

# G&S OPEN DAY 2004 – A SUCCESS STORY

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19 June 2004 marked the G&S Open Day, organised by the Graduate and Student (G&S) Section, in conjunction with the IEM G&S Annual General Meeting. The full-day program consisted of two sessions. The morning session consisted of the G&S Welcome Function, followed by the G&S AGM, and the G&S Inter-Branch Conference. The culmination of the G&S Open Day was the IEM G&S Annual Charity Dinner & Dance 2004, which was held at the Perdana Ballroom, Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Resort.

Approximately 50 people attended the morning session at the IEM Building, with a mixture of familiar (those serving the G&S committee) and fresh faces. Some of the participants had attended to find out more about the G&S Section. This objective was fulfilled by the G&S Welcome Function, where the various committees were introduced and the missions and visions of the G&S were explained. The various portfolios that were in charge of organising the main bulk of G&S activities were also introduced during the Welcome Function.

The AGM commenced at 10:30am. In his welcoming speech as the incoming Chairman of session 2004/2005, Sdr. Suresh Yegambaram thanked his predecessor, Sdr. Clement Tan, for leading the G&S committee so well for the past two years. Sdr. Suresh also encouraged the G&S members to contribute actively towards the G&S Section, as the many activities planned for the coming session appealed to young engineers trying to develop their career and social life. He believed that the G&S provided a good source for networking, as an active member would be able to meet both



The G&S Session 2004/2005 newly elected committees



Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu with IEM President Ir. Prof. Abang Abdullah Abang Ali, IEM Deputy President Ir. Prof. Dr Ow Chee Sheng, IEM G&S Chairman Sdr. Suresh Yegambaram, and IEM G&S Immediate Past Chairman Sdr. Clement Tan

fresh and experienced engineers in virtually any engineering field. He cemented his belief by adding that 70% of his business cards were gathered from his years serving the G&S committee, a comment which drew laughter from the crowd.

Next up was the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer for session 2003/2004, Sdri. Jacqueline Tee Hsiao Lin, who presented the minutes of the last AGM, the Annual Report and financial report of the G&S for the session 2003/2004.

The AGM then continued with the election report from the Election Officer, Sdr. Kok Hee Poh, for the election process for the 2003/2004 session. As



Presentation of mock cheque from IEM G&S to Persatuan Kebajikan Warga Tua Wilayah Persekutuan

Sdr. Clement Tan had held the post of G&S Chairperson for two sessions, he was no longer eligible for re-election. As such, the G&S committee had unanimously elected Sdr. Suresh Yegambaram to be the new incoming Chairperson. As for the vacancies for Vice President and Honorary Secretary/Treasurer, valid nominations for the posts were received. However, for the three vacancies for the post of General Member, only two nominations were received. Thus, the meeting unanimously decided that the G&S committee be given the authority to elect a G&S member for the remaining General Member vacancy. For the complete list of committee members, please refer to the list at the end of this report.

After a short break for lunch, the G&S committees reconvened for the G&S Inter-Branch Conference, which the G&S hopes will become an annual affair. Invitations had been sent out to all IEM Branches throughout Malaysia, for the G&S representatives of each branch to appear at the conference. However, representatives from only three IEM Branches (Penang, Perak and Malacca) attended the conference. The conference did have unexpected but welcome guests, namely the five representatives from the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), Hong Kong. Various issues discussed during the conference included ways to improve inter-branch communication and possible co-organisation for certain activities.

The highlight of the G&S Open Day was the G&S Annual Charity Dinner

2004, themed "Show Them We Care", with the guest of honour being Malaysia's Works Minister Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu. The 500 guests were served a nine-course dinner, with entertainment being provided by the emcee, Radio Four's Double D, the Young KL Singers and salsa dancers from Havana Estudio.

In his speech, IEM G&S Chairperson Sdr. Suresh Yegambaram stated that the G&S had chosen the theme "Show Them We Care" so as to raise awareness amongst G&S members of charitable projects within the community. He added that one of the proudest achievements for the G&S had been the construction of lavatory facilities for the occupants of Stepping Stones Home in Taman Seputeh, a project co-organised with the Rotaract Club of Kuala Lumpur. In line with the theme of the dinner, the G&S has pledged to donate RM5000 from the proceeds of the dinner to Persatuan Kebajikan Warga Tua Wilayah Persekutuan.

The G&S committees were then pleasantly surprised when in his speech, the President of IEM, Ir. Prof. Abang Abdullah Abang Ali, commended the G&S for their enthusiasm in organising activities. The President expressed his wish that a G&S representative would be able to accompany the IEM delegation to global engineering events, as he said that contributions from young engineers are important and should be valued. Similar sentiments were echoed by Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu, in his keynote address later in the evening.

Throughout the dinner, several awards were presented, notably the awards for IEM G&S's Sportsman of the Year, and the IEM Young Engineer's Award. The former award was given to KJ Engineering Sdn Bhd senior engineer Sdr. Wong Nai Chien, for his achievements during the annual Engineering Games. The recipients for the IEM Young Engineer's Award 2004 (which was open to all IEM members below the age of 35), were Ir. Dr Ramesh



Young Engineers Award Recipient –  
Ir. Dr Ramesh Singh

Singh, 33, and Sdr. Koo Voon Chet, 32. Ir. Dr Ramesh, a senior lecturer in Universiti Tenaga Nasional, was given the award for his contributions to ceramic engineering while Koo, a lecturer in Multimedia University, won the award for his work with microwave remote sensing and radar technology. ■

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Young Engineers Award Recipient –  
Sdr. Khoo Voon Chet



Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu delivering his keynote address

The G&S Section Committee Members for the session 2004/2005 are as follows:-

Chairman	: Sdr. Suresh Yegambaram
Vice Chairman I	: Sdr. Yau Chau Fong
Vice Chairman II	: Sdr. Tan Chee Fai
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer	: Sdr. Kee Wai Fun
General Member	: Sdr. Trudy Ganendra
	: Sdr. Ngeow Yen Wan
	: Sdr. Karthigesu Muniyandi
	: Sdr. Ong Li Ling
	: Sdr. Chong Chien Jin (appointed on 1/7/2004)
	: Sdr. Elaine Koh May Yong
	appointed on 1/7/2004, to replace by
	Ir. Mohamed Hassan K.B. Hamzah
	(who resigned)
Internal Auditor	: Ir. Mohamed Hassan K.B. Hamzah
	: Sdr. Tee Hsiao Lin
Immediate Past Chairman	: Sdr. Clement Tan Poy Bin
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