

## **FEATURES**

# WORKSHOP ON MALAYSIA PRODUCTIVITY BLUEPRINT (MPB), ECONOMIC PLANNING UNIT (EPU)

The Workshop on Malaysia Productivity Blueprint (MPB) by EPU was attended by Dato' Dr. Vincent Ng In Hooi on 27 April 2016. It was held at Pusat Kreatif Kanak-Kanak Tuanku Bainun, Taman Tun Dr Ismail, Kuala Lumpur. The workshop was conducted by a consultant group BCG which was attended by about 60 people from various agencies.

There are two main objectives:

- 1. To recap the strategic direction for productivity of the National Productivity Blueprint.
- 2. To discuss key gaps between our starting point and desired end state for your sector productivity.

Malaysian Productivity Blueprint will be launched after the 20 weeks period of consultation. Therefore, there is active engagement with key stakeholders to ensure feasibility of implementation

There are 2 main targets to measure productivity defined at the national level; Multi-factor productivity 2.3% and Labour productivity 3.7%. Malaysia needs mixed approach to drive productivity including quick wins & long term initiatives. Malaysia professional services sub-sector comprise of 8 industries; Architecture, Legal, Surveying, Veterinary, Consultancy, Advertising and Accountancy.

Driving productivity will require programs across 3 levels; national, enterprise and individual. There are existing plans & initiatives identified for Professional services. Basically there are 6 productivity challenge identified in professional services:

- a. Unable to take advantage of the growth in niche markets
- b. Multiple talents issue
- c. Slow liberalisation of sub-sectors
- d. Low ICT adoption & usage
- e. SMEs lack capabilities
- f. Complex regulatory framework



#### **ABOUT MEMBERS**

#### CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE BIM PAST PRESIDENT SR JOHN S.C. LOH AWARDED THE MALAYSIAN SURVEYOR OF THE YEAR BY RISM

The Board of Management, Executive Committee and Staff of Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia extend heartiest congratulations to BIM Past President, Sr John S.C. Loh, the recipient of the Malaysian Surveyor of The Year, awarded by The Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM).

The conferment of the Award was graced by His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor at RISM 55th Annual Dinner 2016 held at Istana Hotel, Kuala Lumpur on 14th May 2016.



The citation of Sr John Loh is attached.



SURVEYOR JOHN LOH, The Malaysian Surveyor of the Year





# Malaysian Surveyor Of The Year

The Malaysian Surveyor of the Year Award is presented to a Member/Fellow of the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia in recognition of his/her excellence in any field of surveying. This Award recognizes that although there are four different Divisions of seemirgly separate disciplines, we are united in that we are all surveyors.

#### Recipient: Sr JOHN S C LOH

Sr John Loh Soong Chew started his career as a tranee Valuer with WTW in 1968, and went on to lead the firm of Valuers, Estate Agents and Property Managers, as our Managing Director for 15 years before he retired in 2003 after 35 years of service. And after earning 2 postgraduate degrees from the 2 leading universities in the world, namely, University of Hull, UK and from the National University of Singapore. He continues to practise helping selected clients just to keep himself busy even at the age of 67.

Sr John is largely responsible for the growth and expansion of the firm of WTW to serve the financial and real estate investment sub-sector, and at the same time, for developing high standards for the profession in tandem with the demands and growth of the Malaysian economy and the industrial development of the Kelang Valley working with his counterparts the Chief



Valuers, namely Datuk Sr R Dass, Dato' Sr Nawawi Arshad and Dato Sr Sahari of the Minstry of Finance, all of whom served also as Presidents of RISM. Many representations and submissions were made through Sr John's involvement, to the Minsitry of Finance, the Minsitry of International Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Housing & Local Government and the Ministry of Domestic Trade. He is known to work quietly behind the scenes in many working committees, and in budge: dialogues, to promote growth and investments into the country. In year 2000, 16 years ago, he was recognised by the Ruler of Selangor and honoured with the conferment of Darjah Kebesaran Setia Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah (S S.A) and in 2002, he was honoured during the Birthday Honours of the Yang Di Pertuan Agong with the Kesatria Mangku Negara (K.M.N) even before he served as President of RISM in 2004.

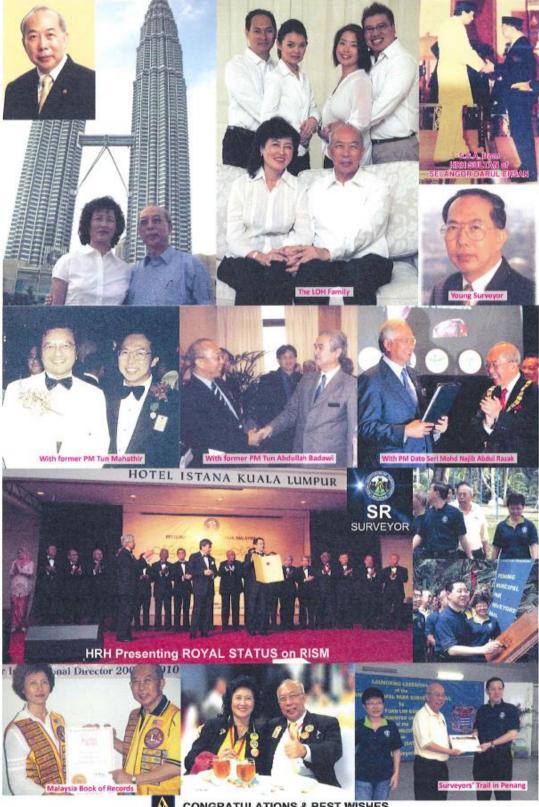
Always generous with the sharing of his time and talents, he is very active and served as the Founder President of the Federation of La Salle Schools with 42 catholic schools of Saint John Baptiste De La Salle. He is credited with at least 2 Malaysian and World records: the Guiness Book of Records where he spearheaded in year 2000 the planting of 110,400 indiginous trees in One minute; and for attending the largest number of Meetings and Conventions with Lions Clubs International, rated as the world's best humanitarian NGO. He wqas conferred the "Ambasador of Good Will" award, the highest honour given to one of the 1.4 million Lions Club members in the world.

During his terms as Vice President, Deputy President and President of RISM, he brought the professional body to greater heights with his leadership and innovative ideas, providing better services to all members and the public including the construction of the "Surveyors' Trail" in parks like the Lake Gardens, the Youth Park in Penang and in Kota Kinabalu. He also proposed the use of the "SR" prefix for surveyors and to seek the status for RISM to become a "Royal" institution. He went on to serve as President of Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia which brings some 20 professional disciplines together with our Prime Minister as the Patron, when he was tasked with the development of a Blueprint for The proposed Malaysian Professional Center.

He had previously received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pacific Rim Real Estate Society, usually conferred to university Professors of Property. Today, RISM is very proud of its own son, to confer on him the "Malaysian Surveyor of the Year Award"!

Your Royal Highness, Sr President, Fellow Surveyors, Ladies and Gentlemen..... May I present to you... Surveyor John Loh, The Malaysian Surveyor of the Year!





CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES



# IEM NEW COUNCIL MEMBER LIST 2016/2017

We are pleased to inform you that the 57th Annual General Meeting of The Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM) was held at Wisma IEM on 16 April 2016. The new elected office bearers for the key positions in the IEM for session 2016/2017 comprise of:

President : Ir. Tan Yean Chin

Deputy President : Ir. David Lai Kong Phooi

Vice Presidents : Ir. Prof. Dr. Ruslan bin Hassan Ir. Lai Sze Ching Ir. Lee Boon Chong Ir. Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Chiang Choong Luin Ir. Assoc. Prof. Dr Norlida bt Bunyamin Ir Ellias Bin Saidin Ir. Ong Ching Loon

Honorary Secretary : Ir. Yam Teong Sian

Honorary Treasurer :Dr Wang Hong Kok

IR. TAN YEAN CHIN IEM PRESIDENT 2016/2017





#### **CURRENT ISSUES**

## GIVING YOUNG ARCHITECTS RECOGNITION

The Star, 8 April 2016



Philea Resort & Spa in Ayer Keroh, Malacca, is one of the entries for the Landscape Contractor Category in the 8th Malaysia Landscape Architecture Awards (MLAA).

THE 8th Malaysia Landscape Architecture Awards (MLAA) will feature a new Young Professional category, which serves to recognise professionals with less than 10 years' industry experience.

"We want to recognise young professionals new to the industry to hopefully motivate them to go further," said Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia (ILAM) MLAA president and chairman organising Associate Prof Dr Osman Mohd Tahir.

"It is important to groom new talents, and for them to understand the value of creating solutions upon understanding people's needs and wants," he said, adding that five names were submitted for the maiden Young Professional category though ILAM hopes to get more next year.

Marking another first, said Dr Osman, is that the MLAA is now endorsed by the International Federation of Landscape Architects.

MLAA is an annual event organised by ILAM to recognise and award the best and most outstanding projects in Malaysia and the region.

It also aims to raise the profile of the local landscape architecture industry and bring all stakeholders of the built environment together to appreciate the importance of a quality outdoor living environment.

The results of the 8th MLAA will be announced at ILAM's gala night this Saturday.



These are part of the activities organised in conjunction with the World Landscape Architecture Month in April.

The 8th MLAA received a record 130 entries from projects within Malaysia as well as Indonesia, Singapore and Vietnam (all done by Malaysian landscape architects).

The featured categories are: Professional (Landscape Design, Landscape Analysis and Study, and Landscape Innovation), Landscape Contractor, Developer, Government, Young Professional, Researcher and Student.

While awards such as Green Achievement, Excellence, Special Honour, Honour and Merit will be presented, all winners will also compete for the prestigious Project of the Year title.

The judging panel comprised 10 people of various expertise, including one each from Singapore and Thailand.

"Some of the trends we've observed in the entries are rooftop gardens and vertical gardens, which make use of limited space for recreational space or green backdrop, and help to cool down buildings," said MLAA head judge Mohd Fadrillah Mohd Taib.

"There is also a throwback to nostalgic elements or giving traditional objects a new life by using antique design elements or objects as landscape elements.



Chengal House in Sejati Residences, Cyberjaya, is one of the entries for the Professional Category in the 8th Malaysia Landscape Architecture Awards (MLAA). — Photos: courtesy of Nanyang/ Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia



"Some projects made use of the area's environment to create waterways and/or incorporated natural cleansing using fauna as a filter for wetland areas."

Dr Osman said: "In the face of global issues such as climate change, flood and erosion, it is high time that the importance of combining functional building design with sustainable landscape planning be recognised."

"The Researcher Award recognises academicians who have found solutions to problems related to landscape architecture," said MLAA judge Dr Suhardi Maulan.

"For example, it could be the impact of tree canopies on energy saving for buildings."

The awards' official entries will be showcased in the MLAA 2015 Yearbook, which is published at the end of the six-month competition.

The MLAA 2015 Yearbook and past editions are available for sale through ILAM's website and office in Shah Alam.



#### **GROUP WANTS STRICTER DRAINAGE RULES TO MINIMISE KL FLOOD RISK**

#### The Malay Mail, 16 May 2016

KUALA LUMPUR, May 16 — New developments should be restricted from discharging rainwater into the city's overwhelmed drainage system, The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM) suggested today.

The group made the "zero additional discharge" suggesting after concluding that rapid development was among the possible factors for the flash flood that struck the city last Thursday.

IEM president Tan Yean Chin said it was possible to cut additional water runoff after development by providing adequate retention ponds for rainwater at the source in development areas.

"New developments should take into account best management practices such as provision of adequate drainage system designed at appropriate protection level and control of water at source principles," Tan said in a statement today.

"IEM would like to recommend that for new development in the Klang Valley, the zero-additional discharge principle should be imposed to developers of the as one development approval conditions which means to say that new development approved must not contribute to additional surface water runoff after development."



A picture circulated online shows Universiti Malaya students' cars completely submerged by flash floods on May 12, 2016. — File pic

He said that rainfall causes silt and debris to be washed up and deposited at the outlets of drainage systems causing clogs, and stressed for ongoing developments to adopt a "professional approach" by using official hydrological data in designing temporary drainage system.

Tan added there also needed to be more public awareness on dumping of rubbish in drainage systems as well as the need to uplift the maintenance culture of local governments for better drainage system.

"IEM would like to stress that in carrying out flood mitigation measures, there is a need to consider both the structural and non-structural measures that must be implemented under the short and long term development programmes," he added.



"The non-structural measure lies in the control of land development and all the relevant authorities must be serious in tackling the root causes that leads to major siltation of the drainage system, rivers and waterways."

Parts of Kuala Lumpur were flooded after torrential downpour last Thursday.

Business owners affected called the floods the worse in the last 30 years and images were circulating online showing Universiti Malaya students' cars completely submerged.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said yesterday that the flash floods happened as the city's drainage system was not capable of accommodating rainfall intensity of over 80mm per hour.

Last Thursday's rainfall was recorded to be between 120mm and 140mm per hour for two straight hours.



#### ENGINEER CALL FOR STRICTER BUILDING SAFETY COMPLIANCE

#### The Malay Mail, 16 May 2016

KUALA LUMPUR, May 16 - Local engineers today proposed stricter compliance to safety standards after a building being constructed in Petaling Jaya suffered a partial collapse yesterday.

The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM) said the construction industry must be held to higher safety standards, and proposed mandatory training for those who responsible for scaffolding and falsework.

"It is recommended that there is a need to update and amend the relevant local Acts and regulations, guideline and code of practice.

"Beside more stringent enforcement, it is also important to have mandatory requirement for sufficient training for supervisory personnel and erection teams," the institution's president Ir. Tan Yean Chin said in a statement today.

Yesterday, six foreign construction workers were hurt after the temporary structure at the fourth floor of the building they were working on at Jalan Barat, Petaling Jaya collapsed.

Expressing the IEM's sympathy to the six's family workers, Tan also said that all temporary structures that are built should be properly designed, endorsed and supervised by professional engineers to ensure it matches accredited standards for construction practices.

He noted that IEM had already published a position paper titled "Revised Position



File picture shows one of the injured construction workers being carried out by rescue personnel after the collapse of a temporary structure on the fourth floor of the building they were working on, at Jalan Barat, Petaling Jaya. — Malay Mail pic

Paper on Prevention of Collapse of 'Scaffolding & Falsework'", where the main causes of collapse of temporary structures are listed as including the lack of safety considerations at the design stage, improper or bad construction practice, usage of inferior materials, lack of enforcement and lack of maintenance.

The May 12 position paper also contains recommendations to avoid or mitigate the collapse of such temporary structures, he said, citing as example having sufficient funds to cover safety, health and environmental programmes for all construction projects.

He offered the professional body's assistance through the provision of technical expertise and recommendations to the authorities on the prevention and mitigation of the collapse of temporary works.



#### SISWAZAH TEKNIKAL, JURUTERA BAKAL BERGELAR PROFESIONAL

#### Utusan Malaysia, 20 May 2016



Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah (dua dari kanan) bersama Tang Heap Seng (kanan), Abang Abdullah Abang Ali (kiri) dan Mohd. Kharir Mohd. Ibrahim melihat dokumen perjanjian persefahaman yang ditandatangani dalam Simposium Teknologi Malaysia 2016 di Politeknik Port Dickson, Telok Kemang, Negeri Sembilan, semalam. TELOK KEMANG 19 Mei - Kira-kira 300,000 siswazah lulusan bidang teknikal dan kejuruteraan dari institusi pengajian tinggi (IPT) yang tidak diiktiraf Lembaga Jurutera Malaysia (LJM) bakal bergelar juruteknologis dan juruteknik profesional menerusi Akta Teknologis dan Juruteknik 2015 (Akta 768).

Timbalan Menteri Sains dan Inovasi, Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah berkata, golongan berkenaan akan diberi gelaran 'Ts.' dan 'Tc.' sama sebagaimana gelaran milik jurutera 'Ir.' berkuat kuasa Mei tahun lalu.

"Sebenarnya akta ini sudah lama ditunggu oleh golongan teknologis dan juruteknik kerana sebelum wujudnya akta tersebut, mereka menganggap kerjaya sebagai kategori kelas kedua dan tidak mempunyai laluan kerjaya.

"Justeru dengan gelaran Ts. (juruteknologis) dan Tc. (juruteknik) secara tidak langsung negara telah mengiktiraf kepakaran mereka yang turut menyumbang kepada pembangunan negara," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika ditemui selepas merasmikan Simposium Teknologi Malaysia 2016 dekat sini hari ini.

Turut hadir Pengarah Politeknik Port Dickson, Mohd. Kharir Mohd. Ibrahim; Presiden Persatuan Teknologikal Malaysia, Tang Heap Seng dan Presiden Persatuan Kejuruteraan dan Teknologi Malaysia, Datuk Abang Abdullah Abang Ali.

Sementara itu Abu Bakar berkata, Majlis Teknologi Malaysia (MBOT) berperanan memberi pengiktirafan kepada kerjaya teknologis dan juruteknik sebagai profesyen ikhtisas di negara ini.

Secara tidak langsung, katanya, MBOT mampu menambah bilangan tenaga kerja teknikal, teknologi dan mahir yang dihasilkan di negara ini.

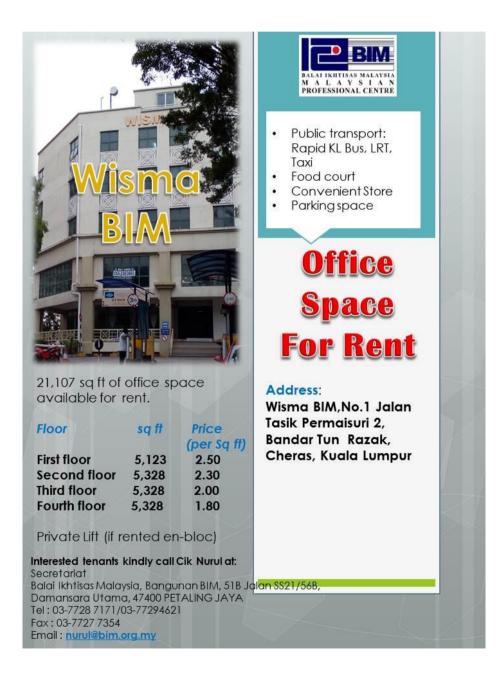
"Oleh yang demikian, pengiktirafan yang diberikan dilihat penting dan signifikan dalam menjayakan misi nasional yang mahu melahirkan lebih ramai pekerja berkemahiran," katanya.



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## **TEAMWORK QUOTES**



1. Talent wins games,

But teamwork and intelligence wins championships.

## **Michael Jordan**

2. Individual commitment to a group effort -

That is what makes a team work,

A company work, a society work, a civilization work.

## Vince Lombard





4. Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishment toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.

Andrew Carnegie



**5.** Teamwork is so important that it is virtually impossible for you to reach the heights of your capabilities or make the money that you want without becoming very good at it.

**Brian Tracy** 

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