

CESIG FACTORY VISIT TO KHIND-MISTRAL INDUSTRIES SDN. BHD.

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On 6 October, 2018, CESIG organised a factory visit for 25 engineers from IEM to KHIND-Mistral Industries Sdn. Bhd. in Jalan Perusahaan 2, Sekinchan, Selangor. The visit had a CPD/PDP of 2.5 hours. We started at 7.30 a.m. from Wisma IEM and on arrival at 9.38 a.m., we were welcomed by the staff of KHIND, led by Mr. Khoo and Mr. Sew.

KHIND was established in Sekinchan in 1961 by Mr. Cheng King Fa. The manufacturing plant has a total built-up area of approximately 200,000 sq. ft. on approximately 5.6 acres of land. We were told that it had a total workforce of 380 employees, with very little dependence on foreign labour. KHIND has even adopted to Integrated Computerised System (ERP) for the manufacturing process and is certified to ISO 9001: 2015.

At the introductory seminar, we were told that today, KHIND manufactures and distributes world-class electrical home appliances in Malaysia as well as exports to over 60 countries worldwide.

Among the products manufactured and assembled at the KHIND factory are:

- Electrical fans (table fan, stand fan, wall fan, ceiling fan, floor fan, auto fan, exhaust fan, ventilation fan, industrial fan).
- Lighting (rechargeable portable light, emergency light).
- Home appliances (mixer, desk blender, hand blender, personal blender, air fryer).
- Others (insect killer, money detector etc.)

During our visit to the factory floor, we were told that being internationally accepted as "a world brand from Malaysia", KHIND was posed to play a bigger role in international

arena. We were shown the many aspects of manufacturing fans, including the making of various parts of the fans from scratch.

The testing facilities to ensure the quality of the products manufactured was also explained in detail. There were many questions from the floor during our visit and these were explained in detail by Mr. Khoo, a director of KHIND Industries.

After the visit, we felt proud to know in detail the inside operation of one of the most successful home-grown electrical home appliances manufacturers in Malaysia and abroad.

After the factory visit, we were treated to a hearty lunch at one of the local seafood restaurants. This allowed us to further mingle with and talk to the employees of KHIND who were mostly locals.

We then returned to KHIND for a question-and-answer session. This was when we also found out that KHIND realised that protection of the environment was closely related to its long-term sustainability goals. So the factory management had adopted various green business practices to ensure sustainable development in the future.

The visit ended at 3 p.m. when Ir. Yim presented a token of appreciation from IEM to Mr. Khoo. As we were the first group of IEM engineers to visit the KHIND factory, Mr. Khoo generously presented all of us with a limited edition KHIND Flower Fan as a souvenir. This was the most memorable visit that CESIG had ever organised and we were very grateful for the hospitality and generosity shown us. ■



Ir. Dr Ng Kok Chiang thanking Mr. Khoo and his team for the support given for the visit



Group picture of IEM participants and KHIND employees