



Council's disregard for court order may land them in hot water.



In this together: **Ang** (left) and **Wahidudin** (second from left) speaking to members of the association.

“Because of this, many of our members are facing financial difficulties”

-WAHID UDIN ALI

THE Pest Control Association of Malaysia (PCAM) is fuming that its members are required to abide by certain conditions before they are allowed to conduct business in areas under the jurisdiction of the Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ).

PCAM said this was a total disregard of a consent order issued by the Shah Alam High Court last December ordering the council to withdraw the condition requiring pest control companies pay a deductible deposit and requiring them to register with a panel set up by it before they could conduct business in the municipality.

President Ang Tan Loong said PCAM agreed to withdraw the suit as long as MPSJ promised that pest control companies do not need to register with the council and pay the fees

“When they came to us asking for a settlement;

we agreed in good faith and moved towards reconciliation. But we were shocked when MPSJ issued notices to our members earlier this year asking that we pay a deposit of RM360, an advance payment of RM360 for the annual renewal fees and saying that we must be registered with the Finance Ministry,” he said.

Ang said that since MPSJ has reneged on their promise - the association is contemplating taking a contempt of court proceedings against them and will seek another court declaration to nullify their ruling.

He added that MPSJ do not have the power to impose such guidelines as it was outside their power of jurisdiction.

Ang said the association will also write to the Selangor government to request that the council reveal documents as well as declassify minutes of the meeting held in regards to the pest control issue.

“Since the Selangor government mooted a Freedom of Information bill in order to be more transparent and accountable, so we hope they would practise what they preach,” said Ang.

PCAM deputy president Wahidudin Ali said he was disappointed with MPSJ and its high handed manner in dealing with the matter.

“Because of this, many of our members are facing financial difficulties due to the fact that no one wants to engage them since businesses, especially restaurants and eateries have been warned that their licences would not be renewed if they do not engage the pest control operators registered with the MPSJ panel,” he said.

“What they have done is not fair and is in violation of the fundamental rights to free trade of its members and other pest control operators,” said PCAM member M.Selvarajan.

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RAT MENACE IN KLANG VALLEY

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Poor sanitation, waste management and damaged drains are causing a rodent population explosion in the Klang Valley and the problem is becoming serious.

It was reported last month that there are about 4.4 million rats in Kuala Lumpur alone — that is two rats for each Kuala Lumpur dweller.

Malaysia Pest Control Association president Ang Tan Loong said the rat population had multiplied

Tremendously over the years caused by poor sanitation and waste management.

Proud lot: Some children showing a rat they caught during a clean-up campaign held in Pandan Jaya recently.

"We estimate that the population has escalated in the past five years. The number of complaints that we have been receiving have shown a drastic increase," he said recently.

According to Ang, various groups including owners of houses, shoplots and factories have blamed Klang Valley's poor drainage system as the main cause.

"This definitely warrants more attention from the local authorities and cooperation from the public to fight the rats," he said.

Another cause of concern is rat-borne diseases such as leptospirosis which is also expected to increase.

According to a study published by the Malaysian Society of Parasitology and Tropical Medicine, rats have been identified as the main cause of leptospiral infection in livestock and humans.

The Health Ministry had reported 62 deaths and 1,418 cases of infection due to leptospirosis last year.

Based on patient admission to government hospitals, there has been an increase from two cases to every 100,000 people in 2006 to five for every 100,000 last year.

Fatalities due to leptospirosis was at 4.2% in 2006, 2.3% (2007), 3.7% (2008) and 4.4% (2009).

Human leptospiral infection primarily resulted from direct or indirect exposure to the urine of infected rats.

The disease came to light when six people involved in a search and rescue mission to save a drowning victim in the Lubuk Yu recreational area in Maran, Pahang, died of suspected melioidosis and leptospirosis infection in July.

Foreign experts say that the control of the rat population is critical in preventing outbreak of leptospirosis. The disease will be listed as requiring notification under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act.

Ang said control methods such as poison and traps were no longer effective.

"It has to get down to the rat burrows. It won't work until we get down to the source of the problems," he added.

Klang MCA youth chief Ching Eu Boon acknowledged that the rat population had increased tremendously to affect the whole of Selangor.

He said the issue was brought up during the state youth meeting two months ago following a complaint by a leptospirosis victim.

Ching said he was informed that the rat population in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur had increased 40% since last year.

"We received many complaints from Klang residents that rats are even burrowing in playgrounds in housing areas," he said.

Ching added that the MCA had carried out several gotong-royong in Bukit Tinggi and Pandamaran recently with residents to clean up their places and had caught a number of rats.



Proud lot: Some children showing a rat they caught during a clean-up campaign held in Pandan Jaya recently.

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Group photo of PCAM Exco and Imaspro team.



PCAM HON. member :
Prof Dr Lee Chow Yong
PCAM secretary : Wan Kong Meng
PCAM President : Ang Tan Loong
(At PEST Summit Stage)



Exco at the Mini Gala Dinner Stage



PCAM President, ATL demonstrated his drum skills



PCAM VP-Com, En Anuar Ahmad being congratulated by members on his birthday.



Mini Gala Dinner
At Pest Summit, Bali

The Moment... Photo Gallery

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sharing his experience with the VIPs
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Mrs. Surajan, Mr. CH Tong, President Ang Tan Loong,
Mr. David Subramaniam and Mr. Richard Ng)



Mr. C.H. Tong (MD of Imaspro Resources
Sdn. Bhd. - middle) presenting the
grand prize to **En. Airy Bin Abdullah**
from AMD Pest
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PCAM President giving
the opening speech



During **Seminar**
on Pest Summit, Bali



Mr. C.H. Tong (MD of Imaspro
Resources Sdn. Bhd.) delivering his speech
at the Malaysian Dinner Night.

Message From The President Of PCAM

How time flies since the day we left Bangkok Pest Summit 2 years ago on a memorable note and with a conviction that Pest Summit for Asia is here to remain as a cognitive force for the pest control fraternity. It is a tremendous honor for me once again to be appointed by IPCA as one of their honorary advisors despite my ever lacking knowledge of the science of our industry. The aura of confidence we had amassed through the past 3 Summits inaugurated in the enchanting island of Langkawi, Malaysia back in 2003 portrays a distinctive formula for the memorandum of understanding which is incumbent for the co organizing associations of Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia to relate and co-operate as a unified team for pooling our resources and energy for the betterment of our industry.

Credit must go to the whole of the organizing committee for this auspicious event, especially for this international Summit with a diverse culture and ethnic origins. Having the honor of being the inaugural Organizing Chairman previously I can empathize with the present Organizing Chairman, Mr. Sahata Simanungkalit for his tireless efforts and endurance to ensure and maintain that this Bali Pest Summit will be another resounding success. Congratulations to the committee for roping in your Ministry of Culture & Tourism to endorse this prestigious conference which is indeed an irrevocable indication of the strength and fundamental recognition by the government of the Republic of Indonesia that IPCA does play a pivotal role in the sector of public health and hygiene.

The theme "Enhancing the Quality Of Life through Sustainable Pest Management" aptly draws out the prominence of pest managers in redefining the parameters and the objectives of pest management in relations with Human Lives, health and hygiene. When our objectives are vivid and unambiguous, the business of pest management will only then be sustainable and profitable. The maxim "there is no short cut to success" ever holds true for our industry and it is with great endeavors by the majority of our members that they succeeded through their toil, sweat and tears. The objective of our theme is enhancing the quality of life for not only our clients but also that of our employees who are also much in the frontline in dispensing the correct and accurate amount of pesticides. In this respect, it is our fervent hope that the message of this Summit's theme must be disseminated to all our staff and they in turn may have a better quality of life through the combined efforts of their employers and turning our industry into a much respected and esteemed by many as an indispensable profession considered as the frontline of biosecurity and defense against unwarranted and imminent outbreaks or epidemics of dreaded diseases and exotic pests.



Ang Tan Loong
President

Thank you,
Ang Tan Loong

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