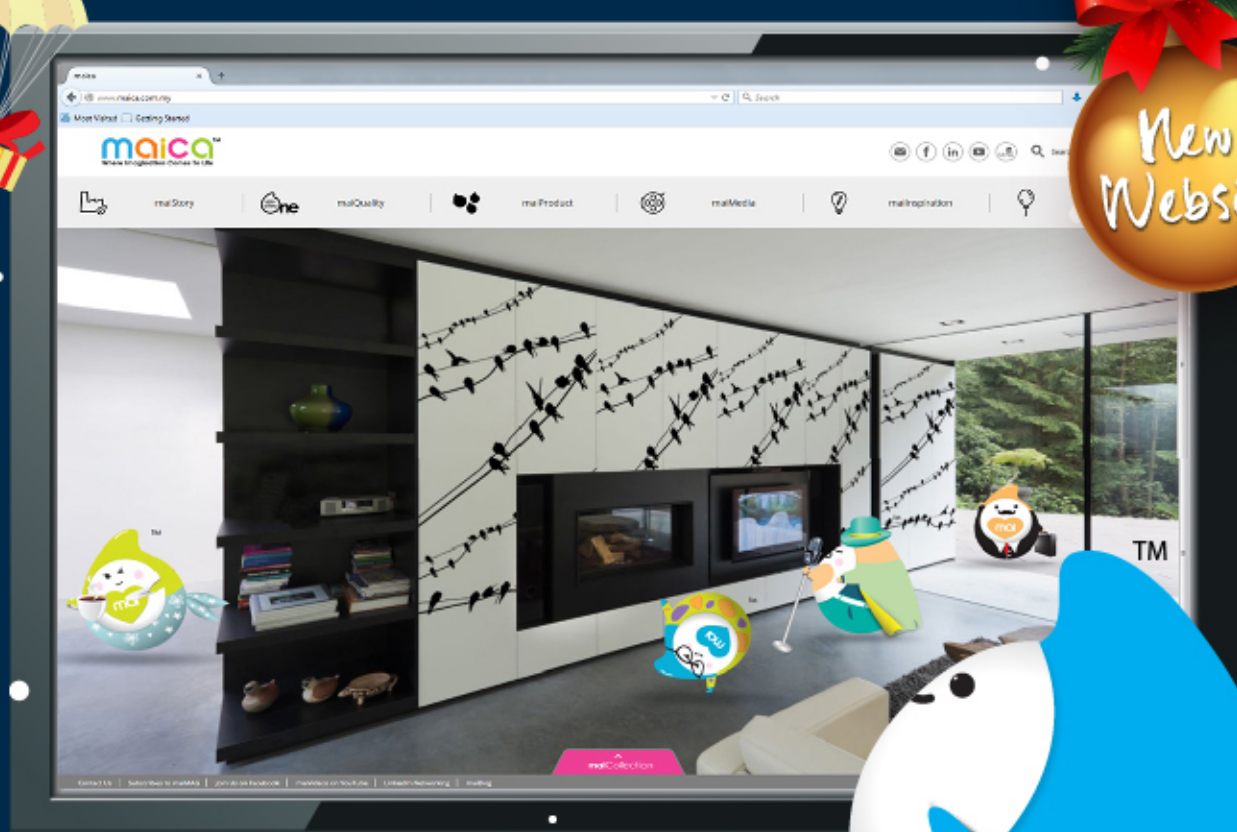




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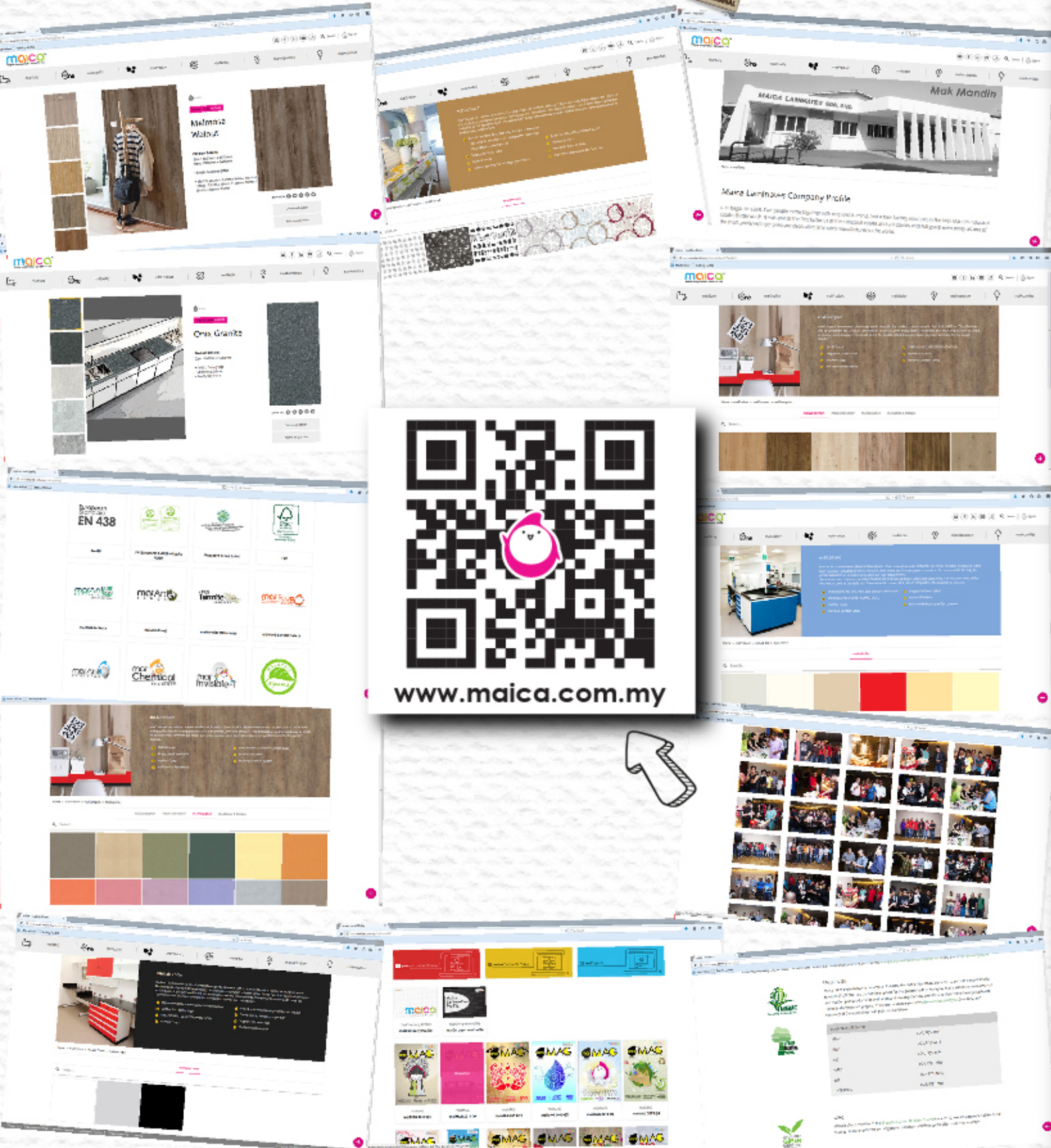
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maimai's World

The year 2016 is coming to an end. Throughout the last few months, we experience some heart wrenching news about the Zika virus, and adding salt to the wound, some other conditions followed suite. It seemed pretty depressing.

However, maimai is in the business of Making Life Better, Everyday. We launched our new catalogues, maiCompact and maiConcept, and introduced our new range of woodgrain for our maiLaminate range, including some interesting 6ft wide HPL that can go as large as 6ft x 12ft! This brought some motivations to maimai's world, believing that it will bring some fresh happiness into the interiors. We share the links to you in this closing issue of maiMAG for year 2016.

These were all showcased during the ARCHIDEX 2016. It was a good event, and maimai managed to catch up with some friends in the maiAppreciation Night event with a seafood buffet dinner at the KLCC Traders Hotel. Friends came from far and near, and maimai was a happy host.

If that is not enough good news yet, we are going to bring you more surprises come 2017! Stay with us, we have surprises for you.

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Pocararo Teak

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Lavado Maple

New
6ft x 12ft in
Expose Finish

Woodgrain designs are best if they are all in one sheet, and we always hoped that the sheets of laminates are long enough to avoid having to join the sheets together. With the enthusiasm of builders wanting higher ceilings and simple designs, we bring bigger laminates to you. Yes, bigger! As big as 6ft x 12ft, which means that your ceiling height may go as high as 12ft and your built-in closet door can reach up until 12ft and still carry the lovely design of a single woodgrain instead of two joined pieces!

Or maybe, now with the popularity of an open office, you can may have a 12ft table for everyone to share, and nobody needs to be at that awkward section where the panels join. It is all in one piece. One single piece.





Preventing Mosquitoes @ Home & Office

Mosquitoes are scary! It is one of the scariest being on Earth. One minute it might be buzzing around your ears but you never seem to be able to flap it away, and the next minute, it would have left a mark on you as you start scratching yourself and getting irritated about not being able to get rid of it before it bit you. Now, they get scarier.

Now they also bring with them some pretty fashionable names: dengue, chikungunya, Zika, Mayaro. Almost made me scream Totoro for the last one, but let's not bring the mythical creature into this mess.

Hence, there is a need for prevention. The best option is to prevent the mosquito from coming near in the first place (I heard that they might not choose you if you eat more vegetable in your diet compared to meat!). You might want to wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants while outdoors, which may be okay this season because it rains and a bit windy sometimes. Otherwise, you might wish to immerse yourself in insect repellent. I heard they also have pesticide-treated clothing, not sure how they do that, though.



M54045 Scribbles



M52101 Pressed Leaves

At home or in the office, if you have a garden, do keep the grass and shrubs trimmed short. There are some plants that can ward off mosquitoes, they said, and some are common plants. Examples include basil, common lantana, lemon thyme, lemon balm, lime basil and stone root. Earlier there had been a claim that citrosa repels mosquitoes too, but this claim was proven false by scientists who studied about it.

You may wish to keep the mosquitoes out by installing window and door screens. There are a lot available commercially these days, but a simple mesh net like the green ones that our grandparents use during their times will also do the trick, as long as the mesh design is finer than the size of a mosquito.

There is more that you can do. If you have a garden, check your garden to ensure that there is no still water lying around. Empty and scrub, turnover or discard any items that hold water like flowerpot saucers or vases. Do a weekly check this way. Make sure that there is no old tyres, buckets, planters, pools, birdbaths, trash containers or even toys lying around to collect water. Keep them dry. Mosquitoes lay eggs near water.

You may also wish to have some fish as your mosquito controller. The fishes in the pond, fountains and water gardens will help to eat mosquito larvae, but you will still need to choose what type of fish will be able to do the job for you. You may be thinking of Koi, given its relationship with household ponds and fengshui, but it may be quite mellow and they are also big enough to be disinterested with mosquitoes for food. However, you may add in guppies, goldfish, killifish and female bettas. These fishes may be pretty impressive as a pet, and still keep your home larvae-free.

Well, hopefully all these tips will be helpful to you. You may also install a bed net in case you worry that the blood sucker comes after you during the night in your slumber.





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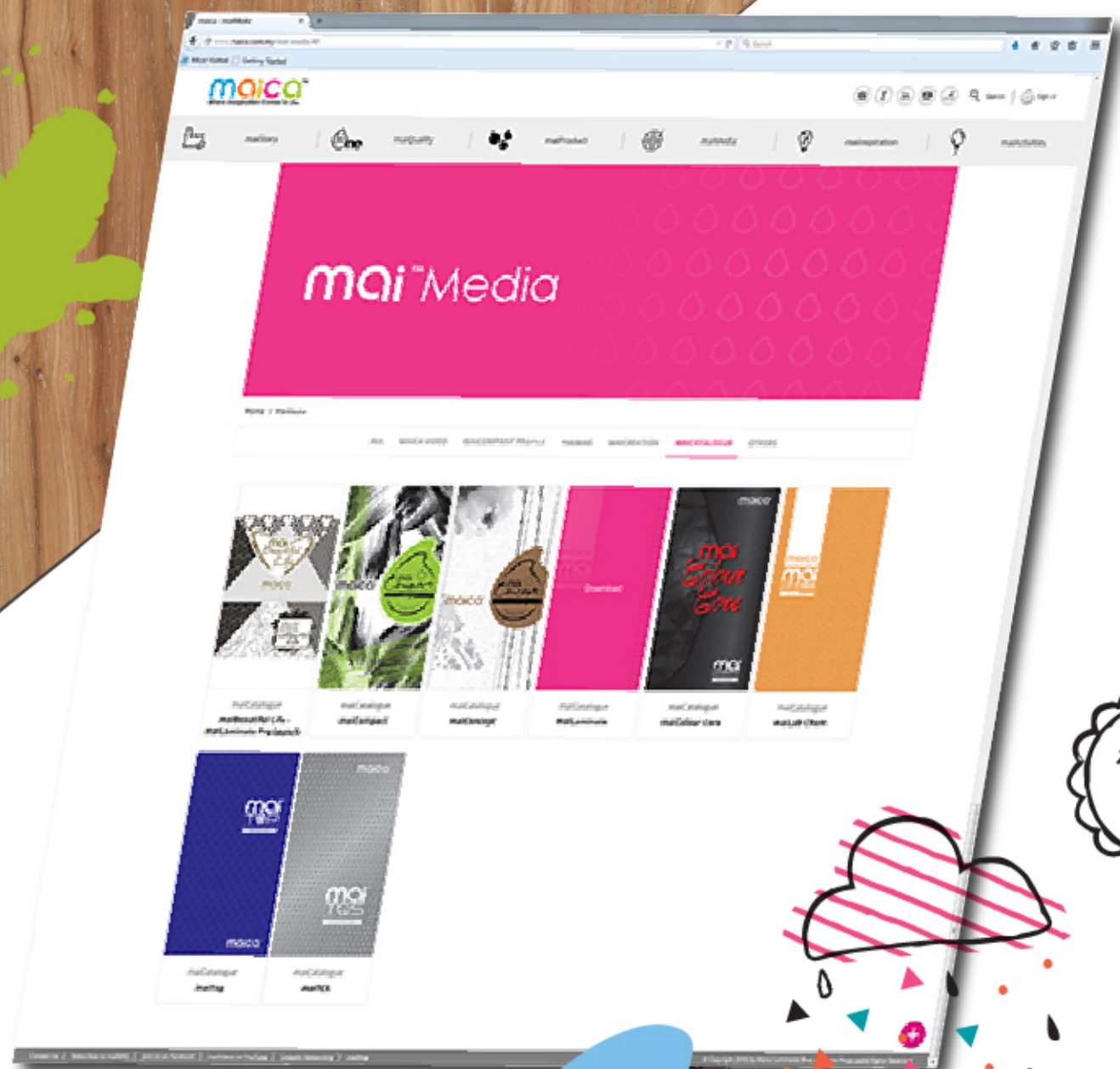


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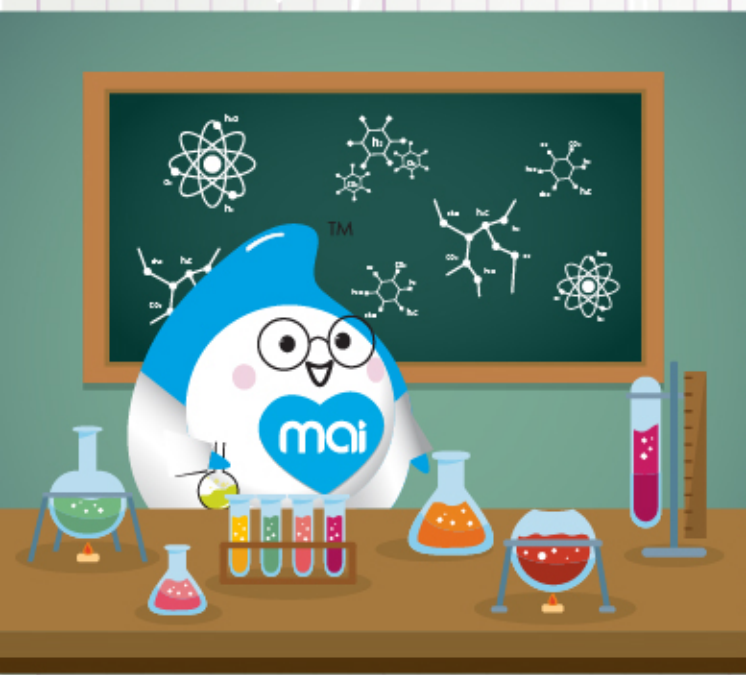
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mailLab Chem and what EBC Technology is about



Electron Beam curing (EBC) is one of the most powerful industrial curing technologies commercially available today. The specialty of EBC is the ability of the EBC to penetrate the surface to fully cure and close the surface of the very thick, multiple Acrylic coating layers, which makes it possible for the high chemical resistance surface of mailLab Chem, characterized by high performance surface finish.

Maica's mailLab Chem utilizes the advantages of the EBC technology with acrylic resin. mailLab Chem has not a single, but double-coating of acrylic combination for better surface performance, reduced VOCs and low carbon footprint since the EBC process does not produce CO2. mailLab Chem's EBC surface layer is combined with phenolic treated virgin-pulp kraft paper, processed under high temperature and high pressure to ensure compliance with the EN438 standards for its physical properties. The process requires special calibration to the temperature, pressure and duration of production. The end result is mailLab Chem with a flat surface, complete with chemical resistance suitable for professional laboratory use.

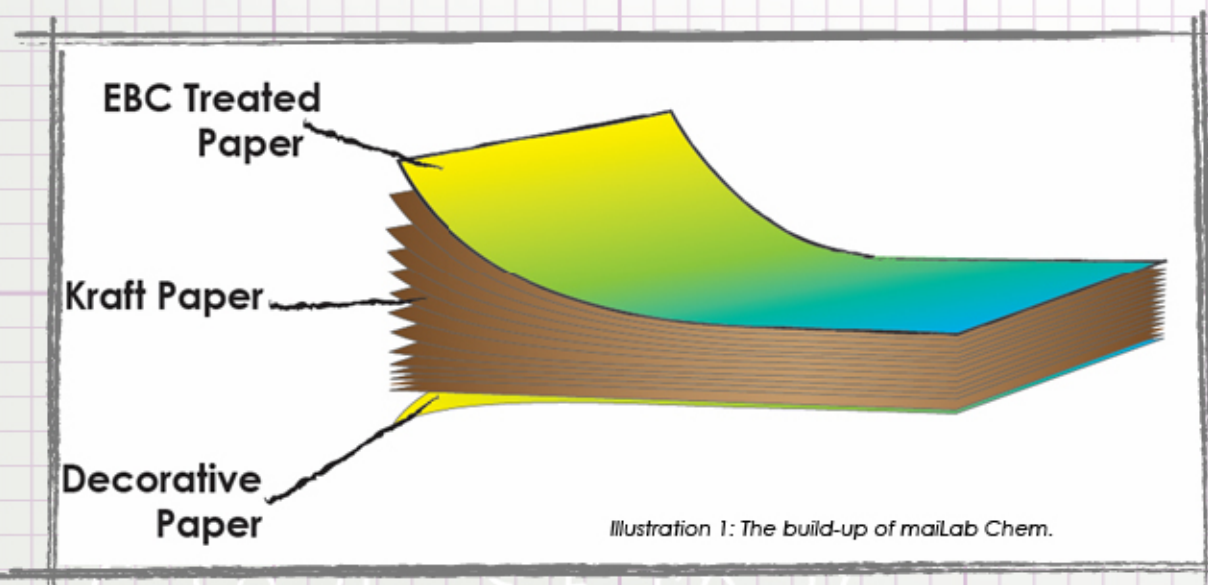


Illustration 1: The build-up of mailLab Chem.

The careful planning and processes for the production of mailLab Chem at Maica results in a product that has been tested and certified for compliance for the following properties.

Quality Standards / Certificate	Properties / Attributes
European Standard EN438	Physical endurance based on the EN438 Part 4, as mailLab Chem has a built-up similar to that of a compact laminate with the exception of an EBC chemical resistant product surface. The EN438 also includes the criteria for "Surface Flatness". The careful control of temperature, pressure and duration of the production, coupled with the EBC cured surface and virgin-pulp phenolic resin impregnated kraft paper ensures the compliance for mailLab Chem with high stability and flatness value.
GREENGUARD / GREENGUARD GOLD	Low VOC emission, due to the use of the acrylic resin and the EBC process, making the product suitable for indoor applications such as closed-laboratory environment.
Singapore Green Label	An ecolabel certificate testifying the use of sustainable materials made from virgin-pulp.
SEFA 8 and Selected 91 Chemicals Tests	A most important attribute of the product for its chemical resistance, mailLab Chem has been tested for 91 most common chemicals used in laboratories worldwide, including the 49 chemicals specified by SEFA. All tests are done for a duration of 24 hours by third-party internationally accredited laboratory, TUV SUV PSB Laboratory in Singapore.
Termite Resistance	Termites thrive in an environment where microbes are present. These microbes help to break down the cellulose of wood materials into food sources that can be digested by termites. mailLab Chem is a product of high heat and high pressure, with a high density of at least 1.35g/cm ³ . There is no air pocket or moisture trap in the product core, making it a non-conductive environment for microbes, especially fungi, to grow. The absence of these microbes makes mailLab Chem unattractive for the survival of even the most dangerous termite for buildings, the Subterranean termite.

Table 1: Properties and attributes of mailLab Chem

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Common Name: Marine turtles (Eng)
 Penyu (Bahasa Malaysia)
Scientific Name: Cheloniidae / Dermochelyidae families
Habitat: Open and coastal waters, sandy beaches and islands
Status (IUCN): Endangered - Olive ridley & Green turtles
 Critically endangered - Hawksbill & Leatherback turtles

Population:



Leatherback turtles - declined by more than 99%



Olive ridley turtles - declined by more than 95%



Green turtles - Some populations in Malaysia appear to be stable currently. However compared to population numbers prior to 1970, large populations in Terengganu & Sarawak have decreased significantly (more than two folds)



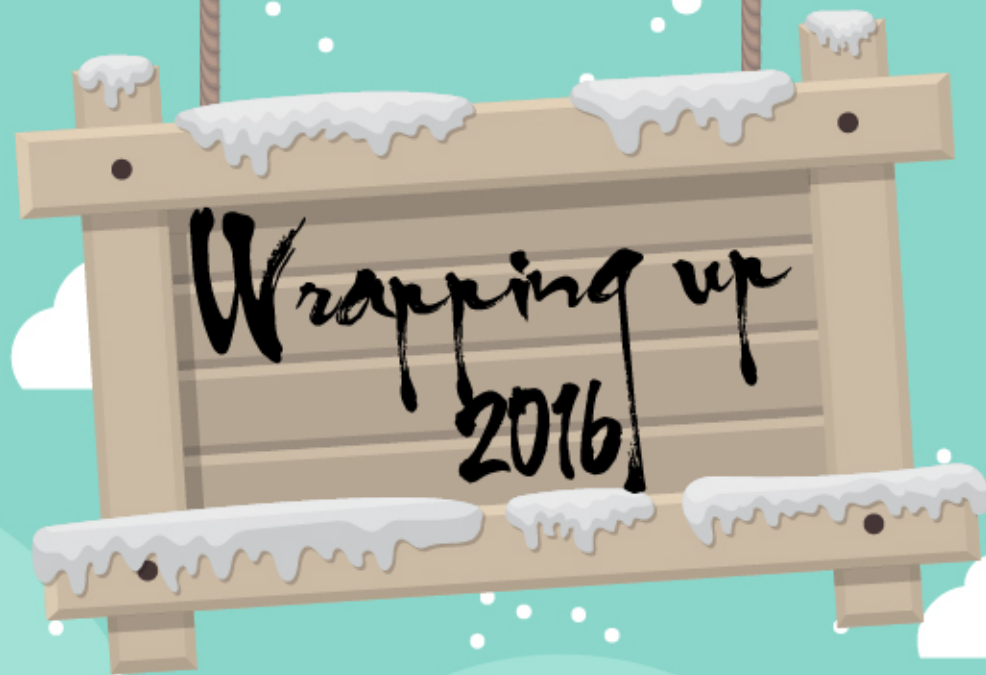
Hawksbill turtles - Large populations remain only in Sabah & Malacca. Both populations appear to be stabilising. However it should be noted that historical nesting data in Malacca extended to 1990, which is quite recent and too short term to surmise on population trend.

(Source: Liew, H.C. Proceedings of the Western Pacific Sea Turtle Cooperative Research & Management Workshop, 2002)

Game: Guess the word

1.  +  = (malay)
2.  +  = (english)
3.  +  = (english)
4.  +  = (malay)
5.  +  = (english)
6.  +  = (malay)
7.  +  = (english - Brand Name)
8.  +  = (english)
9.  +  = (english)
10.  +  = (english - Brand Name)

*Answers in the next issue of maimAG



A lot of people like to take stock of life at the end of the year to set resolutions for the upcoming year. How do you set your resolutions effectively into plans for the next year's execution?

Most of the time, resolutions are made and forgotten by the end of January. Most of the time, the ideas will be discarded because they may seem not achievable once the motivation to write the resolution drops after all that New Year celebrations. However, for that handful few that managed to keep their resolutions and work on it until the year ends, there are some strategies to make it happen. Here, maimai shares with you the ways to be able to keep your resolutions and make the changes you said you would.

1. Create resolutions that are not overwhelming.

Resolutions are goals. Goals that happen are those that are achievable. The goal you wish to achieve will be set as resolutions at the end of the year, which is to become your blueprint to set your directions for the year.

2. Create also an action plan to achieve each of the resolutions that you have set.

And make sure that the action plan includes plans that you are able to implement. There is no point in aiming to lose 30lbs if you are not willing to eat less junk foods and add exercise into your life. There is also no point in adding a 1 hour daily running activity to your action plan if you cannot even start walking for 30 minutes without huffing and puffing like you would like to blow a house down! Take it easy, the action plan should gradually increase the momentum so that it does not become overwhelming and demotivating.

3. Put it out on the wall

Make yourself a simple poster. Stick it on the wall so that it serves as a reminder that you have to achieve these within the year.

4. Be agile enough to modify your resolution

Resolutions are not dead. Neither should it be dead, anyway. All you need is a little flexibility to modify your resolutions as you go along. Maybe you have set your resolutions a little low, and you managed to achieve it within 2 months of the year? Then you may wish to adjust it a little so that it will have a higher target for you to move forward. Or you have set it a little too high and feel that you had done nothing about it even though half a year has gone by? Then be agile enough to modify it so that it motivates your action for the next half of the year. If, after a while, you find that the resolution does not mean anything to you, then be flexible enough to scrap this off your list. Do not stress yourself out!

5. Evaluate.

And finally, before the start of your new list, evaluate how have you done throughout the existing year. Be honest with yourself. Nobody is going to penalize you anyway. The resolution list will be, at best, a note to yourself on how you would like to change for the better. You need to view yourself very objectively, admit just how horrible you are, and then pledge to be a better person in that particular aspect. Take baby steps to keep yourself motivated towards that directly.

All the best!





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