

Inaugural Meeting and Aidilfitri Gathering

WOMEN ENGINEERS SECTION



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THE Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM) sub-committee of Women Engineers held its 1st Inaugural Meeting and Aidilfitri gathering at Holiday Villa Hotel and Suites Subang on 24 August 2013. It began with the Inaugural Meeting chaired by Ir. Raftah Mahfar and Ir. Sharifah Azlina. They presented the Constitution and Bylaws of the Women Section.

Thereafter, the election for the 2013/2015 session of committee members of IEM Women Section was carried out. Various positions were offered and the casting of votes was chaired by Ir. June Lau Yuk Ma. Following is the line-up of the 1st Women Section Committee:

Ir. Raftah Mahfar	Chairman
Ir. Sharifah Azlina Raja Kamal Pasmah	Vice Chairman I
Ir. Prof. Dr Zainab binti Mohamed	Vice Chairman II
Ir. Managa Deavi a/p Ramanathan	Secretary
Ir. S. Kumari Nalini a/p P. Subramaniam	Treasurer
Ir. Lau Yuk Ma, June	Immediate Past Chairman

Members	
Engr. Gowry Thambirajah	Ir. Khamsah binti Rais
Ir. Suhana binte Abdul Majid	Engr. Dr Habibah Haron
Ir. Erni Juwita binti Abd. Manan	Engr. Dr Leong Wai Yie

After that, Engr. Gowry chaired a forum on "Women Engineers' Roles In Nation Building In The 21st Century. Sharing their professional experiences and challenges were four speakers – Dato' Ir. Rosalind Ganendra, Ir. Nalini Kumar, Prof. Ir. Dr Hajah Zainab Mohamed and Datin Prof. Ir. Dr Siti Hamisah binte Tapsir. They spoke on the roles of women engineers in various sectors such as education, consultancy and the corporate world.

This was followed by numerous award presentations for essay writing, bowling and the best dressed competitions. There was also a fashion show and a ketupat making contest as well as a mini bazaar, a book exchange and a luck draw. ■

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