

Technical Visit to Westports Malaysia Sdn Bhd

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING TECHNICAL DIVISION



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THE Electrical Engineering Technical Division (EETD) organised a technical visit to Westports Malaysia Sdn Bhd (Westports) at Pelabuhan Barat, Pulau Indah, on 29 November 2012.

The visit was led by Ir. Mohd. Hafez Iskandar bin Jusoh, Maintenance Engineer of Westports Malaysia Sdn Bhd and the Co-opted Committee member of EETD. There were 30 participants from the various divisions such as EETD, Chemical Engineering Technical Division and Mechanical Engineering Technical Division.

The participants boarded a coach that left IEM headquarters in Petaling Jaya at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at Westports an hour later. Some came in their own transport.

At the conference room on Level 16 of the Tower Building, the delegates were given a warm welcome by Ir. Mohd. Hafez Iskandar and Ir. Lam Sing Yew, the Chairman of EETD.



Ir. Lam welcoming the delegates

The session started with a corporate video presentation by Mr. Ethan Chua, the Marketing Manager of Westports. The delegates learnt about Westports and the nature of its business. The session ended with Q&A.

The second session was a technical briefing by Encik Ahmad Damanhury, the Head of Department of Port Projects, who was assisted by Mr. S. Veerakumar S. Subramaniam from Maintenance & Repair. An introduction to current Westports projects, especially land reclamation activities in order to build and lengthen more wharves, raised many questions from the delegates about the technology used. The presentation on equipment such as



Q&A session

Quay Cranes (QC), Rubber Tyre Gantry (RTG), Unloader Cranes (ULC), stackers and other types of port equipment as well as their maintenance also proved interesting. The briefing and presentation ended at 11.00 a.m.

Next was the highlight of the visit, the site tour to the wharf to witness the real port operations. The bus ferrying the delegates was escorted by the Port Police and Ir. Mohd. Hafez Iskandar turned "tour guide" to explain the surroundings and various on-going activities.



Site tour of wharf

All delegates were given the opportunity to hike up one of Quay Cranes to a height of more than 40 meters. For first-timers, this proved to be a challenging moment and they were all delighted for the experience.



Walking up the Quay crane

The Quay Crane – from wharf to centre Machinery House at 40 meters and the boom reaches out to 62 meters. Site tour and the opportunity to go up the crane.

The site visit ended at around 1.00 p.m. with lunch hosted by Westports. Ir. Lam Sing Yew presented a token of appreciation to Endik Ahmad Damahury. Before leaving, the delegates posed for a photo session at the main lobby to mark the successful technical visit. ■



Group photo before the end of the visit

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