



# PDCMC

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT  
CONSTRUCTION & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## PDCMC Tourism Forum: "The Ways Ahead For Penang's Tourism"

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### Penang port aiming for a million cruise passengers

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By David Tan

PENANG Port Sdn Bhd (PPSB) aims to increase the number of international cruise arrivals to one million in five years from the 400,000 achieved in 2017.

Its acting chief executive officer Sasedharan Vasudevan said that PPSB was now working with Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd to expand the berth to accommodate two mega cruise vessels measuring more than 300m each.

"Currently, the berth is capable of accommodating only one mega cruise and a smaller vessel," he said during an interview at the 'The Ways Ahead For Penang's Tourism' organised by the Penang Chinese Chamber of Commerce's (PCCC) Property Development Construction & Management Committee (PDCMC).

State Tourism Committee chairman Danny Law Heng Kiang was present to launch the event.

"We will increase the size of the cruise terminal to accommodate 12,000 passengers from 8,000 currently.

"The investment for the expansion is RM155mil," Sasedharan added.

The expansion exercise should start in the second half of 2018 and is expected to be completed in 24 months.

Sasedharan added that an international cruise passenger would usually spend around US\$70-US\$80 (RM280-RM320).

"The global average spending is US\$150 per person, so there is still a lot of room to grow," he added.

Meanwhile, PDCMC Tourism & Heritage section head Michael Geh said there should be more flights from destinations that were six hours away by direct flights.

"Research from the National Association of Realtors USA show that most investors of holiday homes prefer to fly only about six hours to the destinations where they have investments.

"If we want to sell more second homes, there should be more direct flights.

"The Federal Government should look into having more direct flights from cities where the population has the disposable income for second home investments," he said.



PDCMC organized a Tourism Forum titled "The Ways Ahead for Penang's Tourism" on Friday, 9 February 2018 from 2pm to 5pm at Tan Kok Ping Hall. The forum invited Mr. Ooi Chok Yan, CEO of Penang Global Tourism, Mr. Sasedharan Vasudevan, COO of Penang Port Sdn. Bhd., Ms. Katharine Chua, Deputy Chairperson of Association of Tourism Attractions Penang (ATAP) and Sr. Michael Geh Thuan Peng, Head of Tourism/Heritage PDCMC to share the business opportunities and future development of tourism industry in Penang.

Yang Berhormat Mr. Danny Law Heng Kiang, Penang State Executive Councillor for Tourism Development was present as the Guest of Honor and approximately 66 members attended the forum.

## Study Tour and Visit to IKEA, Batu Kawan

November 22, 2018



Property Development, Construction & Management Committee (PDCMC), Infrastructure & Public Facilities Committee and Penang Master Builders & Building Materials Dealers Association (PMBBMDA) jointly organized a study tour and visit to IKEA, Batu Kawan. About 29 committee members participated in the visit. Our appreciation goes to Dato' Murly and his good office for arranging this visit to IKEA, Batu Kawan and also the warm reception and gracious hospitality extended to the members. Though it was only a short visit, it has been the most opportune moment for the delegation to gain much insight and knowledge. It was an eye-opening experience and productive tour.



## PDCMC New Year Dinner Gathering

January 11, 2019



A buffet dinner was held at The Whiski Bar & Lounge for the purpose of promoting interaction, networking and collaboration amongst PDCMC members. Everyone dined and interacted together and spent an enjoyable evening!



## Invitation to One-Foresta Project Completion Celebration

January 18, 2019



PDCMC Committee Members were cordially invited to the Ideal Affordable Housing, One-Foresta Project Completion Celebration on 18 January 2019 (Friday). They were treated to a project tour at 6.30pm and followed by dinner at 7pm during the day. Our appreciation goes to Tan Sri Datuk Alex Ooi for his warm hospitality.



## Request For A Participation in SPEAD Meetings

Being an organization that represents the widest disciplines in Penang property industry, PDCMC has requested for a participation in SPEAD meetings. With membership hailing from different background in the property industry, we believe that we will be able to effectively provide complete and fair feedbacks for the benefit of the industry. Currently we are awaiting the good news from the State Government.

### Feedbacks

Feedbacks are welcome and may be emailed to [pdcmc@pdcmc.org.my](mailto:pdcmc@pdcmc.org.my)

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