



ANG TAN LOONG
PRESIDENT (since 2003)

President's message Recalled to a Life of Normalcy in **Subang Jaya**

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Paradise, we were all going direct the other way--in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only."

Adaptation from Charles Dickens's **"Tale of 2 Cities"**

This aptly described the situation we are facing in our country whereby the lawmakers and the local authorities have so much undue influence on our way of life and trying to assert control in every sphere of our society. The doctrine of the separation of powers seems so far fetched and many of us have accepted it as a norm and applicable only to the elite few of the powers that be.

Our court declaration dated 19 Dec.07 was unprecedented in our association's history as we took to task and challenge the MPSJ (Subang Jaya Municipal Council) of their own guidelines and enforcements of their self-imposed criteria for the Pest Control panel in their jurisdiction over Subang Jaya.

The aftermath of the March 2008 Tsunami General Elections and the transition of power from the old to the new state government in Selangor, the air of liberty and justice was a pleasant surprise for PCAM. We were elated when we received a letter on 8th September, 08 from MPSJ's lawyer Zaid Ibrahim & Co. requesting us to meet without prejudice on 24 Sept. 08 for the purpose of exploring the possibility of settling the Summon: 21-262-2007 Stopest (M) Sdn Bhd & Another Vs MPSJ out of court.

On 20 Sept.08, PCAM called for our 5th. Forum to deliberate on the MPSJ issue again. The last court hearing on 28 Aug. 08 was adjourned by the High Court to Jan 19, 2009 and our case was to be heard thro' written submissions and contentions from both parties.

Our members had recently faced unholy persecution from MPSJ, summons was issued to one of our members, and those in its PCO panel asked to pay an additional RM360 p.a. license fees. However, MPSJ refuted that this particular annual fee was with the unanimous consensus of those in the panel. Furthermore, they adduced PCAM was agreeable and had no objections to their guidelines when they held a dialogue with the 3 PCAM Exco sometime late last year. Our apprehension was if this drags on beyond 2009, the MPSJ policy will be enforced on to all businesses and will definitely wreak havoc to our industry. YB Tan Kok Wai (MP for Cheras) and our lawyer Vijay were at the forum to explain to members their stand and finally the forum concluded with the members urging to maintain our principle of "Laissez Faire" or the principle that the economy works best if private industry and markets have the freedom of choice.

During the meeting with MPSJ on 24 Sept.08, it was proposed on the following basis for both parties' concurrence:

1. That the requirement for pest control operators to register with MPSJ's panel introduced in Jan.07 is to be revoked and all deposits collected be refunded to the respective members of PCAM.
2. We, in PCAM maintained that these rulings were flawed by the previous council of MPSJ since its implementation in May 06. We highlighted to them that with 134 local and district councils in Malaysia, we will be at the mercy of these councils.

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The E-Kesihatan Scheme



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The E-Kesihatan Scheme with good intentions or.....?

Under this scheme, drivers, attendants and conductors of commercial vehicles must undergo health checks and testing with doctors on the e-kesihatan panel which is to be privatized. Doctors who want to be part of the scheme must possess professional indemnity insurance. The objective of this scheme is to reduce road accidents and mortality.

There is a fee charged on each checking which is RM85 by the privatized company. Whereas the clinics and hospitals levy at less than RM10.

A. Questions and Issues in doubt:

1. Road Transport Dept. (RTD) awards contract to an untried company to conduct drug tests on commercial vehicle drivers is questionable?
2. Do doctors have the authority to take urine samples?
3. Is it taken at the privacy of a toilet or privacy totally disallowed?
Urine samples can be swap if privacy of a toilet is allowed.
4. Diligent doctors are at risk and mercy of those drivers tested "positive" as the drivers' livelihood is affected
5. Asking a drug addict driver to give his urine to test and paying a fees is really making the authorities look unprofessional and unwise.
6. Or is it just a formality to look good that the authorities are doing their job and also make money at the same time?
7. Does the scheme guarantee that all addict drivers etc. will be taken off the roads?
8. Is it not the job of the Polis to nab drug addicts, whether there are commercial drivers or not, rather than the RTD?

B. Commercial and Transport Industries fraternity hopes that the RTD would review the scheme along these lines:

1. To conduct an in-depth study of the scheme especially on the implementation aspect.
2. If the rule needs to be enforced, the relevant authority who conducts such test demand a high level of impartiality and it should be a free service as a government's duty for the prevention of crimes.
3. Do not involve with a 3rd party, who has vested interest and may retreat to subjective ethics when commercial decisions are made.
4. The test should be subjected to all drivers as drug addiction cuts across all segments of the society.
5. RTD may consider commercial drivers as dangerous on the road. Is RTD not prejudiced against them who have basic human rights and are tax-payers too?

Just as the MPSJ's noble intention to make Pest Operators register in MPSJ's panel with 20 guidelines and levy a deposit RM3,000 to monitor their performance, the e-kesihatan scheme though with good intentions too, if not properly planned and efficiently implemented, may create another bad public image on the efficiencies of the Road Transport Department. (RTD).

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3. All Pest Control Operators holding a license under the Pesticides Act 1974: PCO Rules 2004 and is a member of PCAM shall be eligible to register under a new established panel of MPSJ.
4. Inclusion into the new Panel of licensed Pest Control Operators shall be automatic subject of a nominal processing fee.
5. That no deposits/performance bond or similar condition shall be imposed.
6. That other condition, if any, shall be arrived after the consultation and with agreement of the Pest Control Association of Malaysia.



PCAM Supporters at the High Court, Shah Alam 28 August.2008



MPSJ forum 20 Sept.2008 PCAM lawyer: Mr Vijay YB Tan Kok Wai President: Ang Tan Loong



YB Tan Kok Wai unites With PCAM President at our MPSJ forum 20 Sept.2008



PCAM President being interviewed by the Sun reporter at the High Court, Shah Alam 28 Aug.2008

Chronological of events: MPSJ Consortium and Panel Ruling

Date	Events with Breaking News
May 06	Imposition of Pest Control Operators (PCO) Consortium of 6 companies Initially, all businesses must engage pest control service from this consortium.
July 06	The Sun exposes MPSJ consortium that a 20 years concession was inked by them.
6 Sept 06	Became a public issue and due to the furore by PCAM & its members, the ruling was rescinded by the Menteri Besar, Selangor
Mar 07	MPSJ, however, came out with some new guidelines and controls. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Licensed Pest Control Operators must register with their panel instead of consortium 2. Must deposit RM5000.00 as performance bond initially. 3. MOF license and 20 other conditions imposed.
	PCAM & its members protested against MPSJ for its equivocal practices. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why the MOF license? 2. Why the RM5000.00 deposits? 3. Why 20 other conditions? 4. How to justify workmanship?
	MB Selangor revoked the MOF license & the RM5k reduced to RM3k deposit by MPSJ but the 20 other conditions remained.
Sept 07	Appeal letter sent to YDP MPSJ, but appeal rejected
19 Dec 07	Left with no choice, instituted a court declaration (CD) by Stopest (M) Sdn Bhd & 20 other PCOs as 1st. plaintiff and PCAM as 2nd plaintiff.
	Knowing full well that PCAM does not have a locus standi, MPSJ lawyers wrote to strike out PCAM as plaintiff. However, MPSJ did not expect individual PCOs to file the CD against them.
28 Aug 08	Last hearing which was adjourned to 19 Jan.09 for written submissions by both parties and the case should be concluded by Mar 09 according to our lawyers.
8 Sept 08	Received letter from Zaid Ibrahim's MPSJ lawyers to explore an out of court settlement.
20 sept 08	5th MPSJ forum by PCAM to update members that MPSJ, besides imposing the panel registered PCO on business premises of F & B outlets, intends to impose on all other business premises in the coming future.
24 Sept 08	Meeting with MPSJ officials initiated by them to explore out of court settlement.

Pest Summit, Thailand :: 2008 Report ::

by PCAM VP : Project Development : **Johnny Ooi Juan Lee**



Johnny Ooi Juan Lee
(Project Development)

*Congratulations to the
Thailand Pest Management
Association organizing
committee of Pest Summit
Thailand '08 headed by
Chairman Khun Suchart
for the
GREAT SUCCESS!!*

A record turnout of 620 participants from 20 countries attended. Once again, PCAM has proudly sent the biggest contingent of 104 registered participants with the largest single contingent from Universiti Sains Malaysia! These demonstrated that our faithful PCAM Members always want to improve the knowledge in Pest Materials and learning to use the latest Pest Technology and Equipment to serve and service our dear customers better. Keep up the excellent Attitude and Spirits. Malaysia Boleh!!!

The Theme was **"Global Warming And Its Impact On Pest Management"**. The Summit was opened by the Minister Of Health of Thailand accompanied by the Thai Organizing Chairman and the 4 Presidents: namely the Indonesia Pest Control Association, Singapore Pest Management Association, the Pest Control Association of Philippines and the Pest Control Association Of Malaysia. A total of 19 International Speakers delivered papers on the latest research in Pest Control Studies including the Effect of Global Warming and Its Impact on Pest Management.

Our Malaysian Speakers contributed 3 papers.

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It was also proposed that pending negotiations and / or discussions on the above settlement, MPSJ will suspend the enforcement and withdraw all summonses and / or charges or prosecution arising thereof.

It is very crystal clear that the 20 PCOs and PCAM will do anything within the laws as enshrined under the federal Constitution, to fight for justice and the rule of law.

The right to free enterprise as espoused by us and the right to carry out our services as prescribed under the Pesticide Act 1974 are testaments and justification of our congenial rights of liberty, freedom and equality.

We are glad that MPSJ now, has a better comprehension of our plights and struggles and the meeting concluded fruitfully with positive developments for reconciliation and healing of our relations with MPSJ which was one of our primary objectives under our very own articles. The sincerity, respect and recognition accorded to us were indeed touching and gratifying moments for PCAM.

This episode will definitely go down well in our annals as one unblemished legacy whereby these 20 companies (who filed the class action) can rightfully be accorded YBs, for their fearless and courageous determination to go the distance with MPSJ.

1. One by Our PCAM Honorary Member Prof. Dr. Lee Chow Yang on "Perspective in Termite Management in Buildings and Structures in Malaysia."
2. Second by Dr. Lee Han Lim, Medical Entomology Unit and WHO Collaborating Centre for Vectors Institute for Research, Kuala Lumpur on "Global Warming and Its Impact on Dengue and Aedes Control".
3. The Third Paper was delivered by Dr. Nazni Wasi Ahmad, Research Officer, Medical Entomology Unit, Institute for Medical Research, Kuala Lumpur on "Fly Management".

To add to the excitement of the Summit, 2 interesting and exciting Competitions were held:

1. Largest Termite Queen (LTQ)
2. Largest American Cockroach (LAC)

The LTQ was won by Savitree Panya of Thailand and the LAC was won by Miss Yeap Beng Keok from University Sains Malaysia. Each winner was rewarded with 10,000 Baths or about RM1,000 our equivalent.

To all PCAM participants of this Pest Summit 08, Ribuan terima kasih (thanks you so much) for the great support given to PCAM. We hope that our PCAM sub-Committee comprising of Wahid, Rajan, Chong, myself & our President have assisted you in some way or other.

Your feedback to improve our PCAM services is always appreciated.

Kindly feedback on "Quality Improvement" to: PCAM Secretariat: pcam@streamyx.com or Fax: 03-92740288 or to me personally: johnnyooi@abadihygiene.com.my

We would like to see more participants in the next summit 2010. The 2010 Pest Summit will be held in Bali Indonesia in the month of November. Bon voyage to the land of mystical , cultural & traditional Bali!

Start planning now! And Happy Reading. Cheers!!

Incidentally YB here is the acronym for **"Yang Berani, (bukan Yang Berhormat) mencabar pihak berkuasa yang menyalahguna kuasa!"** As for me, it's **"Yang Bersedia, rela berkhidmat demi Persatuan Kawalan Makhluk Perosak Malaysia!"** ©

**Thank you,
At your Service,
Ang Tan Loong (President)**

PEST SUMMIT 2008 THAILAND

GLOBAL WARMING AND ITS IMPACT ON PEST MANAGEMENT



1. Ashby Foo, our PCAM Exco member posing in front of the "Stop Global Warming" The theme of the Pest Summit, Bangkok'08



2. Exhibit: Queen Termite at the Summit



3. Prof. Dr Lee Chow Yang PCAM Honorary member an invited speaker for the Summit



4. Group photo of the Pest Summit leaders



5. PCAM President in a cheerful disposition speaking on behalf of PCAM to 600 participants



6. Our 4 PCAM "Musketeers" Wahid, Wan Kong Meng, Chong Yee Seng & President: Ang Tan Loong



7. From Bangkok, Thailand 2008 to Bali, Indonesia 2010



8. Exotic dancer during the Summit



9. Traditional dancers from Thailand



10. Wan Kong Meng, our own Malaysian Giant



11. Mr Johnny Ooi, our PCAM VP:Project at the reception table for Malaysian Contingent



12. Group Photo PCAM VP:Project - Johnny Ooi and PCAM VP:Membership - Mr Chong Yee Seng with other participants



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