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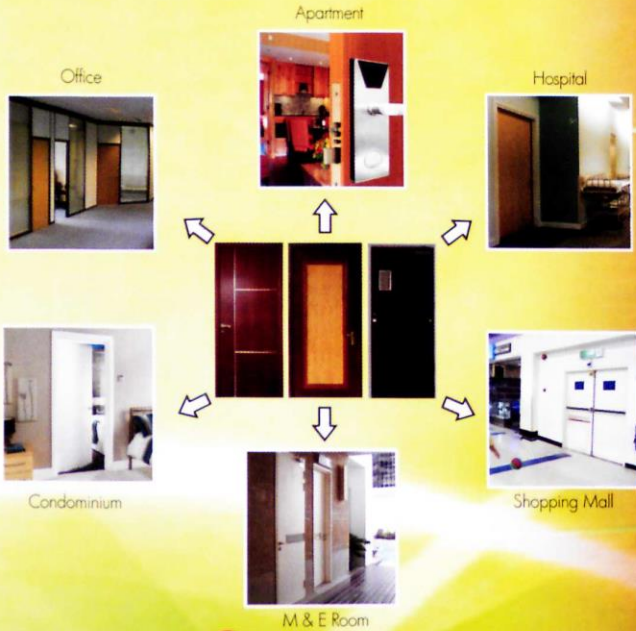
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From the Desk of

Dato' Wan Mohd Nor



Greetings & Salam 1 Malaysia

First let me record my appreciation to MFPA for its unwavering and continuous support to the Fire & Rescue Department Malaysia in all our programs.

I wish also to highlight the strong commitment and participation of MFPA towards FRDM's initiative on the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Ribuan Terima Kasih to you all and looking forward to continuous cooperation and support to our fire safety projects for our community in the days ahead.

Fire & Rescue Department Malaysia (FRDM), in smart partnership with Institution of Fire Engineers Malaysia (IFEM) and Malaysian Fire Protection Association (MFPA), is once again organizing the International Fire Exhibition & Conference of Malaysia (IFCEM) at Putra World Trade Centre,

Kuala Lumpur from 5th to 7th May 2015. This time around IFCEM 2015 is celebrating the event in conjunction with World Fire Fighters' Day. The Asean Fire Chiefs' Conference will also be held simultaneously with IFCEM 2015.

This exhibition and conference together with the other events mentioned above will attract relevant industry players both local as well as foreign. As such, I strongly urge all MFPA members, manufacturers and agencies to showcase your products by participating in the exhibition IFCEM 2015.

I anticipate to be able to see you at your exhibition booths and to thank you personally for your support for IFCEM 2015.

Syabas.

Dato' Wan Mohd Nor Bin Hj. Ibrahim

Director General

Fire and Rescue Department Malaysia



From the Desk of

Danny Cheah



On reflection, time really passes by fast and I am into my last 6 months of my 2nd term (4 years) tenure as President.

Year 2015 will again see MFPFA's involvement in partnership with Fire & Rescue Department Malaysia (FRDM) and Institution of Fire Engineers Malaysia (IFEM) in organizing another International Fire Conference & Exhibition Malaysia 2015 or IFCEM 2015.

As most of you are aware IFCEM 2012 was a great success drawing accolades and congratulatory letters from international as well as local participants from the Fire Safety fraternity.

IFCEM 2015 will be held from 5th till 7th May 2015 at Putra World Trade Centre. This time around, IFCEM 2015, apart from the participation of local and international organizations, we will also be seeing a congregation of Fire Chiefs from Asean countries. This event will be historic as it will be the first time that Malaysia is playing host to the ASEAN forum which will be chaired by Dato' Wan Mohd Nor Bin Hj Ibrahim, Director General, Fire & Rescue Department, Malaysia. Concurrently with IFCEM 2015, the World Fire Fighters Day will also be celebrated by FRDM (BOMBA) on 4th May 2015.

My gratitude and appreciation to Confederation of Fire Protection Association CFFPA International (CFFPA-I) for assisting in the organizing of the ASEAN Fire Chiefs conference.

With all these exciting events happening simultaneously with IFCEM 2015, I was requested by Ketua Pengarah of FRDM to solicit support and cooperation from our MFPFA members to participate in IFCEM 2015 Exhibition by taking up booths to showcase your latest fire and safety products and services.

I sincerely appeal for your kind cooperation and support to make this IFCEM 2015 a greater success. Please do contact MFPFA Secretariat or FRDM for more details regarding IFCEM 2015.

Thank You.

Danny Cheah

President

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Fire Protection Accreditation Scheme

by FPA Australia / Scott Williams / Rob Llewellyn



The Fire Protection Accreditation Scheme (FPAS) is a voluntary accreditation scheme for the fire protection industry in Australia. It was launched on 1 July 2013 by Fire Protection Association Australia (FPA Australia). It is a formalised process to recognise the appropriate levels of skills and knowledge of fire protection industry practitioners.

The fire protection industry involves many individual occupations linked by one common objective—installing and maintaining equipment and systems to protect life, property and the environment.

However most states and territories in Australia do not have licensing requirements for fire protection industry occupations.

The fire protection industry has, in recent years, been in the spotlight as a result of devastating fire incidents such as the Quakers Hill Nursing Home Fire in NSW, Black Saturday Fires in Victoria, the Childers Backpacker Fire in Queensland and the recent tragic unit fire in Bankstown, Sydney, among others. Despite many jurisdictions referencing the need for 'competent persons' in regulation, these events have highlighted varying levels of competency among fire protection

industry individuals as well as inadequate supervision, training shortfalls and the need for skills-based accreditation of the fire protection industry workforce. FPA Australia believes there is strong support for 'tightening up' the fire protection industry through licensing and accreditation. The desire for increased rigour in this industry led to discussions about the need to plan to develop a national accreditation scheme that is user friendly, transparent and consistent across all state and territories.

The lack of barriers to enter and work in the industry means that, in most states and territories, any individual can undertake fire protection work from design through to ongoing maintenance on fire protection systems and equipment without any experience or education. This situation has contributed to a dangerous level of non-compliance. Leading field-data management company Verified has identified that, of 40,000 buildings surveyed, less than 40 percent achieved compliance to fire protection maintenance standard Australian Standard AS 1851.

This non-compliance relates to life saving measures including fire sprinklers, alarm systems, portable fire extinguishers and fire hydrants. The

growing calls to rectify the situation have been underscored by a number of high profile fires around Australia as previously mentioned. It was with these considerations in mind that in 2012, the FPA Australia Board agreed to initiate work on the development of a suitable framework for accrediting individuals in the fire protection industry nationally, through a voluntary accreditation scheme. The scheme aims to attract industry participants who wish to be independently recognised and promoted as holding the minimum skills, competencies and business requirements to undertake certain activities in the marketplace. The national focus of the Scheme is to ensure uniformity for fire protection practitioners throughout Australia.

FPAS Model

The model for the Fire Protection Accreditation Scheme (FPAS) was launched with the 'Inspect and Test' class of fire protection work and is based on the Fire Protection inspection and testing qualifications described in the Australia's nationally recognised training scheme.

The five classes of work that cover different activities undertaken within the fire protection industry are:

- Design
- Install & Commission
- Certify
- Inspect & Test
- Maintain

The Scheme consists of:

- Individual Accreditation
- Business Recognition

Pathways into the Scheme for individual accreditation

There are three (3) pathways into the Scheme for individuals in the 'inspect and test' class of accreditation:

1. Qualified
2. Experienced (transitional)
3. Trainee (transitional)

There are ten (10) categories of work activities in the 'inspect and test' class as listed below. An individual can be accredited in more than one (1) category.

1. Fire sprinkler systems
2. Fire pumpsets
3. Fire hydrant systems
4. Fire detection and alarm systems
5. Gaseous fire suppression systems
6. Pre-engineered fire suppression systems (non-gaseous)
7. Portable fire equipment and fire hose reels
8. Fire and smoke doors
9. Fire seals and collars
10. Exit and emergency lighting

Business Recognition is awarded to businesses that invest in the skills, knowledge and experience of their workforce thereby supporting individuals in achieving accreditation. Business entities that are awarded business recognition are bound by a professional code of practice. Business entities that meet business recognition criteria are acknowledged by FPA Australia as:

- being capable of delivering quality professional services by the accredited individuals they engage.
- supporting the industry 'pathway' to increased quality of work and professionalism by ensuring its workforce participates in the Scheme.

The Next Stage of FPAS

FPA Australia is currently working on the next stage of FPAS where a Stakeholder Group is developing the framework for the Design and Certify Classes. FPA Australia is targeting the launch of this next stage to be in November 2014.

Transportation to Other Countries

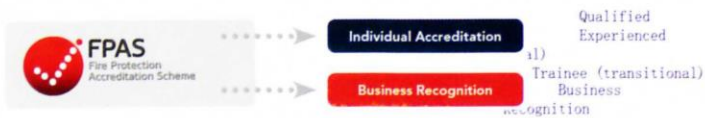
The FPAS scheme could be easily adapted for application in other countries like Malaysia and FPA Australia would be pleased to make available more information on the scheme.

Model for the Scheme

There are five classes of work that cover different activities undertaken within the fire protection industry. The five classes of work are:



Initially, the Scheme will only cover the 'inspect and test' class of fire protection work that includes ten (10) categories of fire equipment or fire systems worked on by fire protection technicians.



Fire Protection Association Australia Life Property Environment



Model for the Scheme

- Key components of the FPAS include:
 - ✓ A voluntary Scheme to be introduced in 2013.
 - ✓ Both Individual Accreditation and Business Recognition.
 - ✓ Pathways to achieve Qualified Accreditation or *transitional* Experienced and Trainee accreditation.
 - ✓ 'Inspect and test' accreditation levels that meet the requirements of state government regulators and are based on qualifications recognised by the Australian Qualifications Framework.
 - ✓ A fee-based system that will finance the Scheme.

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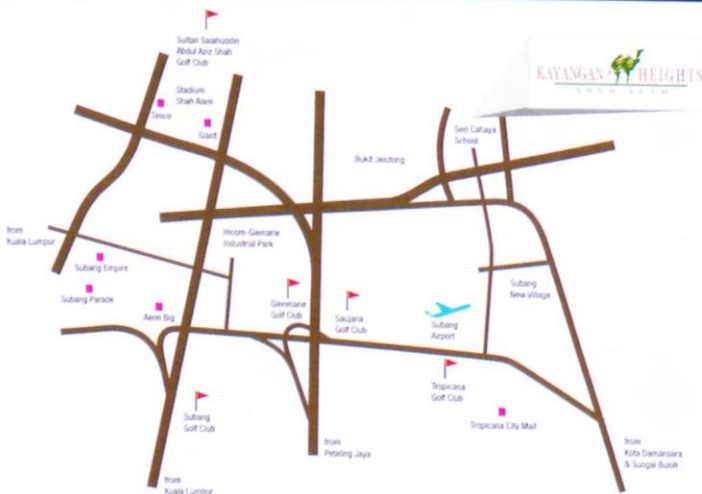
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