

MKMA Annual Report

(For the period 1/7/2006 to 30/5/2007)

Seminars, Courses & Presentations

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

Jointly organized with TaTtc, the C-TPAT workshop aims to help factories in upgrading their skills and knowledge in Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism initiative. The workshop was attended by 20 participants from 10 factories.

6-7/7/2006 **Workshop on Lean Manufacturing**

The workshop provides the technical tools, supporting strategies and concepts that help and guides manufacturers to become lean. Well delivered by Mr. Charles Dagher who is the CEO of Dagler Consulting Group, there were 14 participants from 6 companies.

20-21/9/2006 **Basic Fabric Consumption and Apparel Costing Course**

A fundamental course to understand fabric consumption, cost components and computation for costing calculation. Speaker was Ms. May Ng who has more than 30 years of experience in the sector. There were 19 attendees from 9 companies.

21-22/11/2006 **Seminar on Textile Development Trend**

Sponsored by Taiwan Textile Federation, two presentations were held at KL and BP respectively with 23 and 48 participants. The speaker, Mr. Jeff Chen briefed the participants on the trend and innovation modals of the textile and apparel industry.

13/1/2007 **Seminar on Blue Ocean Strategy**

BLUE OCEAN STRATEGY (BOS) provides a systematic approach to making the head-on competition irrelevant. Examining a wide range of strategic moves across a host of industries, *BOS* highlights the six principles that every company can use to successfully formulate and execute blue ocean strategies. The seminar was delivered by Mr. Charles Huang and attended by 30 participants from 15 companies.

29/5/2007 **Briefing on Financial Assistance Programs Provided to the SMEs**

Jointly organized by MKMA and MTMA, Mr. Chai Sen Hong, Manager, Financing and Monitoring Department of Small And Medium Industries Development Corporation (SMIDEC) briefed participants on Types of Financial Assistance available from SMIDEC.

Meetings and Dialogues

Malaysia-US FTA Meetings

Our representatives attended several MUSFTA meetings held by MTMA, MITI and FMM. Textile and apparel is one of the 19 working groups established.

(Meetings on 25/8/06, 10/9/06, 28/9/06, 9/10/06, 16/10/06, 21/12/06, 2/2/07, 12/4/07)

Dyehouse and Environmental Department Meetings

Several internal and external meetings were held to appeal for relaxation of enforcement activities and to request for review of current stringent standards. Memorandums were submitted to YB Freddie Long and DOE HQ.

- Dyehouse Internal Meetings (30/5/06 & 3/8/06 & 27/11/06)
- Meetings with YB Freddie Long (27/6/06 & 17/8/06)
- Meeting with Dr. Shamsuddin, Deputy Director of DOE (29/11/06)
- Seminar on Environmental Aspects and Cleaner Production of Textile Industries organized by Eimas and DOE (14/5/07)

Meetings on Illegal Imports and Labeling of Clothing

Memorandums on the issue were submitted to MITI, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Domestic Trade and several meetings were held.

- MITI Meeting with Tan Sri Sidek Hassan (26/5/06)
- Meeting with Finance Department (6/6/06)
- MITI Meeting on chaired by Dato' Ooi Say Chuan (10/10/06)
- MITI Follow-up Meeting chaired by Mr. Alagasan (2/2/07)
- Dialogue with Ministry of Domestic Trade (24/5/07)

MITI is seriously considering our request for mandatory labeling on local clothing. We have also proposed to adopt the CEPT rules of origin to determine the country of origin.

On the worn clothing issue, the Royal Customs Malaysia has informed all entry points to be alert and to submit monthly statistical report on the import of worn clothing.

SIRIM Textile Technical & ISCQ Meetings

Mr. Yong Kok Swee represented MKMA to attend and contributed at the SIRIM Textile Technical Meetings on Textile and Chemical Tests and ISCQ Meetings.

The group studied and worked on **Development of Malaysian Standards** covering method of sampling textile fibres for testing, relevant standards on testing of heavy metals and textiles, ISO standard on pesticides, tests for colour fastness etc.

(Meetings on 27/9/06, 8/11/06, 14/11/06, 21/3/07, 27/3/07, 23/5/07)

Meeting on Implementation of IMP3 on TC Sector (13/10/2006)

MKMA representatives attended the meeting held at MITI. Information on implementation of IMP 3 for the TC sector has been published on the October 2006 issue of MKMA newsletter.

Upon request, MKMA submitted proposal for centralize waste treatment plant at Sri Gading and Tongkang Pecah Industrial Estate. Besides, it was also proposed to set up a fund for other individual construction or upgrading of waste treatment plant.

Customs Meetings

Mr. Khadmudin represented MKMA to Customs Panel Meeting on 20/12/2006 and Meeting on Demerit Points System (22/3/2007).

Other Meetings

- MITI Meeting on Malaysia-Pakistan FTA (12/9/2006)
- NPC Focus Group Meeting (3/8/2006)
- Malam MATRADE (18/8/2006)
- 57th Anniversary Dinner of the Founding of the People's Republic of China (28/9/2006)
- Received German Delegation (22/1/2007)
- HKTDC Seminar (6/2/2007)
- MATRADE Media Conference on Malaysia 2006 Trade Performance (9/2/07)
- MIDA Annual Media Conference on Performance of the Manufacturing & Services Sector 2006 (13/2/2007)
- SIMIDEC – Launching of Enterprise 50 Awards Programme 2007 (20/3/07)
- TAFCOM Meeting (23/3/2007)
- ACCCIM Tax Audit Seminar (24/3/2007)
- MATAC Meetings (7/3/2007, 10/5/2007)

Textile Education

8/7/2006 TARC Convocation

Mr. Tan Teng San and Mr. Kang Chin Lon attended the TARC Convocation at the Segamat Campus. We assisted the graduates in job matching.

4/2/2007 Hua Lian High School EGM

Mr. Kung Beng Lee and Mr. Seow Hon Cheong represented MKMA to the special EGM of Hua Lian High School, Taiping.

6/4/2007 TARC Fashion Show

Livertex Industries (M) S/B is one of the sponsors of the occasion.

9/4/2007 Visit Pen Apparel Sdn. Bhd.

An eye-opening and beneficial visit for 25 delegates. Datuk Y. H. Tan and his senior staffs briefed the delegates on the developments of the company and followed by a detailed tour to all departments of the factory.

Textile Exhibition

4-6/10/2006 Source-It Exhibition

Zoe represented MKMA to the Source-It held at Hong Kong Exhibition and Convention Centre. She brought along and displayed the exhibits from Firstex, Testex, Kwang Hwa and Uprise.

The Source-It which is an AFTEX occasion will be shifted to Shanghai from year 2007 onwards.

21/3/2007 Visit AAMA-TEX 2007

Organized a group of 38 delegations to visit the AAMA-TEX 2007 which was held at Singapore Expo.

Publications

- Membership Directory for year 2006-2008
- 6 issues of Newsletters
- 52 issues of Weekly News (by email only)
- Sold 23 booklets of "Pocket Textiles"

New Members

- Mayford Garments Sdn. Bhd.
- Testex® Swiss Textile-Testing Ltd.
- LS Accessories Trading
- Shirley Technologies Ltd.
- Koperasi Serbaguna Sanya Berhad