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This will be the first bulletin of 2023 and I would like to take this opportunity in wishing all our members a Happy New Year!

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Launch of KL Architectural Festival 2023



MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee and MBAM General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim attended the above launch on Saturday, 7th January 2023 at Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) Building in Jalan Tandok. Deputy Minister of Local Government Development, YB Mr Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir officiated the opening ceremony. The Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival (KLAF) 2023 kicked off to a roaring start signalling the start of its NEXT100 theme where the KLAF's diverse programmes were designed to appeal to different segments of the public. More than 100 programmes are slated to take place throughout the year under the overarching NEXT100 theme, an ode to PAM's centenary anniversary which falls in 2023.

REHDA Institute Roundtable on Cost of Doing Business



MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee and MBAM General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim attended the above event that was held on Thursday, 12th January 2023 at Wisma RED-HA. REHDA Institute officially launched their research report titled "Housing Forward: Understanding Costs and Sustainable Prices" last year in which many of the issues raised included matters relating to high cost of doing business and also transformational recommendations.

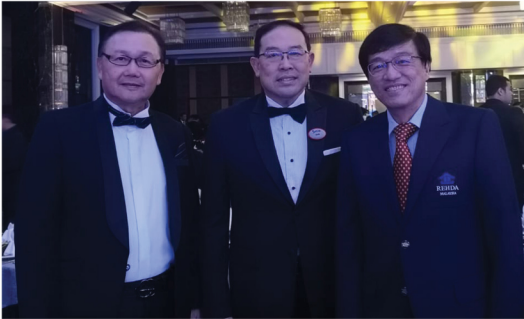
Chairman of REHDA Institute, Dato' Jeffrey Ng Tiong Lip said in his welcome speech, in light of current issues faced by the industry such as the rising cost of materials, labour shortage issues and rising cost of living, REHDA Institute organised the high-level roundtable discussion with industry players. President Of REHDA Malaysia, Datuk NK Tong moderated the event. MBAM also gave some views at the roundtable including the need to further implement IBS for the construction and property development industry.

Kedah Contractors and Building Material Suppliers Association 51st Anniversary Dinner

MBAM Deputy Secretary-General 2, Mr Fong Tet Yoong and MBAM General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim attended the above event on 15th January 2023 at Restaurant Kaw Loong in Alor Setar. The event gave an opportunity to renew ties with our affiliate and also enable MBAM to better network with their members. A souvenir of appreciation was presented to Kedah Contractors and Building Material Suppliers Association to mark the celebration.



Malaysia Institute of Planners Planning Excellence Awards Dinner 2023



Malaysia Institute of Planners Planning Excellence Awards Dinner 2023 was held on Monday, 16th January 2023 at Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur and was attended by MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee. The event organised by Malaysia Institute of Planners recognised the contribution and excellence of planners in Malaysia.

Budget Dialogue 2023



As the budget 2023 will be tabled on Friday, 24th February 2023, the Ministry of Finance has called for a meeting on Tuesday, 17th January 2023 at the Ministry of Finance Head Office in Putrajaya. The previous 2023 Budget with a RM372.billion allocation under the previous administration was tabled in the Dewan Rakyat in October by Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz, who was the then finance minister. The budget however was not approved following the dissolution of the 14th Parliament to make way for the 15th General Election (GE15).

Attending the meeting for MBAM was President, Mr Oliver HC Wee. The meeting was chaired by the Prime Minister, YAB Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim with the objective to obtain views from various organisations including Non-Governmental Organisations. Digital advancement, small and medium enterprises and green economy will be the focus of the revised 2023 Budget, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said that these were among the initiatives that will be given a boost in the Budget, given its importance and potential. He said some parts of the budget that was tabled by the previous administration would remain while there were some which require changes to be made.

Town Hall Session with LHDN

MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee, MBAM Honorary Advisor (Taxation), Mr Yee Wing Peng and MBAM General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim attended a Town Hall Session with LHDN CEO, Datuk Dr. Mohd Nizom bin Zairi at Intercontinental Hotel Kuala Lumpur on Monday, 30th January 2023. In the Malaysian construction industry, disputes between and among contracting parties have become a norm in recent years. There are more than 1,000 cases at various courts related to construction contract disputes. In addition, adjudication and arbitration contributed to a substantial disputed amount which is in billions of Ringgits. Many of this are work done and payment certified but not paid. However, contractors would have paid the tax in accordance to the certified amount. With the current situation, where many more compliances are imposed on doing business as well as the industry experiencing upward fluctuation of material prices, contractors have no cushion in cash flow to pay the taxes in advance. Therefore, we hope LHDN can consider all these disputed amount to be exempted from tax temporarily until the judgement is delivered.



Pre-Meeting with MBAM Honorary Advisor (Taxation) before LHDN Libat Urus Session



MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee Pre-Meeting with MBAM Honorary Advisor (Taxation), Mr Yee Wing Peng before the LHDN Libat Urus Session on 30 January 2023.

Malaysia Glass Association CNY Gathering

MBAM Deputy Secretary General 2, Mr Fong Tet Yoong attended the Malaysia Glass Association CNY Gathering on 12 February 2023.



Other Key Events attended by MBAM

3 January 2023

The Meeting with CIDB Senior General Manager Development Sector, Puan Zainora Zainal to discuss on QCLASSIC issues held at Sunway Putra Tower was attended by MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee, MBAM Deputy Secretary General 1, Ir Anthony Teoh, MBAM Council Member, Mr Tang Juang Yew, Group Chief Operating Officer and Transformation Officer of Bina Puri Holdings Berhad, Ar Anthony Lee, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling and MBAM Manager, Mr Fadzley.

5 January 2023

ILO-MBAM Post Apprenticeship Panels Review Session held at MBAM Training Centre was attended by MBAM Honorary Advisor and Past President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM General Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei, MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Chai Min Fung and MBAM Project Admin Officer, Ms Norhidayah.

Meeting up with Encik Ahmad Farrin of CIDB on matters related to the MBAM OneBuild exhibition was held at CIDB HQ and was attended by MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee, MBAM Deputy President, Mr Kenneth Liew, MBAM Secretary General, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, Executive Director of MBAM OneBuild Sdn Bhd, Mr Roger Lim and MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling.

Appreciation Dinner Post Joint Event On "Seminar on RC Flat Roof-criteria For Concrete Design, Waterproofing Skin and Maintenance of Water Seepage Related Issues Based on ACI Malaysia Technical Commentary No. 1" held at La La Chong Kayu Ara Seafood Restaurant, Petaling Jaya was attended by MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee, MBAM Deputy President, Mr Kenneth Liew, MBAM Secretary General, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, MBAM Deputy Secretary General 2, Mr Fong Tet Yoong, MBAM Council Members, Mr Alec Chong Sun Park, Mr Ivan Chong, Alternate Representative of Al-Ambia Sdn Bhd, Mr Chong Tat Yam, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, MBAM General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim and MBAM Marketing Officer, Ms Sharon Yu.

5 January 2023

Site Safety Supervisor Site exam, 86th Intake held at WCT TRX, Landlease Tun Razak was attended by MBAM Secretariat Staff, Ms Shirley Foo and Ms Fatin Najihah.

7 January 2023

4th Intake - Construction Manager (CM) Certification Programme - Method 3 (Interview) Preparedness Training (Day 2) held at MBAM Training Centre was attended by MBAM Secretariat Staff, Ms Norhidayah.

9 January 2023

CIDB-MBAM Collaboration on Train The Trainer (TTT) Programme held at WTC Kuala Lumpur was attended by MBAM Secretary General, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, MBAM Human Resource Development Committee Member, Mr Andrew Ong, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling and MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Chai Min Fung.

11 January 2023

The visit to The Ship Peninsula College in Batu Kawan, Pulau Pinang was attended by MBAM Secretary General, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, MBAM Education & Special Institution Committee Deputy Chairman, Mr Andrew Ong, Past MBAM Vice President, Mr Chuan Yeong Ming and MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling.

12 January 2023

Launch of Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Sustainable Digital Construction Management held at Taylor's Lakeside Campus was attended by MBAM Secretary General, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz and MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling.

13 January 2023

Mach 1 Construction Equipment Sdn Bhd: Appreciation Dinner "Ushering the New Year with JCB New Backhoe 2DX & Telehandler 530-110" was attended by MBAM President, Mr Oliver HC Wee, MBAM Secretary General, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, MBAM Deputy Secretary General 2, Mr Fong Tet Yoong, MBAM Council Members, Mr Ong Ka Thiam, Mr Alec Chong Sun Park, Mr Ng Han Seong, Dato' Sri Sukumar Subrayalu, Ts Ho Chee Leong, Alternate Representative of Al-Ambia Sdn Bhd, Mr Chong Tat Yam, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling and MBAM General Manager, Mr Lenny Lim.

14 January 2023

4th Intake - Construction Manager (CM) Certification Programme - Method 3 (Interview) Preparedness Training (Day 3) held at MBAM Training Centre was attended by MBAM Secretariat Staff, Ms Norhidayah.

17 January 2023

Meeting with CIDB on Training Subsidy and Event Collaboration between MBAM and CIDB held at Sunway Putra Tower was attended by MBAM Deputy President, Mr Kenneth Liew, MBAM Secretary General, Datuk Astaman Abdul Aziz, MBAM Council Members, Mr Nallia Sundran, Mr Alex Liew, Mr Michael Yap, Mr Ng Han Seong, MBAM Executive Director, Ms Loh Mei Ling, and MBAM Manager, Fadzley.

ILO Brainstorming & Workshop to Develop Action Plan for Apprenticeship Programme held at MBAM Training Centre was attended by MBAM Honorary Advisor and Past President, Mr Foo Chek Lee, MBAM General Manager, Ms Lee Siew Mei, MBAM Senior Manager, Ms Chai Min Fung and MBAM Project Admin Officer, Ms Norhidayah.

We have a lot planned for 2023 and as such, we hope for our members' continuous support in enhancing the construction industry in Malaysia.

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