

ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations (AFEEO) Midterm Meeting in Hanoi

WOMEN ENGINEERS SECTION



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The President of The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM), Ir. Tan Yan Chin, led a delegation of 22 committee members to the midterm meeting of the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations (AFEEO) in Hanoi, from 24 to 26 May, 2016.

WELCOME RECEPTION (24 MAY 2016)

At the Welcome Reception, where plenty of Vietnamese food and drinks were served, more than 60 delegates from ASEAN met, networked and got to know each other. In his welcome speech, the President of Vietnam Union Of Science and Technology Associations (VUSTA), Mr. Dang Vu Minh, said that the AFEEO Midterm Meeting was a platform for sharing experiences and discussing ideas and problems of common interest.

In his speech, AFEEO Chairman The Philippine Technological Council (PTC) President Engr. Fred Monosada said AFEEO covers engineering education, energy, transportation, environment and natural disaster risk management. ASEAN engineering countries should generate and maintain a mutually beneficial relationship and cooperation with regional and international organisations having similar goals and objectives.

The Conferment of Certifications and Medals to registered Vietnamese ASEAN Engineers marked the new progress of VUSTA. The Welcome Ceremony was then followed by a Vietnamese cultural, art and music performance.

AFEEO MIDTERM MEETING (25 - 26 MAY 2016)

AFEEO comprises 10 ASEAN member organisations. At its midterm meeting, the representatives and engineering leaders of Southeast Asian nations discussed progress made via wider networking and strategic



Malaysia delegates at the Welcome Dinner



Dr Boh Jaw Woei of IES chairing the Engineering Education Work Group



AFEEO Heads of Delegates and the Staff of VUSTA Secretariat



AFEEO Midterm Meeting Closing Ceremony

alliances within the ASEAN engineering community. The AFEEO Governing Board, Women Engineers, Engineering Education, Young Engineers and Working Groups also held meetings to look into various issues affecting ASEAN countries, including Smart Sustainable Cities, Disaster, Mobility of Engineers Forum, Energy and Environmental Engineering Work Group.

During the Midterm Meeting, the Transportation & Logistic Workshop discussed the compilation of a Road Safety Manual for ASEAN. Ir. Noor Fardilla from Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research (MIROS) proposed a joint collaboration between MIROS and AFEO.

The Chairman of Engineering Education & Capacity Building Workgroup discussed the formulation of guidelines for the implementation of CPD for AER registration.

At the Environmental Engineering Workgroup meeting, Persatuan Insinyur Indonesia (PII) made suggestions on the best ways to solve the haze problem. Members were also interested to learn about waste management from Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand, especially on the types of products which can be recovered from waste.

At The Disaster Group meeting, The Engineering Institute of Thailand under His Majesty the King's Patronage (EIT) planned to host a seminar from 24-25th AUG 2016, on "Disaster Mitigation Technologies" for the Member Organisation. Issues on haze, flash floods, earthquakes and drought were discussed, especially on the reconstruction of Kumamoto in 2016, the drought in Thailand and the reconstruction of Tibet after the massive earthquake.

The WEAFEO Chairperson from PTC gave updates on the Second Women Summit 2016 and WE networking held in September 2016 at Century Park Hotel, Manila, while YEAFEO reported on the Graduate Affairs Workgroup Progress and Cross Border activities with neighbouring countries.

AFEO Chairman PTC President, Engr. Fred Monosada thanked VUSTA for hosting the meeting and extended his invitation to everyone to attend CAFEO 34 in the Philippines.

The night ended with a sumptuous Vietnamese Farewell Dinner with lots of traditional music and art performances to mark the end of a very successful Midterm Meeting.

TECHNICAL VISITS (26 MAY 2016)

The host had organised technical visits to Vietnam National Assembly House and Imperial Citadel of Thang Long. The National Assembly is the highest government organisation and the highest-level representative body of the people. It has the power to draw up, adopt and amend the Constitution as well as to make and amend laws. It also has the responsibility to legislate and implement state plans and budgets. The delegates were impressed with the building and the design.

The next CAFEO will be held in November, 2016, in Pahlawan, The Philippines. ■