been a member of MBAM since 2018. It was a great opportunity for MBAM to renew its relationship with PPA and to get to know its members. A souvenir of appreciation was exchanged between MBAM and PPA to commemorate the event.

## Construction and Built Environment Productivity Nexus (COPERN) Governing Committee Meeting (GCM)

MBAM Deputy Secretary–General 1, Ir. Anthony Teoh attended the above meeting on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 via TEAMS. The meeting was to discuss the interim report findings on a study to have an implementation strategy for the Construction Sector. The meeting deliberated on the productivity challenges moving forward for the construction industry which is still facing many challenges post pandemic especially with regards to manpower shortages, rising material prices, poor adoption of technologies and lack of projects to name a few.



## Focus Group Discussion on Development Of Malaysian Sewerage Industry Guideline (Volume 1) For The National Water Services Commission (SPAN)



A Focus Group Discussion (FGD) between MBAM and consultant, Jil & Associates Engineering Sdn Bhd (on behalf of the National Water Services Commission) was held on 28th December 2022 to facilitate the development of the Malaysian Sewerage Industry Guidelines (MSIG) focusing on Volume 1 – Planning Principles and Tool.

Present at the FGD representing MBAM were Past Vice President Dennis Tan, Committee Members Norman Wong and Gan Wah Lian, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling and General Manager Lee Siew Mei. Meanwhile Jil & Associates Engineering were represented by Punita Nook Naidu, Aminah Abd Rahman, Shameera Natasah, Chow Yian Peng and Amirah Soraya.

On behalf of MBAM, Mr Dennis Tan welcomed Jil & Associates Engineering team members and highlighted that MBAM has always welcomed dialogues with Government bodies/ representatives before new rules and regulations are being gazetted by the Government. Generally, MBAM's main concern is the cost as some of the proposals may increase the cost of construction and overall cost of doing business. Eventually any additional cost will be passed down to the end user. Besides, guidelines outlined need to be clear to provide an equal playing field for the industry.

In order to ensure the key stakeholders' expectations are managed and issues are addressed appropriately, MBAM highlighted some of the pertinent issues covering the four (4) sectors below:

#### Sector 1: National / International Development Planning Goals

Sharing and discussing planning related doctrines, policies, plans, guidelines, indicators, and designs, that are relevant in helping to set the objectives /goals for future sewerage ecosystem in Malaysia.

#### Sector 2: Technical and Administrative Matters

Technical Matters which covers sewage characteristics, PE tabulation, population growth assumptions, STP siting/ build up area and buffer zones requirements. The Administrative Matters will consist of sewerage infra development models.

#### Sector 3: Future Strategic and Green Objective

Developing a framework for the National sewerage planning criteria considering future strategic and green objectives. Scenario analysis for achieving the target to limit warming to 1.5°C taking the 2030 and 2050 decarbonization pathways in the horizon.

#### Sector 4: Economic Context - Whole Life Cycle Cost (WLCC)

Impact and relevance of existing planning framework of >150 PE to provide STP. Identifying key risk drivers that impact WLCC and prioritisation taking into consideration the financial, social & environmental aspects.

Executive Director Loh Mei Ling presented MBJ to Jil & Associates Engineering after the dialogue ended.

Overall, it was a fruit discussion session.



#### **Courtesy Visit to See Minister** of Works, YB Dato' Sri Alexander Nanta Linggi



The above meeting took place on Thursday, 29 December 2022 at Ministry of Works, Malaysia office in Jalan Sultan Salahuddin, Kuala Lumpur.

The following participated in the meeting:

- 1. MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee
- 2. MBAM Immediate Past President, Tan Sri Sufri Haji Mhd Zin
- 3. MBAM Vice President, Mr Richard Wong
- 4. MBAM Secretary-General, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz
- 5. MBAM Vice President, Mr Eric Yong and
- 6. MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling.

Some of the issues discussed include:-

- Impacts left by Covid (Disputes and Liabilities)
- Fluctuation of Materials Prices and proposed solutions
- Shortage of Labour
- Shortage of Projects
- Shortage of Funding Gaps
- Compliance Cost

MBAM sought the Minister's and the Government's immediate intervention to help the Malaysian construction industry facing all the challenges mentioned earlier. The much-needed assistance by the Government will help contractors' complete projects in a timely manner and avoid termination or abandoned projects.



#### Other Key Events attended by MBAM

#### 4 December 2022

CCM Programme - Method 3 (Interview) Preparedness Training 1st Penang Intake was held at Greentech Building Industry Training & Academy Centre Penang and was attended by MBAM Secretariat staff, Ms Norhidayah.

#### 5 December 2022

Verification and Issue Analysis under MYMUDAH with ACCCIM and Industry Stakeholders held at Armada Hotel, Petaling Jaya was attended by MBAM General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim.

#### 7 December 2022

Majlis Profesor Negara (MPN) Round Table Discussion No.3 on TVET in Malaysia held at Bangi Resort Hotel, Bangi Golf Club was attended by MBAM Secretary-General, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and MBAM Secretariat Staff, Ms Chai Min Fung.

Meeting with CIDB on potential collaboration on MBAM OneBuild exhibition for ICW 2023 held at CIDB HQ, World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur was attended by President Oliver HC Wee, Deputy President Kenneth Liew Kiam Woon, Secretary-General Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, Board of Directors of MBAM OneBuild Sdn Bhd Roger Lim and Executive Director Loh Mei Ling.

#### **10 December 2022**

WCT Half-Day In-House Awareness Training on Working at Height was held at Lendlease Mall and was attended by MBAM Secretariat staff, Ms Shirley Foo.

#### 13 December 2022

Lifting Supervisor Training - 52<sup>nd</sup> Intake (Day 1) was held at GPos (Tunneling Training Academy) and was attended by MBAM Secretariat staff, Ms Shirley Foo.

#### 14 December 2022

Workshop on Review of CIDB Standard Form of Contract (2000) Edition) was attended by MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee. WCT Half day In-House Awareness Training on Working at Height was held at Merdeka Mall site and was attended by MBAM Secretariat staff, Ms Shirley Foo.

Lifting Supervisor 52nd Intake Day 2 was held at GPos and was attended by MBAM Secretariat staff, Ms Shirley Foo.

#### **17 December 2022**

WCT in House was held at WCT Pavilion Damansara and was attended by MBAM Secretariat staff, Ms Fatin Najihah.

WCT Half Day In House Awareness Training on Lifting (Facade) was held at Lendlease and was attended by MBAM Secretariat staff, Ms Shirley Foo.

Construction Manager (CM) Certification Programme - Method 3 (Preparedness Training) 4th Intake KL (Day1) was held at MBAM Training Centre and was attended by MBAM Secretariat staff, Ms Norhidayah.

It has certainly been an eventful year for MBAM. We have many exciting plans in the works for 2023, so please stay tuned. MBAM also looks forward to serving you better in the upcoming year!

Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz MBAM Secretary General