



**INSTITUTE OF QUARRYING
MALAYSIA**



News Letter

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

As we conclude the first half of 2026, I am pleased to share that the Institute of Quarrying Malaysia (IQM) continues to make significant progress in delivering quality professional development programmes and strengthening the competency of Malaysia's quarrying and mining industry.

The first half of 2026 has been both productive and rewarding. IQM successfully conducted ten (10) training programmes covering various technical, operational and regulatory aspects of the industry. The encouraging response and participation from industry professionals reaffirm IQM's role as the leading provider of specialised training for the quarrying fraternity.

In addition to our existing programmes, IQM is currently developing two new courses to meet the evolving needs of the industry:

- Certified AI-Applications Professional for Mineral Industry
- Urban Blasting

These programmes are expected to be introduced later this year and will equip industry personnel with knowledge and practical skills in emerging technologies and specialised blasting applications.

On 27 June 2026, IQM successfully organised a Technical Talk sponsored by Austin Powder, which was well attended by industry members. We extend our sincere appreciation to Austin Powder for their generous support and for sharing valuable technical expertise with our members.

I am also pleased to share that IQM successfully completed its annual ISO Internal Audit with an excellent outcome. Only three Opportunities for Improvement (OFIs) were identified, and immediate corrective actions have been implemented. This reflects our commitment to maintaining an effective Quality Management System and continuously improving the services we provide to our members.

Another proud moment for IQM this year was receiving recognition from the Malaysia Book of Records for the achievement of First International-Affiliated Quarrying Institute. A milestone that reflects the dedication, commitment and collective effort of everyone involved in making our programmes impactful and meaningful. This recognition further reinforces IQM's standing as the premier professional body serving Malaysia's quarrying industry.

Preparations are also underway for IQM CONEX 2026 Quarry Conference & Exhibition, that will take place at the Palm Garden Hotel, IOI Resort City, Putrajaya from 20 – 21 October 2026. We look forward to another successful conference featuring insightful presentations, exhibition and valuable networking opportunities. I encourage all members and industry stakeholders to participate and support this premier event.

Our membership continues to grow steadily, with 9 new members joining IQM during the first half of 2026. I warmly welcome all new members to the Institute and thank our existing members for your continued trust and support. I would also like to remind all members, particularly QMC and QMPC certificate holders, to renew your membership to ensure your professional certification remains valid.

On behalf of the IQM Council, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our members, trainers, sponsors, industry partners and volunteers for your unwavering support. Together, we will continue to strengthen our industry through knowledge, innovation, safety and professionalism. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming programmes and at IQM CONEX 2026.

Nirmala Devi

Manager, Institute of Quarrying Malaysia (IQM)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JULY 2026

“Reflecting on Our Achievements, Looking Forward with Confidence”

As we enter the second half of 2026 (July–December), it is timely to reflect on what the Institute of Quarrying Malaysia (IQM) has accomplished during the first six months of this remarkable year and to look ahead with renewed enthusiasm.”

The first half of 2026 has been one of the most significant periods in IQM’s 35-year history.

On 22 January 2026, IQM achieved a historic milestone by being officially recognized by the Malaysia Book of Records (MBR) as the “First International-Affiliated Quarrying Institute in Malaysia.” This prestigious recognition is far more than a symbolic achievement. It affirms IQM’s position as Malaysia’s leading professional body for the quarrying industry and acknowledges our strong affiliation with the global quarrying community. More importantly, it reflects the foresight of our founders who, more than three decades ago, envisioned an institute that would embrace international standards, promote professional excellence, and connect Malaysia’s quarrying industry with the world.

On the same occasion, our respected Dato Professor Dr. Eric Goh received another distinguished recognition from the Malaysia Book of Records as the “First Distinguished Mining & Quarrying Engineering Professor” in Malaysia. This remarkable honour celebrates his decades of unwavering commitment to education, research, professional development, and the advancement of the mining and quarrying profession. The recognition continued on 30 March 2026, when the K. L. Larut Tin & Sand Mining Company officially named its Centre of Knowledge after Dato Professor Dr. Eric Goh. This lasting tribute reflects his lifelong dedication to knowledge sharing, industry development, and mentoring future generations of mining and quarrying professionals.

These achievements belong not only to IQM and Dato Professor Dr. Eric Goh, but also to every member, volunteer, industry partner, lecturer, student, and stakeholder who has contributed to the growth and success of our Institute over the past 35 years. Together, we have strengthened IQM’s reputation as the leading voice of Malaysia’s quarrying profession.

Looking ahead, the second half of 2026 promises to be equally exciting.

On 20 - 21 October 2026, IQM will proudly host our flagship Conference and Exhibition at the Palm Garden Hotel, IOI Resort City, Putrajaya, under the theme: “Green Quarry: Technology Excellence (GQTE 2026)”

This premier industry event will bring together quarry operators, mining professionals, government agencies, equipment manufacturers, technology providers, researchers, and international experts to explore the latest developments in sustainable quarrying, digital transformation, artificial intelligence, automation, environmental stewardship, and ESG best practices. GQTE 2026 will serve as a platform for knowledge exchange, innovation, collaboration, and networking as we work together towards building a greener and smarter quarrying industry.

In line with our commitment to future-ready education, IQM will also introduce a new professional training programme on “AI Applications in the Quarrying & Mining Industry.” Artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming the way mines and quarries are



planned, operated, monitored, and managed. Through this programme, IQM aims to equip industry professionals with practical knowledge and emerging technologies that will improve productivity, operational efficiency, safety, sustainability, and decision-making in the years ahead.

As we continue our journey through 2026, I encourage every member to actively participate in our conferences, technical seminars, training programmes, and professional development initiatives. Together, we can continue to strengthen our industry, inspire the next generation of professionals, and ensure that Malaysia remains at the forefront of responsible, sustainable, and technologically advanced quarrying.

On behalf of the Council of the Institute of Quarrying Malaysia, I sincerely thank all our members, sponsors, partners, government agencies, and supporters for your unwavering commitment and trust. Let us continue working together to shape a stronger, greener, smarter, and more sustainable future for the quarrying and mining industry.



Chen Nyet Lin
President,
Institute of Quarrying Malaysia (IQM)

Together Towards a Smarter, Sustainable Future



2026 IQM Courses & Activities



<u>JULY</u> 6 - 11 July Training Course for Shot-Firers 3/2026 (IQM) 20 - 23 July Quarry Planning & Design 1/2026 (IQM) 29 July Shot-Firers Exam 2/2026	<u>AUGUST</u> 3 - 7 August Environmental Management Course 2/2026 (Kuching) 18 - 20 August Quarry Economics (IQM)	<u>SEPTEMBER</u> 7 - 10 September Quarry Planning & Design 2/2026 (Kuching) 22 - 24 September Structural Geology & Streographic Projection (FYS, Penang)
<u>OCTOBER</u> 5 - 10 October Training Course for Shot-Firers 4/2026 (IQM) 19 - 21 October IQM Conex 2026 (Palm Garden Hotel, IOI Resort City)	<u>NOVEMBER</u> 2 - 5 November Underground Blasting Course (IQM) 5 November Shot-Firers Exam 3/2026 DEEPAVALI HOLIDAYS	17 - 18 November Shot-Firers Practical Course (FYS, Penang) <u>DECEMBER</u> CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY



MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FEE FOR YEAR 2026



Please be informed that your Membership Subscription Fee for year 2026 is due for payment. Kindly ensure that payment is made by 31st March 2026.

Payment can be made by crossed cheque / bank draft / Online Transfer to :

INSTITUTE OF QUARRYING MALAYSIA BHD
Maybank 014187208342
(Kindly email bank transaction advice)

The following subscription rates apply for 2026

Fellow	: RM250.00
Member	: RM200.00
Technical Member	: RM190.00
Associate	: RM180.00



We would like to inform you that if you choose to pay your Membership Fee in advance for three (3) years, you will be entitled to an additional year of free membership (3 years + 1 year). This is a great opportunity to maximize your membership benefits.

If you have any queries or need any clarification on your membership status, kindly contact Madam Nirmala Devi at Tel : 03-80624194 Email : nirmala@iqm.com.my

I _____ Membership No : _____

enclose my crossed cheque/online transfer slip number _____

for RM _____ being Membership Fee for year _____ payable to

INSTITUTE OF QUARRYING MALAYSIA BHD.

E-mail : _____ Handphone No : _____

TO ALL RECIPIENTS OF QMC & QMPC

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Institute is committed to recognizing and promoting the professionalism of individuals within the quarrying industry. Professionalism is built through a combination of work experience and qualifications, and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) plays a key role in this process. CPD is a way of ensuring continual improvement and personal growth, while also keeping your career documentation up to date.

We strongly believe that participating in CPD ensures your qualifications remain current and relevant.

Starting in 2023, all QMC and QMPC holders are required to complete 60 hours of CPD to maintain their certification. In addition, to remain certified, you must be an active member of IQM. Attached, you will find the CPD Record Form, which includes examples of activities that qualify for CPD hours.

Please note, the QMC and QMPC certifications now have an expiration date. Certificates issued before 2023 will no longer be recognized. To renew your certification, you will need to submit the relevant forms. These certifications are valid for 3 years and are renewable thereafter. A renewal fee of RM40.00 will apply, and upon renewal, you will receive a new certificate along with an IC-sized membership card.

If you are not yet a member of IQM, you can download the membership form from our website at www.iqm.com.my, complete it, and submit it along with the payment.

We encourage all QMC and QMPC recipients to submit their renewal applications along with the CPD Record Form summary to ensure the continued validity of your certification.

For further enquires on the above, kindly contact Madam Nirmala Devi at :

Tel : 03-8062 4194 / 8062 4195 email : nirmala@iqm.com.my

QMC / QMPC RENEWAL FORM

I _____ Membership No : _____
wish to renew my QMC / QMPC for year _____
Certificate No. : _____

Enclose is my renewal fee of **RM40.00** transferred online to
Institute of Quarrying Malaysia Bhd, Maybank 014187208342

Email : _____ Handphone No : _____

SUMMARY - CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) RECORDS FOR YEAR

Name: _____ IC No: _____

Conferment Year of QMC / QMPC Award _____

IQM Membership No: _____

CPD Requirements: 60 hours (3 years)

	Category	Date	CPD Activity/Topic CPD Provider	Allowable CPD hours	Total CPD hours
1	Related Training to Quarrying Activities			No Limit	
2	Company/Inst.Training • On-job Learning • In-house Training • Apprenticeship			Maximum 10 hours per year	
3	Participants of Conferences/Seminars and Technical Talks			No Limit	
4	Technical Presentations at Conferences/Seminars or Technical Talks			Maximum 15 hours per year	
5	Contributions/Services in related Professional Institutional Activities			Maximum 15 hours per year	
6	Informal Learning • Private study • Reading of technical publications/manuals • Technology knowledge update using Internet			Maximum 5 hours per year	
TOTAL					



IQM CONEX 2026

QUARRY CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION *Announcement*

Green Quarry Technology Excellence GQTE 2026

20 – 21 OCTOBER 2026

PALM GARDEN HOTEL

Putrajaya, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel,
IOI Resort City, 62502 Putrajaya,
Malaysia.

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THE
MALAYSIA
BOOK
of
RECORDS



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IQM'S 24TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SPONSORED TECHNICAL TALK

BY AUSTIN POWDER MALAYSIA SDN BHD

27 JUNE 2026



AUSTIN POWDER

Following the successful conclusion of IQM's 24th Annual General Meeting, members attended a Sponsored Technical Talk made possible through the generous support of Austin Powder Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.

The first presentation, "Paradigm TERRA (Austin): Advanced Blasting Tools", was delivered by En. Muhammad Afiq Ariff bin Mohd. Ariffin and En. Mohammad Hafizuddin bin Mohd. Safri from Austin Powder Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. The session introduced participants to the latest blasting technologies and innovative tools designed to enhance blasting efficiency, precision and operational safety within the quarrying and mining industry.



The second presentation, "AI-Smart Tech for Medical Health & Longevity", was delivered by IQM's Deputy President, Dato' Prof. Ir. Ts. Dr. Eric K.H. Goh. The thought-provoking session explored the growing role of artificial intelligence in healthcare, highlighting how emerging AI technologies are transforming medical diagnostics, preventive healthcare and healthy ageing.

Both presentations were highly engaging and well received by participants, generating lively discussions during the question-and-answer sessions.

The Institute of Quarrying Malaysia (IQM) extends its sincere appreciation to all the speakers for sharing their expertise and valuable insights. We also express our heartfelt gratitude to Austin Powder Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. for generously sponsoring this successful event and for their continued support of IQM's professional development initiatives.



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IQM 35TH ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK

QUARRYING EXCELLENCE WORLDWIDE

**from Historical Origins to
AI Smart Technological Era
and Beyond**

In conjunction with the Institute of Quarrying Malaysia's (IQM) 35th Anniversary, we are proud to present a special commemorative yearbook that highlights the milestones and evolution of the quarrying industry in Malaysia.

This one-of-a-kind publication showcases the achievements, growth, and key contributors who have shaped the industry over the decades.



If you wish to purchase a copy, kindly complete and submit the order form below.

Institute of Quarrying Malaysia
23, Jalan Utama 1/7,
Taman Perindustrian Puchong Utama (Puchong Perdana),
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I..... enclose my Cheque No.....

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The book is sold at RM150/copy. Additional RM15 will be charged for courier within Peninsular Malaysia and RM20 for Sabah & Sarawak.

For further enquiries / information kindly contact:

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Congratulations



Milestone Achievement: IQM in the Malaysia Book of Records

On 22 January 2026, the **Institute of Quarrying Malaysia (IQM)** achieved a significant national milestone when it was formally recognized by the **Malaysia Book of Records** with the national record title: “**First Internationally Affiliated Quarrying Institute in Malaysia**”. The Malaysia Book of Records serves as the nation’s official record-keeping authority and functions as Malaysia’s equivalent to Guinness World Records, conferring recognition with both national prestige and international relevance.

This historic achievement was strongly endorsed by the Department of Mineral and Geoscience Malaysia (JMG), reflecting decades of close collaboration between IQM and Malaysia’s principal regulatory authority for the minerals and quarrying sector.

IQM was first established in 1989 as a branch office of the Institute of Quarrying (United Kingdom), marking the beginning of formal international professional affiliation in Malaysia’s quarrying industry. In 2002, IQM was officially upgraded to an independent administratively affiliated institute, reinforcing its role as a professional body dedicated to advancing standards, competence, and best practices in quarrying and mining.

Over more than 35 years, IQM has contributed significantly to the development of the Malaysian quarrying and mining workforce through structured training programs, technical certification, safety awareness, environmental management, and professional knowledge sharing.

This Malaysia Book of Records recognition elevates IQM to a new level of achievement, affirming its sustained commitment to training excellence and professional development within the quarrying and mining industries. All IQM courses are supported by the Department of Mineral and Geoscience Malaysia and are approved by the Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) under the Ministry of Human Resources, ensuring national recognition, regulatory alignment, and industry relevance.

The award stands as a testament to IQM’s enduring international affiliation, strong institutional governance, and continued contribution to the advancement of the quarrying profession in Malaysia.



*Official Malaysia Book of Records
certificate awarded to IQM*



*IQM team celebrating recognition
in the Malaysia Book of Records*



On 22 January 2026, The Institute of Quarrying Malaysia (IQM) marked a proud milestone with its recognition in the Malaysia Book of Records as the “First International-Affiliated Quarrying Institute” in Malaysia.

Since its establishment in 1989, IQM has promoted professionalism, technical excellence, and best practices within Malaysia’s quarrying and mining sector.

Over the years, IQM has worked with government, academia, and industry stakeholders to strengthen competencies and promote ESG, safety, and sustainability.

This recognition is a testament to IQM’s leadership and Malaysia’s progress toward responsible quarrying excellence.



Certificate presentation ceremony marking the historic milestone

A Historic Recognition for Malaysia’s Quarrying & Mining Industry

On 16th March, **Dato’ Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Eric KH Goh** received remarkable recognition from the **Malaysia Book of Records** as the “**First Distinguished Mining and Quarrying Engineering Professor**” in Malaysia.

This historic achievement is not only a personal milestone for Dato’ Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Eric KH Goh but also a proud moment for the Institute of Quarrying Malaysia (IQM) and the entire mining and quarrying industry in the country.

This prestigious award reflects Professor Goh’s lifelong dedication to education, professional development, and industry advancement. Over a career spanning more than 43 years, he has tirelessly contributed his knowledge, leadership, and experience to strengthen the critical link between academia and industry.

His passion has inspired generations of engineers, professionals, and students, and his work continues to elevate the standards of Malaysia’s mining and quarrying fraternity.” This recognition stands as a testament to his enduring impact and unwavering commitment to shaping the future of the industry.”



Dato’ Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Eric KH Goh receives official recognition from the Malaysia Book of Records

A Milestone of Legacy and Excellence

KL Larut Centre of Knowledge Named in Honour of Dato' Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Eric KH Goh

30 March 2026 marks a significant milestone in the Malaysian mining and quarrying industry with the official recognition of the KL Larut Centre of Knowledge, named in honour of Dato' Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Eric KH Goh.

This recognition is not only a personal achievement but also a proud moment for the Institute of Quarrying Malaysia (IQM) and the wider industry. It reflects his lifelong dedication to education, professional development, and industry advancement.

For more than 43 years, Dato' Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Eric KH Goh has contributed extensively to bridging academia and industry, inspiring generations of engineers and professionals while elevating standards across the sector.

The KL Larut Centre of Knowledge will serve as a beacon of learning, innovation, and excellence for future generations.



Dato' Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Eric KH Goh signing the commemorative plaque during the ceremony



Symbolic "Ribbon Cutting" marking the opening of the Centre of Knowledge



Group photo during the official launch of the KL Larut Centre of Knowledge.

Dato' Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Eric KH Goh is a distinguished leader in Malaysia's mining and quarrying industry with over four decades of experience. He has been instrumental in advancing industry standards, promoting education, and strengthening collaboration between academia and industry. His legacy continues through his contributions to professional development and knowledge sharing.



INSTITUTE OF QUARRYING
MALAYSIA

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF

Leadership, Inclusion & Innovation for a Sustainable Industry

The Industry at a Crossroads

The quarrying and mining industry remains a cornerstone of global development - fueling construction, manufacturing, and energy production. Yet, as the world evolves, so too must the industry.

Today, success is no longer defined solely by output and efficiency. It is measured by sustainability, inclusivity, innovation, and trust.



*The future of quarrying is not just
about what we extract -
but how we lead, include, and innovate*

Future-Focused Leadership



*Future-focused leaders in quarrying and
mining are redefining the industry - integrating
technology, nurturing talent, and championing
sustainability for long-term success*

Modern leadership in quarrying and mining demands more than operational expertise. It requires vision, adaptability, and foresight. Forward-thinking leaders must anticipate emerging risks, embrace ESG practices, invest in workforce capability, and drive innovation across operations.

Diversity, Empowerment & Inclusion (DEI)

A resilient and future-ready industry is built on people - embracing diversity in gender, background, and experience.

Empowering employees ensures that every voice contributes to innovation and collaboration.



*Inclusion is not a policy - it is a culture
that unlocks potential*

THE QUARRYING & MINING INDUSTRY

Rebuilding Trust with Stakeholders

Trust is the foundation of long-term success. Strengthening relationships with communities, regulators, and environmental stakeholders requires transparency, communication, and responsibility.



Trust is earned through action, not words

Embracing Emerging Technologies



Technology is reshaping quarrying and mining through automation, AI, sensors, and data analytics - improving safety, efficiency, and sustainability.

From automation to AI, the industry is embracing a new digital frontier - where technology empowers efficiency, precision, and responsible resource management

The Road Ahead

To remain resilient, the industry must embrace leadership, inclusion, trust-building, and technological transformation.



Sustainability is no longer optional - it is the pathway to survival and success

Conclusion

The future of quarrying and mining is about responsible progress - aligning leadership, people, and technology with sustainability principles.

- by Mr Chen Nyet Lin -