

Lean In Summit Malaysia #LISM2015

WOMEN ENGINEERS SECTION



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The inaugural Lean In Summit in Malaysia, organised by The Asia Women Circles @ LeanIn.Org was held on 5 December 2015 in Kuala Lumpur. More than 600 delegates, including working professionals from various industries, attended the summit.

LeanIn.Org, was founded by Sheryl Sandberg, the Chief Operating Officer of Facebook and the author of Lean In: Women, Work And The Will To Lead. The Lean In movement seeks to empower women to pursue their ambitions professionally and personally as well as focus on what they can do. Inspired by LeanIn, Sarah Chen and Abir Abdul Rahim co-founded Asia Women Circle in Malaysia, a non-profit organisation supported by LeanIn.Org.

The summit brought together men and women to discuss the key challenges facing society today, such as the high dropout rates of women from the work force in Malaysia and the declining numbers of women talent in senior management. Women engineers from IEM's Women Engineers Section moved into action to "Lean In" and support the event.

The Summit was officiated by YB Khairy Jamaluddin, Minister of Youth & Sports. In her keynote speech, H.E. Vicki Treadell, British High Commissioner to Malaysia, encouraged women to lean in to their ambitions. The summit also discussed the topic, "women pushing the boundaries-move past your limiting beliefs and don't leave before you



YB Khairy Jamaluddin taking a selfie with organisers and delegates.



Women engineers of the IEM in action.

have to leave”, which was about women cutting back on their ambitions.

Delegates were also entertained by Chef Abang Brian who shared a quick-fix healthy recipe. The power couple session featured two inspiring couples who spoke on making your partner a real partner.

YBhg. Dato’ Sri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, Adviser to the Prime Minister on the Development of Women Entrepreneurs and Professionals and Adviser to Lean In Summit, said the summit is a step forward for the nation in achieving at least 30 percent participation of women at decision making positions. Her closing speech inspired the delegates, regardless of gender, to lean in and support the change.

To all IEM male engineers, let’s start leaning in to your family and leaning in to support women in the workplace as research shows that everyone benefits when men lean in together! ■

IEM DIARY OF EVENTS

Title: 2-Day Course on Recognized Good Practices of Project Management

19 - 20 April 2016

Organised by : Environmental Engineering Technical Division

Time : 8.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

CPD/PDP : 14

Title: Talk on “Open Source Application for IT/IP Infrastructure”

20 April 2016

Organised by : Information and Communications Technology Special Interest Group

Time : 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

CPD/PDP : 2

Kindly note that the scheduled events below are subject to change. Please visit the IEM website at www.myiem.org.my for more information on the upcoming events.