

IEM President Pays Courtesy Call on Minister of Works



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IEM President Ir. Choo Kok Beng, together with Vice President Ir. Prof. Dr Wan Mahmood bin Wan Abdul Majid, Honorary Secretary Ir. Prof. Dr Jeffrey Chiang Choong Luin and I, paid a visit to Works Minister Y.B. Datuk Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof, on 18 June 2013. Also present were Datuk Himmat Singh, the Ministry's Secretary General, Dato' Seri Ir. Hj. Mohd. Noor bin Yaacob, Director General of the Public Works Department, and En. Murali Jayabalan, Ketua Penolong Setiausaha Kanan, Ministry of Works.



Group photo prior to the discussion



Presentation of souvenir to
Y.B. Datuk Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof

The objective of the meeting was to discuss how IEM and JKR could work together. The salient points from the meeting were:

- IEM would like to work with JKR to enable more of its engineers to be accepted as Corporate Members of the Institution.
- The difference between IEM and other engineering organisations such as TAM, ACEM, MySET, etc. was explained to the Minister.
- IEM centres on engineering but will diversify into facilitating mobility as well as commercial opportunities in the ASEAN region as well as host both AFEO and FEIAP secretariats.
- IEM will continue its role as a "learned society of engineers".
- IEM is actively promoting science in schools to ensure a sufficient pool of motivated and qualified students who take up engineering as a career.
- IEM is registering university students as IEM Graduate Members even before they leave university to ensure they retain their link with the Institution upon graduation.
- The Minister of Works commented that IEM should have a database of engineers in the various areas of specialisation which could be drawn upon to collaborate with the government and other organisations to tackle the various challenges facing the nation. IEM explained that there are volunteers with the expertise in research but funding is required as resources are limited.

The meeting ended with an exchange of souvenirs and a general agreement for closer collaboration. ■