

# International Powered Access Federation

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# Minutes for the <u>Singapore IPAF Members Online Meeting</u> of the International Powered Access Federation held via Microsoft Teams, on 26th May 2025 at 3:00pm

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3	Sophia Lin	Global Training Services Pte Ltd
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11	Anthony Ma	JCB Sales Asia Pacific Pte Ltd
12	Ng Teck Kheng	Aver Asia (S) Pte Ltd
13	Mark Guah	Spiderlift Asia Pte Ltd
14	Nicholas Ong	SMRT
15	Raymond Wat	IPAF
16	Rhea Ong	IPAF
17	Amanda Tan	IPAF

This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the IPAF Corporate Compliance Policy and relevant competition and antitrust laws. There will be no discussion of any information which is commercially sensitive or confidential. By attending this meeting, each attendee will be agreeing to abide by the Policy.

#### 1. Welcome by IPAF

IPAF officially welcomed Mr. Klein Phua from Modern as the newly appointed Chairman of the Singapore Workgroup and expressed sincere appreciation to all members who participated in the voting process. During the meeting, IPAF also provided an update on the current composition of the Asia Regional Council, which includes Geoffrey Lee representing Hong Kong, Klein Phua representing Singapore, and Alex Tan representing Malaysia, who also serves as the Chairman of the Asia Regional Council.

#### 2. Matters Raised

The meeting was held to discuss the following matters:

- i. Past IPAF events in Asia
- ii. Upcoming Events in Q3
- iii. Joint Activities with IPAF HK Members
- iv. Singapore Updates
- v. Malaysia Updates
- vi. Any other matters

#### 3. Past IPAF Events in Asia

3.1 Korea Build Week 19-22 Feb

IPAF participated in the Korea Build Week exhibition, contributing to regional awareness and engagement within the powered access industry in South Korea. During the event, IPAF met up with local members and formed the Asia Conference workgroup made up of local Korean contacts to help us with the planning of the event.

#### 3.2 BuildTech Asia 2025 18-20 Mar.

This year IPAF organised a seminar and PDS during BuildTech Asia 2025 and IPAF would like to thank everyone who attended the event.

#### 3.3 Visit to HK Labour Department 30 Apr

A courtesy visit was conducted to the Hong Kong Labour Department to strengthen relationship and explore future collaboration opportunities.

# 3.4 Senior Instructor Workshop 12-14 May

A Senior Instructor Workshop was held in Changsha, China, to align IPAF instructor training standards and practices across regions. The workshop was conducted by Jur Kamsteeg, IPAF's Benelux Representative and a seasoned Senior Instructor.

# 3.5 Exclusive Dinner with Trackunit and Danish Embassy 14 May IPAF had the honour to co-host a gathering of distinguished leaders from Japan and Denmark, coming together to discuss the future of construction, particularly through the lens of digital transformation, equipment innovation, and workplace safety.

# 3.6 MBAM Annual Safety & Health Conference 20-21 May IPAF participated in this annual event and promoted the new IPAF Operator theory elearning, hoping to drive up training numbers in Malaysia.

#### 5. Upcoming Events in Q3

Asia Conference 2025 – 2 July (South Korea)

Registration is now open for the IPAF Asia Conference 2025, taking place on 2 July in South Korea. Member registration is available at USD 50, while non-members may register at USD 80.

Accommodation is available at KRW 180,000++ per night (inclusive of breakfast) and can be booked directly via the official website. The hotel is located in Pangyo, a district on the outskirts of Seoul, strategically selected for its proximity to major rental companies in Korea, based on local industry feedback.

Register here: <a href="https://ipaf.org/asiaconference">https://ipaf.org/asiaconference</a>

MEWPs Secondary Guarding Devices (SGD) & Safety Devices Showcase 2025 – 30 July (Hong Kong)

A showcase and live demonstration of MEWP secondary guarding and safety devices will take place in Hong Kong on 30 July 2025. Raymond shared that the use of SGDs is now mandated in all construction projects in Hong Kong, significantly increasing their adoption.

The event will provide a platform for users to explore available devices, learn how to choose the appropriate solution based on work type, and understand that while these devices enhance safety, they are not entirely foolproof.

Register here: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/aY0y7kCaFp">https://forms.office.com/e/aY0y7kCaFp</a>

## MBAM OneBuild 2025 – 27-29 August (Malaysia)

IPAF will be participating with a booth at MBAM OneBuild 2025 in Malaysia from 27 to 29 August. IPAF welcomes all members to visit.

## 4. Joint Activities with IPAF Hong Kong Members

1 July - Visit Sinoboom and LGMG Depot in Seoul

The IPAF Hong Kong Chairman is planning an informal visit to the Sinoboom and LGMG depots in Seoul on 1 July. This full-day, non-IPAF event aims to provide participants with insights into the operations and brand offerings of these two manufacturers in Korea. Light refreshments will be provided during the visit.

Please note, this visit is intended as an informal networking opportunity and is not officially organised by IPAF. In respect of the hosts' request, participation is not recommended for members who are MEWP manufacturers themselves.

Tentative itinerary:

Morning: Depart by bus, visit Sinoboom

Lunch

Afternoon: Visit LGMGEvening: Group dinner

Participation is limited to a small group (maximum 25 pax). Members who are interested, please answer the poll in the group chat.

**[ACTION]** IPAF to create a poll to confirm interest in this visit. Participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register your interest by 23 May.

<u>Visit to Lithium Battery Manufacturer – Shenzhen (Planned for September)</u>

IPAF Hong Kong will also be organising an official visit to a lithium battery manufacturer in Shenzhen, tentatively scheduled for September. This event, open to all IPAF members, will also involve participation from IPAF Singapore.

Recognising the increasing relevance of lithium-powered equipment in our industry, this initiative seeks to provide deeper insights into the production, fitting, and assembly processes of lithium batteries. The visit will also serve as a platform to address common industry myths and encourage direct dialogue with manufacturers. The objective is to

explore broader topics beyond safety and potentially establish a future exchange program.

#### Tentative format:

- Day 1: Factory visit
- Half Day 2: Wrap-up session
   Optional social activity to be considered based on interest.

Direct flights from Singapore to Shenzhen are available. To facilitate planning, all members are requested to state their interest to sea@ipaf.org.

# 5. Singapore Updates

# Campaigns for 2025

The main campaign this year will be on highlighting the Safe Use Ecosystem, with key emphasis on Rental+, MEWPs for Managers (M4M) training course, accident reporting, and promoting the IPAF training courses.

#### Member Engagement Activities

To date, no member networking event has been held. Members are encouraged to share their interest or suggestions, and IPAF will plan accordingly based on the response maybe later in the year.

# 6. Malaysia Updates

Amanda is currently serving as IPAF's representative in Malaysia, actively engaging with local industry stakeholders to support the IPAF's initiatives in the region.

One of the key activities underway is the revision of the national safe use guidelines for MEWPs, in collaboration with the Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM), the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), and the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB). This effort aims to enhance safety standards and promote consistent best practices across the sector.

In addition, a meeting with CIDB is being planned for June to explore potential areas of collaboration, particularly in promoting IPAF's training courses and aligning them with their safety objectives.

#### 7. Any other matters

Klein expressed his gratitude to all members for their support in electing him as Chairman of the IPAF Singapore Workgroup. While he holds the title of Chairman, Klein emphasised that he sees his role primarily as a facilitator, someone who helps bring members together and facilitate discussions between the members and governing bodies.

He noted that the powered access industry is undergoing rapid change, particularly with the growing adoption of lithium batteries and secondary guarding devices. These developments have raised many questions around compliance and certification, especially regarding the legality and safety of certain accessories. Klein believes IPAF is well-positioned to act as a bridge between end users, main contractors, and regulatory bodies in gathering feedback, identifying concerns, and helping to address

issues affecting manpower, accountability, and workflow on the ground.

He stressed that IPAF should be viewed not as a governing body, but as a consultative one to facilitate discussions, offer guidance, and mediate between stakeholders to ensure the safe and effective use of MEWPs.

Reflecting on the strong membership base in Singapore, Klein shared his ambition to add further value to members by planning initiatives that are relevant and impactful. He also highlighted his intention to enhance collaboration with the members of Asia Regional Council and expressed a desire to foster greater involvement from Taiwan. Although progress has been gradual, he is hopeful that a joint regional event can be organised by mid-next year and asked for members' continued support in achieving this goal.

#### 8. Next meeting

Our next members meeting has not been scheduled yet.

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