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## Message from the Secretary-General

Year 2007 came to a close with signs of revival of the Malaysian construction industry as reflected in continue improve performance of the construction sector with GDP contribution of 4.0%, 4.8% and 4.7% in the first quarter, second quarter and third quarter respectively for 2007 with projects rolled out under the Ninth Malaysia Plan (9MP) including several high impact projects and Southern, Northern and Eastern Corridor Economic Development Region.

Looking back, we note the numerous challenges faced by the construction industry, in particular, the escalation prices of essential building materials as well as brain drains and skill drains issues. Members have been updated constantly with chronological events on latest developments with regard to steel bars and cement issues. The Association will continue to protect the legitimate interest of its members on matters affecting their daily business operation. With active participation and strong support from our members, the Association has emerged stronger and has become more cohesive and united in line with our vision as *The Prime Mover and The Recognized Voice* of the Malaysian construction industry.

President Patrick Wong, in his New Year Message to MBAM Members, which has been circulated separately, gave an overview for the Construction Industry Outlook 2008 focusing on four critical areas that will likely to affect the construction industry, namely: rising building materials prices; machinery and equipment related issues; human resources issue; and going global.

President Patrick Wong together with fellow Council Members and captains of industry witnessed the official launch of Construction Industry Master Plan (2006 – 2015) by YAB Dato' Sri Najib Tun Razak, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007. The successful implementation of CIMP hinges upon eight (8) Critical Success Factors (CFS) and seven (7) Strategic Thrusts (ST) identified and to be implemented through various action plans in the coming years.

President Patrick Wong and fellow Council Members and Members have also participated in MBAM CEO Summit on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and gave our full commitment to effective implementation of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) policy in efforts in reducing accidents, injuries and fatalities at construction sites.

President Patrick Wong also attended the 39<sup>th</sup> Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) Anniversary Dinner on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and Matrade Exhibition Launch on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2007. Together with Secretary-General Yap Yoke Keong, he also attended Economic Planning Unit (EPU) meeting on building materials. President Patrick Wong gave a presentation on shortage

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on shortage of supply and rising prices of steel bars and cement.

Council Member cum Chairman of Materials Resources (MatR) Committee Tang Juang Yew and MatR Committee Member Tony Tan attended a briefing session at Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs, Malaysia (MDTCA) on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007 that deliberated on the proposed implementation of Automatic Pricing Mechanism (APM) for cement. President Patrick Wong wrote a letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007 to YB Dato' Seri S Samy Vellu, Minister of Works, Malaysia to voice our protest against price increase of cement and steel bars and reaffirms that APM for cement is a cost plus mechanism that still ensures a profit for cement manufacturers.

Deputy President Ng Kee Leen and fellow Council Members attended MBAM Fellowship Gathering on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007. The Association wishes to record sincere appreciation to MBAM Member, Crest Builders Sdn Bhd, for its generous sponsorship of the function.

Secretary-General Yap Yoke Keong attended a meeting at Ministry of Human Resources, Malaysia (MOHR) on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007 that deliberated on Study on National Manpower Requirement. Alternate Council Member Ir. Bakri Ishak in his capacity as Deputy Chairman of Human Resources (HR) Committee attended PEMUDAH meeting on Policy to Reduce Dependence on Foreign Workers on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

Council Member Foo Chek Lee in his capacity as Safety and Health (SH) Committee Chairman attended NADOPOD Workshop on 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007 in Kuching, Sarawak. Council Member Abdul Rani Achmed Abdullah represented MBAM at the 28<sup>th</sup> PIKOM Anniversary Dinner on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

MBAM representatives attended the following events in the month of December on behalf of the Association: Department of Standards Malaysia (DSM) seminar on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007; SIRIM Technical Committee (TC) on Household Fittings and Building Accessories on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007; CIDB Course Module Validation Workshop on 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007; 28<sup>th</sup> PKMM Anniversary Dinner on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007; National Productivity Corporation (NPC) Construction Consultative Panel meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007; National Ready-Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) 2007 Year End Get Together on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007; CIDB TC9 on Good Environment Practice on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007; Malaysian Quarry Association (MQA) Get Together on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007; and CIDB Civil Engineering Standard Method of Measurement (CESMM) meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

Forthcoming events for your noting include MBAM Open House on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2008 (Friday) from 6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. at Ballroom, Tropicana Golf and Country Resort. The Association is planning to organize courtesy visit to China International Contractors Association (CHINCA) and technical visit to CCTV Tower on 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008 to coincide with Global Construction Summit 2008 to be held in Beijing, People's Republic of China (PRC). 54<sup>th</sup> MBAM Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008 (Sunday).

The Malaysian Construction Industry Excellence Awards 2007 (MCIEA 2007) was held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2007. The Association wishes to congratulate the following MBAM Members who are recipients for MCIEA 2007 for their proven excellence in construction:

- CEO of the Year Award – Ir. Gan Thian Leong, Brunfield Engineering Sdn Bhd
- Special Award (Environment) – MMC - Gamuda Joint Venture
- Special Award (Innovation) – MMC - Gamuda Joint Venture
- International Achievement Award – IJM Corporation Bhd
- Contractor Award Grade G7 (Project Value > RM100 million) – Ahmad Zaki Resource Bhd
- Contractor Award Grade G7 (Project value RM50 million < RM100 million) – Bina Puri – Zublin Joint Venture
- Contractor Award Grade G7 (Project Value RM10 million < RM50 million) – Naim Cendera Sdn Bhd

The Association also wishes to congratulate Gamuda Berhad for being voted Best Managed Company in Asia for Construction Services 2008 by Euromoney.

Chinese New Year (CNY) will be celebrated on 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008, the Association wishes fellow contractors and their business associates in the Chinese fraternity *Gong Xi Fa Cai*.

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ALLIED ASSOCIATION / INSTITUTION** YAP YOKE KEONG  
Secretary-General

**NEW MEMBERS — DECEMBER 2007**

A warm welcome to new members in December 2007 and special appreciation extended to those who introduce these new members :-

**Ordinary Members :**

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. Global Upline Sdn. Bhd.    | 4. The Sanderson Design Group Sdn. Bhd. |
| 2. Sinnaiyah & Sons Sdn. Bhd. | 5. LS Projects Sdn. Bhd.                |
| 3. Koridor Padu Sdn. Bhd.     | 6. CK Century Constructions Sdn. Bhd.   |
| 7. Oricon Sdn. Bhd.           | 8. Setara Pelana Sdn. Bhd.              |

**Associate Members :**

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| 1. Pan Majestic Holdings Sdn. Bhd. | 2. Scape Solutions Sdn. Bhd. |
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**COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Fellowship Gathering**

We are pleased to inform that MBAM is organizing a Fellowship Gathering No. 1/08 on Friday, 25th January 2008 from 6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. at SHALOME Lifestyle Restaurant and Bar. Located at No. 10, Jalan Tun Mohd Fuad, Taman Tun Dr. Ismail, 60000 Kuala Lumpur. For further information, kindly contact Executive Officer Mr Koh Mee Leow at 03-7984 8636.

**Annual Subscription**

We wish to draw the attention of member companies to Section 8.1 of the Constitution, which states annual subscription for year 2008 is due on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008. We thank member companies for their prompt remittance of annual subscription and for those who have yet to make the payment of membership subscription for the year, we look forward to receive your payment soon. For further information, kindly contact Senior Executive Officer Ms Zharraine Chang at 03-7984 8636.

**MACHINERY RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Selangor and Kuala Lumpur Lorry Tipper Association has given a circular regarding an increase in transport charges from 1st January 2008 due to rising prices of spare parts, batteries and tyres as well as reduction of transportation loading volume by the transport authorities.



## **CONTRACT AND PRACTICES COMMITTEE**

MBAM Contract & Practices Committee will be organizing a talk on "All Roads Lead To Rome" (Assessment & Compilation of the Problematic Money-Claim) scheduled on Wednesday, 20th February 2008 from 8.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Laksamana Ballroom, Level 3, Armada Hotel, Lorong Utara C, Section 52, 46200 Petaling Jaya. Registration Fees is RM120.00 for MBAM members and RM240.00 for non-members. Closing date for registration is on/before Monday 11th February 2008. For further details please contact Executive Officer, Ms Lee Siew Mei at 03-79848636 or e-mail:mbam05@mbam.org.my

## **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MALAYSIAN TIMBER COUNCIL (MTC) ON 'ENSURING QUALITY ASSURANCE IN TIMBER APPLICATIONS'**

The talk organized by MTC will explore the potential mechanism that will ensure consistent delivery of quality timber for all applications. The talk will be held on Friday, 22nd January 2008 at 20th Floor, Malaysian Timber Council, Menara PGRM, Cheras, Kuala Lumpur. Please contact Ms Hamidah at 03-92811999.

## **1 DAY SEMINAR & 1/2 DAY WORKSHOP ON RECYCLING CONSTRUCTION WASTE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

The Construction Research Institute of Malaysia (CREAM), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Asian Concrete Construction Institute (ACCI) and Concrete Society of Malaysia (CSM) will jointly organize the above seminar from 23rd to 24th January 2008 at Legend Hotel Kuala Lumpur. For further details please contact Associate Professor. Dr. Hamidah Mohd Saman at 03-55435242.

## **PAN-COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE ON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TRADE: ENHANCING GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS**

Professional Services Development Corporation (PSDC) is organizing the above conference on 19-21 February 2008 at J.W. Marriot, Kuala Lumpur. The objectives of the conference are to share information on export of services and to provide a platform for interaction between policy makers, trade promotion agencies And service providers from member companies of the Commonwealth. Please contact Cik Nurul Hayati Khalil at 03-26988415 for more information.

## **COPIES OF PUBLICATIONS AS LISTED BELOW ARE AVAILABLE AT MBAM LIBRARY FOR MEMBERS' REFERENCE.**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Publication</u>
1) Bulletin Warisan Nov-Dec 2007	Badan Warisan Malaysia
2) Berita PSMB	Pembangunan Sumber Maanusia Berhad
3) IBS Digest 03, 2007	Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB)
4) Jurutera No. 9, September 2007	The Institution of Engineer, Malaysia (IEM)
5) Jurutera No. 10, October 2007	The Institution of Engineer, Malaysia (IEM)
6) Jurutera No. 11, November 2007	The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM)
7) International Construction Nov 2007 Vol. 46 No. 9	KHL Group
8) MASSA News September 2007	Malaysia South-South Association (MASSA)
9) The Contractor Sept/Oct 05/2007	The Singapore Contractors Association Ltd (SCAL)