

IEM YES National Summit 2017

YOUNG ENGINEERS SECTION - MIRI BRANCH

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Group Photo at MJM (Palm Oil Mill) Sdn. Bhd.

The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM) Young Engineers Section (YES) held its 11th National Summit (NATSUM) in Miri, Sarawak, from 20 to 23 July, 2017. NATSUM is an annual gathering where young engineers come together to discuss current issues that Graduate and Student members of IEM face, to share their opinions and to enhance rapport with fellow engineers.

IEM YES Miri Branch hosted this year's NATSUM with the theme, "Engineer Together, Empower the Future". The Organising Chairperson, Ms. Adeline Wong, said: "A scientist dwells on a principle and tries to understand the physics behind it; an engineer applies the principle to build and design, resulting in thousands of inventions which we take for granted, such as washing machines, digital cameras and even PlayStation consoles. In other words, engineering feats shape our future."

Taking part in this year's event were 97 delegates from 10 branches (Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Southern, Perak, Sabah, Sarawak, Miri, Pahang, Kelantan and Melaka) and from PUJA (Pertubuhan Ukur Jurutera & Arkitek) of Brunei. They arrived in Miri on 20 July 2017.

NATSUM kicked off the next day with a brief ice-breaking session, followed by a technical visit to MJM (Palm Oil Mill) Sdn. Bhd. in Bekenu, 66 kms from Miri. MJM, a subsidiary company of Pui Groups, focuses on the milling of palm oil to produce crude palm oil, palm kernel, palm kernel shell and bunch ash. As the mill is located such a distance from the city, it is crucial that the company is able to generate electricity and clean water for its own consumption.

After the technical visit, the delegates headed for the inter-branch meetings at Curtin University Malaysia; YES and Student Section held separate meetings. Ms. Adeline Wong chaired the inter-branch meeting for YES and the chairperson of IEM Student Section of Curtin University

Malaysia, Ms. Kaylene Anjek, chaired for the Student Section.

All the branches presented their past year's activities and plans for the coming year as well as discussed issues such as why young engineers are not joining IEM. The inter-branch meeting concluded with the appointment of Pahang Branch as the host for IEM YES NATSUM 2018.

On the morning of 22 July, 2017, the delegates went to Bungai Beach for a team-building session and in the afternoon, they headed for Mokeng Longhouse to witness a welcoming ceremony and a cultural performance. After lunch with the villagers, the delegates headed back to Miri to get ready for the closing dinner.

The evening's guests of honour were Dato' Sebastian Ting Chiew Yew (Member of Parliament for N.73 Piasau), Ir. David Lai Kong Phooi (Deputy President of IEM Council), Ir. Paul Chiew Lik Ing (Chairman of IEM Miri Branch), Prof. Ir. Lau Hieng Ho (Vice Chairman I of IEM Miri Branch), Ir. Lim Chye Ing (Honorary Secretary of IEM Miri Branch), Ir. Sean Wong Siong Ung (Honorary Treasurer of IEM Miri Branch) and Mr. David Kung (representative of Sarawak Energy Berhad, silver sponsor of NATSUM 2017).

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At the dinner, the Outstanding YES Branch Award was presented to Miri, Penang and Sarawak. The Outstanding Student Section Branch Award went to University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus (UNMC, KL Branch), Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM, Southern Branch), Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus (Sarawak Branch), Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP, Pahang Branch) and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS, Sarawak Branch). ■



Group Photo at Bungai Beach