



**MANAGING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**  
*facilities management action agenda*

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### **Malaysian PM embraces FM**

The inaugural National Facility & Asset Management (NAFAM 2007) convention was held during 13-14<sup>th</sup> August in Kuala Lumpur.

NAFAM 2007 was a two day forum organised at the request of the Prime Minister of Malaysia, by the Public Works Department (JKR) and Advance Maintenance Precision Management (AMPM). Further the event was supported by the local Institute of Architects, Board of Engineers and Board of Quantity Surveyors and was attended by over 1,200 government, industry and academic leaders.

Stephen Ballesty of Rider Levett Bucknall, and Immediate Past Chairman of FMA Australia provided two presentations;

- *FM Action Agenda: Managing the Built Environment* – government and industry working together – the Australian experience, our strategic plan for industry recognition, capacity building and sustainability, along with our Years 1 and 2 implementation phase achievements.
- *FM Exemplar Project: Sydney Opera House* – best practice case study researching digital modelling, services procurement and performance benchmarking to achieve an integrated solution and demonstrating ‘*FM as a business enabler*’.

In addition to local government and industry leaders, other international presenters included Dr Keith Alexander (UK), Dr John Gilleard (Hong Kong), John Wilson (Australia) and Fauzi bin Ahmad (UAE).

The full program and my presentations are available at [www.nafam.com.my](http://www.nafam.com.my)

In summary, the NAFAM 2007 convention resolved to act on improving the management of public assets and facilities. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in delivering his closing remarks said “*when it comes to ambition in having the best facilities, we (Malaysia) are very good, but our maintenance culture is very bad*”. The Malaysian government have announced that they will set up an “*Asset Management Committee*” to formulate “*a more effective and efficient procedural framework to improve the management of national assets and facilities ... a plan for action to include clear guidelines and detailed regulation*”.

Kuala Lumpur provided a remarkably positive reception to the Australian government’s FM Action Agenda, FMA Australia’s initiatives and the CRC Construction Innovation publications.

Interestingly, the Australian Government’s FM Action Agenda vision of contributing to a more “*productive and sustainable Built Environment*” seems to best sum up the aspirations of those leaders gathered in Kuala Lumpur.

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