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TO: ALL MEMBERS

Dear Sir / Madam

CONTRACTORS URGED TO SUBMIT FOREIGN WORKERS' THUMBPRINTS

We refer to The Star report dated 15th October 2009 as per enclosed on the above mentioned, MBAM would like to urge member companies to submit their foreign workers' thumbprints or biometrics profiles to the nearest Department of Immigration, Malaysia (JIM) offices as soon as possible.

The purpose of collecting the thumbprints is in line with the Government's efforts in making sure that all foreign workers in this country are issued with foreign workers I-cards which contain 17 security features functioning as passports and identity cards as well as implementing a more efficient method of collecting statistics on and monitoring of foreign workers in the country.

There are 2 methods currently used by JIM for the issuance of foreign workers I-Cards:

1. Registration at Employer Premises - Employers who are employing more than 100 foreign workers could make prior arrangements at the nearest JIM office for the Immigration Officers to come to their job sites to register their foreign workers' thumbprints.
2. Registration at JIM Office - Employers could bring their foreign workers to the nearest JIM offices for registering their biometric data. For a larger number of workers (more than 10 workers), prior appointment is required.

Employers who would like to submit their foreign workers' thumbprints (biometric data) for the issuance of I-Cards could contact JIM, Foreign Workers Division at tel: 03-8880 1457 or any states JIM offices. Detailed contact numbers of JIM Branches could be obtained from JIM website: <http://www.imi.gov.my>. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Officer, Ms Chai Min Fung at tel: 03-7984 8636 ext 106.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA

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Contractors urged to submit foreign workers' thumbprints

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JOHOR BARU: All contractors are urged to submit their foreign workers' thumbprints or biometric profiles to the Immigration Department for security purposes and to prevent illegal foreigners from being hired.

Home Ministry senior deputy secretary-general Datuk Raja Azahar Raja Abdul Manap said that the thumbprints would help the authorities, especially Immigration personnel and the police, if problems were to arise.

"We are urging the contractors to submit these thumbprints as soon as possible.

"They can be used to track the status of foreign workers should their visas or permits be lost," he told a press conference after launching the Construction Labour Exchange Centre's (CLAB) Customers Day here on Thursday.

Raja Azahar commended the CLAB which has begun submitting the thumbprints of some 12,000 foreign workers in its database to the authorities.

"Submitting the thumbprints will enable more efficient management of foreign workers in the country, especially in the construction sector.

"It will also deter contractors from hiring illegal workers as their status can be checked by the authorities," he said, adding that such a move could help lower the number of illegal foreigners in the country.