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PRESIDENT OF BALAI IKHTISAS MALAYSIA,  
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, EXCO MEMBERS AND  
SECRETARIAT

# BIM's Event Annual Dinner 2023

Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia has successfully organized Annual Dinner 2023 on Wednesday, 26 July 2023 at Eastin Hotel, Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

The Annual Dinner was attended by the professionals of Member-Institutions representing surveyors, engineers, architects, planners, pharmacists, social workers, agronomists, veterinarians, scientists and researchers involved with soil science, rubber and plastics, doctors of medicine, planters, optometrists and experts in logistics and transport.

The Honourable YB Datuk Seri Ahmad Maslan, Deputy Minister of Finance 1, was the Guest of Honour for the auspicious event.



# BIM's Event Annual Dinner 2023

The highlights of the Annual Dinner were the presentation of the prestigious awards under the two categories namely:

## BIM Awards of Excellence

- ✓ Dato' Dr NKS Tharmaseelan (MMA)
- ✓ Dato' Ar. (Dr.) Haji Hajeedar Abdul Majid (PAM)
- ✓ Prof. Shamsuddin Jusop (MSSS)

## BIM Lifetime Achievement Awards

- ✓ Tan Sri Dr Salleh Mohd Nor (IRIM)
- ✓ Datuk Seri (Dr.) Michael Yam Kong Choy (CIOBM)



# BIM's Event Annual Dinner 2023



## Members Update on Facebook



The Ahmad Maslan

27 July · 🌐

Balai Ikhtisas #Malaysia BIM beri anugerah kpd 5 tokoh profesional yg saya sampaikan. Tahniah & tkaasih kpd 5 mereka itu yg banyak beri sumbangan kepakaran kpd negara. Moga lebih ramai profesional spt mereka yg berjuang membantu #rakyat dlm bidang masing2.



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Kuala Lumpur: Barisan kepimpinan Eksekutif Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia ...



The Ahmad Maslan

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Profesional bersama saya mlm 26/7/23 di Eastin Hotel. Balai Ikhtisas #Malaysia BIM/Malaysian Profesional Centre. Mereka yg hadir Makan Malam terdiri drpd Doktor, Jurutera, Arkitek, Teknologis, Juruukur, Akauntan, Peguam, Pensyarah, Pharmacist, Optometrist dll. Selamat Maju Jaya !



Malaysian Veterinary Medical Association

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Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia Annual Dinner 2023

YB Datuk Seri Ahmad Bin Maslan [The Ahmad Maslan](#)  
Deputy Minister of Finance 1

26 July | Wednesday



## Members Update on Facebook



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ACQSM @ Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia (BIM) Annual Dinner on 26th July 2023, Wednesday | Eastin Hotel Petaling Jaya



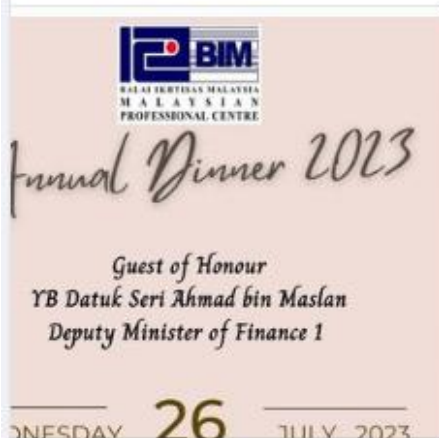
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Professional Excellence Award by BIM

This year at the Malaysian Professional Centre or Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia (BIM) Annual Dinner, I was awarded the Professional Excellence Award (Medical and Healthcare) for 2023 presented by the Deputy Finance Minister YB Datuk Seri Ahmad bin Mazlan

It is an award jointly decided by fellow professionals. It is indeed an honour to be recognised by fellow professionals, an honour to be treasured, prized and cherished.... [See more](#)



## Members Update on Facebook



DrOthman Ibrahim is 😊 feeling wonderful with Davinor Khand and 23 others at Eastin Hotel Kuala Lumpur

29 July · Petaling Jaya · 🧑🏻‍🤝‍🧑🏻

Alhamdulillah, Masya'Allah, Tabaraka'Allah

Thank you, YB Datuk Seri Hj Ahmad Maslan, Deputy Minister of Finance 1, for your willingness to inaugurate the Annual Dinner of the Malaysian Professional Centre (MPN)/ Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia (BIM) which was held at the Eastin Hotel Kuala Lumpur on July 26, 2023

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Khanif Yusop is with Sofiah Ismail at Eastin Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

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Attending the BIM (Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia) 2023 annual dinner at Eastin Hotel Kuala Lumpur 🍴🥂



Noraida Saludin is with Juwairiyah Ho Ju.

5 August · 🧑🏻‍🤝‍🧑🏻

At Balai ikhtisas Malaysia annual general meeting and dinner on 26.07.2023.

Malaysian Institute of Planners is an organisation member of #BIM, an umbrella body representing the collective voice of all professions.

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## Members Update on Facebook



26th July 2023: The 50th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Malaysian Professional Centre (MPC) / Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia(BIM) was held at Eastin Hotel Kuala Lumpur and followed by BIM Annual Dinner in the evening. The new line up for BIM Executive Committee 2023/2025 from CILTM Malaysia.

1. Ts. Dr. Othman Ibrahim - Vice President
  2. Ts. Hj. Dr. Mohd Nasir Alias- Exco Member
  3. Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Jessica Ong Hai Liaw-Exco Member
- CONGRATULATIONS! — with **DrOthman Ibrahim** and 3 others.



Mantap team AMO.

1st time Optometris di sebut seiring dan setaraf dengan profesion lain.. 😊😊

[#bukankadarcerminmata](#)  
[#optometriskomuniti](#)



Saya: YB... mata kalau kurang jelas nak baca bisnes kad.. kena check mata dengan Optometrist.. nak check rabun boleh.. nak check penyakit mata pun boleh...

YB: Eh.. nampak lagi ni.. nampak lagi...

Adegan di Majlis Makan Malam, Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia (BIM). Persatuan Optometrist Malaysia (AMO) adalah ahli BIM.



Professional bersama saya mlm 26/7/23 di Eastin Hotel. Balai Ikhtisas [#Malaysia BIM](#)/Malaysian Professional Centre. Mereka yg hadir Makan Malam terdiri drpd Doktor, Jurutera, Arkitek, Teknologis, Juruukur, Akauntan, Peguam, Pensyarah, Pharmacist, Optometrist dll. Selamat Maju Jaya !

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Azzusyamin Azhari is with Najmi Najib and 3 others at Eastin Hotel Petaling Jaya.

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The Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia delegates to the Annual Grand Dinner of Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia 2023 at Eastin Hotel, PJ ; officiated by YB DS Ahmad Maslan, Deputy Minister of Finance 1.

Congratulations ILAM President , Assoc. Prof. LAr. Dr.Nor Atiah Ismail for the appointment as Deputy President of Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia!

Thank You Ilam For the opportunity 🌟 ... See more



Rosazlin Abdullah

27 July · 🌐



Rosazlin Abdullah is with Asrina Yahaya.

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Balai Iktisas Malaysia (BIM) Annual Dinner 2023  
#Malaysian Professional Centre <https://bim.org.my/>

Seminar 2023 on Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance organized by BIM

Congratulations to Prof. Dr. Shamsuddin, [Shamshuddin Jusop](#) MSSS Fellow for the BIM Professional Excellence Award 2023 (Applied Science).

#Soil is Life

#Malaysian Society of Soil Science (MSSS)

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Roslan Yaacob is with Mohd Kamil and 3 others at Eastin Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

27 July · Petaling Jaya · 🌐

Institut Rimbawan Malaysia (IRIM) di "Annual Dinner Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia (BIM)" :

Tahniah Tan Sri Dr Salleh Mohd Nor kerana memenangi Anugerah tertinggi oleh BIM "Lifetime Achievement Award" yang dicalonkan oleh IRIM Komiti 2022.

Tarikh: Wednesday, 26th July 2023

Masa : 7.30 pm

Tempat: Eastin Hotel Kuala Lumpur.



## BIM's Event

# 50th Annual General Meeting

The 50th Annual General Meeting took place successfully at 3:00 pm on July 26, 2023, at the Eastin Hotel in Petaling Jaya. A total of 16 voting member-institutions participated in the AGM.

Dr. Wilmot Sasindran Dass, the Immediate Past President, was nominated to serve as the Election Chairman, and there were no objections raised by other members.

During the AGM, new office bearers were elected to serve for the term 2023-2025. Prof. ChM Dr. Juan Joon Ching was duly elected as the President by a majority vote.

The following individuals were also duly elected:

President	: Prof ChM. Dr Juan Joon Ching (IKM)
Deputy President	: Assoc. Prof LAr Dr. Nor Atiah Ismail (ILAM)
Vice President	: Mr Andrew Tan (MPS)
Vice President	: Prof. Ts. Dr Othman Ibrahim (CILTM)
Honorary Secretary	: Ir Dr. Bhuvendhraa Rudrusamy (IEM)
Honorary Treasurer	: Dr. Chee Liung Wun (MAVMA)
Ordinary Member	: Dr Helen Mitin (MAVMA)
	: Assoc. Prof. Ts Dr Jessica Ong Hai Liaw (CILTM)
	: Datin TPr Noraida Saludin (MIP)
	: Sr Lim Kok Sang (RISM)
	: Ts Dr Hj Mohd Nasir Alias (CILTM)
Immediate Past President	: Dr. Wilmot Sasindran Dass (MAVMA)
Internal Auditor	: Mr Wong Khin Yip (CIOBM)
	: Dr Saravanan A. Santhirarajan (MMA)



# BIM's Event 50th Annual General Meeting



# BIM's Event Seminar On ESG

The Seminar on Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) was held on 26h July 2023, 9.00 am at Eastin Hotel, Petaling Jaya attended by 50 participants from various professionals.

The seminar started with address by President Dr Wilmot Sasindran Dass to all members. The first speaker, Mr Edison Choong, Deputy Director Export Promotion & Market Access Division, MATRADE was invited to deliver his talk on "Intrinsic Value of Sustainability in International Trade".



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*Seminar 2023*  
on Environmental, Social and  
Corporate Governance (ESG)

*Our Speakers*



**Mr Edison Choong**

- Deputy Director Export Promotion & Market Access Division, MATRADE
- Deputy Lead of Sustainability External Task Force, MATRADE. A team that drives the ESG, SDG and Sustainability agenda.



**Dr. iur. Harald Sippel**

- Foreign Lawyer (Austria) Head of European & North Asian Desk, Skrine
- Holds a certificate in ESG from Wharton, University of Pennsylvania and is a frequent speaker on the ESG topic at international conferences.

9.00 AM  
WEDNESDAY **26** JULY 2023  
Eastin Hotel Kuala Lumpur

Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia, Bangunan BIM, 51B Jalan SS21/56B, Damansara Utama, 47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Tel: 03-7728 7171/7729 4621 <http://www.bim.org.my> [mybim2020@gmail.com](mailto:mybim2020@gmail.com)



The second speaker, Dr. iur. Harrel Sippel, Foreign Lawyer (Austria) Head of European & North Asian Desk. He also holds a Certificate in ESG from Wharton, and is a frequent speaker on the ESG topic at international conferences.

This Seminar was followed by Q & A Session. There was satisfactory response to the many questions fielded from the floor. The event ended with the organizers giving souvenirs to the Speakers as a token of appreciation.

# BIM's Event Seminar On ESG



## BIM's Event

# Board of Management Meeting

Launching of new meeting room for BIM on 21 June 2023



# BIM's Event BIM Family Day 2023

17 June 2023





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## Members Activity Association of Malaysian Optometrists (AMO)

On June 6, 2023, the Association of Malaysian Optometrists (AMO) hosted an exhibition and eye screening event for Members of Parliament and parliamentary staff from Malaysia at the Parliament of Malaysia. This initiative was undertaken in line with the guidance of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB). The primary aim of this endeavour was to engage with legislators and decision-makers, highlighting the crucial role of optometrists and their significance in advancing Malaysia's commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG), particularly in the area of preventing blindness.



## Members Activity Association of Malaysian Optometrists (AMO)

In addition, this event provided AMO with an opportunity to highlight the current challenges faced by Malaysian Optometrists to those in positions of power. Firstly, the recognition of Optometrists as primary eye care providers was emphasized to decision-makers. Secondly, AMO requested the government to differentiate Optometrist services from regular optical retail activities.

Lastly, AMO is currently collaborating with the Malaysian government to classify qualified private Optometrists as Community Optometrists, a term that will clearly identify these private practitioners to the public.



**AMO Parliamentary Exhibition &  
Vision Screening Program**



## Members Activity

# MPS National Pharmacist Convention 2023

29 July 2023



## About Members Condolence

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Our Deepest Sympathies  
and  
Heartfelt Condolence to the family  
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**DATO' HAJI MUHAMMAD MUHIYUDDIN  
HAJI ABDULLAH**  
President of The Chartered Institute of Logistics &  
Transport Malaysia

on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

**AL-FATIHAH**



The President, Board of Management, Executive Committee,  
Member Institutions & Secretariat

## About Members

# Association of Malaysian Optometrists (AMO)



WORLD COUNCIL  
OF OPTOMETRY

## CONGRATULATION



**Mr. Ahmad Fadhullah Fuzai**  
**AMO President**

**Congratulations on being appointed as**  
**World Council of Optometry (WCO)**  
**Legislation, Registration and Standards (LRS)**  
**Committee**

[www.amo.org.com](http://www.amo.org.com)

## News

# BIM Sedia Jalin Kerjasama Strategik

Harian Metro, 27 July 2023

Kuala Lumpur: Barisan kepimpinan Eksekutif Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia (BIM) 2023-2025 menyatakan kesediaan untuk bekerjasama sebagai pemikir negara, industri serta membantu membentuk dasar kerajaan.

BIM dalam kenyataan, BIM adalah badan profesional terbabit secara aktif dalam kerjasama dan perkongsian pengetahuan dalam organisasi dan rangkaian profesional.

"Pemupukan budaya kerjasama strategik, berkongsi pandangan, pengalaman dan amalan terbaik untuk membolehkan industri mengharungi cabaran secara kolektif," katanya.

Terdahulu, BIM mengadakan Mesyuarat Agung dan Makan Malam Tahunan BIM ke-50 yang dirasmikan Timbalan Menteri Kewangan I Datuk Seri Ahmad Maslan, hari ini.

Turut diadakan Seminar Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG), pagi tadi, disusuli dengan mesyuarat agung dengan pemilihan barisan kepimpinan eksekutif.

Barisan kepimpinan Eksekutif 2023-2025 yang dipilih ini menyatakan kesediaan untuk

bekerjasama sebagai pemikir negara, kolaborasi dengan industri dan membantu membentuk dasar kerajaan.

"BIM mengenang jasa dengan meraikan ahli-ahli BIM dengan penganugerahan pelbagai kategori," katanya.

Katanya, BIM sentiasa menyokong inovasi, kestabilan pasaran dan pembangunan mampan sambil menyumbang kepada menggalakkan rangkuman kewangan dengan membangunkan produk dan perkhidmatan.

"BIM terdiri daripada golongan profesional sentiasa sepakat bersama pembangunan Malaysia menghadapi cabaran dan menerima teknologi baharu.

"Kepercayaan dan integriti BIM boleh menyumbang kepada reputasi positif untuk pihak kerajaan, industri dan membina keyakinan dalam kalangan pelabur dan pengguna.

"Peningkatan kemahiran dititikberatkan dengan keperluan pekerjaan dan memacu kepada pertumbuhan industri dan kemampuan global," katanya.



## News

# Dr Azizan Takes Over As President Of MMA

FMT, 9 September 2023



PETALING JAYA: The Malaysian Medical Association has elected a new president, Dr Azizan Abdul Aziz, who says she will prioritise the wellbeing of public healthcare doctors.

“The wellbeing of doctors and, by extension, all healthcare workers in the public healthcare system should be treated as a priority to ensure the highest quality of care is maintained.

“Public healthcare is unlike other civil service departments as healthcare workers often work extra hours, putting the needs of the patients first,” she was reported as saying by Malaysiakini.

Azizan replaces Dr Muruga Raj Rajathurai, who completed his tenure as president of the association yesterday.

Azizan has also promised to look into a number of issues plaguing the nation’s healthcare system, including the contract doctor issue, patient overcrowding, staff shortages, and pay and conditions.

“I am looking forward to engaging with the health ministry to resolve these issues.

“We also hope to get an update from the ministry soon on the implementation of healthcare reforms planned under the health white paper,” she said.

Azizan graduated with a medical degree from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia in 1986. She served in both public and private hospitals, and became a general practitioner in 1999.



## Features

# Money Thoughts: The Five Tiers Of Affordability

NST, 3 September 2023

SOMETIMES it is oddly liberating to declare, "No, I can't afford it!" But more often than not, we would like to say in all honesty: "Yes, I certainly can afford it."

Mull on those diametrically opposed personal conditions as I indulge in a minor literary contortion. First, consider the start of Shakespeare's most famous soliloquy — "To be, or not to be: that is the question."

More than 400 years later, today, a far more pertinent economic statement would be: "To have or not to have, that is the question!"

After all, for most of us most of the time, we would prefer to own nice things and enjoy fun experiences than not. Leaving aside oddball ascetics, the vast majority of humanity lives squarely in the hedonistic end of the spectrum. I certainly do, and make no apologies for being that way.



Just like you, I'd rather drive a nice car than a rickety one, and stay in a five-star hotel than a no-star motel, assuming I can afford those options.

So, when we are innocently asked by family, friends, and focused salespeople whether we can afford the goods and services we happen to be perusing or scrutinising, we either say "no" or "yes".

When we animatedly answer in the affirmative, which is always better for our ego, different ones among us are saying the same words: "I can afford it."

### QUESTION OF AFFORDABILITY

Yet in any sufficiently large group of men and women who all say "yes", there are five vastly different levels or tiers of affordability:

1. "I can afford the individual monthly outlays on an easy-payment-scheme stretching over a few or many years."
2. "I have just enough money in all my bank accounts to fully pay for this item, but after I do so I won't have any money left over for anything else."
3. "I have more than enough cash to pay the full sticker price and still have some money left over."
4. "The active plus passive income I earn in a year is more than enough to pay for this."
5. "Just the passive income I receive in a month exceeds the total purchase price."

Think about three possible goods or services we'll generically refer to here as A, B and C, which respectively cost RM100, RM20,000 and RM300,000. Feel free to map those indicative prices to goods or services you are interested in. As examples, you might be wondering if you can afford a book priced at RM100 or a family holiday at RM20,000 or a new European car at RM300,000.

With those three reference items and their prices, go over each imagined purchase and run it through the five-tier affordability filter I outlined. Here is a simple way to remember it:

The Five Tiers of Affordability:

1. Monthly payments
2. Full payment using all available funds
3. Full payment using some available funds
4. The price is less than a year's total income
5. The price is less than just one month's passive income from savings and investments.

Each time you're faced with a question of affordability, ask yourself what your AQ or Affordability Quotient — selected from 1 to 5 — is for the potential fresh expense in question. The higher the AQ, the less likely your purchase will derail your long-term wealth accumulation plans.

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- 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)
- Agriculture Institute of Malaysia (AIM)
- The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia (CILTM)
- 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)
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- International Institution of Plantation Management (IIPM)
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- Malaysian of Social Impact Assessment (MSIA)
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