

The IEM 55th Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner

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AS is customary by now, the 55th Annual General Meeting of the Institution of Engineers, Malaysia, which took place on 19th April, 2014, was held at Wisma IEM in Petaling Jaya.

One of the most attended and celebrated annual events of the institution, it brought together a huge gathering of engineers from various disciplines.

After a warm welcome address by outgoing IEM president 2013/2014, Ir. Choo Kok Beng, the AGM commenced with the confirmation of the minutes of the 54th AGM, followed by a discussion of some issues of concern that brought about the active participation of the attendees.

Then came a presentation of the Annual Report, followed by the presentation of certificates to the fellows of IEM when

Ir. Choo announced that as per tradition set in the last two years, he would like to honour the members of IEM who have



Outgoing IEM President 2013/2014 Ir. Choo Kok Beng giving a warm welcome address at the start of the 55th AGM

been transferred to the grade of Fellow for the 2013/2014 session. There were seven of them in this session: Ir. Mohd. Azmi bin Ali, Ir. Gary Tan Yow Hoo, Ir. Elias bin Saidin, Ir. Arul Hisham bin Abdul Rahim, Ir. Ong Sang Woh, Ir. Dr Tay Choon Jin, and Dato' Ir. Mohamad Husin.

Afterwards, mementoes were presented to 12 retiring Council Members who were present at the AGM, followed by an awards presentation ceremony for IEM's Best Technical Paper 2014 (medal and certificate).

For the Tan Sri Ir. Hj. Yusoff Prize (corporate member) – electrical category, the winner was Ir. Francis Xavier Jacob, for his paper on "Public Sector Policy Initiatives Towards Promoting Energy Efficiency".

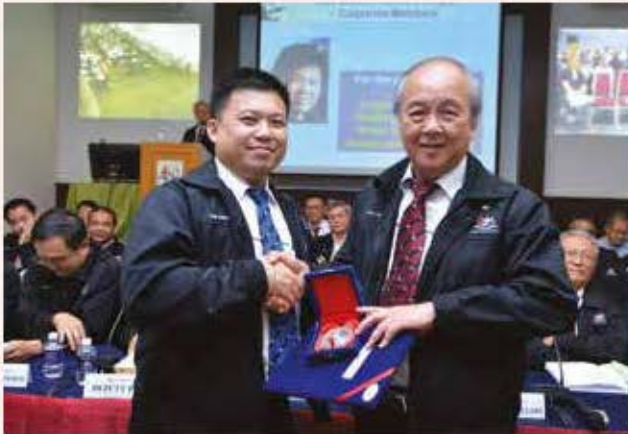
The recipient of the same award in the mechanical category was Ir. Dr Tan Chee Faifor his paper on "Engineering Design Thinking Approach for Green Infrastructure Design and Development".

Last but not least, the incoming president of Session 2014/2015, Dato' Ir. Lim Chow Hock presented his Presidential Address on the topic "Challenging Engineers in National Economic Transformation Programme". He talked about the important role that engineers must play in the Government's Transformation agenda to turn Malaysia into a developed nation with a high-income status by 2020.

The meeting was then adjourned to allow participants to retire and freshen up for the highlight of the evening, the 55th Annual IEM Dinner.



Annual Report presented by Ir. Choo Kok Beng



Ir. Dr. Tan Chee Fai receiving the Tan Sri Ir. H. Yusoff Prize (corporate member) – mechanical category from Ir. Choo Kok Beng



IEM members, guests and VIPs had a lovely time at the cocktail reception of the Annual IEM Dinner in One World Hotel



Incoming President of Session 2014/2015, Dato' Ir. Lim Chow Hock presenting his Presidential Address



Dato' Ir. Lim Chow Hock delivering his welcome speech

Guest of Honour, Dato' Dr Mohd. Ali Mohamad Nor delivering a speech on behalf of Datuk Seri G. Palanivel

THE 55TH ANNUAL IEM DINNER

By 7.30 p.m., the crowd of invited guests and VIPs in their glittering evening attire had filled up the reception area outside the Grand Ballroom of One World Hotel in Bandar Utama, Petaling Jaya.

The mood was merry and lively as the members were treated to a cocktail reception before the official start of the prime event of the night.

At 8.00 p.m., everyone was ushered to the assigned tables and the IEM 55th Annual Dinner and Awards Night 2014 officially began with the arrival of the Guest of Honour, Dato' Dr Mohd. Ali Mohamad Nor, deputy secretary-general I (natural resources management) of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, representing its minister, Datuk Seri G. Palanivel.

A powerful dance performance themed 'Success' was the opening gambit to signify the commencement of the event that night.

The newly appointed president, Ir. Lim, was then invited to present his welcome address for the evening.

He took the opportunity to expound a little more on the topic from his presidential address in the morning, saying that the Economic Transformation Programme depends on a new paradigm shift that demands new ways of thinking,

new skills and new methods of doing things – all of which demand no less than a major transformation of the engineer.

"The transformation of engineers and the Institution is a task that we cannot do alone. We have to collaborate with others if we are to succeed and remain relevant. There must be active engagement with the relevant authorities, with the related business community, with other professional groups, with the media and with the public at large, if we want to be heard," he said.

He called on IEM members to take an active interest in matters related to engineering in society and to participate in dialogue with others to address engineering and environmental issues so that our views will be heard and our contribution made known to all.

Following that, the guest of honour, Dato' Dr Mohd. Ali, was invited to give a few words. He took to the rostrum and delivered a speech on behalf of Datuk Seri Palanivel.

In his speech, the Minister took the opportunity to touch on the topic of climate change and called on engineers, "as prime movers of society" and who are "in the best position to do something", to place environmental issues at the core of their concerns – either through their business, day-to-day engineering work or through professional organisations like the IEM.

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Recipients of the IEM Distinguished Member and IEM Honorary Fellow

"Climate change is potentially one of the most disastrous outcomes arising from the damage we do to our environment. It is the result of the inability by the natural environment to handle all the changes that have been inflicted on it, so I ask all IEM members to put environmental concerns at the centre of your work and address the issues of climate change.

"You have the knowledge, the ability... and your work can make a positive impact on the environment. Solving this problem is no longer an option, it is an imperative. It is however, not just the moral imperative that will drive us to do something about the environment. There are enormous economic benefits and business opportunities in the environment industries which engineers should not ignore."

Afterwards, a token of appreciation was presented to Dato' Dr Mohd. Ali and guests were then treated to a sumptuous dinner.

Later, there was an awards presentation ceremony. The IEM Gold Medal Awards were given to 24 students, while the Presidential Awards of Excellence were presented to 6 others. This was followed by a mock cheque presentation ceremony where RM100,000 was presented by Ir. Noor Hisham Yahaya to Ir. Lim for the IEM Building Fund.



Yes, we did it! Presentation of a mock cheque for RM100,000 towards the IEM Building Fund

The awards presentation ceremony then continued with the presentation of the Most Supportive Organisation/ Individual Awards, followed by the IEM Outstanding Engineering Award 2013 to Ikhmas Jaya Sdn Bhd for the Design and Innovativeness of the Double-Tracking Swing Bridge in Prai, the IEM Distinguished Member award to Dato' Ir. Teo Chiang Kok, and the IEM Honorary Fellow Awards to Ir. Vincent Chen Kim Kieong, Dato' Ir. Gan Thian Leong, and Allahyarham Dato' Ir. Dr Radin Umar Radin Sohadi.

The finale of the evening was a lucky draw. The top prize was a 3D/2N trip to Bali, followed with a second prize of a 3D/2N trip to Phuket and lastly, a 3D/2N trip to Langkawi. ■

Presentation of the Presidential Awards of Excellence (6 Awards)

1.	Winner	Mechanical Engineering Technical Division	Ir. Fam Yew Hin
2.	1st Runner Up	Civil & Structural Engineering Technical Division	Ir. Ong Sang Woh
3.	2nd Runner Up	Geotechnical Engineering Technical Division	Ir. Liew Shaw Shong
4.	4th Placing	Electrical Engineering Technical Division	Ir. Lam Sing Yew
5.	5th Placing	Chemical Engineering Technical Division	Ir. Prof. Dr Dominic Foo Chwan Yee
6.	Most Improved	Highway and Transportation Engineering Technical Division	Ir. Chin Kar Keong



Recipients of the Presidential Awards of Excellence

Presentation of Most Supportive Organisation/ Individual Awards (5 Awards)

	Category	Name
1.	Graduate Membership for Individual	Ir. Dr Tan Chee Fai
2.	Graduate Membership for Organisation	Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM)
3.	Corporate Membership for Individual	Ir. Dr Ahmad Anuar bin Othman
4.	Corporate Membership for Organisation	Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JP S)
5.	Most Active Organisation	Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM)



Recipients of the Most Supportive Organisation/Individual Awards