

# AFGM Chairman and ASEAN Glass Conference announced

With the theme 'Glass industry: One vision in the Asean Economic Community' and with *Glass Worldwide* as its exclusive official journal, the ASEAN Federation of Glass Manufacturers (AFGM) has announced that the 39th ASEAN Glass Conference will take place in Shangri-la's Mactan Resort and Spa, Cebu in the Philippines. The conference will be staged on 19-22 October 2015 by the Glass Manufacturers' Association of the Philippines Inc (GMAPI), headed by its Chairman, Emmanuel R Alcantara.

"The Philippines has always been an anticipated conference venue of the ASEAN Glass Conference and we always aim to improve what we can offer to delegates" says Emmanuel Alcantara. "With the warmth and genuine hospitality of the people, the exciting food variety, the rich Filipino heritage and culture and the beautiful platform of the Shangri-la Hotel in Cebu, the event will surely make a remarkable experience for all. We are excited to host it and we will be ready."

"We would like to invite all glass manufacturers, suppliers and stakeholders worldwide to the forthcoming 39th ASEAN Glass Conference and be part of this exciting annual event" added Jonathan C Aquino, Conference Chairman and Jenny Fel C Pigao, Conference Secretariat.

The 2015 event follows the 38th ASEAN Glass Conference that was successfully staged last September in Malaysia by the Glass Manufacturers' Association of Malaysia. A combination of technical and social events brought together over 260 delegates from 23 countries.

Further details on the 39th ASEAN Glass Conference will follow in the next issue of *Glass Worldwide* and interested parties can also visit [www.aseanglass.org](http://www.aseanglass.org) for more information when available.

## AFGM CHAIRMAN

Separately, the Glass Manufacturers' Association of Malaysia has announced that Chai Kung Fee has been elected as its new Chairman, effective from 4 April



GMAPI Chairman, Emmanuel R Alcantara (left) and Secretary General Peter Javier (centre) with attendees at the 38th ASEAN Glass Conference.

2015. Automatically, Mr Chai Kung Fee also becomes Chairman of the AFGM for 2015 and 2016.

Upon succeeding Leslie Oswin Struys as GMAM Chairman. Mr Chai Kung Fee commented: "Leslie Struys is a pioneer and founder of the GMAM. His contribution and passion in the association has been well recognised and appreciated during his 38 years' service in the association. Being given the trust



Chai Kung Fee with Henry Susanto.



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Chai Kung Fee and Leslie Struys with Penang Chief Minister, Lim Guan Eng, a keynote speaker at the 38th ASEAN Glass Conference.

and empowerment as GMAM Chairman, I hope to lead GMAM from the present steady and well developed stage to the next era of advancement. This includes its organisation size; serving the members' needs and expectations better; playing a more influential role in conveying the industry's voice to related government departments and in promoting public awareness and knowledge of the need to 'go green with glass'.

While also admitting to great excitement at succeeding Henry T Susanto as AFGM Chairman, Mr Chai Kung Fee also recognises the heavy responsibility. "AFGM has developed very strong interactive social networking between manufacturers and suppliers. This platform was built on trust and matured need for collaboration and interdependency, particularly in this upper stream of the glass industry supply chain. As I consider how the AFGM can serve the industry even better in the future, one area is to play a more influential role in the overall ASEAN region, especially on certain pressing glass industry issues. We need to synergise with our present in the industry with a common stand on certain industry beliefs and concerns."

With a career spanning 24 years in the glass industry, Mr Chai Kung Fee left his role as Plant Manager at O-I BJC Glass Malaysia last year to set up GLASCO, a company delivering glass-related services, particularly in the field of raw materials and consultancy. Having also acted as Organising Committee Chairman for the 38th ASEAN Glass Conference in 2014, Mr Chai Kung Fee has high hopes for the 2015 conference in the Philippines. "The 39th ASEAN Glass Conference Organising Committee cannot wait to offer delegates and visitors networking opportunities in Cebu; there are a lot of memorable and exciting plans in the pipeline. I hope everyone will give support and participation to the coming event and we are looking forward to welcoming attendees to the Philippines.

"I am very thankful to *Glass Worldwide* for being the exclusive official journal of the AFGM and I believe this co-operation will move on with the mutual trust that has been built so far, as well the support given to AFGM over the years. *Glass Worldwide's* enriched content not only cover all industry developments but also serves as an important media to update members about the latest industry events, such as the 39th ASEAN Glass Conference" he concludes. ■

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