

MKMA Annual Report

(For the period 1/5/2005 to 30/6/2006)

Seminars, Courses & Presentations

20/07/2005 **Workshop on Effective Material Management**

The workshop was held at Garden Hotel with overwhelming response from 17 companies.

21/12/2005 **Seminar on Goods and Service Tax**

14/10/2006

Two seminars on Goods and Service Tax (GST) were held at MKMA Batu Pahat and Crown Princess Hotel (KL) respectively. 110 participants from 46 companies attended the seminars. Tax consultants from BDO Malaysia, Mr. T. K. Han and Mr. Chan K. H. were the speakers.

16-17/6/2006 **C-TPAT Compliance Training**

Jointly organized the “C-TPAT Compliance Training for Apparel/Textile Export Factories” with Singapore Textile and Fashion Industry Training Centre Pte. Ltd.

Meetings and Dialogues

04/05/2005 **Interactive Meeting with MIDA (Textile Division) Officers**

Five officers from MIDA headed by Puan Fuziyah who is the Director of the Textile Division, visited some factories in Batu Pahat. An interactive meeting was held with MKMA members to exchange views on impact of quota liberalization, foreign workers, cross border investment and new domestic investments.

20-21/5/2005 **OIC Forum**

Mr. Khadmudin attended the meeting and informed that there are potential trade opportunities in the Islamic countries especially for the food industry.

28/05/2005 **MITI Briefing on Policy and guidelines for Employment of Foreign Workers**

Mr. Tan Kuan Chee attended the meeting. The briefing covers policy, guidelines, qualifying criteria, duration, source countries and procedure of application.

27-30/6/2005 **MLVK NOSS on Task Analysis of Lab Technician**

Mr. Yong Kok Swee and Rebecca attended and contributed during the sessions held in Nilai, Seremban to formulate the duties and tasks analysis for textile lab technicians and supervisors at Level 2 & 3.

01/07/2005
24/02/2006

MITI Meeting on Integration of ASEAN Textile Sector

The meeting seeks to strengthen intra-ASEAN trade through the following channels: tariff elimination, reduce non-tariff barriers, rules of origin, customs procedure, standards and conformance, logistic services, outsourcing and investments.

04/07/2005

MITI Trade and Industry Report

Mr. P. K. Low attended the meeting on behalf of MKMA. A booklet was given to all participating associations reporting the performance of the manufacturing and service sectors in year 2004.

23/06/2005
13/07/2005

Malaysia-Pakistan ROO Meeting

Although consensus were reached between MKMA and MTMA to adopt the 2 stages of substantial transformation criterion rules as qualifying condition for preference duty under the Early Harvest Program (EHP) of Malaysia-Pakistan FTA, however, later MIDA finalized to adopt the one process change of CTH as the ROO condition.

18/07/2005

VAT Consultation Meeting

Mr. Low P. K. attend the meeting held by the Treasury. The Malaysian Government intends to implement the VAT in replacement of the current Sales and Service Tax with effect from 1 January 2007. The consultative meeting is an initial draft from the treasury.

12/08/2005

Malam MATRADE

The President was invited to Malam MATRADE, which is an annual occasion in order to inch closer relationship between the industry and MATRADE.

15/09/2005

ASEAN-Korean FTA Meeting

Mr. Khadmudin attended the meeting held by MITI. MITI proposed to include 7 textile items under sensitive list. However, MKMA proposed to add warp knit fabrics, circular knit fabrics and automotive fabrics onto the sensitive list.

29/09/2005

Meeting with MATRADE and HKTDC (KL)

Arranged by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (KL), a meeting was held with MATRADE and FTGGMA to seek support and promote

the Hong Kong Fashion Week. HKTDC also agreed to provide special package for visitors to the fair.

08/12/2005 **SIRIM Meeting on ISCQ**

Mr. Yong has been appointed to represent MKMA to SIRIM's technical meetings on Malaysian textile and apparel standards.

15/12/2005 **MITI Meeting on Malaysia-NZ FTA**

Mr. P. K. Low attended the meeting. New Zealand intends to include all textile, apparel and shoe items under sensitive list. Malaysia will refer to Thai-NZ proposed agreement as guideline.

19/01/2006 **PSMB Meeting**

In order to foster closely relationship with the industries and to identify the training needs and problems, the meeting was held at Legend hotel, KL by the Human Resource Development Council.

06/02/2006 **Customs Panel Meeting**

Mr. Khadmudin attended the meeting and was informed that should the VAT be postponed, then the Sales and Service Tax Act will continue to be in force.

09/02/2006 **MITI Meeting WTO Harmonization Work Program**

Upon request from Malaysia's Representative to WTO, the meeting seeks to consult and review the rules of origin on substantial transformation on certain textile processes.

14/02/2006 **MATRADE Media Conference**

The annual MATRADE Media Conference was officiated by YB Rafidah with a publication on Trade and Industry Performance 2005, which was distributed to all participants.

13-24/3/2006 **AOTS Waste Water Treatment Program**

MKMA recommended six representatives from the wet processing sector to the program held in Japan which is fully sponsored by the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS).

10/03/2006 **Interactive Meeting on Fuel Price Rise**

The President attended the meeting organized by the KLSCCCI to exchange views with other industry representatives on the impact of fuel price hike.

17/04/2006 **MITI Industry Dialogue**

The President raised the issue of expedite the Malaysia-US FTA and gained applaud from the Minister YB Rafidah. She indicated that strong support from the industry is needed to keep the pace going.

30/05/2006 **Meeting on Environmental Issue**

A meeting on environmental issue was held exclusively for the dyeing and finishing sectors. The meeting resolved to have a dialogue with the Batu Pahat DOE appealing to relax the stringent standards and raids. Reason being to sympathize with the difficult situation and competitiveness the industry is encountering. Besides, the players pointed out that the dyestuffs and chemicals utilized do not contain toxic and not harmful to the environment as they are bound to the international requirements of the buyers. The meeting also urged the local authority to consider setting up of centralize waste treatment plant as the best solution for all industries.

13/4/2006 **Malaysia-US FTA Meetings**

05/05/2006

10/05/2006

06/06/2006

Several meetings were held with MTMA and MITI pertaining to the Malaysia-US FTA. The meeting proposed the Rules of Origin, Short Supply List, Tariff Preference Level and other conditions governing the FTA (Textile and Apparel sector).

26/04/2006 **Meetings on Under-declaration of Imported Goods**

06/06/2006

In response to members complain, the association submitted a memorandum on the Under-declaration Activities of Imported Goods to MITI and Treasury respectively. Thereafter, meetings were held with the two departments. Both departments shown great concern on this matter. However, members are urged to provide evidence and details of these unscrupulous activities. Quoting the example of the glass industry, the Ministry of Finance noted that the industry operators furnished very detail evidence including companies concern, landing port, officers in charged, types of goods imported and even photos. Based on these useful information, successful actions and raids were carried out to curtail these unlawful trades. In this regard, we urge members to provide detail information of these unfair trades so that the authority can take necessary actions.

Textile Education

01/07/2005 **New Era College Textile Fashion Program Launching Ceremony**

The President represented MKMA to the Launching Ceremony on Textile and Fashion Design Program of New Era College. The course will commence on August focusing on garment design.

31/01/2006 **Hua Lian Textile Fashion Nite**

A dinner cum fashion show was organized by the Hua Lian textile class students. A magazine was also published. Mr. Kung Beng Lee gave a speech on behalf of the association.

25/03/2006 **CHS Textile Scholarship**

The Chinese High School (BP) has commenced a Textile & Apparel Course with 50 students in the first intake. The following companies has generously offered scholarships for nine needy students :

PCCS	sponsored	2 students
Bin Bin		2 students
Honsin		1 student
Up Knit		1 student
Firstex		1 student
Yong Chew		1 student
Sutiamoto		1 student

07/04/2006 **TARC Fashion Show**

Mr. Tan Teng San represented MKMA to officiate the occasion. MKMA donated RM3,000 to the College for usage on Textile and Apparel Course.

May 206 **TARC Graduates Job Matching**

MKMA assisted 22 TARC graduates to look for job opportunities at our members' companies.

Textile Trade Tour

17-21/10/2005 **ITMA Asia 2005**

ITMA Asia was held at Singapore Expo. Working closely with the organizer, MKMA render our service to pre-register 236 visitors. In appreciation of our effort, the organizer sponsored air-con coaches to transport visitors from Batu Pahat to Singapore for 4 days.

Publications

- 6 issues of Newsletters

- Weekly News (by email only)
- Sold 63 booklets of “Pocket Textile Expert”

New Members

1. Intertek Testing Services (S) Pte. Ltd.
2. FCE Enterprise Sdn. Bhd. 第一企業有限公司
3. Cottonic Enterprise
4. Kwan Tat Industrial Ltd. 坤達實業有限公司
5. Top Well Master Sdn. Bhd.

Others

- 18/9/2005 MKMA 30th Anniversary
Celebration held at Crown Princess Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.
- Five sessions of committee meetings were held