# **MKMA Annual Report**

(For the period 1/7/2004 to 30/4/2005)

# **Seminars, Courses & Presentations**

# 18/8/2004 Workshop on Textile Process Operation and Production Management

Mr. Yong Kok Swee was the speaker and there were 23 participants from 10 companies.

	Company	No. of Participants
No.		
1	Pacific Peninsula Textile Sdn. Bhd.	2
2	Winitex Finishing Sdn. Bhd	2
3	Winitex Sdn. Bhd.	2
4	Perusahaan Chan Choo Sing Sdn. Bhd.	9
5	Chuanplus Industries Sdn. Bhd.	1
6	MWE Spinning Mills Sdn. Bhd.	1
7	Pernas Garment Industries Sdn. Bhd.	2
8	Kwang Hwa Industry Sdn. Bhd.	1
9	Hua Lian High School	2
10	Chinese High School Batu Pahat	1
Total		23

# 20/10/2004 Workshop on Competitive Advantage of TA Industry

A workshop on "Competitive Advantage Leading to Business Success in Malaysia Textile and Apparel Industry" was held. Speaker was Mr. Liew Fenn Yenn, head of TARC, Segamat Branch. There were 29 attendees.

No.	Company	No. of
		Participants
1	Bin Bin Knitwear Manufacturer S/B	15
2	Honsin Apparel Sdn. Bhd.	2
3	K.N. Lee Knitting Ind. Sdn. Bhd.	2
4	Li Tat Manufacturing Sdn. Bhd.	2
5	Yong Chew Garment Sdn. Bhd.	3
6	Pacific Peninsula Textiles Sdn. Bhd.	1
7	Pernas Garment Industries Sdn. Bhd.	3
8	Mr. Lai Han Wei	1
	Total	29

30/10/2004 Workshop on "Enhancing Competitiveness through K-Management"

The workshop was jointly organized by MKMA and the Feng Chia Alumnus Association at Time Square Conference Room in KL. There were 3 speakers from Taiwan Nan Ah Polytechnic. It was well attended by 71 participants.

No.	Company	No. of
		Participants
1	Bin Bin Knitwear Manufacturer S/B	8
2	Century Furnishing Ent. Sdn. Bhd.	2
3	Choon Giap Knitting Ind. Sdn. Bhd.	4
4	Chuanplus Ind. Sdn. Bhd.	3
5	Clariant (M) Sdn. Bhd.	2
6	Crystal Fleet Sdn. Bhd.	2
7	DNP Garment Manufacturing S/B	1
8	Firstex Knitting Industry Sdn. Bhd.	1
9	Ghong Fuah Knitting Ind. Sdn. Bhd.	1
10	Goodtrade Enterprise	1
11	Hing Yiap Knitting Ind. Bhd.	1
12	Hua Lian High School	7
13	Hytex Apparel Sdn. Bhd.	1
14	Kah Hwa Ind. Sdn. Bhd.	3
15	Kolej Tunku Abdul Rahman	5
16	Li Tat Mfg. Sdn. Bhd.	3
17	MFMA	1
18	MKMA	1
19	Quality Knitting Ind. Sdn. Bhd.	7
20	Samtex Ind. Sdn. Bhd.	2
21	Sincerely Dyeing & Finishing S/B	2
22	South Asia Textile (M) Sdn. Bhd.	1
23	Sutera Textile Ind. Sdn. Bhd.	1
24	Sunny-Chem Colour (M) Sdn. Bhd.	1
25	Yong Thye Trading	2
26	Kin Yen Ent. Sdn. Bhd.	1
27	Pmtech Ind. Sdn. Bhd.	2
28	Lematek	2
29	Sun Textile	3
	Total	71

# **Foreign Workers Induction Course**

In line with the Government's policy and requirement, the induction course was organized. 7 sessions were held to train 564 foreign workers.

No.	Date	Company	No. of
			Participants
1	11-12 Dec 2004	Caford Apparels S/B	57
2	18-19 Dec 2004	Livertex Industries (M) S/B	2
3		Jangdah Garment Industries S/B	8
4		Needsun Industries	2
5		K.T. Industries S/B	4
6		E-In Corporation S/B	4
7		Pacific Screen Enterprise	1
8	25-26 Dec 2004	Bin Bin Knitwear Mfr. S/B	116
9		Yong Chew Garment S/B	36
10		Bindu Florikultur S/B	6
11	5-6 Jan 2005	Caretex Apparels S/B	63
12	8-9 Jan 2005	United Sweethearts Garment S/B	44
13		MWE Spinning Mills S/B	14
14	15-16 Jan 2005	Bin Bin Knitwear Mfr. S/B	95
15		Yong Chew Garment S/B	48
16		Bindu Florikultur S/B	1
17	22-23 Jan 2005	Berjaya Soutex S/B	24
18		Berjaya Bandartex S/B	8
19		INX Manufacturing S/B	2
Total			564

#### **Meetings and Dialogues**

26/5/2004 The President represented MKMA to **PSMB** Textile/Apparel Training Committee Meeting.s

#### 15/6/2004 SIRIM ISCQ Meeting

Mr. Yong Kok Swee represented MKMA to the meeting.

# 21/8/2004 Wuxi Business Interaction Meeting

A business interaction meeting between China Wuxi New District officers and BP entrepreneurs were held at BP Chinese Chamber of Commerce. 4 representatives from MKMA attended the meeting headed by Mr. M. Y. Lau.

# 13/9/2004 MITI Meeting on Malaysia-Australia FTA

Mr. P. K. Low represented MKMA to the meeting. Currently the import duty of apparel from Australia is 25% whereas import of raw cotton and OE yarn from Australia to Malaysia are subject to 10% import tariff. It

was recommended that both countries reduce all textile and apparel duties to 0% once the FTA is reached. It will be beneficial to our garment factories.

Feedback from members unanimously agreed to the proposal.

# **8/10/2004 IMP3 TRG Meeting**

Mr. Khadmudin represented the association to the meeting. We are to furnish more inputs and recommendations to the project.

# 18/10/2004 ASEAN Textile Consultation Meeting

The meeting seeks to foster closer co-operation between the textile and apparel sectors of ASEAN member countries. There were 9 participants from MKMA.

No.	Company	No. of
		Participants
1	Trans Pacific Industries S/B	1
2	Choon Giap Knitting Ind. S/B	2
3	Honsin Apparel S/B	1
4	U Pknit Knitting Industry S/B	1
5	E-In Corporation S/B	1
6	MKMA	1
7	Golden Vertex S/B	2
Total		9

## 23/10/2004 SIRIM "Training on National and International Standardisation"

Mr. Yong Kok Swee represented MKMA to the training session.

# 1-2/12/2004 ITC "Challenges and Opportunities for Business in Textiles and Clothing"

Organised and sponsored by International Trade Centre (ITC), the Forum was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Program include the following topics:

- Challenges faced by Countries in the Asia and Pacific Region in Textile and Clothing Trade after 1 January 2005
- The Region's Performance in the Textile and Clothing Trade
- WTO rules Governing Textiles and Clothing Trade until and after 2004
- Doha Development Agenda the Textile and Clothing Perspective
- Market Access for Asia and Pacific exports in light of the DDA Negotiations and the Emerges of FTAs, RTAs and Bilateral Agreements

- Disputes settlement Mechanism and its Importance to the Textiles and Clothing Sector Post 2004
- Increasing Competitiveness-ITC's Response to the Challenges Ahead-ITC Tools: the FiT, The SHAPE
- Case Studies of attending countries

Mr .Cheong KW, Mr .Soo CF and Rebecca represented Malaysia to the meeting and made a presentation on the countries' TA industry. Other participating countries were Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, India, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan and Vietnam.

## **14/1/2005 MITI ROO Meeting**

Mr. P.K.Low represented the association to MITI's meeting on Rules of Origin. Mr. Alagasan of MITI briefed that ROO for Japan and Korea cannot be implied similarly for China and India especially for the textile sector. There are 3 available ROO conditions i.e. 1) change in tariff code 2) increase in value 3)substantial transformation process. Currently there is no standardization of worldwide ROO. It varies according to the agreements of the bilateral or multi-lateral countries.

#### 20/1/2005 MITI Product Specific Rules (PSR) Meeting

Headed by Mr. Seow Hon Cheong, there were 6 representatives from the association. The meeting focused on Rules of Origin for ASEAN-China FTA. There were 2 categories to qualify for ROO, which is either 40% local content or under PSR. A list of PSR proposals wase tabled. As generally our member products were not affected, we accepted the proposals.

#### 27/1/2005 MITI FTA Conference

3 representatives attended the Conference. The Minister announced that Malaysia is pursuing FTAs individually as well as in the form of regional bloc of ASEAN with China, India, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. As for FTA with USA, seems that MITI is not ready for it yet.

#### 28-29/1/2005 IMP3 ICT Brainstorming Sessions

We are actively involved in the IMP3 Textile and Apparel sectors. Our 4 representatives including President Seow, Mr. Yong Kok Swee, Mr. Lim Kian Yap and Rebecca contributed much input on the ICT implications in the TA industry during the abovementioned Brainstorming Sessions at Hyatt Saujana, Shah Alam. It was also proposed that the Government would fund the industry for the adoption of ICTs as they are very costly.

#### 11/4/2005 **2005 MITI-Industry Annual Dialogue**

President Mr. Seow HC, Mr. Tang Chong Chin and Mr. Seow King Chong attended the 2005 MITI-Industry Annual Dialogue.

#### **Textile Education**

#### 26/6/2004 TARC Graduation Ceremony

Mr. Seow King Chong attended the TARC (Southern Branch) Graduation Ceremony on behalf of MKMA

#### 9/8/2004 **Kuittho Convocation**

Mr. Khadmudin together with Mr. Seow King Chong represented MKMA to Kuittho's Convocation Ceremony.

#### 17/8/2004 Chinese High School

Five representatives from the association lead by President attended the meeting on Textile Course for BP Chinese High School at the school. Issues raised included objectives prospective and curriculum of the course. The school intend to start a textile course by 2006 and will send a teacher to Taiwan Feng Chia University for training.

# 5/3/2005 New Era College Textile Course

MKMA supports New Era College to commence a Textile Technology and Apparel Design Manufacturing Course on July 2005.

#### **Textile Trade Tour**

#### 7/10/2004 **Visit CNLT**

We organized a delegation of 36 members to visit CNLT and were warmly received by the MD Dato Prem and the managements.

No.	Company	No. of
		Participants
1	Quality Knitting Ind. Sdn. Bhd.	1
2	Sutiamoto (M) Sdn. Bhd.	3
3	U Pknit Knitting Industry Sdn. Bhd.	3
4	Kin Yen Enterprise Sdn. Bhd.	2
5	Perusahaan Kyan Yap (M) Sdn. Bhd.	1
6	Lum Tah Industry Sdn. Bhd.	1
7	Ghong Fuah Knitting Ind. Sdn. Bhd.	1
8	Jangdah Garment Ind. Sdn. Bhd.	2
9	Wamay Ind. Sdn. Bhd.	2
10	Newtech Industries	1
11	Kah Hwa Industries Sdn. Bhd.	2

12	L.T.G. Ent. (BP) Sdn. Bhd.	3
13	Kwang Hwa Ind. Sdn. Bhd.	1
14	Choon Giap Knitting Ind. Sdn. Bhd.	3
15	Kim Fashion Knitwear (M) Sdn. Bhd.	2
16	Firstex Knitting Industry Sdn. Bhd.	2
17	Ostasia Trading Pte. Ltd (KL)	1
18	Knit Textiles Mfg. Sdn. Bhd.	1
19	Pacific Peninsula Textiles Sdn. Bhd.	1
20	Berjaya Knitex Sdn. Bhd.	2
21	MKMA	1
Total		36

#### **Publications**

- 6 issues of Newsletters
- Weekly News (by email only)
- Sold 62 booklets of "Pocket Textile Expert"

#### **New Members**

- 1. CNLT (Far East) Berhad
- 2. I.M.T. Vanikam (M) Sdn. Bhd.
- 3. Jacqsin Industries Sdn. Bhd.
- 4. Oceanic Fabric Mill Sdn. Bhd.
- 5. Grandtex Enterprise Sdn. Bhd.

#### **Others**

5/8/2004 Jointly organized **Annual Dinner cum Fashion Show Competition** with MTMA.

5-8/8/2004 Supported the **MATEX 2004** held at PWTC, Kuala Lumpur.

#### 2/4/2005 TAGMA Charity Night

Mr. Tan Soo Seng represented MKMA to attend the Charity Night which was organised by TAGMA.

#### 6/4/2005 KLSCCCI Association Interactive Dinner

On behalf of the association, Mr. Tan WC & Mr. Low PK attended The Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of KL & Selangor's Association Interactive Dinner.

**ITMA 2005** About 80 participants pre-registered through MKMA to enjoy special rate and free catalogue.