

IEM INKS MoU with CIArb

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THE Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM) through its wholly-owned subsidiary IEM Academy Sdn. Bhd. (IEMASB) and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) Malaysia Branch signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on 6th February 2014. The MoU was signed by Ir. Choo Kok Beng, the then IEM President cum Chairman of IEMASB Board and Ar. David Cheah Ming Yew, CIArb Chairman.

This sets the platform for CIArb to provide education and training for IEM members and others interested in structured courses in Dispute Resolution Practice/Management (DRP/DRM), to be carried out through IEM Academy Sdn Bhd.

In his welcome speech, Ir. Choo said the MoU was the result of a dialogue held between IEM and CIArb in October 2013. It was hoped that with the combined learned experiences of IEM and CIArb, the good practice of Disputes Resolution in Malaysia will be greatly enhanced and that the expertise of IEM members will be increased, thus improving their marketability overseas especially in the ASEAN region. IEM is the ASEAN Engineers

Secretariat and there are ample opportunities for CIArb to work with IEM in this region.

Welcoming the signing of the MoU, Ar. David Cheah Ming Yew said that IEM is the first institution with which CIArb has signed the MoU. He expressed appreciation that IEM had invited CIArb to be part of this collaboration.

Moving forward from the MoU, a series of talks and courses will be held over the next few months, such as that on "The Role & Responsibilities of an Expert in Dispute Resolution", "Good Preparation of Expert Report" and "Going To Court". With the MoU, both IEM and CIArb hope to see the participation of all industry players and professionals.

Also present to witness the Signing Ceremony were several IEM Council Members, members of the Subcommittee on Dispute Resolution Practice (DRP) of IEM, Council members of CIArb as well as the Board and senior management of the IEMASB and the IEM secretariat. ■



Photo 1: Dialogue between IEM and the delegation from CIArb prior to the signing



Photo 2: (L-R) Dr Ir. Ooi Teik Aun, IEMASB Executive Council Chairman; Ir. Choo Kok Beng, IEM President cum Chairman of IEMASB Board; Ar. David Cheah Ming Yew, CIArb Chairman and Ir. Leon Weng Seng, a Fellow of CIARB as well as a member of IEM's Panel of Arbitrators.



Photo 3: Exchange of the duly signed MoUs



Photo 4: Group photo comprising the office bearers and staff of IEM, IEMASB and CIArb

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