

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN SABAH: FOCUS ON RISK AND INSURANCE

SABAH BRANCH



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The Malaysian Insurance Institute (MII) and The Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM Sabah Branch) organised a two-day workshop on Construction Projects in Sabah (Focus on Risk and Insurance) at Hotel Horizon, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah on 27-28 February, 2019.

The participants were mainly from the insurance and engineering industry in the state but there were a few who had travelled from Kuching and Kuala Lumpur to attend this inaugural MIIHEM collaboration in Sabah. Besides insurance and broking company employees, there were engineers and risk management personnel from related engineering industries who wanted to learn more about this topic.

The course was put together to share and enhance knowledge on construction insurance. As a standard construction industry contract requirement, contractors must procure the Contractors All Risks (C.A.R) insurance before commencing work. This covers project work and third party claims (such as damage to neighbouring buildings).

MI, an education provider/training centre for the insurance industry, was pleased to work with IEM (Sabah Branch) to make the event a success.

The workshop was led by Ir. Pooba Mahalingam (Director of Talent Asia Training & Consulting), an experienced risk engineer based in Singapore, who shared his knowledge and expertise in the project risk and insurance field.

IEM Sabah Branch Chairman Ir. James Yong, a lead consultant for the Pan Borneo Highway project) spoke on the need for risk management in construction projects. There were 2 guest speakers: Ir. Felix Ku, Senior Engineer of DHI Water & Environment (M) Sdn. Bhd., and Mr. Arthur Wong, Operations Manager/Senior Forensic Consultant of Approved Forensic Sdn. Bhd.

During the session, participants were enlightened on the following:

- Policy coverage and clauses
- Endorsements
- How to deal with C.A.R claims
- Case studies
- Construction technology and method of work
- Upcoming projects in Sabah
- Flood issues and flood mitigation related projects in Sabah
- Forensic engineering aspects



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On the second day, a site visit to the Kota Kinabalu Outer Ring Road (KKORR) project was organised to show some hands-on risk issues to the participants. This project is part of the upcoming Pan Borneo Highway project. The visit was done with the cooperation of Borneo Highway PDP Sdn. Bhd. Its senior representatives briefed the participants who later donned safety gear before going on a walkabout to inspect a section of the road works.

The event received positive feedback from the participants. Here are some of their comments.

**Jais:** The facilitator showed us the details of policy coverage and how to relate it to construction issues. As an engineer, I feel that the subject is relevant for better contract administration. I hope MII and IEM will host more such workshops in future.

**Siti:** The knowledge we have gathered from the event is very useful and applicable to our daily work as engineers. Keep it up, MII and IEM!

**Adrian:** This is good learning and sharing by MII. The site visit was also very helpful to those of us from the insurance industry as we were able to relate it to the policy wording and clauses.

**Pauline:** I learnt many new clauses and policy endorsements; which will help me market the insurance products more effectively. ■

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