

Women in Engineering Leadership Forum Asia 2015

WOMEN ENGINEERS SECTION



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A group picture taken at the seminar

TODAY, as both husbands and wives find employment in the job market, it is expected that they would share care giving responsibilities equally. But in reality, this is not the case. "Women have made great strides in the workplace, but inequality remains," said Mary Brinton, Professor of Sociology at Harvard University. Gender stereotyping is the number one enemy where gender inequality is concerned and much work remains to be done.

So, at the 3rd Annual Women In Engineering Leadership Forum Asia 2015, held on 18-19 May, 2015, more than 40 women engineer leaders were invited to exchange ideas, share experiences and discuss the unique challenges that women engineers face in the working environment. Three committee members from IEM's Women Engineers Section were invited to participate in the forum. They were Ir. Assoc. Prof. Leong Wai Yie, Ir. Suhana bte Abdul Majid and Engr. Dr Habibah Hj. Haron.

Three leading experts in their fields – Dr Bhavani Krishan, Head of MMC-

Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn. Bhd., April Kinney, Director, Fluor Mining & Metal, Australia, and Bhavani Prakash, CEO, Conscious Leadership Asia, facilitated at the seminar. The unique programme was designed for busy engineering executives and was condensed into 3 specific workshop modules. More than 9 international speakers dealt with building the capacity for women engineers in a dynamic engineering environment.

The panel discussion covered topics on gender diversity and leadership in engineering – men as agents of change. The delegates also participated in the roundtable session on Career Retention and Climbing The Professional Ladder. Various ideas and opinions were addressed, highlighting the importance of women's involvement in engineering today. ■



Discussing issues related to women engineers