

THE G&S WINS 2 GOLDS IN EG2003

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After almost three months of active recruitment, taxing training and thorough preparation, the long anticipated Engineering Games 2003 had finally arrived! Held at University Malaya, the second edition of the games was launched on Friday, 19 December 2003. Out of the 10 events (basketball, tennis, volleyball, table tennis, squash, soccer, street soccer, netball, chess and badminton) contested, the G&S participated in all except street soccer, with a large contingent consisting of 80 participants. The breakdown of the G&S contingent were as follows:

- Basketball – 2 teams
- Tennis – 1 person
- Volleyball – 1 team
- Table Tennis – 1 person
- Squash – 3 persons
- Soccer – 2 teams
- Netball – 1 team
- Chess – 4 persons
- Badminton – 2 mixed doubles, 5 men singles, 1 women single.

The increase in the size of the G&S contingent this year also coincided with the increase in the number of participating universities. A total of 12 universities or university colleges were competing with the IEM-G&S to be this year's overall EG champion. The universities included Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM),



The G&S Football Team taking their team photo before their match

Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIAM), Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN), Multimedia University (MMU), Kolej Universiti Teknikal Malaysia (KUITM), Kolej Universiti Teknologi Tun Hussein Onn (KUITTHO) and Kolej Universiti Kejuruteraan Utara Malaysia (KUKUM). Overall, the total participants for the games totaled about 700 people.

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The first day of the games started as early as 8.00am, with the welcoming and reception of the participants to the games. Upon the arrival of the participants to the 12th college of University Malaya, they were ushered by the hosts for the registration and check-in. T-shirts and freebies were distributed to the participants before they checked-in to the hostel. By 11.00 am, all the stay-in participants had checked in.

By 3.00pm, the participants were gathered at the front of the 12th college for a rehearsal of the marching and opening ceremony.

This was followed by the official opening ceremony, which began with the welcoming of the VIPs. As all the contingents completed the march and gathered at the front of the stage, Sdr. Eric Eow Khai Fong, as the Executive Director of the EG2003, presented a welcoming speech to the guests and participants of the event. He also motivated his organising committee to do their best to ensure a smooth

and memorable Games for the participants. Ir. Prof. Dr. Ruslan Hassan, the Vice President of IEM, was next to give a speech before finally, YB. Datuk Tan Chai Ho, the Deputy Minister of Energy, Communications and Multimedia, was invited to declare the Engineering Games officially open. Immediately after that, the torch of the Games was lighted. The opening ceremony ended with a bacaan doa.

At 6.00pm, EG Nite started, with loads of performances and activities to encourage interaction among the participants. Lucky draws were also held during this session. By the end of the EG Nite, it was obvious the participants were enjoying



G&S Netball Team in action



Group photo of G&S contingent



The G&S Volleyball team

themselves, as the hall was filled with laughter and smiles. A dinner was held.

The first day ended with the team managers and captains being briefed on the rules and regulations as well as the venues, fixtures and schedule for the Games.

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The second day of EG2003 was the day when the events were held. The participants gathered as early as 7.30am at the front of the 12th college in order to be led to the

appropriate venues. Among the earliest events to start were volleyball, basketball, squash and chess. The G&S contingent performed impressively in the morning as they managed to win 2 golds and 1 silver by 11.00am. Mr. Wong Nai Chien, who participated in the squash event and Mr. Koh Tak Chun who participated in the table tennis event each won a gold medal for the G&S. Mr. Tsao Kee Jang, who also played in the squash event, won a silver medal.

Participants got a break during

the lunch hour but continued after that until late evening. Unfortunately for the G&S, the other teams, except for badminton, did not pass the preliminary rounds. However, the soccer team should be praised for their sporting spirit, as they played in the rain and dark, although they lost 0-3 in the end to UiTM.

With all the action for participants, supporters and members of the organising committee were not left out as archery and canoeing events were held while the official sports were being played. A warehouse-like sale called Mini Giant was also held during the Games, where participants got the opportunity to buy souvenirs.

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All sports events were completed by the afternoon of the final day of EG2003. The G&S contingent, however, only managed to add 1 silver medal and 2 bronze medals through the badminton players. Mr. Yohan Raj managed to be the runner-up in the men's single event.

Mr. Tony Cheng Yew Leong and Ms. Quek Geok Hoon won a bronze medal for the mixed double event while Mr. Lee Cheong San won another bronze in the men's single event.

At 1.30pm, the participants proceeded to the Academy of Islamic Studies (API) for the closing ceremony. With the arrival of the VIPs, including Y.B. Dato' Dr. Ng Yen Yen, the Deputy Minister of Finance, the closing ceremony kicked off with the playing of the Negaraku and Universiti Malaya's official song. Upon completion of the bacaan doa, Sdr. Eric Eow proceeded to the stage to give a speech, thanking everyone for the support of EG2003. Next, the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Malaya, Dato' Prof. Dr. Mohd. Razali B. Agus, gave a speech before Y.B. Dato' Dr. Ng Yen Yen was invited to the stage to officiate the closing ceremony.

From then on, The ceremony proceeded with 3 stages of presentation of medals to the winners. In between the medal presentations, performances including a Chinese dance and *dikir barat* were slotted in to keep the crowd motivated. Sdr. Kok Hee Poh, being the Immediate Past Chairman of the G&S Section, also took the opportunity to introduce the IEM and explained IEM's role in more detail to the students. After the final stage of medal presentation, the ceremony continued with the handing over of the Engineering Games Flag to the next host, UiTM, followed by a dance performance by UiTM. The ceremony was concluded with a presentation of souvenirs to the VIPs and the singing of the Engineering Games 2003 official song.

Overall, EG2003 was a tremendous success. Not only had it managed to provide an opportunity for engineering students and graduates from various universities to interact among themselves, it also allowed participants to compete in a friendly and sporting atmosphere, a unique experience for young engineers and engineering students alike. The G&S Committee would like to express their appreciation to the Organising Committee as well as the sponsors and participants for their support and sportsmanship. ■

• TENNIS (MEN SINGLES)

Gold – UM
Silver – UPM
Bronze – UPM

• NETBALL

Gold – UPM
Silver – KUKTM
Bronze – UiTM

• SOCCER

Gold – KUUKUMIN
Silver – KUITTHO
Bronze – UiTM

• STREET SOCCER

Gold – UM
Silver – UNIMAS
Bronze – UiTM

• BADMINTON (MEN SINGLES)

Gold – KUITTHO
Silver – G/S
Bronze – G/S

• BADMINTON (WOMEN SINGLES)

Gold – MMU
Silver – UM
Bronze – MMU

• VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN)

Gold – MMU
Silver – UNIMAS
Bronze – KUTKM

RESULTS:

• CHESS OPEN

Gold – UM
Silver – UM
Bronze – KUTKM

• TABLE TENNIS (MEN SINGLES)

Gold – G/S
Silver – UM
Bronze – UiTM

• VOLLEYBALL (MEN)

Gold – MMU
Silver – USM
Bronze – UM

• BADMINTON (MIXED DOUBLES)

Gold – KUITTO
Silver – MMU
Bronze – G/S

• BASKETBALL (MEN)

Gold – UPM
Silver – UKM
Bronze – MMU

• SQUASH (MEN)

Gold – G/S
Silver – G/S
Bronze – UM