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POST EVENT REPORT PAQS 2019

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All the meetings, formal and social events planned during and pre-congress and congress were held successfully over the duration of 5 days, from 23 to 27 August 2019. They are as listed below :-

1.0 PAQS MEETINGS

1.1 YQS

Date : 23 and 24 August 2019 (Friday and Saturday)

Venue : Ultimate Professional Centre

Attendance : About 30 delegates + 5 committee members

Logistics : 1 bus is used for the Tourist Attraction Visit to Wind Cave, Bau on 24 August 2019

The PAQS meeting was kickstarted by the Young QS Programme on Friday, 23 August 2019 in the morning. About 27 young member of QS from 10 country members of PAQS (Australia, Brunei, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka).

There are no representatives from Canada, China, Fiji, South Africa and South Korea under Young QS Programme.

The programme was started with the welcoming remarks and then some ice-breaking activities and table games. The participants has showed good energy and were very sporting and casual.

Each country representatives are also required to do presentation during this programme after the tea break from the morning game. There are total nine (9) country presentations including round-up presentation from RISM before the casual dinner for Young QS members.





After the formal event for Young QS, they had a karaoke session during the night. They also went for a casual trip to Wind Cave in Bau on the next day on 24 August.



1.2 Technical Committee Meetings

Date : 23 August 2019 (Friday)

Venue : Hotel Pullman

Attendance :

Four (4) meetings were held concurrently in Pullman Hotel during the pre-congress event. Each technical committee has about 15 to almost 20 committee members.

(1) Sustainability Committee - approx. 15 pax
Sr Daniel Ho was appointed as Chair.



- (2) Research Committee - approx. 20 pax
Prof. Chitra Weddikkara was appointed as Chair and Mr. Sam Lomax as the Secretary.



- (3) Education & Accreditation Committee - approx. 20 pax
Sr Chua Siow Leng was appointed as Chair and Sr Dr Wan Maimun Wan Abdullah as the Secretary.



- (4) BIM Committee - approx. 20 pax
Sr Sunny Choi was appointed as Chair and Sr Sharifah Noraini Noreen as the Secretary.



1.3 PAQS Board Meeting

Date : 24 August 2019 (Saturday)

Venue : Hotel Pullman

Attendance : Approx. 80 pax including PAQS Board office bearers, chairs of Technical Committees, 2 representatives from each professional associations of each countries, country observers and other related organisations.

The Board Meeting was held from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in Colosseum 2 ballroom and chaired by Sr Francis Leung.





2.0 PRE-CONGRESS EVENTS

2.1 Golf Tournament

Date : 25 August 2019 (Sunday)

Venue : Samarahan Country Club

Attendance : The Minister of Works of Malaysia, Tuan Baru Bian and about another 70 pax joined the golf tournament

Logistics : 1 bus is used from Hotel Pullman to/fro Samarahan Country Club

Remarks : The winner is an RISM councillor, Dato Nasir





2.2 IQSAF (Jointly organised with UNIMAS and UiTM Samarahan)

Date : 25 August 2019 (Sunday)

Venue : UNIMAS

Attendance : Registered for 160 pax (attendance about 100 pax)

Logistics : 2 buses were used from Hotel Pullman to/fro UNIMAS and escorted by 1 police outrider (originally booked 8 buses)

Remarks : Many delegates from China who has registered for the event did not attend

IQSAF event was started with the opening speech by RISM President, Sr Kwan Hock Hai, and also by UNIMAS VC, Professor Datuk Dr Mohamad Kadim Suaidi.

There was also an MoU exchange of documents ceremony between UNIMAS - BQSM and UNIMAS - RISM. The programme was continued with speeches by two keynote speakers, Professor Roger Flanagan from University of Reading and Professor Sr Dr. Abdul Rahid Abdul Aziz from Universiti Sains Malaysia.

The highlights for IQSAF programme was the Forum Discussion moderated by Sr Gui Hun Chuen from UNIMAS. There are altogether five (5) panelists discussing on five (5) different themes:-

1. Future Role of Quantity Surveyor
2. The Challenges Faced by QS in Digital Age
3. Changes in Teaching and Learning Approach in Digital Age
4. Industrial Engagement
5. The Way Forward for Future QS

After the souvenir presentation to the panels and also photo session, the programme was continued with BQSM Dialogue. The main agenda in this programme was the dialogue between BQSM and Higher Institutions, along with the professional competence assessment and also the introduction to the latest accreditation manual.





2.3 BIM Workshop

Date : 25 August 2019 (Sunday)

Venue : Hotel Pullman

Attendance : Registered for 40 pax

Remarks : More than 60 pax attended the event





3.0 PAQS SOCIAL EVENTS

3.1 Dinner for Technical Committee Members

Date : 23 August 2019 (Friday)

Venue : Top Spot Restaurant

Attendance : Booked for 8 tables (say 80 pax)





3.2 Sepetang in Siniawan

Date : 24 August 2019 (Saturday)

Venue : Siniawan Town

Attendance : 105 pax

Logistics : 3 buses were used from Hotel Pullman to/fro Siniawan (booked for 2 buses originally)





3.3 Welcome Dinner at Sarawak Cultural Village

Date : 25 August 2019 (Sunday)

Venue : Sarawak Cultural Village

Attendance : Registered for 312 pax (maximum the place can only take 300)

Logistics : 6 buses were used from Hotel Pullman to/fro Sarawak Cultural Village and escorted by 2 police outriders (originally booked for 8 buses)

Remarks : Many delegates from China who has registered for the event did not attend





3.4 Spouse Programme

Date : 26 August 2019 (Monday)

Venue : Semenggoh Wild Life Centre, Serian Market and Jong's Crocodile Farm and Zoo

Attendance : 12 pax

Logistics : 1 bus was used

This is a unique social programme which customized specially for the accompanying persons or the spouses to the congress delegates during the first day of congress event.





3.5 Presidents' Dinner at Sarawak Club(By Invitation)

Date : 26 August 2019 (Monday)

Venue : Sarawak Club

Attendance : Presidents of all organisations and spouses and others, approx. 90 pax

Logistics : 3 buses were used from Hotel Pullman to/fro Sarawak Club





3.6 Gala Dinner

Date : 27 August 2019 (Tuesday)

Venue : Hotel Pullman

Attendance : Approx 320 pax

Remarks : All countries were required to do country performance during the dinner of which all had performed.

This is the pinnacle of the 23rd PAQS Congress 2019. Apart from sumptuous meal by Pullman Hotel, the delegates were enjoying themselves with the country performances.

There were also numbers of awards presentation to the winners, locally and internationally. The winners and their accolades are as follows:

Associate Member of PAQS —

- Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS)

PAQS Service Excellence Award —

- Engr Julie Christie M. Dela Cruz (PICQS)
- Sr Sunny Choi (HKIS)
- Mr Wong Kin Hoong (SISV)

PAQS Medal 2019

- Sr Dr. Wan Maimun (RISM)
- Mr Khoo Sze Boon (SISV)
- Ms Xu Huiqin (CCEA)

Academic Excellence Award 2019

- Prof. Anthony Mills (AIQS)

PAQS-IWATA Foundation 2019 Traveling Scholarship Competition

- Tom Chatterton

The highlight of the gala dinner was definitely the PAQS flag handover ceremony, where host country for 2019, Malaysia, handed over the flag to Singapore who will host the next PAQS Congress. Malaysia was represented by Ybhg. Prof (Adjung) Sr Dato' Aziz bin Abdullah while the representatives from Singapore were Mr Khoo Sze Boon and Mr Wong Kin Hoong.





4.0 PAQS CONGRESS

Date : 26 and 27 August 2019

Venue : Hotel Pullman

Attendance : The breakdown is as follows :-

Malaysia	326
Australia	7
Brunei	15
Canada	4
China	73
Hong Kong, China	15
Indonesia	4
Japan	12
Kenya	1
New Zealand	12
Nigeria	26
Philippines	4
Qatar	1
Singapore	31
South Africa	2
Sri Lanka	12
EU/US	5
TOTAL	550

Remarks :

The opening ceremony consisted of the countries' flags parade to escort the Guest of Honour into the ballroom, followed by traditional dance by school children.

The Congress was officiated by the Guest of Honour, the Chief of Minister of Sarawak YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Abang Haji Openg who also delivered an opening speech.

The Congress showcased the following presentations

- 4 keynote speakers including 1 from Minister of Works Tuan Baru Bian and 1 from Tan Sri Rafidah Aziz, Chairman of AirAsia X Bhd
- 4 plenary papers
- 1 special appearance by Malaysian 1st Astronaut Dato Dr Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor Al Masrie
- 1 panel discussion including the Honourable Mr Tony Pua (the Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance Malaysia) as the panellist
- 4 sub-themes with 9 papers each, totalling 36 parallel papers





To summarise it all, it was a FULL 5 days of events, happening concurrently or one after another. Without the support and help of many parties before, during and after the congress, the events would have not been successful.

On behalf of the PAQS 2019 organising committee, I would like to thank every single one in the QS Division and the secretariats who have supported and helped in any way to make the event successful. Everyone can share and be proud of the event as you all have contributed to the success.

THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart



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