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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear members,

he last quarter of 2018 is already here, and it has surely been a remarkable year for all of us in Malaysia. Although the economy has remained challenging together with the business of managing shopping malls, there is definitely optimism amongst all practitioners in the industry.

Today, most shoppers, especially with the younger set, engage in online searches before their shopping journey. So, it is ever

more important for malls to maintain their online presence. We are also in the cusp of technological advances for the retail business with numerous novel and innovative aspects being introduced into our realm – mobile apps which present 'augmented reality' for shoppers to 'try on' clothes in a virtual fitting room, to test out how new furniture would actually look in your own living room or even 'magic mirrors' to display or even how make-up would look on the individual. There are also detectors located in strategic places to track shopping pathways so that mall management may make intelligent decisions for optimal shopping mix and appropriate locations and so on. Technology often has a reputation for creating disruptions to traditional practices and systems but it is also up to us to take advantage of technology to enable better efficiency and productivity in our operations and management.

The trip to malls nowadays is not merely for shopping. There are just so many things to do at a mall, from leisure to entertainment, theme parks and to keep fit and healthy. The malls' merchandise and tenant mix are constantly changing, with the significant trend of increasing F&B, which has achieved up to 30% in some malls with the rest comprising mid-tier brands, fashion and entertainment outlets.

The shopping journey is now all about being 'experiential' where malls strive to appeal to all five senses (or more) in their marketing campaigns to attract and retain shoppers. Winners for our recent PPKM Awards 2018 were announced recently and we are indeed very inspired to note the remarkable creativity, variety and imagination of the winning entries, more so from malls outside the central region. Our heartiest congratulations to all winners as you continue to raise standards of EXPERIENTIAL SHOPPING.

On another note, there are also numerous finalists from amongst Malaysian malls at the ongoing ICSC's RECon Asia-Pacific Marketing Awards 2018. Do keep up the good work to bring up our malls to yet another level.

As an extension of PPKM's core aspirations and goals of Education and Training, we have brought yet another group of shopping personnel for a study trip to Tokyo recently. We look forward for participants to bring fresh ideas and insights from Japanese malls and retailers in the months to come.

The annual CASC Conference 2018 has been recently concluded in Bali and we are pleased to advise members with this early notification that we shall be hosting CASC Conference 2019 in Malaysia. We shall need our members to host the mall visits, gather all our available resources and more importantly, we look forward to your strong support and participation to make this a successful event.

Last but not least, with the year-end festivities coming around very soon, we wish you our warmest Season's Greetings!

Warmest regards,

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President

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R&F Mall to bring in Shanghai's Bund experience



Facade of R & F Mall

of Johor Bahru (JB), is all set stations. to open in December to usher in its first event, a Christmas Wonderland. Housed inside its net lettable area of 532,000 sq ft will be retail outlets featuring international fashion, sports, casual and fine dining, beauty and health as well as home

Besides having Jaya Grocer as its anchor premier supermarket that occupies 22,738 sq ft, the mall will be debuting the first luxurious Emperor Cinema in Southeast Asia (SEA). In its 41,762 sq ft of floor space, this flagship cinema will

The three-storey R&F Mall, have reclining leather chairs, VIP strategically sited at the bund rooms with footrests, and charging

> taken up by Kiddomo Universe that occupies 14,847 sq ft of space while

Sports Direct, UK's largest sporting goods retailer will encompass 17,854 sg ft of the area.

Describing the mall as uniquely different from R&F Princess Cove Sdn Bhd general manager Hu Gang Zhi savs at its launch in December, shoppers can expect a grand Christmas decoration and celebration. "We want them to feel like they are overseas, just like walking at the bund in Shanghai!"

The mall's vision is to create an iconic destination that will constantly surprise and stimulate shoppers with its everchanging year-round calendar of festival and

R&F Mall is part of the developer's first hotels, offices, parks, shopping malls, clubhouses and apartments (HOPSCA) marina living concept introduced in SEA. R&F Princess Cove's parent company, Guangzhou R&F Properties Co Ltd, is listed There will also be a children's zone in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange with oversea markets that include Australia and South Korea.



Central i-City to stump shopping scene with new concepts and design layout



Artist's impression of Central i-City

Shopping advanced technology and lifestyle Shah Alam, Selangor. hub as reflected by its name, is targeted to open its doors for business come January 2019.

with a net lettable area of 940,000 sq fashion



Artist's impression of Central i-City's interior

The RM850 million Central ft, it will house 350 retail shops that Centre, will serve over 900,000 residents located in Klang Valley's most in Klang and 700,000 residents in

Its anchor tenants include Sogo Department Store, covering 200,000 sq ft that is spread over four levels Comprising six levels of retail space with new brands, contemporary apparel and lifestyle

labels, a children's department and home-improvement products.

TGV Cinemas, another major tenant, will have an IMAX screen equipped with the

IMAX hall catering to an audience of 1,800. The cinema will also feature the largest Samsung ONYX+ screen in Southeast Asia. There is also the flagship 40,000 sq ft Village Grocer, the largest in the region.

Central i-City is a 60:40 jointventure between Central Pattana Public Co Ltd of Thailand (CPN) and I-City Properties Sdn Bhd, an affiliate of i-Berhad. CPN, Thailand's largest retail developer, currently manages 33 shopping centres under the CentralWorld, CentralPlaza and CentralFestival brands.

CPN Ventures Sdn Bhd Chief Operating Officer Anthony Dylan remarks, "Central i-City aspires to be the 'centre of life' to the people of Klang and Shah Alam; an iconic space for them to spark a new everyday experience, where the familiar is always new."

Among the mall's unique features is its first-of-its kind vertical on different levels of the mall will transportation system, comprising be deployed to stimulate spending four dedicated stacks of escalators and a never-ending shopping from basement 3 right up to its highest level on the fourth floor.

technology and an night' concept thematic ambiance



ICSC RECON ASIA-PACIFIC 2018. 22 - 25 OCTOBER 2018, **MANDARIN ORIENTAL KUALA LUMPUR**

ICSC's premier event in the region is now here in Kuala Lumpur where leaders of the retail real estate industry meet up with mall practitioners to develop professional skills and to discover new business opportunities.

The programme features two keynote presentations "Retail Places - The Future is Not What it Used to Be!" by Michael Brown of A.T. Kearney, and "Retail at Its Best: A Visual Tour of Innovative Trends from Around the Globe" by Mike Atkin, President, Retail Design Institute Hong Kong, Director, HEAD Architecture and Design, Hong Kong.

The conference also includes sessions on Farewell "Bricks vs. Clicks", Say Hello To Your New Neighbors, Should We Continue To Develop Shopping Centers?, Sorry, It's Not Cosmetic Surgery, Mipsters, Applause for Avant Garde and many others.

Participants of RECon Asia-Pacific will also visit Kuala Lumpur's leading shopping centres and attend presentation of ICSC Asia-Pacific Shopping Center **Awards** and NextGen a Workshop for voung professionals.

Mall visits include the following:

Tour 1

- Suria KLCC
- Pavilion Kuala Lumpur
- Lot 10

Tour 2

- Central Market
- Publika Shopping Gallery
- 1Utama Shopping Centre

- Mid Valley Megamall
- The Gardens Mall
- Sunway Pyramid

experience. There will be three levels of basement car park and even the washrooms are strategically equipped with the Synergistic clustering, an infinity located. Visit www.central-icity.com. latest audio and visual layout plan and a 'morning-to-my for more information. my for more information.

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hopping in Japan is invariably vibrant and vivacious, eye-catching architecture, rooftop gardens, impeccably polite services and "only one" shops in certain malls. Our study trip of 40 participants 'looked east' this time and spent 4 fulfilling days experiencing a PPK's flag flies high at the Japanese Imperial Palace variety of Tokyo's shopping malls.





A thumbnail of the huge Aeon Mall Makuhari Shintoshin

Of these, Ginza Six is central Tokyo's latest and biggest mall, opened just last year. Here there's luxurious shopping, food and cultural entertainment with six-star extravagance emanating from the high-end brand shops at every turn.

Other flagship malls for Japanese fashion like Laforet and Shibuya 109, are just pulsating with cutting-edge designs for young ladies (and the young-at-heart).

With its location at the base of Tokyo Skytree, Tokyo Solamachi caters to a high influx of local and foreign tourists offering exclusive Japanese cuisine and merchandise and also boasts of an aquarium and planetarium.

At Roppongi Hills, the mall is differentiated by 4 separate themes offering their affluent shoppers "one & only" shops which can only be experienced here.

Set on expansive reclaimed land located outside Tokyo city centre, the super-regional Aeon Mall Makuhari Shintoshin comprises of 3 huge separate buildings catering for general merchandise, pet lovers and a hypermarket. The catchment within close proximity includes a popular convention centre, numerous hotels and residences. Here, participants were given an informative briefing by Takafumi Yamasuge-san.

"Great and good experience - (it gave me a) better understanding of Japan's mall management and tenant mix"

- Olive Tan, Hektar Group

A heartfelt THANK YOU also to our counterparts, Japan Council of Shopping Centers (JCSC) for their great assistance in arranging the mall briefings and for the most informative overview of Japan's shopping malls



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Arigatogozaimas to Toshihiko Takano-san for the briefing on Ginza Six (L to R:Takano-san, MK Foong, Tan Joon Kai, William Tang and Evelyn Lo



Takeshi Akiyama explains the mixed development concept of



Dusk tranquillity at Ginza Six's 4,000 sq.m. rooftop garden



The unforgettable mirrored entrance to Tokyo Plaza Omotesando Hárajuku



Participants at Tokyo Solamachi ('town in the sky') at the podium of Tokyo Skytree, the tallest building in Japan

Experiential shopping is here to stay

shopping malls seriously retailers evaluating the function of the physical store and grappling with the shift in customers' shopping habits, its operators have been paying more attention into improving their shoppers' in-store experience.

still king Experience is experiential shopping, which involves meeting the in-store shoppers' latent sensorial, emotional and psychological expectations, is the way to go.

While the experiential marketing The concept is not new to the industry, there has been an increasing use of innovative technology to provide shoppers with more interactive and immersive experiences.

They come in the form of artificial virtual reality intelligence, and augmented reality to engage, inform and entertain its shoppers and provide them with unique experiences. Such



L to R: Mr Manohararan Periasamy, Director of Advertising & Digital Division, Tourism Malaysia; Dato Haslina Abdul Hamid, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture; Ms Ng Kah Kei, Sr Marketing Executive, Gamuda Walk (Gold Award); Mr Chris Ong, Sr Marketin Assistant Marketing Manager, Design Village Outlets (Silve Award) and Mr Richard Chan, Advisor, PPK Malaysia

often translated into higher profits its and footfall for the retailers and mall operators

A number of the malls have been improving their customers' experience, winning their minds and wallet-share by providing an immersive environment, personalised services and establishing strong customer relationships via playing a role in the community.

Do they have to spend a lot to achieve this? Not really, as shown from some



L to R: Mr Manohararan Periasamy, Director of Advertising & Digital Division, Tourism Malaysia; Dato Haslina Abdul Hamid, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture; Mr Chin Thau Tshung, Leasing Manager, Imago Shopping Mall (Gold Award); Ms Phang Sau Lian, General Manager, Sunway Putra Mall (Silver Award) and Mr Richard Chan, Advisor, PPK Malaysia

winners of the recent PPKM Awards a theme inspired by 2018 for Best Experiential Marketing.

Herbie Tan, the retail general manager of Gamuda Walk, which won the Gold Award under Category A for malls with 500,000 sq ft of net lettable space and below, explains, "As a responsible developer, Gamuda Land inculcates the value of caring for the people and community, creating places that they can call home

Being part of Gamuda Land's maiden township in Kota Kemuning, Tan says their brand values inspired them to come up with the Ringg-It for My School campaign, which turned out to be a rewarding experience not only for his team but also for the schools and its shoppers.

The campaign, which garnered concepts in order to stay relevant for 11,900 votes in three months for the our shoppers and tenants." mall, infused a "feel good" factor for its shoppers as they are able to help others. He quips, "The challenge for a neighbourhood mall like ours is to keep marketing budget low while remaining creative in our experiential marketing campaigns." The majority of its budget was for prizes for the schools.

Category A Silver Award winner, Design Village Penang Assistant Senior Marketing Manager Chris Ong Ghee Chong says as an outlet mall that is less than one-and-a half years old, it collaborated with the Penang state government, Penang Global Tourism and TLM Event in the Penang International Food Festival 2018/Food 2018/Food Truck Invasion.

While acknowledging that such enhanced shopping experiences are strategic partnerships have impacted mall's experiential marketing programme and helped to enhance their brand name in the market, he adds, "We also managed to set a new Guinness World Records' title for being the largest food truck rally at a single event.

Minimum investment was put into this event. Like its sister company, The Spring, Kuching, which was a gold winner for the past two consecutive years' PPKM Awards, Ong believes in upholding the group's core values to be the most trusted brand in owning, of the campaigns carried out by the six developing and managing malls

experiences.

For Imago Shopping Mall, Kota Kinabalu, which emerged as the Gold winner the third consecutive year for best experiential marketing under Category B for malls with NLA of 500,001 to 999,999 sq ft, its leasing manager Chin Thau Tshung attributes it to "creativity and being in trend customer behaviour" when it created The Odyssey,

water-based ride in Disneyland Hong Kong, for Christmas last year.

As a result, Imago managed to milestones in terms of sales, traffic and publicity whereby its vehicular traffic saw an average of 22% increase while its average sales rose



L to R: Mr Manohararan Periasamy, Director of Advertising & Digital Division, Tourism Malaysia; Ms Kung Suan Ai, Director, Marketing, Division, Tourism Malaysia; Mis Kung Suan Al, Director, Marketing, Pavilion Kuala Lumpur (Gold Award); Dato Haslina Abdul Hamid, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture; Mr Patrick So, General Manager, 1 Utama Shopping Centre (Silver Award) and Mr Richard Chan, Advisor, PPK Malaysia

in every way possible.

"Since we are celebrating Pavilion KL's 10th Anniversary this year with the theme Visit Pavilion 2018 'Celebration of Dreams', we created a beautiful Dream Garden of Prosperity with 8,888 cascading petals complete with interactive experiences and shows for the Chinese New Year (CNY).

"Similarly, with all our major festivals, we spent in excess of RM1 million for our entire CNY campaign. The return on investment was good as we generated higher traffic, spend and partnership results, one of the main criteria of the award judging."

Chin shares, "Imago has always taken steps to differentiate ourselves from other competitors via our decorations and events. We always push ourselves to come up with better ideas and

For Sunway Putra Mall, which won the Silver Award under Category B where its Mid-Autumn Festival last year made it into Malaysia Book of Records for the tallest lantern made from recycled fabrics, its general manager Phang Sau Lian says, "We did not spend much as we worked together with Kloth Cares and the International University of Malaya students, who contributed their time and skills to complete the lantern.

"Prior to the campaign, our shoppers donated fabrics and used clothes into the recycling bin provided by Kloth Cares, which reused them to make other products.

For Category C malls of one million sq ft of NLA and above, its winners this year have won PPKM Awards before for their best experiential marketing. Silver winner, 1 Utama Shopping Centre general manager Patrick So says, "Our aim is to always create events that are the 'talk of the town'. Getting feedback, whether positive or negative, helps us further improve.

"As with all our events, we work within an allocated budget that is used mostly for visual merchandising (VM) set-up and shopper activities. For Let's Jungle Up, we saved a good portion of the VM funds by recycling props left over from previous events and also produced some structures and decorations ourselves to save cost instead of contracting out the entire set-up to a supplier.

For its events and experiential marketing promotions to be successful, So also believes in teamwork. Being flexible is also crucial given last minute or unexpected changes.

Gold winner Pavilion Kuala Lumpur director of marketing Kung Suan Ai says, "With every campaign, we try to challenge ourselves and exceed our own expectations. It takes meticulous planning, creative strategies, good partnerships and the art of storytelling to generate excitement and experience

WHAT'S NEXT AFTER PPKM AWARDS?

Moving forward, Kung, who is also PPKM Vice President II, can envisage PPKM award winners contesting next at the Asian level since the association is member of the Council of Asian Shopping Centers (CASC). "This will help motivate and elevate further the quality of marketing campaigns from Malaysia."

Following the success of PPKM Awards for Best Experiential Marketing, Phang, who is the association's Vice President I, hopes it will come up with a Digital or Social Media Awards for the members while Chin from Imago welcomes a Cause Related Marketing and Best Shopping Mall Marketeer Awards.

He believes the Cause Related Marketing Awards can be best promoted via charity, aiding the non-profit organisations. Besides encouraging more malls to participate, they will be helping those in need. "The Best Shopping Mall Marketeer Award is for malls to showcase their all-round marketing and not just focus on a specific event. With increasing digitalisation worldwide, it is best to showcase what a mall can offer throughout the year in order to attract patrons.

Ong from Design Village Penang would like to see the PPKM Awards extended to cover mall management that includes aspects such as leasing, customer service, marketing, building services and housekeeping.



PPKM AWARDS 2018 - BEST EXPERIENTIAL MARKETING

longer only offer retailing or 'shopping' - they have evolved to become following: more like a gathering place for the community.

Within this process of malls evolution, Malaysian malls have gathered a reputation of offering 'experiential shopping' where going to the mall is an experience by itself. Malaysian malls are well known for their creative marketing campaigns and décor to create the right ambience to entice shoppers and to keep them coming back for more as competition amongst malls is keen. To recognise these innovative efforts, PPK Malaysia organised the inaugural awards in 2016 and buoyed up by the enthusiastic response, continues this year with the same awards to encourage both big and small malls in their marketing campaigns.

A total of 43 entries from 21 member shopping malls were received, based on the malls' marketing programmes held from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. These marketing campaigns covered the whole gamut of festival celebrations, themed events, sales promotions, public relations, advertising, new and social media, community projects, malls' relaunch events etc. It is noted that this year, several projects made it into the Malaysia Book of Records and the Guinness World Records, no small recognition indeed for our shopping mall industry.

The awards are categorised based on the following:

- Category A: Malls with nett lettable area (NLA) of 500,000 sq ft and below
- Category B: Malls with NLA of 500,001 sq ft to 999,999 sq ft
- Category C: Malls with NLA of 1,000,000 sq ft and above

▼ollowing recent global trends, Malaysian shopping malls of today no The judging was done digitally online and the criteria included the

• objectives and strategies • creativity • action plan • results • budget and cost effectiveness •

The panel of judges comprised prominent industry practitioners from the Council of Asian Shopping Centers (CASC) and from Malaysia as follows:

- Ms Rowena Tomeldan, Philippines: Head, Ayala Malls Group
- Ms Maureen Fung, Hong Kong: Executive Director, Sun Hung Kai Properties (China)/Immediate Past President & Founding Chairman of Institute of Shopping Centre Management
- Mr Jeff Tsai, Taiwan: Chairman, Taiwan Council of Shopping Centers/Chairman & CEO of Globaltown Business Center
- Toshihiko Takano-san, Japan: Director & Chairman of International Committee, Japan Council of Shopping Centres/ Director of GINZA SIX Retail Management
- Mr Manoharan Periasamy, Tourism Malaysia: Director of Advertising and Digital Division, Tourism Malaysia

Entries were shortlisted to 22 finalists and there were two winners in each category, for Gold and Silver. The panel of judges commented that the entries were of high quality and most times, the scores were marginal. So, if you are not one of the winners, don't lose heart as you all have indeed performed well!

Heartiest CONGRATULATIONS to all winners and a big thank you to all shopping malls who have participated and supported our Awards, PPK Malaysia will continue to pay tribute to excellence in the industry.

CATEGORY A

Gold: Gamuda Walk, Shah Alam: RINGG-IT FOR MY SCHOOL

common ground for everyone in a town the community, people one another, live and play together and look out for each other. A good town is also when



the community comes together and do their part to help one another. Gamuda Walk invited shoppers and patrons in Kota Kemuning to do their part for the local communities. The "RINGG-IT for My School" campaign aimed to assist the local schools in acquiring school necessities and funds to repair the schools' facilities which are required for the students to have access to a conducive learning environment

Silver: Design Village Penang's Outlet Mall: Penang International Food Festival 2018/ Food Truck Invasion

Design Village Penang's Outlet Mall is the greenest mall in Malaysia and the only outlet mall



and TLM Event in Malaysia's premier food festival, the Penang International Food Festival/Food Truck Invasion that set a new Guinness World Records title for the largest food truck rally at a single event. This was a tremendous opportunity to promote the new township of Bandar Cassia, Penang with Design Village being the pioneer.

CATEGORY B

Gold: Imago Shopping Mall, Kota Kinabalu: Christmas 2017 - The Odvssev

It was a joyful Christmas ride at Imago Shopping Mall with the creation of "The Odyssey", a theme inspired by "It's A Small World", a waterbased ride available in



Disneyland (Hong Kong) that featured a fantasy-island with a boat ride through several fantasy themes. At "The Odyssey", children embarked on a boat ride and sailed through five different stories and themes such as Santa's Workshop, Santa and His Reindeers, The Gingerbread House, Alice In Wonderland, and Goldilocks and The Three Bears. Each of the decorations and props portrayed individual designated themes.

Silver: Sunway Putra Mall, Kuala Lumpur: Mid-Autumn Festival

mall organised a Mid-Autumn Festival where shoppers could go back in time to reminisce how the festival was celebrated in ancient China. The mall made it into the Malaysia Book of



Records for building the tallest lantern made of recycled fabrics under the Arts & Entertainment category with 10.51 m height and 3.98 m width. More than 2,000 public and underprivileged kids gathered for the Lantern Parade for a memorable shopping experience, with various offerings under one roof. The well planned MarCom programme improved the overall mall traffic and retail sales performance.

PPKM GLAM HATTER'S GALA, 29 AUGUST 2018

ur biennial dinner was an excellent opportunity for all shopping practitioners to get together for closer networking amongst the shopping mall and retail fraternity, in celebration of everything related to malls in Malaysia. The event was privileged to be graced by Dato Haslina Abdul Hamid, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture.

As it was themed 'Glam Hatter', the majority of the over 800 guests dressed up in their best glam outfits and were suitably attired with hats and other adornments. Several guests qualified and vied for the best dressed contest which was eventually won by Cdr (R) KH Khoo of The Curve.



Welcome to the Glam Hatter's Gala!



PPKM Committee 2018-2020 being presented on stage



The shopping fraternity busy networking and enjoying each other's



Lady Glam Hatters - we are pretty, too!



The winning Glam Mad Hatter a.k.a. Cdr (R) KH Khoo of The Curve

CATEGORY C

Gold: Pavilion Kuala Lumpur: Chinese New Year 'Dream Garden of Prosperity'

2018 is a milestone year for Pavilion KL as it celebrates its 10th year anniversary. VISIT PAVILION 2018 'Celebration of Dreams' was launched, promising



a year filled with priceless experiences, personalised indulgences, amazing rewards and fulfilment of dreams for shoppers and community. The Chinese New Year 'DREAM GARDEN OF PROSPERITY' in 2018 was a fulfilment of that promise with resounding success. The mall achieved one of the highest ROI with growth of 10.6% in total visitors, 22% in publicity value, 48% in redemption numbers, 230% in redemption receipts and 418% in social media engagement compared to Chinese New Year 2017.

Silver: 1 Utama Shopping Centre, Petaling Jaya: *Let's* 'Jungle-Up'

Kids were able to experience the perfect 'JUNGLE adventurous' activities indoor in a shopping centre where they were normally available outdoors. Fun-



available outdoors. Funtivities and workshops were lined up during this school break to get the kids away from electronic gadgets. Mini adventurers loved the fun and experience as they participated in great **Let's Jungle Up** fun-tivities such as the paddle boat, roller orb ball, climbing up the bird watching house and more.



Finalists of the Best Hat Contest



The exhilarating hatters' dance

- · 76% of respondents indicated that shopping mall size directly influenced their choice
- Number of stores in a mall also an important factor





hopping, some would call it the favourite past time of most Malaysians. For us as consumers or visitors to the mall, is the size of a shopping mall integral to which mall we ultimately decide

In short, the age old question we are trying to seek an answer to: Is bigger better?

To answer this question, a survey was conducted by us among a small sample of shoppers (about 140 participants) and we found that 76% of the respondents indicated that size directly influenced their choice when deciding on a mall to visit

It was also noted that 74% of the respondents indicated that the number of stores available in a mall was also an important factor for deciding which mall to visit

However, a quick check with our partner Stratos Consulting Group shows that mall openings which are less than 500,000 sq ft. of nett lettable area (NLA) have been increasing since 2000.

Leading up to 2000, 82,5% of all malls opening in Malaysia were of less than 500,000 so ft but this number increased to 86% since

Contributing factor

Malls, in this instance, also refer to retail centres that have at least 50,000 sq ft of NLA, which includes hypermarkets and retail podiums

Granted that our survey sample is small, this brings us to another interesting question:

Could this be a contributing factor as to why some of the smaller malls in the Klang Valley, which have opened in the last 18 years, have been doing less well because these malls run contrary to what the market is looking for as indicated by our survey respon-

Regrettably, this is a question which is too difficult to for us to answer within the context of this

We further followed up that question with another one: We wanted to understand what exactly do shoppers go to a shopping mall for?

The response from our survey pointed out that an overwhelming 83% of respondents choose to visit the mall is search of food followed closely by 69% who responded that getting groceries was their primary purpose, while 68% indi-cated that entertainment was

what drove them to visit the mall. What was surprising to us was

Does size matter for a shopping mall?

that meeting with friends and family only came in fourth, with 59% of respondents.

Another study conducted in Singapore entitled 'The magnetism of suburban shopping cen-tres: Do size & cineplex matter? by Joseph Ooi and Loo-Lee Sim found that mall visits by shoppers were usually multipurpose by nature and the results shown in that study identified an opposite trend from ours where meeting with family and friends (57.7%) was the main reason ffollowed by shopping (52.7%) and lastly for meals (46.0%).

But we believe that that study and our own survey both show that to shoppers, size of the shopping mall does factor into their decision about whether to visit a particular mall.

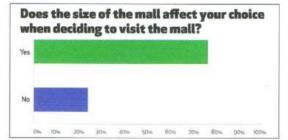
Ease of parking

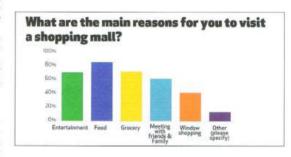
Granted that the size of a shopping mall matters in the destination choice of mall shoppers, we also wanted to find out whether there were other criteria which influenced shoppers' choice in this area.

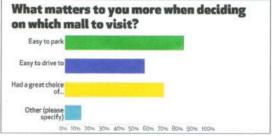
From information provided to us by Stratos Consulting and our own survey, we found that ease of parking (85% of respondents) repparking (85%) of respondency sep-resented a huge concern for shoppers in Malaysia when it comes to deciding which mall to visit, whilst 71% indicated that tenant mix was equally important. However, we believe strongly

that the time it takes to travel to a specific mall also factors into the equation for shoppers in deciding which mall to visit.

It is important to note that our survey covered this though from a slightly different viewpoint where we asked respondents if would travel out of their usual home-to-work route to visit a shopping centre which promised great discounts and offers on its products and services.







Source: Stratos Consulting Group

indicated that they would do so, which to us would explain the success of malls such as outlet shopping malls which draw in a huge number of visitors even though they are located away from major urban centres.

In conclusion, the answer to the question of whether bigger malls are better is an enthusiastic

Research papers and surveys of shoppers do show that big malls are indeed better in their

Nevertheless, for us within the industry, we find the need to go beyond what the results are saying.

Yes, bigger malls are better but if we delve into the heart of

serves the needs of the commu-nity it belongs to, beyond just being bigger in size. The mall needs to function as a

common gathering centre where communities can share the space with their loved ortes, friends, etc and relationships can be forged on top of the space serving as a place of commerce as well.

Amazon example

Why do we feel this way? Well, not many customers knew that they would want to eventually shop at what started out as a simple online bookstore back in 1994.

Amazon, an e-retailing behe moth, closed 2017 with US\$178 bil (RM730.08 bil) in sales and has considerably changed the way we as consumers shop.

The point we are getting at is this. Founder Jeff Bezos and the team at Amazon identified an un-met market potential to change the way people shopped for goods when all their competitors in the market either did not see it or it was not a priority for them (i.e. Amazon's competitors).

In the same vein, developers of shopping malls today need to see the unmet needs of the community where the mall is going to be built and ensure that the mall serves to meet those needs. In that way, the mall can func-

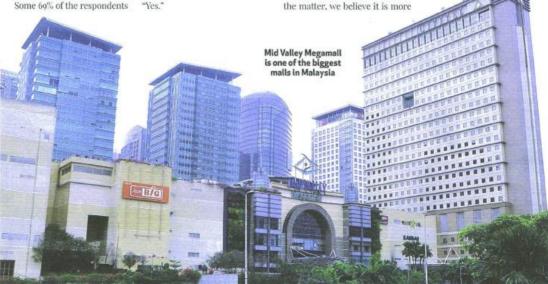
tion not just as a space for com-merce but more importantly, it can function as a space for community to congregate, build and enrich their lives.

This helps grow a symbiotic relationship between the community and the mall.

When that happens, we think the size of the mall will not matter

To borrow a line from Cheers, you want to go where everybody knows your name. FoatsM

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STUDY TRIP TO JAKARTA (SAFETY & SECURITY ASPECTS), 8-10 NOVEMBER 2018



Getting acquainted with the canine patrol in Manila (2016)

Manila (2016) and Bangkok (2017), we are now planning to visit shopping malls in JAKARTA. 3D/2NThis will hopefully look behind-thescenes how at counterparts our Indonesian in shopping malls manage their safety and security matters, crisis management,

Following

trips

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crowd control and other operational areas like traffic control, transportation connectivity etc.

The itinerary will include iconic malls like Gandaria City, Kota Kasablanka, Senayan City, Plaza Senayan and/or Pondok Indah Mall which all have their individual characteristics and participants can pick up tips from the back-of-house operations unique to each mall.



With the operations team of Terminal 21, Bangkok (2017)

WORKSHOP: MARKETING WITH FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM, EAST MALAYSIA, NOVEMBER 2018



Participants getting hands on at the 2017 Klang Valley workshop

PPKM is now bringing our social media marketing workshop to Kuching and Kota Kinabalu in November 2018. In addition to traditional marketing processes, social media marketing plays an essential role to reach out to today's set of younger shoppers. It is social media which has now become increasingly important as a marketing tool and coupled with 'influencer marketing' where prominent individuals typically have a sway over the things other people buy, these may be used by retailers and shopping malls effectively to attract and retain shoppers.

The two-day workshops will be held from 13-14 November in Kuching or 15-16 November in Kota Kinabalu, where our speaker, Ms Vanda Chan will impart her knowledge as a social media and online marketing specialist, proficient in social media crisis management.

PPK'S AMAZING MALL CHALLENGE, SUNDAY 4 NOV

Calling for entries for teams from all member shopping malls!

We are organizing this inaugural treasure hunt event, shopping mall style. The route will start from Sunway Putra Mall (Starting Station) → 3 Damansara → Atria Shopping Gallery → D Pulze Shopping Centre (Finish Station). Participants will be expected to fulfill the 'challenges' in each of the four malls in order to complete the event, details to be

Do join us for a day of exciting fun as malls compete against each other to win cash prizes

announced in due course





INDUSTRY NEWS

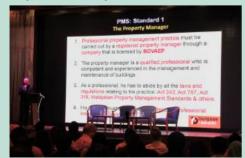
REGISTRATION OF PROPERTY MANAGERS BOARD OF VALUERS, APPRAISERS, ESTATE AGENTS AND PROPERTY MANAGERS (BOVAEP) - BRIEFING ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2018

Final reminder for 2018:

Registration is ongoing for the above wherein all qualified personnel working in property management, including shopping malls, are required to be registered as property managers.

As the window period of 2 January 2018 to 31 December 2018 is expiring soon, BOVAEP held a briefing in the Klang Valley wherein speakers spoke on the roles of property managers, JMBs and MCs; the registration process and procedures and standards of property management.

For further details, please check this out at our website or BOVAEP's website directly at www.lppeh.gov.my



Mr Wong Kok Soo, Group MD of Burgess Rawson explained property management standards to participants



Sr Hj Ishak b Ismail, CEO/MD of IM Global Property Consultants spoke on the role of property managers



There was overwhelming attendance from PPKM and affiliated organisations

PAST ACTIVITIES

CERTIFICATION COURSE IN SHOPPING MALL MANAGEMENT.

6-11 AUGUST 2018, RITZ-CARLTON KUALA LUMPUR



We are a happy shopping mall family

The second session for this year held in Kuala Lumpur recently saw many new faces for the Marketing & Leasing and Operations & Maintenance modules. An enthusiastic class of 66 participants for Marketing & Leasing Part 1 found it a good learning experience and being briefed on the big picture of shopping mall management helped personnel to understand their roles better.

Participants for the Operations & Maintenance class found the mall technical visit comprehensive and enlightening as they were taken to familiarise themselves with back-of-house operations.

Once again, a big thank you to our dedicated speakers, some of whom have been with us since we started in 2002, and who continue to share their invaluable insights on marketing strategies and operational know-how.



Planning a marketing campaign with fellow team members



So, this is how a plant room looks like ...



Speakers Vincent Chong & Hj Ibrahim Yusoff (seated, 2nd & 3rd from the right) with participants from Operations & Maintenance Part 1

"(The course is) very effective (with) useful information and insights about shopping mall management which can be effectively applied to my work"

- Chong Lorene, Leasing Executive, Gurney Plaza

"Good! – lots of input from this training"

- Norhidayu Abdul Halim, Operations Executive, East Coast Mall

MISSION TRIP BY TAIWAN'S CHINA PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE (CPC) AND MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (MOEA), 17 AUGUST 2018



Visiting the unique rainforest at 1Utama



Gifts were exchanged between Ms Lee May, Director-General, MOEA, Taiwan and PPKM, represented by Phang Sau Lian and KK Lim, Assistant Secretary (from R to L)



The Malaysian shopping mall industry is still strong and continues to grow

In collaboration with Taiwan's MOEA, CPC organised a mission trip of 20 participants to promote franchising cooperation between Taiwan and Malaysia, focusing on the F&B industry. 1Utama Shopping Centre hosted the joint meeting with key officers of PPKM and Malaysia Retail Chain Association (MRCA) where Ms Phang Sau Lian, PPKM's Vice-President 1 presented an overview of Malaysia's shopping malls scenario. Mr Simon Wong, General Manager, presented MRCA's overview of F&B businesses.

CPC was represented by their President, Mr Chang Pao-Cheng and numerous F&B business owners and managers who were keen to build restaurants and store channels.

SPORTS & EVENTS CALENDAR 2018



Futsal
Competition held
on 22 July at The
Padang, 1 Utama
Shopping Centre
received great
response from
16 teams. The
jubilant champion
mall was Encorp
Strand Mall (pix),
with 1st and 2nd
runners-up for
1 Utama Team B
respectively.



The team from Sunway Pyramid had the winning formula for September's badminton games which saw 12 teams in competition. Pavilion KL and 1Utama Shopping Centre followed as 1st and 2nd runners-up respectively.



D Pulze Shopping Centre kindly sponsored the Bowling Tournament at U Bowl on 13 October. With 19 teams in competition, 1Utama Team B became the 2018 winner with 1st and 2nd runners-up as Mid Valley Megamall and 1Utama Team A respectively

SEMINAR: EVOLUTION IN MERCHANDISE MIX,

6 SEPTEMBER 2018

Shopping malls globally today are not just for retailing but have evolved to become centres for entertainment, leisure and social interaction. With Malaysia having the second highest retail spending per capita within the ASEAN region after Singapore, it is timely to take cognisance of global trends and their key implications for our malls so that we can be relevant for our consumers and shoppers in order to remain successful.

The half-day seminar at Sime Darby Convention Centre saw participants picking up tips from Property Economist, Mr David Larkin, Director at Cistri who represents Urbis Australia's international business.



David shared pertinent and significant pointers on the evolving changes relevant for shopping malls and the need to embrace



Useful presentation for a great mall

TEH TARIK TALKS



With everyone invariably attached to their mobile phones today, it is ever more imperative to have strong and comprehensive phone signal coverage inside shopping malls. The TTT held on 10 July 2018 found that the host, OCK Telco Infra SB, collaborates with major mobile telcos and provides mobile signal coverage for qualified shopping malls at no cost to building owners



Participants attended the digital afternoon tea talk on 19 September 2018, which focused on the Phygital Experience by Nearby Group, which bridges the gap between the digital and physical worlds. It was an engaging experience as participants learnt about how Phygital activations help mall owners and managers to better interact with their shoppers while tracking and anticipating their behaviour and supporting

SECURITY & SAFETY TRAINING, 3-4 OCTOBER 2018



Feeling 'safe and secure' in this class of 2018



Fire safety is of the utmost importance, emphasises Cdr (R) KH Khoo



Puan Norisah bt Ab. Hamid sharing her experience on criminal investigations

One just cannot stress enough on the importance of security and safety in shopping malls where thousands of visitors pass through on a daily basis. PPKM's annual 2-day training programme saw a total of 58 security personnel from malls all over Malaysia in attendance at the recent session held at Cititel Mid Valley City. From topics like security and legality to updates on the current security scenario, participants were apprised on the basic procedures and knowledge required for the daily operations of shopping malls. Our trainers are sourced from senior in-house security personnel of prominent member malls with extensive working experience both in shopping malls and previously in the police force, as well as specialists from the industry.

CASC CONFERENCE 2018, BALI, INDONESIA

25-27 SEPTEMBER 2018



The Malaysian contingent

The annual conference was held in the exotic location of Bali in conjunction with Wonderful Indonesia Culinary & Shopping Festival 2018 and attracted more than 250 participants. Malaysia had the largest contingent from overseas with 15 participants, headed by Vice President, Kung Suan Ai. She presented the country report of our shopping malls which is expected to have an estimate total of 695 malls by end 2018. Urbanisation grew by 76% in 2017 and this has resulted in an increase of shopping visits particularly during weekends and public holidays.

Speakers at the conference reinforced the need to incorporate online shopping into retailers' brick-and-mortar shops in order to remain relevant in today's age of technology. Also, in order to be successful, marketing strategies have to embrace the 5A's - aware, appeal, ask, act and advocate. Presenters also shared case studies of several successful malls from the Asian region which gave a new perspective to the business of shopping malls.



Vice President, Kung Suan Ai called attention Conference in full swing to future Awards for CASC countries





BUSINESS EVENTS COUNCIL OF MALAYSIA (BECM)



President Tan Sri Dato CK Teo at the signing ceremony with like minded associations (2nd from right)

PPKM recently joined affiliated bodies to form BECM which will act as a single voice for the Business Events (BE) industry, including and seminars conferences regularly organised

BECM aims to bring together industry partners to network in an environment conducive for education and sharing and will work towards closer communication and liaison with related government agencies to highlight the real value of business events to our economy. The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding was held on 10 October 2018 in conjunction with the Business Events Forum 2018 at Setia City Convention Centre, Shah Alam.

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Jaya Shopping Centre
Jesselton Mall
Jetty Point Duty Free Complex
Johor Bahru City Square
Johor Bahru City Square Office Tower
Johor Premium Outlets
KB Mall
KL Caterral Complex
KE Mall

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KL Gateway Mall
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Kluang Mall
Kompleks Bukit Jambul
Kompleks Metro Point
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Shopping Center Council of Australia
(SCCA)
Taiwan Council of Shopping Centers
(TCSC)
The Associated Chinese Chambers of
Commerce and Industry of Malaysia
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