



**REPORT ON THE 29th PAN PACIFIC CONGRESS (PPC)
OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS, VALUERS AND COUNCILORS
TIJUANA, MEXICO
8 – 13 OCTOBER 2018**

PPC is a bi-annual event organised in rotation by one of its 15 appraisal-related professional organisations from the 12-member countries. This time around, the 29th PPC was organised by the Federation of Appraisers Colleges, Mexico (FECOVAL), Baja California Branch, in Tijuana, Mexico, from 8 to 13 October 2018. The congress attracted a total of 600 participants mainly from Mexico and its neighbouring Central and South American countries. The speakers or panellists were mainly from member countries.

Malaysia was represented by Dato' Sr Lau Wai Seang as the Chief Delegate and Sr Lim Choon Yong as the Alternate Chief Delegate. Besides attending the Board Meeting, the purpose of attending this congress was to receive the PPC Flag at the end of the congress as Malaysia is the host of the 30th PPC.

The 29th PPC events entailed a Board Meeting, paper presentations, Best Paper Awards, a Technical Tour and several dinners.

At the Board Meeting, Chief Delegate of Malaysia, Dato' Sr Lau Wai Seang, delivered her speech and affirmed that the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) will host the 30th PPC in 2020. She welcomed all delegates to Malaysia to participate in the 30th PPC. A short video produced by Tourism Board Malaysia was played after her speech to promote Malaysia as the destination of the next PPC. It was received well by all the delegates.

The medium of communication for the 29th PPC was Spanish. However, the organiser provided professional simultaneous translation to English. Coded wristbands were scanned for entries into the Ballroom, function rooms and the various off-site events.

This event was a good platform for RISM to promote the 30th PPC as the participants from PPC member countries were present. RISM was well-prepared for this trip with its promotional activities which included the RISM and local souvenirs, short video and the dedicated 30th PPC Jacket. Both Malaysian delegates were busy answering questions from the local delegates regarding Malaysia. In fact, most delegates commented that Malaysia is serious in the run up to the next PPC in 2020, and the event must be a good one.

Reported by:

Dato' Sr Lau Wai Seang, FRISM
Organising Chair of 30th PPC/
Immediate Past President
Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia

Dated: 16th November 2018



Malaysian Chief Delegate, Dato' Sr Lau Wai Seang (left) and Alternate Chief Delegate, Sr Lim Choon Yong (right)



Malaysian Delegates with President of FECOVAL, M.V.C. Ing. Rodrigo Alberto Pena Porchas



Malaysian Delegates with Organising Chair, Arq M.V. Leonardo Topete Sanchez



A portion of the delegates



Sombreno and Tequila ... with Singapore Chief Delegate, Dr. Lim Lan Yuan



Simultaneous Session



Chief Delegate of Malaysia, Dato' Sr Lau Wai Seang, presenting a token to speaker Ms. Yuko Tomizuka from Japan



Technical Trip ... Wine-Tasting at Roy Winery, Guadalupe



Closing Ceremony-cum-Farewell Dinner



Video show at Closing Ceremony to introduce Malaysia as the 30th PPC destination



Farewell Dinner guests



Pretty Senioritas in a row



Farewell Dinner guests



Parting Dance by Host Country