

Webinar Talk on “Innovating Structural Reinforcement: The Role of STARBARS (GFRP bars) in Modern Construction”

(Co-organised with CRT Manufacturing Sdn. Bhd.)

Date : Thursday, 23 April 2026
Time : 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Venue : Online Platform – Google Meet
Speaker : Ms. Huang Mei Si – Co-Founder / Deputy Managing Director, CRT Manufacturing Sdn. Bhd.

Synopsis

This talk introduces STARBARS (GFRP bars) as an innovative reinforcement solution in modern construction. It highlights the limitations of conventional steel reinforcement and explains how GFRP technology offers enhanced corrosion resistance, durability, and structural performance. The session also touches on key applications, design considerations, and the role of STARBARS in supporting sustainable and long-lasting infrastructure.

Time	Tentative Programme
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.	Welcome Speech by IEM (SB) Organizing Committee and CRT Manufacturing
9:35 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Module 1 – Introduction to GFRP Reinforcement & Industry Trends
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Module 2 – ACI Code Provisions for GFRP-Reinforced Concrete Module 3 – Practical Applications & Industry Case Studies
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Question & Answer Session
1:00 p.m.	Closing & End of Talk

About the Speakers:



Ms. Huang Mei Si is the patent inventor of Grant No: MY-208473-A and Co-Founder of CRT Manufacturing, the company behind STARBAR™, an eco-friendly nanotechnology Glass-Fiber Reinforced Polymer (GFRP) rebar designed as a sustainable alternative to steel reinforcement. A strong advocate for green construction, she works closely with CIDB, SIRIM Berhad, JKR, MIDA, and municipal councils to drive Malaysia’s transition toward composite reinforcement. Since 2020, she has contributed to SIRIM’s Working Group on Reinforcing Material for Construction, and since 2022, she has served in the JSM Working Group for Structural Reinforced Concrete with GFRP Bars (NSC 04/TC 21/WG 11). Under her leadership, STARBAR™ obtained ASTM D7957/D7957M–22 certification via SIRIM and the MyHijau Certification with ISO 14025 Type III ECO Labels, underscoring her commitment to sustainability. Recognized as a thought leader, she is frequently invited to speak at major platforms such as International Construction Week 2023, the International Green Building Conference 2024, and the CIDB C4.0 Road Tour 2024, while also collaborating with the Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM) on webinars and technical site visits.

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Closing Date: 20 April 2026

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