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Tee to lead international contractors' federation

KUALA LUMPUR: After having successfully helmed the Master Builders Association of Malaysia (MBAM), Datuk Matthew Tee (*pic*) is moving on to tackle issues at the international level.

The 42-year-old has taken over as president of the International Federation of Asian and Western Pacific Contractors' Associations (IFAWPCA), almost two decades after a Malaysian last held the post.

The Bina Puri Holdings Bhd group execu-



tive director, who was in Seoul to be sworn in, is the youngest person to helm the federation.

Tee said he planned to use his knowledge gained on the job to help advance the local construction industry.

"As IFAWPCA is a federation of 18 countries, we can study the latest technology from countries such as Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea and Singapore.

"And we can also export our own expertise

to the emerging economies of Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh," he added.

Tee is the third Malaysian to chair IFAWPCA, after Tan Sri Yeoh Tiong Lay of YTL Corp in 1983, and the late Siah Kwee Mow in 1998.

Tee said he aimed to draw bigger participation at the body's 44th convention next year.

"Seoul attracted more than 650 foreign delegates this year. We hope to bring in a higher number to make the next convention the best ever in IFAWPCA's history," he said.

MBAM vice-president Chuan Yeong Ming was elected IFAWPCA secretary-general.