

Dear Members of the Kuala Lumpur Business Club,

**KLBC Events held on May 21, 2009: 19th Board Meeting, 8th Annual General Meeting & Fireside Chat with the Chief Secretary to the Government**

I am very happy to update Members that we held 3 very successful events on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at Carcosa Seri Negara, Kuala Lumpur.

First, the KLBC Board of Directors, at its 19th Meeting, approved the membership of 16 new Members, who are all upstanding individuals in their own right in the Malaysian corporate sector. The details of the new members have been posted on the KLBC website at [www.klbc.com.my](http://www.klbc.com.my) and we welcome them to the KLBC.

These new Members represent vital new blood for the continued success of the KLBC. As a membership driven business group, our strength lies in the collective pool of knowledge and skills that we bring as individuals and as corporations.



In line with this, I am also very pleased to inform Members that your Board has approved a new category of membership namely Corporate Membership. This category of membership will cater to corporations that find value in having access to the business networks that we have in place, in Malaysia and in international shores.

Once approved by the Companies Commission of Malaysia, details on Corporate Membership will be posted on the KLBC website and we encourage all Members to review it. The Chairman of the KLBC Membership Development Committee will be writing to all Members, separately, on this matter as well.



Secondly, we had very good turnout from Members at our 8th Annual General Meeting. My heartfelt thanks to all attending Members, for taking the time to participate in this annual meeting. Here again, I am pleased to inform Members that the proposed revisions to the KLBC Memorandum &

Articles of Association were unanimously accepted at the AGM. This is the first time that amendments are being made to the M&A, since our incorporation in September 1997.

The amendments included a new section recognising the role and responsibilities of the KLBC Advisory Council, formed in 2008. There was also a new segment on Corporate Membership, which I have covered earlier. The revised document will be sent to all Members, pursuant to the approval of the Companies Commission of Malaysia.

Finally, we capped the evening with a Fireside Chat with the Chief Secretary to the Government, YBhg Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Bin Hj Hassan. For those Members who were not able to join us, you missed an excellent and rare opportunity to meet Malaysia's No.1 Civil Servant.

YBhg Tan Sri shared not only shared his personal work ethics with us, he also took on all questions raised regarding the effectiveness of the Civil Service and PEMUDAH in meeting the needs of the Malaysian public and specifically, business leaders.



Tan Sri touched on the importance of service delivery by the public sector to meet the needs of the customer in this rapidly changing world. Tan Sri agreed that the public sector must now operate and respond with solutions to events and developments in real time and with competency and precision.



The role of PEMUDAH was highlighted as an excellent example of public-private sector partnership to help Malaysia achieve a modern and governance based society. Improved productivity and efficiency are key goals and desired outcomes in the public sector.

At the same time, in order to re-establish trust in Public Service, Tan Sri noted that the government must improve its public relations and communications capability and really engage the media and relevant stakeholders so that feedback on issues can be properly taken up and be speedily resolved.

Tan Sri also graciously extended an invitation for Kuala Lumpur Business Club members to email him at [sidek@pmo.gov.my](mailto:sidek@pmo.gov.my) in efforts to build partnership with his office.



In conclusion, I would like to once again encourage all Members, new and old alike, to participate in all events and activities that have been put together to benefit business leaders. While the KLBC Board and I value your continued membership with the KLBC, it would be even more gratifying to see more Members taking advantage of the various events and forums, to network and share.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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President  
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