



YES – Positioning for Leadership

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The 2006/2007 Session had just flew passed us and the 2007/2008 Session has just begun.

It was indeed an amazing journey with a total 67 activities organised by the HQ, completed in a span of about one year. It was truly a remarkable and unassailable achievement.

I took over the session from my best buddy, Engr. Suresh Yegambaran and it took off in great style with the sell out of 520 participants at the IEM G&S Annual Dinner and Dinner Awards held at the Grand Blue Wave Hotel in Shah Alam. It was a night of splendid charity performance, multimedia presentation and award recognition to the committees.

The activities continued to flow in and I believed that one of the most outstanding highlights of the session was the YEAFEO Conference which we hosted last December. We have made such an impact at the event that the ASEAN young engineers present today are being acknowledged by other engineers from other parts of the world as well. Kudos to the organising committee who have worked diligently that ensured the success of the event.

Another salient point of the session would be the strings of young professional gatherings initiated by the G&S Section, IEM. It was indeed a breakthrough. The network we have built certainly benefits young engineers.

All in all, it was a great session and it was wonderful working with the dedicated committees.

Looking ahead and continuing my second term this session, it is definitely a

challenge for me to leverage on last Session's success and enhance the G&S Section, further.

The start of the session would be our biennial IEM Annual G&S Dinner and Dance on 18 August 2007. The dinner would also see the launch of the new branding of G&S Section, IEM, which will now be known as YES (The Young Engineers Section). This is definitely one of the highlights in our next session.

Generally, YES would continue to strive to increase our membership by conducting and focusing on activities that can generate interest among young engineers of today and get the young engineers to think global. The effort to recruit committee members and volunteers to serve in the section would also be doubled. To gain is to serve, therefore, I urge young engineers to join our family and you will see yourself being transformed.

Here are what we have planned for the coming Session:

Professional Development Portfolio:

We will be streamlining the portfolio and dividing it into Technical Development and Soft Skills Development. We are looking at organising more talks/seminars/-courses/visits relevant to Young Engineers as compared to senior members. For engineers pursuing their Professional Engineer route, awareness campaigns are being lined up especially on the Competency Exam.

Student Affairs Portfolio:

The relevancy of the IEM to students is being looked into as we would like to create a win-win situation instead of competing with internal student organisations in universities.

External Affairs Portfolio:

The synergy of ASEAN Young Engineers via YEAFEO and ASEAN Young Engineers Register (AER-YE) is the key priority this year. Besides that, we would like to see more communication and cooperation between existing YES branches and the formation of new YES branches. There is also the need to consolidate more activities amongst young professionals to encourage an exchange of ideas among them.

Social and Community Portfolio:

We will look and act upon the lack of involvement of young engineers in social and community activities.

Publicity Portfolio:

Recruiting and attracting new YES members and sustaining present YES members are the main activities for this session and the rebranding of G&S via YES.

We are looking forward to another amazing session and positioning young engineers into a leadership role. With the pool of enthusiastic and ever committed committees and volunteers, I believe this is not impossible. ■

'We learn, we share and we grow together in YES'



The IEM YES blog

In the late 1990s, blogs began exploding like Websites, with the amount of information available on blogs simply mind numbing. At the end of 2006, there were an estimated 50 million blogs in existence. Graduate and Student Section, IEM officially began their blog in late 2005 to serve our members better.

Please feel free to drop a few words at the G&S blog to share your thoughts at the gossip columns about what you would like to hear from us. Let us know!

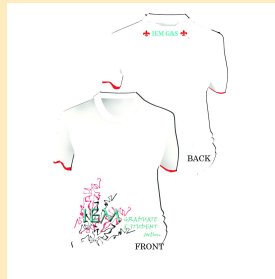
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- Technical Skills Development
- Soft Skills Development
- External Affairs
- Student Affairs
- Publicity
- Social and Community



Role of Volunteer:

To help and support the director of the portfolios chosen in organising activities

Drop us a message at iemgs@yahoo.com