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79 MAY - JUNE 2022

#### **BIM UPCOMING EVENTS**



50th Anniversary Celebration



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

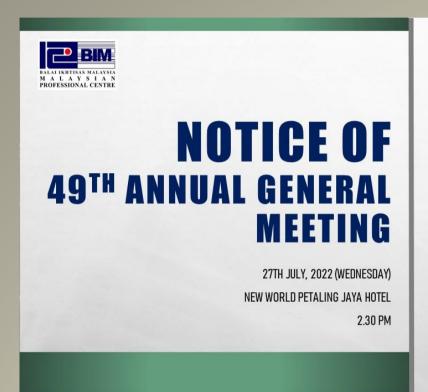


**ANNUAL DINNER** 

27th July 2022



#### **BIM UPCOMING EVENTS**







#### **BIM's EVENT**

#### **COURTESY VISIT TO BAR COUNCIL MALAYSIA, 28 April 2022**









The Committee together with BIM Deputy President, Assoc. Prof. ChM Dr Juan Joon Ching, Sr Lim Kok Sang, Ir Gunasagaran Kristnan, Mr Wong Khin Yip and Mr Chan Pak Kuen, visited the Bar Council Malaysia, with the attendance of their representatives namely Encik Mohamed Ezri, Vice President, Puan Murshidah Mustafa, Honorary Treasurer, Mr Rajen Devaraj, CEO on 28th April 2022, presenting to them about BIM and our wish to invite them to return to the fold of BIM family, as they were one of the founding members, Encik Mohamed Ezri inform that he will bring this back to the council at their next meeting.



#### **BIM's EVENT**

## BIM NETWORKING LUNCHEON WITH THE PRESIDENTS AND HONORARY SECRETARIES OF MEMBER INSTITUTIONS 18 May 2022

The committee of Presidential Advisory Council successfully organized the Networking Lunch with the Presidents and Honorary Secretaries of Member Institutions at the New World PJ Hotel, with a Talk by Mr Thomas of Talent Corp, on the topic as "Introduction to Talent Corp".











The event was well attended by 16 Member Institutions with at least two representatives each, with active dialogues and discussions among the participants.



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## NEWLY ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS OF THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, MALAYSIA (IEM) SESSION 2022/2023

President

: Ir. Prof. Dr. Norlida bt Buniyamin

**Deputy President** 

: Ir. Prof Dr Jeffrey Chiang Choong Luin

Vice Presidents

: Y. Bhg. Dato' Ir. Ahmad Murad bin Omar

Ir. Prof Dr Tan Chee Fai Ir. Mohd Aman bin Hj. Idris

Ir. Yau Chau Fong

Ir. Chen Harn Shean

Ir. Mohd Khir bin Muhammad

Ir. Abdul Razak bin Yakob

**Honorary Secretary** 

: Ir. Prof. Dr Zuhaina binti Zakaria

**Honorary Treasurer** 

: Ir. Dr Lee Yun Fook







### **PAM Council 2022-2023**

President : Assoc. Prof. (Ind.) Ar. Sarly Adre Sarkum

Deputy President : Ar Alice Leong Pek Lian
Vice President : Ar Adrianta bin Aziz
Honorary Secretary : Ar Dexter Koh Yew Peng
Honorary Treasurer : Ar Erdayu O'shara binti Omar

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Immediate Past President : YBhg Datuk Ar Ezumi Harzani bin Ismail

#### **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEMBER**

Ar Abu Zarim bin Abu Bakar Ar Aimi Ramizah Roslan Ar Daniel Choo Heng Huat Ar David Yek Tak Wai Ar Anthony Lee Tee Ar Alvin Lim Hai Seah

Ar Mohd Azli Mohamad Jamil

Ar Ng Chee Hin

Ar Shafik bin Kamarulzaman

Ar Tan Kwon Chong Ar David Teoh Wui Leng

Ar Thirilogachandran a/I Shanmugasundaram

YBhg Dato' Ar IDr Zulkhairi Md Zain

#### **ELECTED CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNCIL**

Northern : Ar Leow Kwong Choon
Southern : Ar Ahmad Farik Abd Ghaffar
Sabah : Ar Haji Shahriman Abdullah

Sarawak : Ar Chai Si Yong

East Coast : Ar Nasharuddin bin Abdul Majid



## LIVE INTERVIEW WITH ILAM VICE PRESIDENT, ASSOC PROF. LAR. DR NOR ATIAH ISMAIL SELAMAT PAGI MALAYSIA AT TV1 @ 26 MAY 2022











32<sup>nd</sup> MAVMA Congress

15-16 July 2022 @ Dorsett Grand Subang





## ILAM MAHU BERI SUMBANGAN KEPADA PEMBANGUNAN NEGERI SEIRING HALA TUJU SMJ

#### Sabah Media, 20 April 2022

KOTA KINABALU: Institut Arkitek Landskap Malaysia (ILAM) berhasrat mahu memberi peluang kepada profesion arkitek landskap tempatan untuk terus membangun dalam pendidikan, latihan, pendedahan dan peluang pekerjaan.

ILAM dalam satu kenyataan berkata, institut itu juga mahu memberi sumbangan kepada pembangunan negeri khususnya dalam hala tuju Sabah Maju Jaya (SMJ) menerusi inisiatif penghijauan,SDGs dan alam sekitar.



"Selain itu, ILAM juga mahu mengukuhkan peranan arkitek landskap khususnya dalam perancangan landskap, reka bentuk, pelaksanaan dan pemantauan pembangunan landskap negeri selain memberi peluang untuk mengemukakan pelan (PSP/SP) bagi projek landskap.

"ILAM juga mahu memberi peluang dan keutamaan kepada para arkitek landskap tempatan di Sabah dalam skop kerja berkaitan landskap.



"Ini adalah untuk membina kapasiti, pendedahan,mewujudkan peluang pekerjaan dalam industri hijau selaras dengan aspirasi SMJ," kata kenyataan tu disini hari ini.

Terdahulu, Naib Presiden ILAM Central Malaysia Prof LAr. Dr. Nor Atiah Ismail bersama rombongan mengadakan kunjungan hormat terhadap Menteri Kerajaan Tempatan dan Perumahan Sabah Datuk Seri Masidi Manjun.

ILAM juga akan bekerjasama dengan Jabatan Landsap Negara dan beberapa agensi lain untuk mencapai agenda hijau negeri Sabah.

Sementara itu, Masidi berkata, pihaknya melihat keperluan fizikal pembangunan landskap di setiap Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan (PBT) di Sabah adalah penting dalam usaha mewujudkan persekitaran hijau dan sejahtera.

Katanya yang turut berpendapat melalui peranan arkitek landskap akan dapat memberi suntikan kepada pembangunan landskap bagi penyediaan kawasan lapang yang teratur dan berkualiti.

"Selain itu, ianya juga selamat digunakan oleh masyarakat di Sabah. Sehubungan itu, saya menyokong adanya akta bagi profession Arkitek Landskap.

"Tambahan lagi, peranan dan usaha bagi meningkatkan industri bagi semua profession di Sabah adalah penting bagi sama-sama membangunkan negeri ini selaras dengan hasrat kerajaan ke arah SMJ,"katanya.



#### PENYELIDIK FRIM RANGKUL ANUGERAH PENYELIDIK WANITA CEMERLANG

Berita Harian, 28 May 2022

KUALA LUMPUR: Seorang Institut penyelidik wanita di Penyelidikan Perhutanan Malaysia (FRIM) merangkul Anugerah Penyelidik Wanita Cemerlang daripada Venus International Foundation di Chennai, India, Mac lepas.

Dr V Jeyanny, pegawai penyelidik kanan pengkhususan dalam bidang sains tanah yang berpengalaman selama 19 tahun adalah seorang daripada 33 penyelidik yang dipilih menerima anugerah itu daripada 974 calon.



Penyelidik wanita di FRIM, Dr V Jeyanny mengharumkan nama negara apabila berjaya merangkul Anugerah Penyelidik Wanita Cemerlang daripada Venus International Foundation di Chennai, India, Mac lepas.

Dalam temu bual dengan Bernama baru-baru ini, Jeyanny berkata beliau berbesar hati menerima anugerah itu atas usahanya dalam bidang kesuburan tanah.

"Saya giat mendalami bidang sains tanah sejak 2003 dan penyelidikan saya meliputi pemuliharaan tanah, pemulihan, kimia tanah dan tumbuhan serta peranan tanah dalam perubahan iklim. Saya juga adalah Timbalan Presiden Persatuan Sains Tanah Malaysia ketika ini.

"Saya berbesar hati menerima anugerah ini kerana ia menunjukkan wanita juga mampu cemerlang dalam bidang ini yang rata-ratanya didominasi lelaki," katanya.

Jeyanny turut berkongsikan bahawa beliau diberi peluang menyampaikan ucaptama mengenai cabaran yang dihadapi sebagai seorang saintis wanita dan cara mengatasinya pada majlis Venus International Women Award (VIWA) berkenaan.

VIWA bertujuan mengiktiraf wanita atas pencapaian dan sumbangan mereka dalam bidang sains.



Menurut Jeyanny, kajian FRIM semakin penting bagi pemuliharaan sumber tanah memandangkan pembangunan pesat, peningkatan populasi dan permintaan makanan menimbulkan ancaman kepada ekosistem.



"Adalah penting untuk memahami ekosistem dan untuk kita belajar cara mengurus sumber tanah kita secara lestari.

"Kita perlu memastikan penggunaan tanah kita tidak menjejaskan alam sekitar dan menimbulkan masalah seperti hakisan, banjir dan kemusnahan pesisir pantai," katanya.

Beliau menjelaskan, bahawa FRIM menerusi Cawangan Pengurusan Tanahnya menyediakan khidmat nasihat mengenai pengurusan tanah, pengesyoran berdasarkan analisis makmal dan lapangan, pemetaan tanah serta nasihat mengenai pemulihan dan pemuliharaan yang memerlukan teknik pindaan tanah yang inovatif dan kesesuaian spesies tapak.



## LAZADA PARTNERS WITH MPS TO MAKE SHOPPING ONLINE FOR PHARMACEUTICAL AND HEALTH PRODUCTS SAFE

Malaysiakini, 3 June 2022

Lazada Malaysia and Malaysian Pharmacists Society (MPS) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enable consumers to shop online safely, confidently and conveniently for medicine, vitamins, health supplements, medical devices and other pharmaceutical products through the MPS verification of online pharmacies and health category sellers on Lazada Malaysia.



This strategic partnership will pave the way towards realising the vision of an eCommerce ecosystem that is based on a strong level of trust among consumers, while raising awareness on the importance of buying certified quality medical and health products from credible sellers. The verification will be awarded by MPS to official flagship stores on LazMall – the authenticity-guaranteed online destination – as well as verified health category sellers on Lazada Marketplace. Consumers can identify verified online pharmacies on Lazada by looking for the 'MPS Verified Certification' displayed on their storefront.



The MOU signing ceremony took place on 25 May 2022 between Tuan Haii Amrahi Buana (President, Malaysian Pharmacists Society), and Darren Rajaratnam (Chief Operating Officer, Lazada Malaysia) behalf of Mr. Cheang Kiat Cheong (Chief Financial Officer, Lazada Malaysia), and witnessed by Ms. Zhou Chenxi (Chief Business



Officer, Lazada Malaysia), alongside Mr. John Yeo (Council Member, MPS), and Ms. Syireen Alwi (Assistant Honorary Secretary, MPS).



"According to the recent 2022 Lazada Consumer Study. 20% Malaysians already shopping online two to three times per week. With demand for various products under the health category products steadily growing in recent months, the **MPS** verification of online pharmacies on Lazada will safeguard our customers by providina them with assurance that they need in

order to make risk-free online purchase of medical and health care products. Coupled with the inclusion of more pharmacies and sellers, this will facilitate the ease of access and convenience in buying common medicines, while making it possible for our customers to save time and money," said Darren Rajaratnam, COO of Lazada Malaysia.



"The MPS verification is a testament to the credibility of the e-pharmacy, giving consumers the assurance when shopping online for pharmaceutical products for themselves and their loved ones. For us at the Malaysian Pharmacists Society, it is crucial to raise awareness among consumers on the importance of purchasing certified products from accredited online pharmacies. In addition to that, we are keen to partner with Lazada to enable the MPS verification, thus upholding the calibre of the healthcare professionals in the pharmaceutical sector," said Tuan Haji Amrahi Buang, President of the MPS.

The MPS Verified Certification will also add value to the online pharmacies, giving them the competitive advantage to distinguish themselves as credible and trusted health care stores. It will also extend their business' customers touchpoints, enabling offline customers to access their official online stores on Lazada. The online pharmacies' range of pharmaceutical products will be highlighted under 'LazHealth' – a trusted one stop centre on the Lazada Malaysia app for consumers to shop online safely, confidently and conveniently for certified health and wellness products.



## 'GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO IMPLEMENT CORRECTIVE, PREVENTIVE ACTION ON MEDICINE SHORTAGE'

**NST, 4 June 2022** 

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He explained that medicine shortage is happening globally. The reason it is happening here is due to the transition from pandemic to endemic, the Russia-Ukraine war and the strength of the Ringgit.

He said Malaysia is not prepared to face medicine shortage due to how things are organised.

"Since (the past) two years, I had informed that our preparedness on medicine supplies during and post pandemic is not sufficient, because a majority of the medicines are imported, taking into account the strength of the local pharmaceutical industries.

"We know well that due to border control, supplies may be affected, not only pharmaceutical ingredients but also the excipients, but we did not get any response from the government on addressing the problem, hence, we are facing what is happening in the country right now," he said.

He also questioned whether the relevant authorities have a list of essential medicines and if they are stockpiling these essential medicines.

"To solve this issue, the government must support our local manufacturers. They must come up with an essential medicine list, and make sure they can produce enough for the (local) market.



"We should also have regional cooperation to address shortages in medicines. This happened because of a global pandemic, so if it is happening in Malaysia, other countries in the region are also facing the same problem," he said.

Asked on what types of medicines are in shortage, Amrahi said that would depend on the situation.

"Supply basically depends on locality. I have noticed since last year, medicine supply has been unstable. We may have this medicine this week or month, then is out of supply next week.

"The situation is based on the needs (of the people), of course we are already aware of (shortages in) drugs related to Covid-19, now coupled with hand, foot, mouth disease (HFMD) as well as dengue," he said.

He also urged consumers not to resort to panic buying and purchase only according to their needs.

"For example, they can get supply from pharmacies, if they show symptoms, they can get advice and alternative medicines from the pharmacists. Sometimes, medicine is unnecessary, always buy based on needs.

"Also, our people must adopt self-care, practice a healthy lifestyle and exercise," he said.



#### **FEATURES**

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND SCREENING SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AT WORKPLACE TO ADDRESS SUICIDES

#### **NST, 2 June 2022**

KUALA LUMPUR: The government has been urged to compel GLCs and key government agencies to conduct mental health screenings and regular awareness campaigns to address the state of mental health disorders and suicides in the country.



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"The agencies should get the help of mental health specialists to train the Human Resource departments in their respective agencies to screen for mental health issues among employees through questionnaires, screening tools and counselling.

"This would help to identify individuals vulnerable to mental health disorders like anxiety and depression at an early stage and timely referrals can be made," he said in a statement.

He said the government should also consider giving tax incentives for companies to conduct mental health screenings and campaigns at the workplace.

"In the long run, the government should make it a requirement for all public listed companies to conduct mental health screenings at regular intervals by mental health professionals while encouraging non-listed companies to do the same. The same should apply to government agencies with a large number of staff," he said.



#### **FEATURES**

From 2016 to 2021, there has been a 61.7 per cent increase in suicide attempts, a majority of cases involving men aged between 19 and 40-years-old.

According to reports, the leading cause identified in 2021 was emotional pressure, while other reasons include mental illness, financial constraints, drug abuse and illness. What is more shocking and worrying is that in 2021, there were 21 cases involving adolescents aged 18 and below.

The Malaysian Psychiatric Association recently said mental illness together with suicide have multiple contributing factors that tend to correlate and produce the illness or cause suicide and suicidal thoughts.

"There is nothing to be ashamed of if one is suffering from depression as this, like many other diseases, can be treated and overcome.

"Community-based organisations and non-governmental organisations should also be made more visible and useful in terms of advocacy and support for people suffering from mental illness. Anybody suffering from mental health issues should have access to proper assessments and most importantly they should not be judged as being weak when trying to seek help," said Dr Shatish.

The impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic have left many in need of urgent help and due to this, he said a large number are silently suffering from depression.

This is evident from the number of calls received by Befrienders Kuala Lumpur which was a total 20,575 from January to June 2021, compared to 32,710 from Jan to Dec 2020.

"As Malaysians, it is our duty to reach out to each other and help in every way we can. Depression is real and it can lead to severe consequences if left unchecked. We urge the government to take the lead in addressing the worsening state of suicides in the country," he added.

#### **BIM MEMBER INSTITUTIONS**

- · Malaysian Pharmacists Society (MPS)
- Royal Institutions of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM)
   The Institutions of Engineers Malaysia (IEM)
- Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM)
- Malaysian Medical Association (MMA)
- Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP)
- Malaysian Veterinary Medical Association (MAVMA)
- Agricultural of Institute of Malaysia (AIM)
- Institut Kimia Malaysia (IKM)
- Malaysian Society of Soil Science (MSSS)
- Malaysian Association of Social Workers (MASW)
- The Plastics & Rubber Institute of Malaysia (PRIM)
- The Chartered Institute of Building Malaysia (CIOBM)
- Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia (ILAM)
- Institut Rimbawan Malaysia (IRIM)
- Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia (IIAM)
- The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia (CILTM)
- International Institution of Plantation Management (IIPM)

#### CORPORATE AFFILIATE

 Malaysian Institute of Human Resource Management (MIHRM)