

Wealth Creation: Facilitating the Mobility of Engineering Services via the Malaysian Service Providers Confederation (MSPC)

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Ir. Choo Kok Beng, IEM's Immediate Past President and the current President of the Malaysian Service Providers Confederation (MSPC)



Dato' Ir. Lim and Ir. Choo with the MSPC team

On 5 January, 2015, Ir. Choo Kok Beng, the Immediate Past President of IEM and current President of the Malaysian Service Providers Confederation (MSPC), and the MSPC secretariat team met Dato' Ir. Lim Chow Hock, President of IEM and its excomm members.

The MSPC was set up in 2009 to facilitate the export of Malaysian Services and to be the voice of its members to The Ministry of International Trade and Industry on matters that will enhance business success. It is a member of the Malaysian Services Development Council (MSDC), chaired by the Minister of MITI and entrusted to help achieve the country's second quantum leap to be a developed nation by 2020 with a sustainable revenue source thereafter. IEM is one of its founding members.

As its second president, Ir. Choo has the opportunity to not only promote the export of the engineering services and the expertise of IEM members as he had been doing in the past but also that of other service industries.

MSPC's immediate target is the Asean countries and to date, positive inroads have

been made in Myanmar via members of the Myanmar Engineering Society (MES).

Ir. Choo said the role of MSPC will complement the initiatives of the Asean Engineering Register for greater mobility of the Asean engineering fraternity, both to support the formation of the Asean Economic Community (AEC) by the end of the year and the creation of WEALTH, especially for IEM members and associates.

The immediate benefit to IEM members is the Apec Business Travel Card (ABTC), which can be applied for through MSPC. The card will facilitate travel to Apec countries with visa exemptions and the use of the express lane at Immigration. He urged IEM member companies to join MSPC to give it more strength to be successful.

Dato' Ir. Lim Chow Hock was pleased to note that engineers were now playing a major role in the country's economic development. He pledged IEM's support and presented Ir. Choo with a cheque for its membership payment, officially making IEM the first organisation to pay membership fees to MSPC for 2015. ■