

Ir. C. H. Teoh



The President, Council and Members of IEM are sad to hear of the passing of Ir. C. H. Teoh, one of our most senior members, on

11 June 2005 at the age of 89. We would like to extend our condolences to Mrs Teoh and her family.

Ir. Teoh was born in 1916 in Alor Star, Kedah. He had his early education in Penang at Hillview Primary School and later, at Hutchings School. Times were hard and he went to school without shoes and with just 2 cents as pocket money. He did well in school and in the 1932 Senior Cambridge exam, he was one of the top achievers in Malaya. This won him a scholarship to study Engineering at the University of Hong Kong, where he graduated in 1939 with a Bachelor of Science (Engineering) degree.

Ir. C. H. Teoh also excelled in sports being a triple blue in his school in football, cricket and hockey. Ir. Teoh was also a King Scout. At university, he was a star hockey player.

His working career began in the oil fields of Sarawak and Brunei in 1939, but as the war clouds arose in the Far East, he quit his job and returned to Malaya in 1941, where he

found employment in the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID).

It was during this time that he met the proverbial "pretty girl next door" Nancy and married her. He moved to Ipoh then and worked for a Formosan-Japanese engineering company, which spared him the rigours and indignities of the Japanese occupation days.

After the war, he tried his hand at being a contractor. However, disappointed with the "ethics" in the business, or rather, the lack thereof, he decided to quit and pursue his dream of becoming a Consulting Engineer. Towards this end, he went to UK in 1949 to do a five-year apprenticeship with an established British firm. Having successfully completed his apprenticeship, he was elected into the prestigious The Institution of Civil Engineers, UK, as a Member of The Institution of Civil Engineers (MICE). He stayed on for another year in the country that he grew to love, but after a year, felt compelled to return to Malaya.

On his return, he tried to get a job with the Petaling Jaya Town Council. He lost out to an Englishman, F. Williams, who later went on to become the Mayor of London. he then decided to form his own engineering consultancy firm, C. H. Teoh and Partners.

Ir. C. H. Teoh became a prominent figure in the local engineering fraternity, becoming a member of The Institution of

Engineers, Malaysia, in 1963 and a Fellow in 1981. He was a founding member and later, the Chairman of the Association of Consulting Engineers. He left his mark on the profession by becoming the first Malaysian to be admitted a Fellow of the Institute of Arbitration (UK). Locally, he became the foremost arbitrator in construction disputes and was the author of the book "Arbitration in Construction Disputes".

Ir. C. H. Teoh was Chairman of the IEM Sub-Committee on Arbitration (later renamed as the Dispute Resolution Practice Sub-Committee) from 1982 to 1992. He delivered talks to IEM members and others on arbitration and conducted courses on arbitration law and procedures for IEM members training to be arbitrators. He acted as arbitrator in numerous disputes in the construction industry. In 1987, Ir. C. H. Teoh compiled the IEM Rules for Arbitration, which remained in use for 16 years until it was replaced by the IEM Arbitration Rules (2003). Ir. Teoh was the driving force behind the early development of arbitration services in IEM, and in this respect, besides his notable record in engineering consultancy services, he will always be remembered as the father of arbitration for IEM.

The President, Council and Members of IEM hold him in honour for his achievements and contributions to IEM and society at large. ■

ERRATA

IEM DIRECTORY 2004/2005

On page 89 of the IEM Directory 2004/2005, the address listed for Dynamic Building System Sdn Bhd was incorrect.

The correct address is "No. 4-2 (2nd Floor), Jalan Radin Anum, Bandar Baru Seri Petaling, 57000 Kuala Lumpur" and the contact is "Tel: +603-9058 6466" and "Fax: +603-9058 7208".

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The Editorial Board would like to apologise for an error made in the July/05 issue of JURUTERA Bulletin on page 38. The writer of the eulogy is Puan Azizan binti Din of the Faculty of Chemical Engineering and not the person whose name appears in the published eulogy. In addition, "UiTM Kampung Arau" should be "UiTM Kampus Arau".

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

IN BRIEF

The Professional Services Development Corporation Sdn Bhd (PSDC) recently announced the inauguration of the corporation's new president, Y. Bhg. Dato' Ir. L Dorairajoo effective April 18, 2005.

The new president has had an illustrious career with the Public Works Department (PWD) spanning over thirty years. His prior position was as a Director at the Perak Darul Ridzuan branch of PWD.

The announcement is unlikely to result in any change in service from the PSDC to customers and partners and PSDC will continue to play a critical role in the development of Malaysian economy and further strengthen its position in the global market.