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## Press Release

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## TAM is recognized for its 75 Years of Legacy of World Class Technological Progress

PENANG – Today the Technological Association Malaysia (TAM), with the strong support of eight pro-active branches enters into the Malaysia Book of Records as 'The longest serving technical society in Malaysia' since 1946.

### Malaysia Book of Records

The credential was presented by MBR CEO Dato' Seri (Dr) Michael Tio to TAM President Ir. Ts. Yam Teong Sian and witnessed by the Penang Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow.

### Welcoming Remarks

TAM Vice President & Organizing Chairman Ir. Ting Chek Choon welcome all to support the very first grand TAM Anniversary Celebration brought to Penang. Anticipating TAM grow stronger can work hand in hand with all relevant parties to continue its legacy and to shine along with the Pearl of The Orient.

### Welcoming Address

TAM President Ir. Ts. Yam Teong Sian re-introduced that TAM was founded for all levels and disciplines of technical personnel from professional students and anyone whose careers are technological and technical in nature, inadvertently this includes the field of engineering. Yam highlighted that Act 768 which established the statutory Malaysia Board of Technologists, had provided a significant platform for TAM members to play active and higher roles toward the promotion of registration, recognition, education, and professional training.

### Opening Address

According to the Penang Chief Minister YAB Chow Kon Yeow, the State Government is very pleased with the consistent contributions TAM in promoting the interest and technological advancement, especially initiated to setup the ASEAN Technical Hub in Penang. He appreciates TAM's monthly STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education seminars to attract the interest of young generation. With TAM unceasing efforts and contributions in spearheading towards Penang State social economic recovery agenda at this stage of endemic, Chow pledged to unreservedly support TAM's initiatives and expecting the talented TAM members keep up their efforts to be the catalyst in swift Penang State economy recovery.

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## Launching of 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Book

Chow also launched the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Book** with rich history captured and authored in two years by a team of voluntary editors led by Dato' Professor Dr. Ir. Ts. Eric Goh Kok Hoe. The limited-edition distinctive ISBN hardcover book entitled 'TAM: Technological Progress towards World Class Excellence' is enclosed with a TAM themed SetemKu stamp sheet which includes ten specially designed postage stamps issued by Pos Malaysia Bhd.

## Innovations in Engineering Technology (iTech 2022) Conference and Exhibition

Following the opening ceremony, participants and students attended the iTech 2022 conference to delivered by eminent experts on the latest smart technologies worldwide and visited exhibition booths presented by leading edge technological vendors.

## Grand Dinner and 75<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

The daylong conference would end with a grand dinner on the Sunset Deck at The Ship Campus the followed by 75<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting on next morning. TAM president-elect Ts. Tung Chee Kuan who is also Peninsula College CEO, and deputy president-elect Ir. Ting Chek Choon would take the helm of TAM for the ensuring year.

## Name translation into Chinese:

Michael Tio – 赵文耀

Ting Chek Choon – 丁泽春

Yam Teong Sian – 嚴崇上

Goh Kok Hoe – 吴国和

Tung Chee Kuan – 邓志坤

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## PRESIDENT SPEECH WELCOMING SPEECH TAM CONVENTION

YANG AMAT BERTHORMAT **TUAN CHAN KON YEOW** CHIEF MINISTER OF PENANG,  
YANG BERBAHAGIA **DATO MICHAEL TIO**, MANAGING DIRECTOR PKT LOGISTICS GROUP SDN BHD,  
TS ALEXCUS POO, TAM PENANG BRANCH CHAIRMAN,  
IR TING CHEK CHOON, ORGANISING CHAIRMAN  
PAST PRESIDENTS, COUNCIL MEMBERS, HONORARY ADVISORS OF TAM,  
TAM BRANCH MEMBERS, FELLOW DELEGATES,  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

IT IS INDEED A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE THIS MORNING, TO ADDRESS AND WELCOME EVERYONE TO THIS 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CHIEF MINISTER **YAB TUAN CHAN KON YEOW** FOR COMING HERE THIS MORNING AMIDST HIS BUSY SCHEDULE TO BE OUR GUEST OF HONOUR AND HIS PRESENCE WILL INDEED MAKE TODAY A SPECIAL AND MEMORABLE DAY FOR TAM.

I WOULD ALSO WISH TO EXTEND A DEEP APPRECIATION AND THANK YOU TO **DATO SERI (DR) MICHAEL TIO** TO ENABLE US TO HOST OUR EVENT AT THIS BEAUTIFUL SHIP CAMPUS HERE IN BATU KAWAN INDUSTRIAL PARK. THE DESIGN OF THIS FACILITY IN THE FORM OF A CRUISE SHIP IS ICONIC, TO SAY THE LEAST. THE MANY EXCELLENT FACILITIES MADE AVAILABLE TO US IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND I AM SURE, WITH THESE EXCELLENT FACILITIES THAT OUR 75<sup>TH</sup> ANIVERSARY CONVENTION WILL INDEED BE VERY '**SMOOTH SAILING**'

OFTEN I HAVE BEEN ASKED WHAT IS TAM WITH REGARDS TO HOW IT EXISTED, AND ITS ROLE AS A TECHNICAL PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATION. QUESTIONS OFTEN ARISE ON WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE AND ROLE OF TAM IN THE TECHNOLOGICAL AND PROFFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL CAPITAL OF OUR COUNTRY. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OFTEN RECOGNISE **IEM** THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS MALAYSIA AS THE PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE COUNTRY BUT NOT TAM.

A QUICK WALK DOWN HISTORY.

TAM WAS FOUNDED IN 1946 MORE THAN 70 OVER YEARS AGO AS AN ORGANISATION FOR ALL LEVELS AND DISCIPLINES OF TECHNNICAL PERSONNEL FROM PROFESSIONALS TO STUDENTS AND ANYONE WHOSE CAREERS ARE TECHNOLOGICAL AND TECHNICAL IN NATURE. INADVERTENTLY THIS INCLUDES THE FIELD OF ENGINEERING.

IN THOSE DAYS TAM WAS LOOSELY CONCEIVED AS A FORUM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL PROBLEMS BY MEN FROM ALL WALKS OF THE TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY DURING THE COUNTRY'S PRE-INDEPENDENCE. INTERESTINGLY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD OR JKR) OF PERAK, THROUGH THE INITIATIVE OF THEIR TECHNICAL LEADERSHIP (WHO WERE ANG MO) FORMED THE PERAK TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION IN 1935. THE SELANGOR TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED IN 1937. THESE ASSOCIATIONS PROVIDED A PRELIMINARY PLATFORM FOR TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THOSE DAYS, AND THE EVENTUAL FORMATION OF A TECHNICAL COMMUNITY WAS BORN. THIS HAD NOW MANIFESTS ITSELF INTO ORGANISATIONS LIKE THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS MALAYSIA, (IEM), AND THE TECHNOLOGICAL

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ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA (TAM).

OF COURSE TODAY MANY MORE TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS HAVE BEEN FORMED TO PROMOTE SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES AS THE NATION DEVELOPS, BUT HISTORY HAD SHOWN US THAT PERHAPS TAM WAS TRULY THE EARLIEST ONE. THIS RICH HISTORY IS NOW CAPTURED IN OUR **75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMERATIVE BOOK** WHICH WAS INITIATED AND UNDERTAKEN BY TAM PENANG BRANCH. MUCH THANKS TO THEM FOR RESEARCHING THROUGH THE ARCHIVES OF TAM AND COMING UP WITH THIS WONDERFUL BOOK

TODAY WE WILL BE WITNESSING THE LAUNCHING OF THIS BOOK BY OUR GUEST OF HONOUR THIS WILL INEED BE A MILESTONE FOR TAM.

ANOTHER SIGNICANT MILESTONE TODAY WILL ALSO BE TAM'S ENTRY INTO **THE MALAYSIAN BOOK OF RECORDS**, AS **'THE OLDEST TECHNICAL CIVIL SOCIETY'** IN MALAYSIA.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TECHNICAL RESOURCE AND CAPITAL IN NATION BUILDING CANNOT BE OVERSTATED, AND THE ASSOCIATION ENTRY INTO THE MALAYSIA BOOK OF RECORD WILL INDEED PUT ON RECORD AND RECOGNITION OF THE WORK OF TAM MEMBERS OVER THIS PERIOD IN DEVELOPMENT AND RESHAPING THE TECHNICAL LANDSCAPE OF MALAYSIA.

LASTLY I WOULD TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MENTIONED ABIT ABOUT THE **TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNICIAN ACT 2015 (ACT 768)** WHICH HAS LED TO THE TIMELY ESTABLISHMENT OF THE **MALAYSIAN BOARD OF TECHNOLOGISTS(MBOT)**. THE STATUTORY RECOGNITION OF TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNICIANS HAD PROVIDED A SIGNIFICANT PLATFORM FOR TAM MEMBERS TO PLAY AN ACTIVE AND HIGHER ROLE TOWARDS THE PROMOTION OF REGISTRATION, RECOGNITION, EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING.

EMPOWERING AND PROMOTION OF **TECHNICAL, VOCATIONAL, EDUCATION AND TRAINING (TVET)** WILL BE ONE OFTHE CORE OBJECTIVES OF TAM IN RAISING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY AND DEVELOPMENT BOTH IN MALAYSIA AND INTERNATIONALLY.

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT TAM WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY THIS ROLE AND WILL CONTINUOUSLY SUPPORT MBOT IN CAPACITY TO UPSKILL AND RESKILL OUR TECHNICAL HUMAN RESOURCE CAPITAL ESPECIALLY SO IN THE NEW ERA OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION 4.0

ONCE AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YAB TUAN CHAN KON YEOW, FOR HIS GRACIOUS PRESENCE AND EVERYONE WHO ARE HERE TODAY.

AND FOR THOSE DELEGATES WHO ARE NOT FROM PENANG, HAVE A WONDERFUL STAY ON THIS BEAUTIFUL ISLAND

WITH THAT, THANK YOU,  
STAY SAFE, AND  
HAVE A GREATDAY AND A WONDERFUL EVENT AHEAD

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## Organising Chairman Speech

Solutation

YAB CM Chow Kon Yeow

TAM President Ir. Ts.Yam Teong Sian

Malaysia Book of Records CEO Dato'Seri (Dr.) Michael Tio

TAM Penang Branch Chairman Ts. Alex Poo Teng Soo

Chairman of TAM Branches

Dato2 Datin2

Ladies and gentlemen

A very warm welcome and good morning!

To many, TAM seems to be a new, mind you

The Technological Association Malaysia (TAM) has come a long way as the oldest technological Civil Society Organization (CSO) in Malaysia, where we will be recognised by Malaysia Book of Records later in the day.

Our forefathers in TAM have mooted the idea in training, guiding and nurture the growth and well being of our future engineering technicians and technologists. Since 1908, TAM founding members have started establishing bedding ground for to ensure the provision of the future engineers, technicians, technologists' human resources for the progress and development in our Country.

In continuing the legacy of TAM with its Mission and Vision in mind, TAM Penang Branch have in 5 years ago bid and successfully bring its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary here in Penang as TAM Penang Branch envisioned the a new milestone be spearhead in our beloved state to centre of technical hub that will continue to at par in leading technological advancement within our region.

Technology has always revolves around us, we can see from the recent Russia-Ukrainian conflict, latest technologies employed play a crucial role as winning factor. Satellite technology, drone technology, BIG data management, electronic jamming technology etc, etc everything will converge and come into play during the war now to.

Like it or not we have no choice but to pick up the skills, master these technologies, and continuously innovate to explore new frontiers, if not we will swept away. Like it or not we will all be forced into adopting the fast technological advances around us.

We will have no choice but to pick up all the necessary skills.

TAM believes that, in order to stay competitive, technical strength of our future generations is a determining factor. Thus, TAM is even more relevant nowadays.

TAM as the oldest technical Civil Society Organisation must play a more active role to ensure the technical standing of our human resources is at least at par with our neighbour if not world class.

In preparing to celebrate this auspicious occasion, TAM has incorporated and carried out series of events a year before hand in line with the need. Monthly STEM education seminar with STEM Penang and other stake holders to exposure science, technology, engineering and mathematics to attract the interest of young generation.

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At TAM we will continue to stay relevant, TAM will use its platforms and this endamic as revamping point to strive hard to spearhead the progress and growth agenda for Penang and Malaysia. TAM could not do it by ourselves alone but with the unreserved supports from all parties', especially respective state government, we could make it happen. Before I end, I would seek full support for State government for us to continue on TAM's efforts in making our country strong.

Let's make it happen.

Thank you.

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