

Warmest Congratulations

Warmest congratulations to YB Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan and YB Datuk Haji Ahmad Haji Maslan, on their recent appointment as Minister II of Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and Deputy Minister of MITI respectively.

MISIF Golf Invitational Challenge 2015

The MISIF Golf Invitational Challenge 2015 was successfully held on 20 August 2015 in *Kelab Golf Perkhidmatan Awam (KGPA)* at Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur. Despite challenging times, the event managed to attract 122 registered participants.

En. Jamel Jamaluddin emerged the overall champion with 37 points. He won the MISIF President's Challenge Trophy sponsored by Dato' Soh Thian Lai and an Iron Set sponsored by CSC Steel Sdn. Bhd.

Prizes were also awarded to other winners as follows:

Medal A

Champion: En. Shafi'ae Hassan
1st Runner-Up: En. Mohd Hisham Nor
2nd Runner-Up: Mr. Song Jun Ho

Medal B

Champion: Mr. Tay Ah Kam
1st Runner-Up: Mr. Hur Sung Hwan
2nd Runner-Up: En. Rumlan Mukhtar

Novelty Events

Nearest to Pin: En. Shariman Yusuf
Nearest to Line: Mr. New Ching Long
Longest Drive: En. Nor Saiful Zaini

Ball Sweep

Top Three – 1st Nine

Mr. Raymond Tay Koon Ming
Mr. Lim Kim Siew
En. Abd Aziz Hussin

Top Three – 2nd Nine

Mr. Tan Sing Kui
Mr. Ong SL
Mr. Lee Su Man



YAM Tunku Nadzaruddin Tunku Ja'afar presenting prize to one of the lucky draw winners. Sharing the joyful moment was MISIF President Dato' Soh Thian Lai.

MISIF would like to thank all players, sponsors, supporters and individuals who have assisted in one way or other to make the tournament a successful and enjoyable event.

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Among the players were MISIF President Dato' Soh Thian Lai, YM Tunku Dato' Badlishah, Mr. Yang Kian Lock, President of Building Materials Distributors Association of Malaysia and Dato' Lim Hong Thye, MISIF Deputy President II



En. Azlan Abdullah, MISIF Deputy President I and Organizing Committee Chairman having a light-hearted moment with some players during breakfast.

MISIF Post-Flood Relief Campaign

The devastating flood that hit the East Coast and several states in Peninsular Malaysia in December 2014 had caused victims not only to lose their lives and belongings, but also suffered hardship as the flood damaged and destroyed their homes and livelihood.

MISIF had undertaken the initiative to contribute to the post flood relief and rehabilitation campaign by its members to assist the flood victims. During the campaign, five members of MISIF, namely Asia Roofing Industries Sdn Bhd, CSC Steel Sdn Bhd, FIW Steel Sdn Bhd, NS BlueScope Malaysia Sdn Bhd and YKGI Holdings Berhad contributed coloured steel roofing sheets with a total worth of RM250,000 to rebuild the houses of flood victims.

Malaysia Steel Institute (MSI), an agency under Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), had been tasked to coordinate the roofing sheet contributions. MSI collaborated with Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) under the "Program Tanggungjawab Sosial Korporat



(CSR) Pasca Banjir CIDB Malaysia Bersama Penggiat Industri" (also known as CIDB Build Brigades).

On 27 May 2015, CIDB Build Brigades started the first collection of 700 roofing sheets to be used in Kelantan.

The official handover ceremony of roofing sheets for the post-flood relief and rehabilitation campaign was held at Asia Roofing Industries Sdn Bhd in Pengkalan Chepa, Kelantan on 7 July 2015.

New Appointments

MISIF Council, at its meeting of 12 August 2015 agreed to appoint Mr. Nge Kwan Min of Oriental Steel Pipe Sdn Bhd to serve in the Council for the 2015/2018 term. Mr. Nge has also been appointed Chairman of the Cement-Lined Pipes Sectoral Group.

New Members - Ordinary

Asteel Sdn Bhd

Lot 721, Block 7, Demak Laut Industrial Park, 93050 Kuching, Sarawak

Products Manufactured: Roll formed steel products

PMI-Technology Sdn Bhd

No. 17 & 19, Jalan Pengacara U1/48 Temasya Industrial Park, 40150 Shah Alam, Selangor

Products Manufactured: Filter Press, Vertical/Horizontal Pressure Leaf Filters, Agitators, Pressure Vessels, Tanks, Columns

Oriental Steel Pipe Sdn Bhd

Block I, Unit 11, Jalan PJU 1/37, 47301 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

Products Manufactured: Spiral Structural Steel Pipe & MSCL Water Pipe

In recognition of the companies' contribution, certificates of appreciation were awarded by MSI and CIDB. Picture shows representatives of MISIF member-companies with CIDB, MITI and MSI senior officers.

MISIF to Hold 2015 Annual Dinner of the Steel Industry

MISIF will hold the 2015 Steel Industry Annual Dinner on Thursday, 22 October 2015 in the Sunway Resort Hotel, Bandar Sunway, Petaling Jaya.

MISIF has invited YB Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan, Minister II of Ministry Of International Trade and Industry as Guest-of-Honour.

En. Azlan Abdullah, Organising Chairman, and his Committee has prepared a lively programme which includes a lineup of great entertainment, gorgeous emcee and many delightful lucky draw prizes for the evening.

The annual dinner will be an excellent occasion to get together and renew business contacts as well as to enhance networking opportunities. MISIF expect about 600-strong guests (including senior officials from the government ministries, agencies and leaders of industry associations) and members of the steel community to attend this premier function.

Bookings for tables are now open and interested companies are invited to contact the MISIF Secretariat at 603-55133970.

Dialogue on Natural Gas Price Hike

MISIF held a dialogue session with the Energy Commission on 15 July 2015. Dato' Soh Thian Lai led the MISIF delegation to the session which was chaired by Datuk Ir. Ahmad Fauzi Hasan, Chief Executive Officer of the Energy commission (EC).



Representatives of MISIF member-companies with officers from Energy Commission, MITI and Gas Malaysia during the dialogue session.

The session was useful for MISIF to exchange views on the issue of natural gas tariff hike as announced by Gas Malaysia with effect on 1 July 2015 and to better understand the government's gradual subsidy rationalization plan with particular reference to natural gas.

At the end of the session, EC indicated its willingness to review/consider MISIF proposals, namely:

- putting on hold the scheduled natural gas rate increase decided under Phase 2: RM27.38 MMBtu (to be effective on 1 January 2016);
- Gas Malaysia Berhad to grant rebates to natural gas industrial users who execute early payment;
- the seven months lag-time time frame in determining the natural gas tariffs to be reduced to four months to better reflect current market conditions;
- to include MISIF in future discussions and consultations on energy-related matters;
- EC to conduct a comparative study on the gas/energy pricing among the ASEAN countries in order to obtain better assessment on the specific industry's perspective at the regional level;
- EC to support and assist in advancing the national Buy Local Policy, especially in major projects promoted by the government.

BPV Seminar on "Process Skid Design"

MISIF Boilers and Pressure Vessels (BPV) Group together with Sutera Analytic organized a seminar on "Process Skid Design and Optimization" on 26 August 2015 in MISIF Training Room, Shah Alam, Selangor.

The seminar was organised with the main intention to upgrade the competency of BPV members for future business and technical development.

In this seminar, participants got to review and recognise how to design a typical process skid with heat exchanger using CAD and CAE technology through a project with Intergraph Solutions. Some universal practices and design standards were also examined and demonstrated.

Malaysia - Japan Public and Private Collaborative Workshop

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan organized the Malaysia - Japan Public and Private Collaborative Workshop under "ASEAN-Japan Steel Initiative (AJSI)" on 6 August 2015 in Renaissance Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

In this workshop, METI, Japan Iron and Steel Federation (JISF) and Japanese iron & steel experts as well as engineering companies presented papers on the new energy management method using ISO14404, and the latest technologies for energy saving, environmental protection and recycling, from "Technologies Customized List". With the support of MISIF, the workshop managed to gather around 75 participants from Malaysia.



MISIF representatives with senior officers from the Malaysian Government, JISF and SEAISI at the dialogue session.

Briefing on Amendment to PSMB Act 2001

MISIF was invited to a briefing session by Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) on 26 August 2015 at the Royale Chulan Hotel, Damansara, Selangor. The session was conducted by En. M. Za'ba bin Mohamad Zaham, General Manager, Training Grant Division of PSMB.

This briefing was part of PSMB's roadshow to engage with stakeholders and to inform on the main amendment to the PSMB Act 2001.

The main amendment was basically to expand the coverage to all employers in 63 subsector that have five (5) or more employees (including foreign workers). By April 2016, the amendment would be gazetted.

NRE/UNDP-LECB Study

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) (Environment Management and Climate Change Division) called MISIF for a discussion on the management of greenhouse gas emission from cement/iron and steel sectors on 21 August 2015 in Putrajaya.

During the meeting, MISIF was briefed on:

- CO₂ emission data and that Cement and Iron and Steel Industries were in the list of key sources of GHG emissions in Malaysia;
- nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMA), a kind of quick funding financing resources;
- A target to identify and prepare one NAMA project for cement, iron and steel industries.

Following this discussion session, NRE invited selected MISIF members to a Stakeholders' Workshop on 22 September 2015 to inform:

- CO₂ emission status;
- Sharing of CO₂ reduction projects (in cement, iron and steel industries or in other industries sector);
- Sharing of potential area in cement, iron and steel industries for CO₂ reduction;
- NAMA.

In a separate event, representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources (NRE), Universiti Tenaga Nasional (Uniten), and GreenTech Malaysia met with MISIF technical representatives on 3 August 2015 to better understand some of the assumptions needed in the calculation of the iron and steel industry Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.



From left, Ms. Tan Ee San (Uniten), Mr. Lai Cheong Foo (Ann Joo Steel), Dr. Mohd Noor Mamat (Uniten), Datuk Yap Kok Seng (NRE), Mr. Frankie Wee (MISIF), Mr. Ng Kian Hin (Alpine Pipe Manufacturing), Dr. Yeoh Bee Ghin (Consultant to NRE), Pn. Szalina Zakaria (GreenTech) and En. Azmar Ahmad (Southern Steel).

Briefing Session on China Factor - Circumvention

The Malaysian Iron and Steel Industry is facing many challenging situations today, ranging from the global economic slowdown, shrinking steel demand, increasing protective and trade-restrictive measures to fierce competition from imported steel products from all over the world, especially China.

MISIF would need to work closely with the authorities to formulate appropriate solutions and measures to mitigate and address some of these challenges.

One of the main concerns of the domestic iron and steel industry is the circumvention maneuver being adopted by Chinese parties on exports of iron and steel products into the country. This circumvention approach has adversely affected not only the Malaysian iron and steel industry but also that of the ASEAN countries and many parts of the world.

In view of this very detrimental development, MISIF conducted a sharing-cum-briefing session on circumvention practice for the Customs Department, MITI, CIDB and SIRIM QAS International on 14

September 2015 so that all could be aware and updated on the matter.



Thirty representatives from CIDB, MITI, MSI, SIRIM, SEAISI, Customs Department and MISIF member-companies attended the session conducted by MISIF President, Dato' Soh Thian Lai (far left photo below). With Dato' Soh (L to R): Mr. See Chee Kong (MITI), Mr. Tony Lee (MSI) and Dato' Lim Hong Thy (MISIF Deputy President II).

Initiation of Investigation on AD Concerning CRC

MITI in a statement informed that the Government of Malaysia had received a petition from a domestic producer for the imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of Cold-Rolled Steel Coils on 31 July 2015.

The petitioner alleged that imports of Cold-Rolled Steel Coils originating in, or exported from the People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam were being dumped into Malaysia at a price much lower than the price in the domestic market of the alleged countries and that this was causing material injury to the domestic industry in Malaysia.

In accordance with the Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties Act 1993 and its related Regulations, the Government would initiate a preliminary investigation on imports of Cold-Rolled Steel Coils from these countries and the preliminary determination would be made within 120 days from the date of initiation. If the final determination was affirmative, the Government would

impose an anti-dumping duty at the rate that was necessary to prevent further injury. Further enquiries concerning this investigation could be directed to the Trade Practices Section of MITI.

Malaysia to Initiate Safeguard Investigation on HRC Imports

On 10 September 2015, the Government of Malaysia announced the initiation of a safeguard investigation on imports of HRC based on a petition received from Megasteel Sdn. Bhd.

In the petition, the petitioner alleged that importation of HRC into Malaysia had increased 16% from 694,305 mt in 2012 to 807,647 mt in 2013 and a further 11% in 2014 (898,023 mt) which resulted in serious injury to the industry in Malaysia.

The products under investigation are flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated, flat-rolled products of other alloy steel, in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, of a width of 600 mm or more and of a thickness between 1.20 mm to 22.00 mm which are classified under HS7208.36 000, HS7208.37 000, 7208.38 000, 7208.39 200, 7208.39 900 and 7225.30 000 and AHTN 7208.36 00 00, 7208.37 00 00, 7208.38 00 00, 7208.39 00 20, 7208.39 00 90, 7225.30 90 00.

In accordance with the Safeguards Act 2006 (Act 657) and its Regulation, preliminary determination will be made within 90 days from the date of commencement of the investigation. Further investigation would be carried out if preliminary affirmative determination is made by the Government and during this time, the Government may impose a provisional safeguard duty on the imports of HRC, for the purpose of reducing the effects of serious injury to the domestic industry caused by the imports.

Any inquiries by interested parties (importers, domestic producers, foreign producers/exporters and associations related to the investigation) may be referred to the Trade Practices Section of MITI (Tel: +603 62000119/0123 or email address to alltps@miti.gov.my)