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**TAN SRI DATUK SERI LIM KENG CHENG
CONTINUES TO LEAD THE CONSTRUCTION
INDUSTRY TO NEW HEIGHTS**



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BUILDING THE FUTURE: MCIEA 2024 CELEBRATES MALAYSIA'S CONSTRUCTION CHAMPIONS

THE Malaysian Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) is delighted to share that the gateway to excellence in the Malaysian construction industry has once again opened to recognise and celebrate outstanding achievements. The Malaysian Construction Industry Excellence Awards (MCIEA), the ultimate honour in our field, returned in 2024, marking a renewed era of recognition and appreciation for our industry professionals' hard work and dedication.

In a year marked by renewed growth, development, and innovation, the MCIEA 2024 stands as a beacon of recognition for the remarkable talents and trailblazers in Malaysia's construction sector. Organised by the Malaysian Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), these awards highlight the industry's leading figures and underscore the essential role of construction in building a resilient, sustainable, and forward-looking Malaysia. CIDB Chief Executive Dato'

Sr. Mohd Zaid Zakaria remarked, "The MCIEA awards are not just about celebrating success; they represent the strength, spirit, and relentless pursuit of excellence that defines our industry. Every project submitted, every innovation implemented, is a step towards a better-built Malaysia for future generations."

Since 2020, the industry has faced unprecedented challenges, yet the resilience and innovation displayed have been truly inspiring. Emerging stronger and more united, this year's MCIEA showcased the remarkable accomplishments of individuals and organisations that have led the way in innovation, quality, sustainability, and their contributions to the growth of Malaysia's construction industry.

Over recent years, the sector has been overcoming obstacles, adapting to evolving requirements, and implementing new technologies. Mohd Zaid added, "The pandemic brought an unparalleled disruption, but it also brought opportunities to transform and reinvent. Today's winners took these challenges head-on and turned them into success stories that will inspire our industry for years to come."

MCIEA 2024 COMPRISES FIVE AWARD CATEGORIES:

1. Prominent Player Award
2. Builder Of The Year Award (G7)
3. International Achievement Award
4. The Best Project Awards
5. The Best Contractor Awards (G1-G6)

CIDB CHIEF EXECUTIVE,
DATO' SR. MOHD ZAID ZAKARIA



These awards celebrate the entire construction industry ecosystem, recognising contributions from all levels, from ambitious individual entrepreneurs to large-scale enterprises that have redefined construction excellence. The Best Contractor Awards (G1-G6) ensure recognition for all grades, rewarding efforts across various contractor levels, from smaller contractors to prominent market players. Each category celebrates a different aspect of the industry's diverse contributions, from executing groundbreaking projects to demonstrating high-quality standards, safety, and environmental responsibility.

As Mohd Zaid aptly highlighted, "Our categories reflect the diverse talents within the industry. Whether it's a small contractor with a unique approach to a local challenge or a major player pushing boundaries on an international scale, MCIEA recognises everyone's contributions and celebrates how they build the nation."

All awards were open to contractors registered with CIDB. Projects submitted for evaluation were completed between 1 Apr 2019 and 31 Dec 2023 and have a Certificate of Practical Completion (CPC)/ Certificate of Completion and Compliance (CCC). Each project was assessed on merit, with attention to innovation, efficiency, sustainability, and quality standards.

For the award recipients, CIDB offers a trophy and a powerful platform for future growth. Winners receive trophies, certificates of excellence, and free publicity for their products and services on CIDB's website, media platforms, and publications. The awards extend beyond recognition, empowering recipients with the prestigious MCIEA logo to incorporate in their branding, elevating their industry status and opening doors to new clients, collaborations, and opportunities.

Each award recipient also earns 40 Contractor Continuous Development (CCD) points, underscoring the CIDB's commitment to fostering lifelong learning and professional growth within the sector. This points system incentivises skill advancement and the constant upgrading of standards, essential in an industry that evolves as rapidly as the world it builds.

Mohd Zaid shared his perspective on the significance of these awards for individuals and organisations, stating, "Our commitment to continuous development is unwavering. The CCD points awarded to MCIEA winners reflect our belief that excellence requires dedication to current achievements and future growth.

We aim to inspire the next generation of leaders in construction who will continue Malaysia's legacy of quality and resilience."

The MCIEA 2024 awards presentation ceremony was held on 18 Nov 2024, a date that will be remembered as a testament to the dedication, expertise, and innovation within Malaysia's construction industry.

With the industry moving forward at an accelerated pace, MCIEA 2024 marks a historic milestone that reaffirms the values and ambitions of our construction professionals.

The CIDB recognises that every project is a legacy, and through these awards, the board aims to inspire future projects that echo the same high standards and dedication to excellence. "Our winners are setting the bar higher yearly," remarked Mohd Zaid. "They are leaders not only in construction but in pursuing a safe, sustainable, and prosperous Malaysia."

CIDB's commitment to the industry goes beyond the annual awards. The organisation actively engages with award recipients in promotional and intellectual activities throughout the year, ensuring their contributions resonate across the industry and beyond. These collaborations foster a knowledge-sharing culture and create industry-wide improvement and growth pathways. Award recipients serve as role models and contribute actively to Malaysia's construction dialogue, sharing insights that inspire other companies to innovate and strive for excellence.

Looking forward, CIDB envisions the MCIEA as a transformative platform that will continue to empower the industry's brightest stars, encouraging them to embrace sustainability, innovation, and inclusivity. CIDB reinforces its goal of making Malaysia a global construction quality and resilience leader through these awards. Mohd Zaid concluded, "The journey of Malaysia's construction industry is a journey of the nation itself. As we push forward, the MCIEA celebrates the extraordinary and the dedicated, those who shape not just buildings but the future of Malaysia."



FROM PROMINENT PLAYERS TO BEST PROJECTS: MCIEA 2024 AWARD CATEGORIES

THE MCIEA 2024 Awards celebrate the visionaries and trailblazers whose work defines Malaysia's construction industry. These awards highlight individuals and organisations whose commitment to quality, ingenuity, and resilience enhances the industry and elevates future growth standards. By recognising achievements across various categories, MCIEA 2024 honours those who inspire progress, from driving innovation at a global scale to elevating local practices and creating transformative projects. This celebration isn't just about the present, it's a tribute to the long-term impact of today's leaders and innovators on tomorrow's built environment. Every awardee in these categories exemplifies what it means to build with purpose and precision, showcasing their skill and the broader impact of their work on communities and the country's infrastructure. These prestigious awards are more than recognitions; they reflect the shared values, vision, and ambitions that unify and propel the industry forward.

PROMINENT PLAYER AWARD

This award recognises an individual who best represents the qualities and attributes of a prominent construction industry player and has significantly impacted the Malaysian construction industry, their company, the nation, and society. Selected based on nominations or recommendations from the MCIEA Panel of Assessors, the recipient embodies a commitment to the industry's growth and development beyond personal achievement, inspiring in Malaysia's construction landscape.

BUILDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is presented to the Grade G7 contractor who demonstrates excellence across company performance and project implementation. The criteria are focused on leadership, experience, and conformance to standards, setting a benchmark for Malaysia's highest level of contractors. This award highlights those continually raising the bar in quality and reliability in the construction industry.

INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award celebrates Malaysian construction service providers with outstanding and credible recognition in overseas construction ventures valued above RM100 million. Recipients are selected based on their ability to overcome international construction challenges and cultural barriers, their effective management style and operational practices, and their capability to project a positive image of Malaysia abroad. This award underlines the importance of a strong track record and world-class achievements that bring Malaysia's construction expertise to the global stage.

THE BEST CONTRACTOR AWARDS

These awards honour local contractors who have shown remarkable company performance, technical capability, and adoption of best practices. The awards are categorised for each contractor grade: Best Contractor Grade G1, Best Contractor Grade G2, Best Contractor Grade G3, Best Contractor Grade G4, Best Contractor Grade G5, and Best Contractor Grade G6. Each of these awards celebrates the dedication and expertise of contractors across different levels, demonstrating that excellence can be achieved at any scale.

THE BEST PROJECT AWARDS

Recognising projects that exemplify overall excellence in project implementation, this award highlights outstanding work across planning, design, and construction. Appreciation and acknowledgement are extended to the clients, contractors, and leading consultants (project team) who bring these projects to life. The awards in this category are divided by project scope, recognising infrastructure and building projects in three tiers: small (contract value of less than RM50 million), medium (contract value between RM50 million and RM200 million), and major (contract value of more than RM200 million). This award affirms the dedication to quality and meticulous project execution across varying levels of complexity.



RECOGNISING MALAYSIA'S BEST: THE MCIEA 2024 HONOREES

MCIEA 2024 proudly brings Malaysia's top construction achievements to the forefront, spotlighting outstanding contributions that set the standard for excellence in this essential industry. Here is an ode to the remarkable individuals and companies whose leadership, innovation, and commitment to quality create benchmarks that resonate across the nation and beyond.

PROMINENT PLAYER AWARD

TAN SRI DATUK SERI LIM KENG CHENG

BUILDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

IAQ SOLUTIONS SDN BHD

INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

WCT HOLDINGS BERHAD

THE BEST PROJECT AWARDS

MAJOR PROJECT > RM200 MIL (BUILDING)

Menara Affin, Jalan Tun Razak, Kuala Lumpur
Contractor: IJM Construction Sdn Bhd
Client: Affin Bank Berhad

Pejabat Kerajaan, Parcel F, Presint 1, Putrajaya
Contractor: Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd
Client: Putrajaya Bina Sdn Bhd

SMALL PROJECT < RM50 MIL (BUILDING)

Skyblox Setapak @ Sky Sanctuary, Setapak, Kuala Lumpur
Contractor: Projek Permata Jaya Sdn Bhd
Client: Skyworld Development Berhad

MAJOR PROJECT > RM200 MIL (INFRASTRUCTURE)

Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit: Sungai Buloh – Serdang – Putrajaya Line / Line 2
Contractor: MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP SSP) Sdn Bhd
Client: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd

Special Mention:

The Design, Construction & Completion Of The Lebuhraya Duta- Ulu Kelang Project (Duke)
Contractor: Ekovest Berhad
Client: Lebuhraya Duke Fasa 3 Sdn Bhd (LDF3)

Each award highlights the dedication to resilience, high standards, and forward-thinking that is shaping the future of construction in Malaysia. Each recipient exemplifies purposeful and meticulous craftsmanship, showcasing their expertise and their work's meaningful contributions to communities and Malaysia's progress.

These prestigious awards go beyond recognition – they embody shared values, a unified vision, and ambitions that drive the construction industry toward a more innovative and sustainable future.

MEDIUM PROJECT RM50 MIL TO RM200 MIL (INFRASTRUCTURE)

Tunnel And Associated Works Package IF2 (Along Jalan Galloway, Jalan Hang Tuah & Jalan Changkat Thambi Dollah
Contractor: Cergas Murni Sdn Bhd
Client: Bbcc Development Sdn Bhd

SMALL PROJECT < RM50 MIL (INFRASTRUCTURE)

Kerja-Kerja Pengukuhan Dan Penambahbaikan Tembok Laut Padang Kota Lama, Esplanade, Pulau Pinang
Contractor: Carta Indah Sdn Bhd
Client: Majlis Bandaraya Pulau Pinang

THE BEST CONTRACTOR AWARDS

BEST CONTRACTOR GRADE G1

Sinar Development

BEST CONTRACTOR GRADE G2

Putek Niaga Enterprise

BEST CONTRACTOR GRADE G3

Khariz Builders (M) Sdn Bhd

BEST CONTRACTOR GRADE G4

Aito Firework Holding Sdn Bhd

Special Mention:

Kenfox Technologies Sdn Bhd

BEST CONTRACTOR GRADE G5

Silara Akses Sdn Bhd

Special Mention:

SQR Interior Architecture Sdn Bhd

BEST CONTRACTOR GRADE G6

Ideation Sdn Bhd



TAN SRI DATUK SERI LIM KENG CHENG WINS PROMINENT PLAYER AWARD 2024

A Visionary Leader Transforming Malaysia's Built Environment Through Innovation and Community Impact.

In a landmark recognition of his indomitable spirit, vision, and unwavering commitment to the growth of Malaysia's construction industry, Tan Sri Datuk Seri Lim Keng Cheng has been awarded the Prominent Player Award at the Malaysian Construction Industry Excellence Awards (MCIEA) 2024. Known for his pioneering leadership, Lim has dedicated over three decades to shaping Malaysia's built environment through a unique blend of resilience, innovation, and social responsibility. His infrastructure, real estate development achievements, and staunch commitment to sustainability have distinguished him as a prominent industry figure and left an indelible mark on Malaysia's construction landscape.

A COMMITMENT TO MALAYSIA'S GROWTH

Lim's journey in construction began right after completing his schooling, where he cultivated expertise across various fields, including construction, civil engineering, turnkey projects, and property development. He completed his high school education at Sekolah Menengah Chong Hwa, Kuala Lumpur in 1980 and pursued further studies at Sekolah Menengah Tinggi Setapak, earning the Malaysian Higher School Certificate (STPM) in 1982.

**"SUCCESS ISN'T JUST ABOUT
BUILDING STRUCTURES; IT'S
ABOUT CREATING SUSTAINABLE
ENVIRONMENTS WHERE
COMMUNITIES CAN THRIVE."**

TAN SRI DATUK SERI LIM KENG CHENG





SPE DUKE 3 Interchange.

Over the years, Lim has overseen and successfully completed projects valued at more than RM20 billion, a testament to his leadership and depth of experience in the construction field. Today, he continues to influence the industry in his roles as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of Ekovest Berhad and Non-Executive Chairman of Lim Seong Hai Capital Berhad, listed on the LEAP Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. These roles highlight his strategic vision and commitment to advancing Malaysia's construction and property sectors, where his expertise and forward-thinking approach continue to shape the industry's future.

His vision is exemplified in projects such as the Duta-Ulu Kelang Expressway (DUKE) and River of Life in Kuala Lumpur, initiatives that have transformed urban mobility and revitalised public spaces. He also oversaw and ensured the timely completion of several design-and-build projects, namely Labuan Financial Park, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) in Sabah, and Universiti Tun Hussein Onn in Johor.

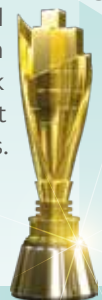
Reflecting on his career journey, Lim shares, "In this industry, success isn't just about building structures; it's about creating sustainable environments where communities can thrive. Each project is an opportunity to contribute to Malaysia's growth and enhance its people's quality of life." This sentiment reflects the philosophy underpinning his career, driving him to complete projects and create a lasting infrastructure that harmoniously integrates into Malaysia's urban fabric.

His visionary approach is evident in his emphasis on building connectivity and mobility. Through projects such as DUKE Phases 1, 2 and 3 (phase 3 is now known as Setiawangsa–Pantai Expressway, SPE), he has redefined the concept of urban highways as critical arteries that facilitate travel and enhance the overall accessibility of Kuala Lumpur. "We're not just constructing highways; we're building lifelines for cities, creating pathways that bring people closer together and enable economies to flourish," he reflects.

A LEGACY OF INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

"Sustainability is no longer optional; it is essential," he said. "As developers, we are responsible for future-proofing our projects and ensuring that we are minimising our ecological footprint."

His approach incorporates cutting-edge technologies, such as Building Information Modeling (BIM) and energy-efficient design principles, which have become integral to his project methodologies. Through his dedication to adopting advanced construction technologies, Lim has shown how sustainability and innovation can work hand in hand to create infrastructure that serves both present and future generations.



LSH33 is sustainably designed and affordable to enrich Malaysians' lifestyles further.

Beyond technical advancements, Lim has championed the idea that sustainable practices should be implemented holistically, considering each project's social, economic, and environmental impacts. His focus on reducing carbon footprints, optimising energy use, and sourcing materials locally has not only reduced the environmental impact of his projects but has also inspired others in the industry to prioritise sustainability.

LEADING WITH RESILIENCE

The construction industry is known for its volatility and complexity, but Lim's career is a testament to his ability to navigate and overcome these challenges. He has steered projects through economic fluctuations, regulatory changes, and logistical obstacles, always focusing on maintaining quality and safety standards.

When asked about his approach to challenges, he remarks, "The construction industry tests you in ways that demand resilience and creativity. Every challenge is an opportunity to innovate and find practical and forward-thinking solutions. This mindset has been crucial to every success I've had."

His perspective on resilience has enabled him to lead his teams through complex urban planning and engineering demands, particularly evident in the DUKE projects. Lim and his team surmounted significant hurdles by adopting forward-thinking planning and construction techniques, setting a new benchmark for expressway development in Malaysia.



COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

His role as a CIDB Fellow reflects his dedication to improving industry standards and promoting best practices across Malaysia's construction landscape.

"Mentorship and continuous learning are crucial for the industry's future," he notes. "I believe in nurturing young talent and sharing knowledge, as these new minds bring fresh perspectives and drive progress." His commitment to education and mentorship reflects his vision of a construction industry equipped with skilled, passionate professionals. His belief in lifelong learning and knowledge-sharing inspires future leaders, creating a culture of growth and collaboration.

He is committed to improving the communities in which his projects are located. His projects are designed with community needs in mind, ensuring that infrastructure is functional and accessible. Whether providing affordable housing options, enhancing public spaces, or investing in facilities that support local businesses, his construction approach is always centred around creating value for society.





SPE DUKE 3 is a new benchmark in Malaysia's infrastructure landscape for innovation and accessibility.

For him, the Prominent Player Award is a recognition of his past achievements and a responsibility to continue advancing the construction sector. While he is honoured by the accolade,

he views it as a call to further contribute to the development of Malaysia's infrastructure. "This award is not just a personal achievement; it's a testament to the collective effort of everyone I've worked with. I am incredibly proud of what we've accomplished, but I'm also aware there is so much more to be done," he reflects.

With a legacy built on resilience, integrity, and forward-thinking, his journey is a powerful example for aspiring leaders in Malaysia's construction industry.

As he addresses those just beginning their careers in construction, Lim shares a powerful message: "Always remember that our work is about more than just bricks and mortar. It's about building a future that reflects our values, aspirations, and commitment to each other. Stay grounded, stay resilient, and never lose sight of the bigger picture."

The Prominent Player Award at MCIEA 2024 is a fitting recognition of Lim's unparalleled contributions to Malaysia's construction industry. His work elevates Malaysia's construction standards, setting an inspiring benchmark for future generations. As he leads by example, his achievements remain a source of pride for his team, partners, and the nation.

As Malaysia moves forward, Lim's legacy will stand as a testament to the profound impact that thoughtful, visionary leaders can have on their industry and society.



Lim's impact reaches beyond construction; he is also a dedicated philanthropist deeply committed to advancing education in Malaysia. As the Chairman of Chong Hwa Independent High School in Kuala Lumpur, he plays a vital role in fostering academic excellence and cultural values, ensuring that students receive a high-quality education that prepares them for the future. Through his leadership, the school has enhanced its facilities, modernised its infrastructure, and supported a nurturing environment where young minds can thrive.

He also serves as Deputy Chairman of Sekolah Menengah Jenis Kebangsaan Chong Hwa, SJKC Wangsa Maju and Honorary Chairman of SJKC Chong Hwa. His support for primary and secondary institutions reflects his belief that building a strong educational foundation is essential for Malaysia's future. By investing in education at multiple levels, he aims to empower the next generation with the skills and values to drive the nation's progress.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As Lim reflects on his career, he expresses optimism about the future of Malaysia's construction industry. He envisions an industry that increasingly embraces sustainable practices and technological innovations, redefining infrastructure development. "We are entering a period of rapid change, where the integration of smart technologies and sustainable practices will redefine how we build," he says. "Our role as industry leaders is to embrace these changes and to set an example of responsible development for future generations."

SETTING NEW STANDARDS IN CONSTRUCTION: BUILDER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2024



**Testing Manufacturing Plant of
Robert Bosch in Penang.**

IAQ Solutions Sdn Bhd received this year's prestigious Builder of the Year Award. This accolade celebrates their comprehensive strengths in high-tech facility design, commitment to sustainability, and application of advanced technologies. Known for its expertise in indoor air quality and cleanroom construction, IAQ has become a leader in designing complex, state-of-the-art facilities for clients in the semiconductor and other technically demanding industries.

One of the defining projects that helped IAQ earn this award was their Testing Manufacturing Plant of Robert Bosch. This high-specification facility required an integrated approach, covering civil, structural, and architectural components as well as mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) systems. The project also included a Cleanroom Package with ISO classifications 4, 5, and 6, demonstrating IAQ's ability to meet stringent environmental controls required by advanced manufacturing sectors. Their work on this plant showcased IAQ's comprehensive expertise in creating environments that meet high performance and cleanliness standards while maintaining safety and operational efficiency.

A LEGACY OF EXPERTISE AND INNOVATION

Founded in 1994, IAQ Solutions Sdn Bhd has built an impressive legacy over three decades, evolving into various Facility Solutions. Based in Malaysia, IAQ has continually demonstrated technical excellence across various industries, including semiconductors, district

cooling, life sciences, industrial infrastructure, oil and gas, and petrochemicals. They provide extensive services, delivering comprehensive turnkey solutions tailored to meet the high safety, quality, and efficiency standards that technical industries demand.

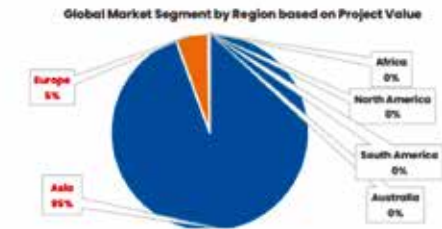
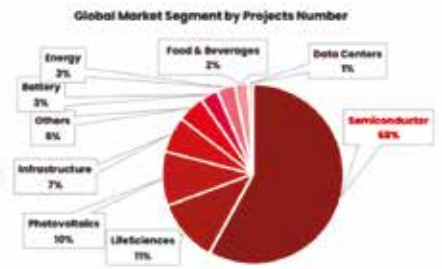
At the core of IAQ's success is its skilled and collaborative team, which approaches each project with purpose and precision. Their structured project management methodology includes a Work Breakdown Structure (WBS), enabling them to define project goals clearly, allocate resources efficiently, and maintain effective communication. This systematic approach not only ensures smooth project execution but also results in high levels of client satisfaction, reflecting IAQ's commitment to delivering quality.

In a world where environmental considerations are becoming increasingly critical, IAQ integrates sustainability as a core value. Their projects adhere to the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB) standards, emphasising eco-friendly building materials and energy-efficient designs. IAQ also incorporates features like energy recovery systems and rainwater harvesting into their projects, underscoring their commitment to reducing environmental impact and promoting health-focused solutions for clients.





IAQ Global Footprint



IAQ also distinguishes itself as a pioneer of technological innovation. The company regularly incorporates Building Information Modeling (BIM) and robotics into its projects to enhance efficiency and precision. A notable example of their innovative spirit is their collaboration with the University of Malaya, where they developed a robotic scanning system for air filter inspections in cleanrooms. This technology streamlines maintenance and quality control, reflecting IAQ's forward-thinking approach to automation within the construction industry.

Safety is a foundational principle for IAQ, and they consistently adhere to the Occupational Health and Safety Management System (OHSMS) guidelines. By embedding risk management strategies into each project phase, IAQ ensures that safety protocols are robust and effective, protecting their workforce and clients. This dedication to safety has been instrumental in establishing IAQ's reputation as a trustworthy partner in high-stakes, high-performance environments.

Quality control is equally important to IAQ, and they use a web-based Quality Management System (QMS) to streamline project tracking and documentation control. The QMS centralises all quality control information, prevents data loss, and facilitates real-time updates, allowing project teams to meet stringent client specifications consistently. This system also offers transparency, enabling clients to monitor project progress and precisely meet expectations.

Effective communication is key to successful project management, and IAQ Solutions excels in this area by utilising the Autodesk Construction Cloud (ACC).

This web-based collaboration tool allows IAQ to maintain clear, consistent communication with all project stakeholders, including clients, vendors, subcontractors, and regulatory authorities. IAQ minimises delays and fosters a collaborative environment that enhances project outcomes by keeping everyone aligned on project objectives and progress.

A MODEL FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION EXCELLENCE

The MCIEA 2024 Builder of the Year Award represents more than a recognition of past achievements; it positions IAQ as a model for future construction projects that balance technical excellence with environmental and social responsibility. IAQ's holistic approach, which combines sustainability, innovation, and a dedication to health and safety, demonstrates the potential for construction firms to drive meaningful change within the industry.

As IAQ continues to expand its expertise and influence, its commitment to excellence is a guiding example of what's possible in the Malaysian construction sector. The Builder of the Year Award solidifies its position as a leader in the field, and its achievements serve as a testament to the impact that thoughtful, innovative construction practices can have on industry and society alike.



GLOBAL IMPACT IN CONSTRUCTION: INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2024



WCT Berhad receives the International Achievement Award for its exceptional contributions to Qatar's prestigious Lusail Development Project.

THE Malaysian Construction Industry Excellence Awards (MCIEA) 2024 recognises the achievements of companies that extend Malaysia's construction expertise beyond borders, showcasing resilience, innovation, and technical acumen in foreign markets. This year, WCT Holdings Berhad received International Achievement Award for their exceptional contributions to the prestigious Lusail Development Project in Qatar, a testament to their technical capabilities, operational excellence, and cultural adaptability in one of the world's most demanding construction landscapes.

The Lusail Development Project, located in Qatar's Lusail City, embodies the complexity and scope of modern urban construction. WCT's role in this project involved significant infrastructure undertakings, including constructing commercial boulevards, international roads, utilities, and vast underground car parks. This massive urban project required an advanced construction and project management approach, underscoring WCT's ability to deliver high-quality work that meets stringent international standards.



EXCELLENCE ON THE GLOBAL STAGE

WCT's success with the Lusail Development Project highlights its capacity to overcome the unique challenges posed by international ventures. The company's extensive experience working on major projects in Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, and the UAE provided a strong foundation for tackling Qatar's highly regulated construction environment. WCT's

commitment to delivering on time and meeting the complex requirements of large-scale infrastructure has made them a respected player in global markets, earning them the trust of international clients and project partners alike.

Beyond technical competence, WCT's work on the Lusail project demonstrates their ability to navigate cultural and regulatory challenges. Qatar's construction industry adheres to rigorous standards, and the successful execution of this project required close coordination with local authorities, adherence to stringent regulations, and sensitivity to the cultural expectations within the region. WCT's adaptive management style and emphasis on best practices allowed them to integrate seamlessly into this environment, delivering a project that aligns with Qatar's vision of a futuristic, sustainable city.

A LEGACY OF INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE

With over 20 years of experience in international markets, WCT has solidified its status as a Malaysian leader in exporting construction expertise. Since 2001, the company has undertaken 12 major international projects across the Middle East and Asia, showcasing its ability to perform in high-stakes environments.





In Qatar alone, WCT has completed notable projects such as the Ministry of Interior Headquarters, the Dukhan Highway, and Hamad International Airport, which required careful planning, precise execution, and adapting to Qatar's distinct regulatory landscape. Their proven track record across these projects is a testament to WCT's commitment to quality and resilience.

WCT's emphasis on best practices and integrated project management systems is evident throughout their work. These systems, supported by advanced quality control measures, have enabled WCT to deliver consistently high standards on all projects, contributing to the company's five-star SCORE rating technical performance and project management excellence. This rating, valid through April 2025, reinforces WCT's credibility and reliability as a global construction partner.



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SETTING THE STANDARD FOR FUTURE INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

The MCIEA 2024 International Achievement Award celebrates more than WCT's past accomplishments; it recognises its role as a model for Malaysian construction firms aspiring to expand internationally. Their achievements demonstrate that Malaysian companies can thrive in competitive international markets with a commitment to best practices, technical expertise, and cultural adaptability. WCT's success reflects the potential of Malaysian construction firms to set high standards abroad while maintaining an exemplary image of Malaysian quality and professionalism.

Through their work in Qatar and other markets, WCT continues elevating Malaysia's global construction reputation, inspiring other companies to pursue excellence in overseas ventures. The International Achievement Award honours WCT's dedication to expanding Malaysia's influence in the international arena, highlighting the importance of resilience, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to quality.



BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE: THE BEST PROJECT AWARDS 2024

THIS year's Best Project Awards in the Building and Infrastructure categories highlight developments that have transformed spaces and set benchmarks for quality and creativity in construction. The winning projects reflect a commitment to architectural vision, functionality, and adherence to environmental and societal standards. Here, we celebrate the distinguished winners across small, medium, and major project categories.

MAJOR PROJECT CATEGORY – ABOVE RM200 MILLION (BUILDING)

MENARA AFFIN, JALAN TUN RAZAK, KUALA LUMPUR

Contractor: IJM CONSTRUCTION SDN BHD

Client: AFFIN BANK BERHAD

Menara Affin exemplifies sustainable, innovative design in the major project category. The building uses a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) to select materials, ensuring a reduced carbon footprint. Approximately 46% of its materials were sourced locally, supporting nearby industries and reducing transportation emissions. An energy monitoring system (EMS) optimises energy use throughout the building.



PEJABAT KERAJAAN, PARCEL F, PRESINT 1, PUTRAJAYA

Contractor: SUNWAY CONSTRUCTION SDN BHD

Client: PUTRAJAYA BINA SDN BHD

Pejabat Kerajaan, Parcel F in Putrajaya, is a sprawling government complex with ten blocks. Two of these blocks achieved Green Building Index (GBI) Platinum ratings; the remaining blocks were rated GBI Gold. This project, covering 43 acres, reflects a dedication to sustainable building practices. It features rainwater harvesting systems and a north-south orientation to mitigate direct sunlight and heat exposure.



SMALL PROJECT CATEGORY – BELOW RM50 MILLION (BUILDING)

SKYBLOX SETAPAK @ SKY SANCTUARY, SETAPAK, KUALA LUMPUR

Contractor: PROJEK PERMATA JAYA SDN BHD

Client: SKYWORLD DEVELOPMENT BERHAD

SkyBlox Setapak stood out in the small project category for its innovative approach to sustainable housing. Using prefabricated prefinished volumetric (PPV) modules, SkyBlox was constructed off-site with fully finished walls, floors, and ceilings and assembled on location. This approach shortened construction timelines and reduced waste and environmental impact, aligning with the project's "back to nature" ethos. The SkyBlox project showcases how prefabrication can offer an efficient, eco-friendly solution to urban residential construction.



MAJOR PROJECT CATEGORY – ABOVE RM200 MILLION (INFRASTRUCTURE)

KLANG VALLEY MASS RAPID TRANSIT (KVMRT): SUNGAI BULOH – SERDANG – PUTRAJAYA LINE / LINE 2

Contractor: MMC GAMUDA KVMRT (PDP SSP) SDN BHD

Client: MASS RAPID TRANSIT CORPORATION SDN BHD

KVMRT features cutting-edge technology, including the world's first Autonomous Tunnel Boring Machine (A-TBM) and a box-jacking method allowing tunnelling beneath the bustling Jalan Tun Razak without disrupting surface traffic. Innovations like the Safety Passport System and establishing a KVMRT training centre for competency development further underscore this project's commitment to safety, innovation, and skill development.



Special Mention:

SETIAWANGSA-PANTAI EXPRESSWAY (SPE) – DUKE PHASE 3

Contractor: EKOVEST BERHAD

Client: LEBUHRAYA DUKE FASA 3 SDN BHD (LDF3)

SPE is a 32km elevated expressway stretching from Kerinchi to Taman Melati. It enhances connectivity across Kuala Lumpur by linking to major routes such as the Duta-Ulu Kelang and Sprint Expressways. Innovatively designed with a dual-deck, single-pier structure, this expressway minimises land usage while ensuring safe, sustainable travel. Recognised by the Malaysia Book of Records for its structural achievements, the SPE embodies Ekovest's vision of "Making Impossible, Possible", setting a new benchmark in Malaysia's infrastructure landscape for innovation and accessibility.



MEDIUM PROJECT CATEGORY – RM50 MILLION TO RM200 MILLION (INFRASTRUCTURE)

TUNNEL AND ASSOCIATED WORKS PACKAGE IF2 (ALONG JALAN GALLOWAY, JALAN HANG TUAH & JALAN CHANGKAT THAMBI DOLLAH)

Contractor: CERGAS MURNI SDN BHD

Client: BBCC DEVELOPMENT SDN BHD

The Tunnel and Associated Works Package IF2 exemplifies precision and advanced engineering. Built under tight constraints and directly below an active monorail track, this project required advanced methods like deep soil mixing to ensure stability and protect critical 275KV utilities without disrupting service. Its careful traffic management and high-quality finishes reflect the meticulous planning and execution that make it a benchmark in urban infrastructure.



SMALL PROJECT CATEGORY – BELOW RM50 MILLION (INFRASTRUCTURE)

SEAWALL REINFORCEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AT PADANG KOTA LAMA, ESPLANADE, PENANG

Contractor: CARTA INDAH SDN BHD

Client: MAJLIS BANDARAYA PULAU PINANG

This project stands out for its attention to heritage conservation and tourism enhancement. With a meticulously designed walkway, this project has transformed the seafront into a picturesque and resilient landmark for visitors. Overcoming the challenges posed by sea waves and tidal effects, the project showcases quality craftsmanship to maintain aesthetic and functional integrity.



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THE Malaysian Construction Industry Excellence Awards (MCIEA) 2024 proudly recognises outstanding contractors who have demonstrated excellence in performance, technical capability, and the adoption of best practices. The Best Contractor Awards grade G1-G6 honorees exemplify the highest standards in the construction industry, setting benchmarks for quality and innovation.

BEST CONTRACTOR GRADE G1: SINAR DEVELOPMENT

Sinar Development stands out for its effective project management and use of advanced monitoring technology. Their commitment to high-quality work and efficient project delivery has not only met but often exceeded client expectations. Sinar's precision and attention to detail have firmly established them as a reliable force in the G1 category, setting an example for smaller-scale contractors aiming to achieve excellence.

BEST CONTRACTOR GRADE G2: PUTEK NIAGA ENTERPRISE

Putek Niaga Enterprise has earned recognition for its adept financial management and consistently delivering projects within budget. Known for maintaining high customer satisfaction, Putek has become a trusted name in the G2 category, achieving a reputation for reliable, quality service. Their strategic approach to resource management ensures they can handle complex projects consistently.

BEST CONTRACTOR GRADE G3: KHARIZ BUILDERS (M) SDN BHD

Khariz Builders demonstrates exceptional project management, focusing on high-quality workmanship and a robust commitment to safety standards. They mainly focus on architectural, civil, construction, and interior design work. Their dedication to social responsibility and client satisfaction has distinguished them within the G3 category, where they are acknowledged for delivering on project expectations and contributing positively to the communities they serve.

BEST CONTRACTOR GRADE G4: AITO FIREWORK HOLDING SDN BHD

AITO Firework Holding has specialised in fire prevention systems and has brought notable innovations, such as advanced nozzle systems used at KLIA and a fire

prevention monitoring system. With its equipment assembly facility and training academy, AITO is strongly committed to continuous improvement, elevating industry standards for safety and quality in the G4 category.

Special Mention: KENFOX TECHNOLOGIES SDN BHD

Kenfox Technologies is recognised for its expertise in waterproofing systems, supported by high-tech equipment investments and extensive experience in the field. They rank among Northern Malaysia's top five waterproofing contractors, showcasing a commitment to quality and innovation that adds value to every project.

BEST CONTRACTOR GRADE G5: SILARA AKSES SDN BHD

Specialist in scaffolding systems, Silara Akses, has distinguished itself with innovations like its proprietary lock system. As a producer of its scaffolding, it has taken on challenging projects, including the Merdeka 118 Tower link bridge and FRIM's suspension bridge. Their expertise in intricate scaffolding projects highlights their technical capability and commitment to pushing boundaries in the G5 category.

Special Mention: SQR INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE SDN BHD

SQR Interior Architecture has been celebrated for its innovative and creative approach to interior design. The company's portfolio extends to high-profile residential projects in Singapore, where its craftsmanship and design have gained international acclaim. This underscores its commitment to excellence and creativity by integrating architecture and interiors in every project.

BEST CONTRACTOR GRADE G6: IDEATION SDN BHD

The company specialises in design-and-build projects, particularly in the hospitality industry. Ideation's expertise in interior design has propelled it to the forefront of the G6 category. Its ability to train upcoming designers through its PEREKA Academy and its role as advisors to educational institutions showcase a commitment to industry growth and knowledge sharing, setting a benchmark for others in the field.







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