

MACCMA ANNUAL DINNER 2013



Every year MACCMA has annual dinner for all its members. During this occasion MACCMA invited ACCA members as well. On this occasion each country members who came for the dinner give a gift exchange as appreciation to MACCA.

During the dinner beside enjoying delicious meals, drink and entertainment there were door prize as well. This is the time for fun and connect. There were beautiful dancer just like Moulin Rouge in Paris.

The Corrugated Carton Industry in Malaysia was born with the country's move towards industrialization in the mid-1960's serving the country's packaging needs.

Progress, as with all things, was painfully slow at the beginning. However, with the vision and dynamic leadership from the Public Sector and the enthusiasm of the private sector, the momentum of growth picked up and by the late 1970's to early 1980's, more than a dozen box plants were in operation in Peninsula Malaysia.

At this time the idea of forming an Association took shape with the following initial objectives :

1. To open a formal channel of communication with the Government and other relevant Ministries for exchanges of information and feed-back.
2. To strive and improve the technical capabilities of members in order to cater to the growing variety of product types demanded by the market.
3. To improve communication between members and working towards solving each others problems.

On 5th. August, 1988 this loose assembly of enthusiastic factories was finally qualified to be registered and the Malaysian Corrugated Carton Manufacturers' Association (MACCMA) was given its official birth certificate with 16 members spread over the many states of Peninsula Malaysia. 19 years later, MACCMA have 35 ordinary members and 32 associate members.





At present the Malaysian economy registered a robust growth of 6.4% in the fourth quarter of 2012 (Q3 2012: 5.3%) led by strong performance in all sectors. The services and manufacturing sectors remained the key drivers of growth. Domestic demand remained strong, and expanded 7.5% in the fourth quarter, with robust private consumption and investment activities. Despite the advanced economies remain weak; the Malaysian economy continues to rely on domestic demand for GDP growth in the 4th quarter 2012.

Outlook 2013: the Malaysian economy is expected to sustain its growth momentum. Growth will be supported by firm domestic demand and aided by a gradual recovery in exports. Private sector activity is expected to remain vibrant supported by sustained investment in the domestic-oriented manufacturing and services as well as oil and gas sectors. Public investment will be largely driven by

transport, utilities and infrastructure projects. Private consumption is expected to remain resilient given the stable labour market conditions and increased household income amid a modest inflation outlook.

In the 4th Quarter 2012, the performance of the Malaysian Corrugated Industry was similar to that of the 3rd Quarter ie with shrinking demand due to the slow down in exports. For 1st Quarter 2013, the Minimum Wage Policy came into effect on 1st Jan 2013; due to its hasty implementation and lack of clear guidance, the policy was met with criticism from employers in Malaysia. In January, MACCMA held a press conference to express the dilemma and hardship faced by the corrugated industry due to the policy. Due to the increase in production costs caused by the Minimum Wage Policy and also spiraling paper prices, it is foreseeable that carton prices will increase soon.

