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马来西亚近几个月的经济表现 Malaysia Economic Performance in recent months

正所谓有得必有失！尽管许多人正艰难地面对新冠疫情对生计所带来的影响，但我们仍然见到我国经济有那么一些令人鼓舞的迹象。

根据财政部刊物MYEconomy Spotlight指出，我国2021年3月份的贸易表现增长了25.6%，达到了马币1,857亿令吉。经济学家也预测我国的经济将在2021年得以反弹。这意味着我国自2020年5月以来连续11个月实现了贸易顺差。

2021年2月，马来西亚制造业达到6.4% 的同比增长，总额达马币1,184亿令吉；而工业生产指数 (IPI) 同比也增长1.5%。

这些迹象显示，只要坚持和努力不懈，阳光总会在风雨后等待着成功者。

All is not doom and gloom. While many are still reeling from the devastation of Covid-19 towards their livelihood, the country can take heed of some encouraging signs displayed in our economy.

According to the MYEconomy Spotlight by the Ministry of Finance, our trade performance increased by 25.6% to RM 185.7 billion in March 2021 while economist predicted that our economy will rebound in 2021. This also marks the 11th consecutive month we are enjoying a trade surplus since May 2020.

The manufacturing sector also registered a growth of 6.4% yoy in February 2021 to RM 118.4 billion which also benefits the Industrial Production Index (IPI) by 1.5% yoy.

Such indications prove that amid the perceived darkness, there is always light at the end of the tunnel if we remain steadfast and persistent.

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马来西亚木材理事会2021年出口援助方案（EAP） MTC EAP Incentive 2021

随着世界经济逐步的重新开放，之前停滞不前的供应链在出口商之间产生了激烈的竞争。如此一来，集装箱和船运就以价高者得的形式运作。

作为一个中等收入国家，这种情况虽然不是不能逾越，但事实证明，若我们要与高收入国或较大的经济体竞争，可能就会引来更大的挑战；因为后者的出价远超马来西亚出口商数倍。

在面对这样的困境当儿，马来西亚木材理事会推出了最新的激励措施，即2021年出口援助方案（EAP），以减轻本地木材出口商的部分运输成本。

当中的必要条包括须成为6大木材公会之一的会员、仅限于中小型企业、公司成立在西马等等。



As the world economy gradually reopens, supply chains previously at a standstill have been experiencing steep competition among exporters. With that, containers and shipping vessels were sold to the highest bidders.

Being a middle-income country, such scarcity while not insurmountable proves to be increasingly challenging for us to compete with the developed or larger economies which can outbid Malaysian exporters several times.

With such a dilemma, MTC has introduced its latest incentive in the form of the Export Assistance Programme (EAP) 2021 to alleviate part of the shipping costs for local timber exporters.

Among the requirements are being a member of one of the 6 timber associations, SME's only, based in Peninsula Malaysia etc.



MTC EXPORT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (EAP) 2021

The issue of container and vessel capacity shortage due to the COVID-19 pandemic has hit the global trade and has become a serious problem for importers and exporters as well as the logistics industry in Malaysia. The container and space shortage on board shipping lines have increased container freight rates for both export and import shipments by between 300% to 500%.

The Export Assistance Programme (EAP) 2021 established by the Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) is to provide assistance to Malaysian timber exporters, particularly SMEs to defray part of only the ocean freight charges.

GUIDELINES



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马来西亚连锁协会(MRCA)礼貌拜会马来西亚家具总会 *MRCA's courtesy visit to MFC as a strategic partner*



马来西亚连锁协会 (MRCA) 於 2021 年 4 月 22 日, 在会长 Shirley Tay 的率领下, 一行 7 人连同秘书处礼貌拜会了马来西亚家具总会 (MFC)。这是双方於2021年1月建立战略合作伙伴关系以来的首次拜会。

马来西亚家具总会的代表包括总会长邱耀仲、总秘书长刘建祥、副总会长黄国坤、理事胡天顺以及拿督刘景坤。

在随后上午11点开始的对话中, 双方讨论了通过发挥各自优势和专长来促进合作的途径。双方也因MRCA会员是由全国各地的主要连锁店和零售店组成, 而在这种新建立的关系上受益。

经过积极的磋商, 双方互赠纪念品, 以纪念双方的战略合作伙伴关系。

On April 22, 2021 delegates from the Malaysian Retail Chain Association (MRCA) paid a courtesy visit to the Malaysian Furniture Council (MFC). Led by its President, Shirley Tay alongside 7 other leaders, this visit is the first since the establishment of the strategic partnership between both organizations in January 2021.

Among the receiving entourage were President Khoo Yeow Chong, Sec-Gen Matthew Law, Vice President Wong Kok Hoon and GC members Daniel Hu and Dato' Kenny Low.

In the ensuing 11am dialogue, both parties discussed on avenues to bolster the cooperation through maximizing its strengths and expertise. With memberships consisting of major chain and retail store around the country, both sides will benefit from this newly established relation.

After the fruitful discussion, souvenirs were exchanged to commemorate the beginning of this strategic partnership.

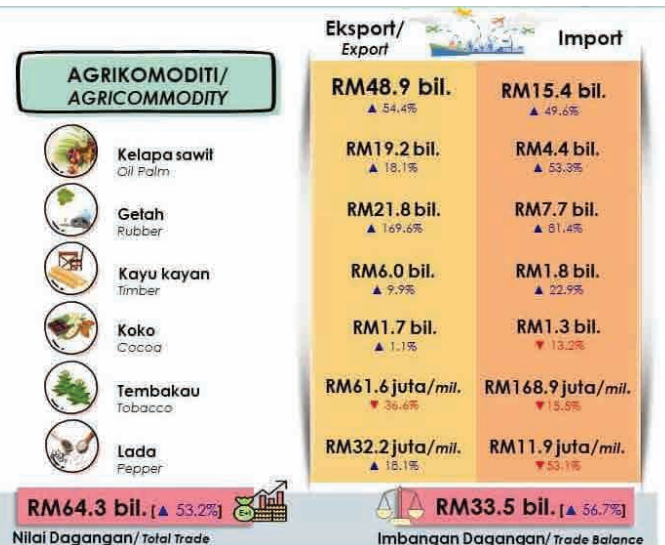


PRESTASI PERDAGANGAN SEKTOR AGRIKOMODITI

TRADE PERFORMANCE OF AGRICOMMODITY SECTOR

Januari - Mac
January - March

2021



PETROLEUM & GAS

RM26.6 bil.
▼ 23.8%

RM19.4 bil.
▼ 36.5%

ELEKTRIK & ELEKTRONIK/
ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC

RM108.0 bil.
▲ 27.9%

RM69.6 bil.
▲ 19.3%

JUMLAH BARANGAN/
TOTAL MERCHANDISE

RM282.1 bil.
▲ 18.2%

RM223.5 bil.
▲ 10.8%

Nota/Note:

1. bil. : billion / billion
2. mil. : million
3. Hasil tambah mungkin berbeza kerana pembundaran/
Sub-totals may not add up exactly to totals due to rounding
3. ▲ ▼ Peratus perubahan bagi tempoh yang sama pada 2020/
Percentage change from the same period in 2020

Sumber/source:

Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia / Department of Statistics Malaysia

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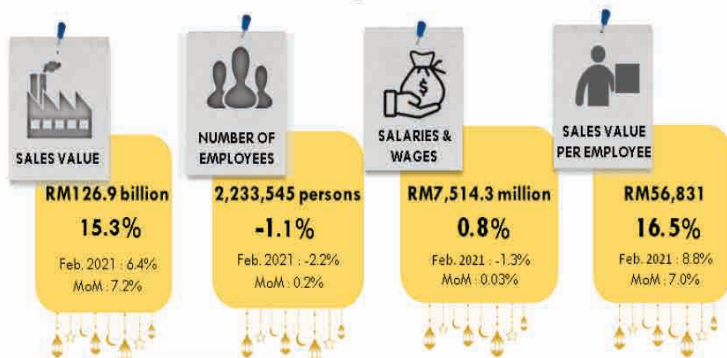
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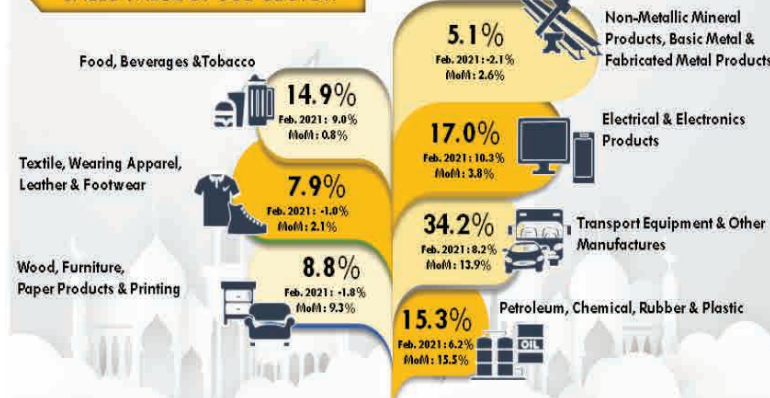
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Manufacturing sales grew at a faster pace of 15.3 per cent in
March 2021, the highest after 44 months



SALES VALUE BY SUB-SECTOR



Note : Percentage growth refers to Year-on-Year (YoY)
and Month-on-Month (MoM) changes

Source : Monthly Manufacturing Statistics, Malaysia
March 2021
Department of Statistics Malaysia

**柔佛州家具同业联合会2021年常年会员代表大会暨改选第25届
(2021-2023 年度) 理事会**

***Federation of Johore Furniture Manufacturers and Traders Association 2021
Annual General Meeting and 25th Committee's election (2021-2023)***



柔佛州家具同业联合会日前召开 2021 年常年会员代表大会，暨改选第 25 届（2021-2023 年度）理事会，黄友欢蝉联会长、吴松煌及姚国祥则各蝉联秘书长与财政一职。上述会员代表大会的出席者分别来自麻坡区会、峇株巴辖区会、新山区会及居銮区会，大会议长由麻坡家具同业商会执行顾问陈文海担任。

会长黄友欢指出，受新冠肺炎疫情和行动管制令影响，各地家具制造厂复工延迟，不管大小企业，第一季度都面对亏损。但目前对于家具业来说，整体订单情况还算乐观。因此，尽管马来西亚家具出口总值从 2019 年的 RM 111.4 亿令吉增至 2020 年的 128.6 亿令吉，但预计柔佛州的家具业将蒙受 30 亿令吉的亏损，损失是 2020 年家具出口总值的 25%。他表示，家具业使用的外劳数量还不到在马来西亚外劳人口的百分之 3%，可是却能带来超过百亿的外汇收入，所以希望政府能严重看待接下来的劳工政策，多与行业沟通，以便更好的处理家具业面对的劳力问题。然而，许多生产制造过程仍需要员工操作，无法完全以机器取代。

他补充，由于各国正在经历不同程度的停工停产，这导致全球供应链受阻，原材料上涨与货运短缺也是我们正面对的棘手问题，唯希望政府与银行的相关援助计划能提供额外营运资金给中小型企业、帮助我们在这疫情中更有竞争力。

The Federation of Johore Furniture Manufacturers and Traders Association held its 2021 Annual General Meeting and 25th election (2021-2023), Steve Ong has been re-elected as President, while Goh Song Huang and Yau Kok Siang were re-elected as Secretary-General and Treasurer, respectively. The attendees of the above-mentioned member congress are from the 5 districts which are Muar, Batu Pahat Johor Bahru and Kluang. The chairman for the meeting was Mr Tan Boon Hai, the Executive Advisor of the Muar Furniture Association.

President Steve Ong pointed out that due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Movement Control Order, furniture manufacturing factories in various regions were forced to delay their work resumption, causing losses for both large and small enterprises faced in the first quarter of 2021. However, in terms of the general picture for the furniture industry, the order rate remains optimistic such as the rise of total export value from RM 11.138 billion in 2019 to RM 12.855 billion in 2020. Despite the rosy picture, the Johor furniture industry is still expected to suffer a loss of RM 3 billion. The loss is 25% of the total value of furniture exports in 2020.

He added while the number of foreign labour used in the furniture industry is less than 3% of the total foreign labour population in Malaysia, this group alone can contribute more than RM 10 billion foreign exchange income. Therefore, he hopes that the government will look into the labour policy seriously and communicate with the industry in order to deal with the labour issues faced by the furniture industry more effectively. Many manufacturing processes still require employees to operate and cannot be completely automated.

Steve added that as countries are experiencing varying degrees of work stoppages and production shutdowns, this has caused the global supply chain to be blocked. He hope that the government and related assistance programs can provide additional working capital to small and medium-sized enterprises and help us become more competitive during this pandemic.

峇家具同业公会改选 23理事无竞争下续任

Batu Pahat Furniture Association re-elected all 23 Committee Members to be re-appointed uncontested



峇株巴辖家具同业公会日前进行2021年至2022年度第21届理事改选，在无竞争情况下由23名原任理事续任，其中林喜长蝉联会长一职。由于疫情仍未好转，该会日前适应新常态，结合线上方式举行2021年度常年会员大会及理事 就职典礼。就职典礼由该会名誉会长拿督蔡志贤主持监誓仪式。

林喜长表示，冠病疫情如同一只无形大手，把世界经济从正常增长轨道，拖往充满未知的崎岖道路，很多企业须面对需求放缓、供应中断、现金流及营运成本的重大挑战。他说，我国去年3月实施行管令，几乎所有商业活动喊停，该会同业面临前所未见的巨大挑战，该会通过总会提交了多项建议及备忘录予相关政府部门，一同探讨解决方案。

他希望，待疫情稳定后能举办多场交流会、讲座会及展览会，带给会员更多资讯与利益，并呼吁会员踊跃登记接种疫苗，一同遏制疫情扩散。



The Batu Pahat Furniture Association has recently re-elected its 21st Committee for the 2021– 2022 term. All 23 incumbent Committee Members were re-appointed uncontested. Chief among them, Lim Hee Tiang has been re-elected as the Chairman. As the Covid-19 pandemic situation has yet to show any signs of improvement, the association has adapted to the new normal by conducting its 2021 Annual General Meeting and Committee's inauguration ceremony through online platforms. The inauguration ceremony was chaired by the Honorary President of the association, Dato' Chua Chee Hieng.

Lim Hee Tiang said that the COVID-19 pandemic is akin to an invisible force, causing the world economy to detour from its usual growth trajectory into unknown territory. Many companies have to face major challenges of slow demand, supply disruption, cash flow and operating costs. He pointed out when Malaysia implemented the Movement Control Order in March 2020, nearly all commercial activities stopped operating hence the association is now facing unprecedented challenges. In response, the association has submitted a number of suggestions and memorandums to relevant government departments through the Malaysian Furniture Council to explore possible solutions together.

He hopes that after the Covid-19 pandemic has stabilize, we are able organize more conferences, seminars and exhibitions to disseminate more information and benefits to members while at the same time also urging them to register for vaccinations to help curb the spread of the virus.



峇株巴辖家具同业公会第二十一届（2021-2022）年度理事就职典礼

监誓人：峇株巴辖家具同业公会名誉会长拿督蔡志贤先生 24.04.2021

新山家具同业公会常年会员大会

Johor Bahru Furniture Association 2021 Annual General Meeting



新山家具同业公会在 2月 21日召开 2021年线上常年会员大会暨颁布励志金及新春团拜，全体会员在会议上一致通过成立新山家具同业公会家具文物馆，以保留家具业的历史文化。本会已在 4月23日举办第二十一届（2021-2022年度）理事就职典礼仪式，黄建翔先生（吉祥木器家私供应厂）获选成为本会会长。另外，本会 JBFA EVENTS BERHAD 将不仅仅局限于家具展，预计在今年策划举办其它类型的展览会，希望把公司的经营模式提升至较全面的新阶段。



On 21 February, the Johor Bahru Furniture Association held its 2021 Annual General Meeting and in conjunction with the Chinese New Year Celebration, all present JBFA members unanimously approved the establishment of the Hall of Furniture Heritage & Culture. JBFA has held the 21st (2021-2022) Committee Inauguration Ceremony on 23rd April 2021. Mr. Ng Chien Hsiang (Syarikat Kek Siang) was elected as the President of JBFA. In addition, JBFA EVENTS BERHAD will not only be limited to organizing furniture exhibitions. It is expected to plan other types of exhibitions by this year. JBFA also hopes to upgrade the company's business model to a more comprehensive stage.



2021年度沙撈越傢俬公会联合会年度会员大会及第15届执委会选举 2021 Sarawak Furniture Industry Association AGM & 15th Committee Election



砂拉越傢俬工业联合会已经於18. 04. 2021在本会赖瑞源礼堂成功举办年度会员大会及第 15届（2021/2022）执委会选举。

尽管古晋目前还处于有条件行管令时期，我们得到出席法定人数有93名额，包括会员因故不能亲自赴会的授权书，创下历来新高记录。

在一片竞争中，大会成功选出新届会长张国诗，秘书长林学艺，财政余少扬。会长张国诗立即展开工作，在短短的两天成功委任相关执委和理事职位。张国诗将领导团队进行一系列活动与工作，承先启后，促使砂拉越的傢俬工作发展欣欣向荣，也决心促使本会的傢俬工业由传统的本地市场转型至专注出口市场。

The SFIA Annual General Meeting and 15th Committee (2021/2022) Election was held on Sunday 18th April 2021 at Kapitan Lai Swee Yian Hall of SFIA Office, Kuching, Sarawak.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and Kuching is still under the Conditional Movement Control Order, the AGM successfully secured a record-breaking quorum of 93, inclusive of the Proxy Letters from members that were unable to attend due to restrictions on movement control and adhering to the strict SOP.

After a tightly fought election, Leo Chiang Kok Sze was elected as the new President, Alex Lim Hak Geh as the Secretary, and Nicholas Sia Shaw Yang as the Treasurer. President Leo Chiang Kok Sze completed the appointment and formation of the 15th Committee (2021/2022) successfully in 2 days and shall lead the new team to carry out activities to enhance the growth and development of Sarawak Furniture Industry Association. Our new President also pledges commitment to reform our Sarawak furniture industry from traditionally focusing on local to export oriented market.

隆雪家具公会会员大会及理事会改选
2021 KSFA Annual General Meeting



隆雪家具公会于4月23日，在商会会所三楼南隆友礼堂举行2021年度常年会员大会暨第三十二届理事会选举。大会议长黄郁燊宣布出席会员大会人数共有62人，符合法定人数的条规。

2021年度常年会员大会的议程包括接纳前期大会议案、接纳2020年度秘书处报告、汇报2021年工作计划、接纳2020年度财政报告、汇报2021年财政预算、讨论及接纳大会提案，推选审核师以及进行第三十二届理事会选举。

由于隆雪家具公会曾经因进行两会合并，因此拿督李光森担任了6年会长，他在卸任前感谢会员的支持，并祝福新届理事会在会长的带领下能够齐心合力，克服难题，继续为行业和公会共创佳绩。

The Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Furniture Association (KSFA) held its Annual General Meeting and 32nd Council of Committee Member Election on April 23, 2021. The AGM Chairman, Richard Wong announced the attendance was 62 companies, meeting the requirement of a quorum.

Among the AGM agendas are discussing matters raised in previous meetings, adopting the 2020 Secretary and Treasury Report, to report Annual Work Plans and Budget for 2021, to discuss and adopt motions submitted by members, and finally the election of the 32nd Council of Committee.

Dato' Eric Lee has served as the incumbent KSFA President for the past 6 years and is about to step down. The President respectfully conveys a heartfelt gratitude for all the kind support by the members in the past and hoped the new council steers the association towards more positive changes in time to come.



理事会复选

本会在常年会员大会当天顺利投选出25名新理事。同时也在4月30日进行了第三十二届理事会复选，为新届理事会成员选出要职。

隆雪家具公会新任会长由刘建祥以大热姿态票选而出！这场由投票议决胜负的复选，最后在理事会成员慎重的考虑后，选出心目中最理想的成员担任理事会8个要职。刘建祥在上任时发言表示感谢新届理事成员的支持，他希望在任期间能和理事们同策同力，顺利完成多项目标，首先他表示家具城的购地计划必须尽快完成，以及培养家具行业的新血，他计划能成立青年团，同时通过各种活动加强与会员之间的凝聚力。

最后，刘建祥会长希望加强本地家具内销市场的发展，未来将以本地市场为导向协助因为疫情而受到打击的家具业者快速复苏，规划更多适合本地业者的方案来提高本地市场的竞争力。

The election of the 32nd Council of Committee (2021-2023)

KSFA successfully voted 25 new Committee Members on April 23. At the same time, the election of Office Bearers was held on April 30 to elect the new President and 8 prominent positions on the board.

The new KSFA President, Matthew Law Kian Siong in his opening speech mentioned he will continue upholding the vision of 595 and complete each project with the new board. Chief among them, he would like to speed up the development of the Furniture City project followed by the setting up of a Youth Group to nurture outstanding young entrepreneurs through a philosophy of lifetime learning and good ethics. At the same time through the association, various activities to encourage strong fellowship in the furniture industry are being planned.

Lastly, the new President reiterated that he hopes to strengthen the development of the local furniture market. In the future, we need to plan more schemes for the local furniture industry that was hit by the pandemic to see a rapid recovery and enhanced competitiveness.

槟州家具同业商会 2021年度常年会员大会

Penang Furniture and Timber Industry Association (PFTIA)

2021 Annual General Meeting and election



槟州家具同业商会目前召开2021年度常年会员大会暨举行选举第二十四届董事会（2021-2022）。这场大会於早上9时15分於北海 Seberang Jaya The Light Hotel举行。基于槟州还在条件行管令（CMCO），所以商会需遵守标准作业程序根据场地的大小来限定出席人数。一共有49家会员公司以及委托代表出席上述会议，出席人数已超过大会之法定人数。有关新届董事选举，鉴于在提名截止时只有19人提名参选，并无超过章程所限定19人，故所有候选人皆不劳而获，当选新届初选董事，因此选举无需进行投票。同时选举委员会也征询初选董事的同意下宣布当天进行复选决定各人所担任的职位。



第24届董事会由马光耀众望所归，荣膺会长之职；张景顺则荣膺秘书长之职；署理会长之职则由拿督江连贤担任，而卸任会长龚伟杰自动受委为该会会务顾问。



同时，槟州家具同业商会青年团也於2021年4月25日，於该会会议室召开第 1 届青年团会员大会暨选举第 2 届团委，该团特邀请母会会长龚伟杰来主持选举会议。余信龙被选举为团长之职；署理团长则由林舒婷担任；而秘书长之职则由张景顺担任。

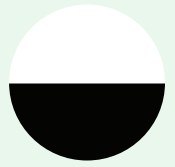
The Penang Furniture and Timber Industry Association held its 2021 Annual General Meeting and election of the 24th Board of Committees for the term of 2021-2022. The meeting was held at The Light Hotel Butterworth in Seberang Jaya at 9:15am. Since Penang is still under the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO), associations are required to adhere to the standard operating procedure (SOP) by limiting the number of attendees based on the size of the venue. A total of 49 members and their proxy representatives attended the AGM which exceeded the quorum required.

As for the election of the board of committees, since only 19 people were nominated for the election at the time of the nomination deadline, which is not more than what was stated in the constitution, all candidates were elected unopposed for the new 2021- 2022 term of the primary committees. At the same time, the Election Committee has also consulted with the approval of the primary committee and announced that a re-election would be conducted on the day to determine the positions held by each person. The President of 24th Board of Committees is Mah Kong Yeow; Jayden Chong was awarded the post of Secretary General; the post of Deputy President went to Dato' Alvin Kang while Mr. Hendry Kong stepped down from the position of President to be appointed as Advisor.

At the same time, the PFTIA Youth Committee also held its 1st Youth AGM cum Election of the 2nd Youth Committee on 8 pm, April 25, 2021 at the association's Meeting Room. The group invited President Mr Hendry Kong to chair the election meeting. The outcome of the election saw Jeorge Yee being elected as Youth Group Leader while Hazel Lim as the Deputy Group leader. The Secretary- General post was then held by Jayden Chong.

彭亨家俱同业公会新届理事宣誓就职

Pahang Furniture Manufacturers and Traders Association New Governing Committee Swearing-in Ceremony



彭亨州家俱同业公会冀望彭亨州政府拨出工业地段，或给予适宜价格售卖给外国投资者，尤其中国的大厂家家，以便在州内开发一座家私城，以带动该州经济发展。

该会会长拿督吴来富认为，彭州幅员辽阔，并拥有丰富的树桐、木材资源，因此，具备设立家私城的条件。他指出，中国是世界最大规模的家私出口国之一，也有从我国引进木材作制造各类家私；因此，州政府可邀请中国人到该州投资，开设大型的家私工厂，为当地制造更多就业机会。他说，目前关丹港口码头经已扩大及加深，运载货物非常便利，加上东铁一旦完成，运输更为方便。

吴来富今日中午，在该会新届理事会举行宣誓就职典礼后致词。他表示，该会计划在疫情好转后，筹办大型的家私展销会，希望在他任期内能够落实。他也指出该会也计划举办周年纪念晚宴，为该会筹获得一笔款项，以加强该会的经济状况，并考虑在关丹设立新会所。

另一方面，主持监誓人为马来西亚家具总会秘书长刘建祥致词时表示希望，该会的同业能够团结一致，给予新会长配合与支持，把会务推向更高峰。

出席观礼的，包括彭亨州家俱同业公会的4位前任会长，包括郑仲财、吴劲卫、陈奕吉、卢学友。

The Pahang Furniture Manufacturers and Traders Association hopes that the state government will set aside suitable industrial lots or offer them to foreign investors, major Chinese manufacturers in particular at a favorable price to develop a furniture city in the state and boost the state's economic development.

Dato' Stanley Goh Lye Foo, the President of Pahang Furniture Manufacturers and Traders Association, believes that Pahang has the appropriate environment for setting up a furniture city as it has vast territory and rich natural resources such as timber. He too pointed out that despite China being one of the world's largest exporters of furniture, and it also sources timber from Malaysia to produce various types of furniture.

Therefore, the state government can consider inviting Chinese investors and set up a large furniture cluster to create more local job opportunities. He opined the expanded terminal at Kuantan Port made it more convenient to transport goods, and once the East Coast Rail Link is complete; it makes the job a lot easier.

Dato' Stanley Goh delivered a speech after the swearing-in ceremony of the new Governing Committee at noon today. He added that the Association plans to organize a large-scale furniture fair when the pandemic is over, which he hopes it can be implemented during his term.

He also mentioned that the Association is planning to hold an anniversary dinner to raise funds to improve its financial situation and to consider setting up a new office in Kuantan. During the ceremony, the commissioner for oaths was the Secretary General of the Malaysian Furniture Council, Mr. Matthew Law Kian Siong. In his speech, he expressed hope that members of the Association could unite and support the new President to develop the Association.

Also present at the ceremony were four former Presidents of the Pahang Furniture Manufacturers and Traders Association: Tee Thiong Chai, Goh Keng Ooi, Albert Chan and Loo Yau.



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