

A VISIT TO THE PARLIAMENT OF MALAYSIA

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On 20 February 2019, the Project Management Technical Division (PMTD) of IEM organised a technical visit to the restoration and upgrading works of The Parliament Building of Malaysia (Phase 2B). PMTD was privileged to be the last visitors to the 56-year-old Parliament Building.

A delegation of 25 IEM members arrived at the main entrance of Parliament Building at 10 a.m. and a Public Works Department (PWD) representative brought us to the PWD site office where we were warmly welcomed and briefed on the Phase 2B project by the resident engineer.

Phase 2B focused on structural repair works, upgrading of the Dewan Rakyat (House of Representatives) and the Dewan Negara (Senate), upgrading the infrastructure and equipment for mechanical systems, electrical and information technology systems as well as other works involved.

Although Phase 2B involved the restoration and upgrading of the inside of the main block, Parliament Square and the surrounding areas, our visit was restricted to the main block.

After a short networking session over breakfast, a representative of Corporate Relation Unit of the Parliament of Malaysia guided us to the Dewan Rakyat and the Dewan Negara. We saw 2 suspended staircases that were of classic design.

Next, we visited The Parliament Gallery which houses the maces (cokmar), the royal regalia symbolising the royal

authority of the Government. We were also shown The Royal Stairs (or Once a Year Stairs) which is used exclusively by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and his Consort when they come to the Dewan Rakyat to officially open a new session of Parliament.

Before the visit ended at 1 p.m., we were brought to the Tunku Abdul Rahman statue near Parliament Square for a group photo session. The delegation enjoyed the technical visit to Parliament House, which was gazetted as a National Heritage Building under the National Heritage Act 2005, as it allowed them to see for themselves the restoration and upgrading works of heritage buildings as established by the National Heritage Department. ■



Briefing session on Phase 2 restoration and upgrading works of the Parliament Building



PMTD committee members pose at the main entrance of the Dewan Rakyat



Posing with Tunku Abdul Rahman's statue