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Ir. Dr Oh Seong Por

he Institution of Engineers, Malaysia, Negeri Sembilan Branch (IEMNS), held its biennial Awards & Appreciation Dinner 2019 on 29 June, 2019, at d'Tempat Country Club, Bandar Seri Sendayan, Seremban.

The guest of honour was the Negeri Sembilan Chief Minister, Y.A.B. Dato' Seri Hj. Aminuddin bin Harun, who was accompanied by his spouse, Datin Seri Wan Hasni binti Wan Yusof. Other distinguished guests were Mr. Cha Kee Chin, MP of Rasah, Mr. Teo Kok Seong, State Exco and Assemblyman of Bahau, Ir. Ong Ching Loon, Deputy President of IEM and Dato' Seri Ir. Dr Roslan bin Md Taha, immediate Past President of Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM). Also present were Ir. Mah Siew Kien, Chairman of Women Engineer Section, IEM and Ms. Jenny Wang, Chairman of the Real Estate Housing Developers' Association (REDHA).

The 400 guests comprised IEM members, engineering consultants, contractors, partners, manufacturers, academicians and representatives of government agencies.

For the opening performance, the SMJK Chan Wa II choir (state school choir champion, 2018) sang the national anthem, Negaraku, followed by three Malay songs – Parajurit, Sinaran and Buah-buahan.

Award Recipients, From Left to Right: Ir Ong Ching Loon, Dato seri Ir. Dr Roslan bin Md Taha, Prof. Dr Zanuldin bin Ahmad, Edi Saufi bin Mohd. Darus, Y.A.B. Dato Seri Hj. Aminuddin bin Harun, Y.B. Tn Teo Kok Seong, Lim Swee Ee, Yeo Oon Tat, Ir. Dr Oh Seong Por, Dato Abdul Karim bin Mohd Tahir, Ir. Shahrin Amri bin Jahari

In his speech, IEMNS Chairman Ir. Dr Oh Seong Por thanked the Chief Minister and all the guests for their presence and contributions. He also welcomed the chairmen from other branches (Penang, Southern, Perak, Melaka and Kelantan) and paid tribute to the 7 attending past chairmen of IEMNS (1997 till 2016). Ir. Dr Oh said that since he was elected the 13th chairman in June 2018, the IEMNS committee had been busy organising technical visits, seminars and technical talks.

IEMNS had also collaborated with the IEM STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) committee to promote STEM education among school children of SMJK Chan Wa I at Temiang and SMJK Chan Wa II at Galena on 17 May and 19 June respectively. The activities, carried out over a one-year period, benefitted about 600 participants.

The theme, Engineers as Prime Movers of Industry 4.0, reflected the important role of engineers in applying digital technologies to innovate their works to produce quantum leap performances. Ir. Dr Oh reminded engineers to maintain their mental agility to unlearn and relearn digital technologies such as artificial intelligence, cloud technology, big data processing and Internet of Thing (IoT). He ended his speech with a Malay pantun and the audience responded with a big applause.

Ir. Ong Ching Loon delivered a speech on the functions of IEM and volunteering activities to support members, to



Choir of SMJK Chan Wa II

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Left to Right: Ir. Dr Oh Seong Por, Teo Meng Hui, Chin Bau Keong

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promote the engineering profession and to contribute to nation development.

In his keynote speech, Dato Seri Hj. Aminuddin bin Harun congratulated the chairman and IEMNS for hosting such a meaningful event which attracted not only the engineering fraternity but also contactors, manufacturers, academicians and government officials. He elaborated on Malaysia Vision Valley 2.0 (MVV 2.0), a state-led, private sector driven development which spans 153,411 hectares of land to create an economic impact on the country and to provide job opportunities for the surrounding communities. It is also part of Rancangan Struktur Negeri, aimed at positioning Seremban and Port Dickson as part of Greater Kuala Lumpur. Various projects such as industrial zones, housing developments, modern transportation and commercial centres have been identified. He urged engineers and



Guests at the dinner event

business leaders to grab these opportunities and to participate in MVV 2.0 projects.

He thanked IEMNS for promoting STEM education in schools and hoped more students would take up science and mathematics studies to be future engineers and technical specialists who would further drive the nation's Industry 4.0 initiatives.

The highlight of the event was the awards presentation. For the first time, the IEM council had approved the conferment of Honorary Membership on Mr. Lim Swee Ee, President of Kibing Group (M) Sdn. Bhd. and Dato' Abdul Karim bin Mohd Tahir, Director of Public Works Department Negeri Sembilan. The awards were presented by Ir. Ong Ching Loon.

Ir. Dr Oh presented the IEMNS Industry Awards 2019 to Kibing Group (M) Sdn. Bhd., IJM Land Bhd and Kualiti Alam Sdn. Bhd. for their achievements in technical and social economy developments in Negeri Sembilan. He then made a donation to SMJK Chan Wa II for its school hall building fund. The cheque was received by its Assistant Principal, Ms. Teo Meng Hui, in the presence of Mr. Chin Bau Keong, Chairman of the Parent & Teacher Association.

Guests also won lucky draw prizes which included electrical appliances and hampers while a live band sang evergreen English and Malay songs.

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IEMNS Past Chairman and Branch Chairman, From Left to Right: Ir. Ting Chek Choon, Ir. Abrizan bin Abdul Kadir, Ir. Simon Yeong Chin Chow, Ir. Hj. Baharuddin bin Ahmad Nasir, Ir. Mohd Nor bin Mohd Dros, Ir. Shahrin Amri bin Jahari, Ir. Dr Oh Seong Por, Ir. Ong Ching Loon, Y.A.B. Dato Seri Hj. Aminuddin bin Harun, Y.B. Tn Teo Kok Seong, Ir. Tiong Nga Pu, Dato Ir. Wong Chiang Choy, Ir. Hj. Jamil bin Ibrahim, Dato Seri Ir. Hj. Ahmad Husaini bin Hj. Sulaiman, Ir. Teo Ki Tuee, Ir. William Ho and Ir. Chan