

METD OUTREACH PROGRAMME IN JOHOR

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNICAL DIVISION, MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & PROMOTIONS SUB COMMITTEE

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Group photo with UTHM students

The Mechanical Engineering Technical Division (METD) Membership Drive & Promotions Sub Committee (MDP) Outreach Programme took place on 19-20 March 2019. Its main objectives were to engage with engineers and future engineers in Johor, to promote IEM membership and to share experiences with practicing engineers on current issues in the industry.

The outreach visits were to UTHM, IEM Southern Branch and UTM. The team of 6 members was led by MDP Chairman Ir. Fam Yew Hin, Ir. Luk Chau Beng, Ir. Lum Youk Lee, Ir. Ong Hoo Teong, Ir. Dr. Hasril and Ir. Dr. Cheong Thiam Fook. They first went to UTHM in Batu Pahat, where 2 parallel sessions were held with students and lecturers.

Ir. Fam conducted a talk for 40 lecturers while Ir. Dr. Cheong spoke to more than 300 students. Both talks were very well received with many questions about engineering ethics by the students and how to become MIEM/PE by the lecturers. The team enjoyed a networking lunch hosted by the UTHM engineering faculty staff in their library building, with an exchange of opinions on engineering sectors in Malaysia.

They then left for JB for an evening technical talk at the IEM Johor Branch training floor. The talk attracted some 50 engineers who listened to Ir. Lum sharing his vast experiences in the design, building, operating and

maintenance of shopping malls. The talk was not only full of fruitful knowledge and experiences on the management of shopping malls but was also kept lively with humorous analogies.

After the talk, the team was treated to a networking dinner hosted by IEM Southern Branch Chairman Ir. Teo and his committee members. There were discussions on potential collaboration between Johor Branch, METD and MDP as well as an exchange of other ideas.

The last session of the outreach programme was at UTM, again with 2 parallel sessions. Ir. Fam spoke to the lecturers about IEM, international

affiliation, enhanced PI and various routes to MIEM/PE. The 30 lecturers who attended, raised many questions about technical reports and the PI interview. At the other session, UTM alumni Ir. Ong and Ir. Luk spoke on the future of engineering as a career and its ethics to 200 young students. Among the questions they asked was how Ir. Ong developed his successful career in ACMV industry. They also said they hoped to emulate Ir. Ong.

The METD team left UTM for KL at about 6.30 p.m. The team thanks all those who have hosted the trip, for their kind hospitality. ■



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