

IEM 49th AGM and Annual Dinner and Awards Night 2008

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The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia's 42nd Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner on April 19, 2008 saw a huge turnout by its members from around the country. The Annual General Meeting, held at Bangunan Ingenieur, was chaired by Y. Bhg. Dato' Paduka Engr. Hj. Keizrul bin Abdullah, IEM President for the 2008/2009 session.

Besides the normal agenda for the meeting, a Staff Long Service Certificate Award was presented to IEM Secretariat staff, Loo Weng Soon, who has been with IEM for 10 years. Tokens of appreciation were also given to past Council Members and Past Presidents for their contribution to the Institution. Y. Bhg. Dato' Paduka Engr. Hj. Keizrul then delivered his 2008 Presidential Address entitled 'From Nation Builders to Nation Movers'.

In the evening, the IEM Annual Dinner was attended by approximately 680 members, spouses and guests at the Grand Selangor Ballroom, Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Subang Jaya. The support from members and guests were very encouraging indeed.

Among the invited guests who graced the occasion were Y. B. Dato' Seri Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak, Deputy Prime Minister, and his wife Y. B. Datin Seri Rosmah binti Mansor. Other guests included heads of Government departments/statutory bodies/agencies, Vice Chancellors of local institutions of higher learning and representatives of other professional bodies, institutes and commercial establishments.

The Annual Dinner began with an opening address by IEM President Y. Bhg. Dato' Paduka Engr. Hj. Keizrul and a speech by Y. B. Dato' Seri Najib. While dinner was being served, the members and guests were entertained by a talented four-piece harmonica band.

Y. Bhg. Dato' Paduka Engr. Hj. Keizrul presented the IEM Gold Medal Awards to the Best Final Year Engineering Students in local Universities and Institutions of higher learning for the year 2007/2008.

The recipients are listed as follows:

Yong Pak Cheong,
Universiti Malaya (UM)

Ahsan Nur Mubarak bin Zahari,
Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)

Aainaa Basitah binti Abd. Rani,
International Islamic University
of Malaysia (IIUM)

Noor Illifadhilah binti Samsudin,
Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)

Lim Hui Sian,
Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS)

Kamaruddin bin Othman,
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UiTM)

Yap Wei Wern, Johnathan,
Multimedia University (MMU)

Leong Shuh Onn, Terence,
Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)

Gan Yau Wai,
Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)

Kuok Pui Leng,
Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN)

Yoong Chin Lim,
Curtin University of Technology Sarawak

Lam Wei Chiet,
Swinburne University of Technology,
Sarawak Campus

Mazlan bin Paiman,
Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM)

Teoh Vil Cherd,
Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP)

Among the numerous award presentations that night, Engr. Chan Kam Leong (Figure 3) received the Tan Sri Engr. Hj. Yusoff Prize for the best technical paper contributed by a Corporate Member in the Civil Engineering discipline on "2-Cycle Moment Distribution for the Analysis of Continuous Beams and Multi storey Framed Structures". The Raja Tan Sri Engr. Zainal Prize, on the other hand, was awarded to Engr. Kee Wai Fun for the best technical paper contributed by a Graduate Member in the Chemical Engineering discipline on "Emerging Technologies in the Global Diesel Industry – Does Malaysia have a Competitive Edge?".

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Figure 1: Engr. Steven Yong receiving the Award from Y. B. Dato' Seri Najib



Figure 2: Arrival of Y. Bhg. Dato' Engr. (Dr) Abu Hassan bin Abdul Ghani, Honorary Treasurer of IEM at the AGM of IEM



Figure 3: Engr. Cham Kam Leong receiving the award



Figure 4: One of the Gold Medal Award recipient

The IEM Presidential Awards of Excellence 2007/2008 were given to five Technical Divisions for their active participation in the Institution's activities for the year 2007. The winner went to the Mechanical Engineering Technical Division, followed by the first and second runner up the Geotechnical Engineering Technical Division and the Civil and Structural Engineering Technical Division respectively.

The Most Improved Technical Division Award goes to the Oil, Gas and Mining Technical Division, while the fourth and fifth place went to the Building Services Technical Division and Electrical Engineering Technical Division.

The Most Supportive Award for graduate membership for the individual category was presented to Engr. Abdul Talib bin Din. He also received the prize on behalf of Universiti Teknikal Malaysia for the Most Supportive Award for graduate membership for the organisation category. Both Engr. Dr Gue See Sew and Engr. Chan Sai Chok received the Most Supportive Award for the individual category for corporate membership. Sepakat Setia Perunding Sdn Bhd representative Engr. Wong Wai Wah received two awards, for the Most Supportive Award for the Organisation category for corporate membership and the most active organisation in the membership drive.

Representatives from Malakoff Corporation Bhd, Habib bin Husin and Engr. Dr Phillip Tan, President of Pejanabebas, then presented a mock cheque of RM300,000 to Y. Bhg. Dato' Paduka Engr. Hj. Keizrul, who received it on behalf of IEM. In return, the IEM President presented an appreciation certificate to Malakoff Corporation Sdn. Bhd. for the donation and another certificate to Engr. Dr Tan in appreciation of Pejanabebas's support to the fundraising project and sales of the annual dinner table of the IEM. The IEM President also acknowledged the Mechanical Engineering Technical Division for their active participation in the fundraising.

For his outstanding ability and leadership qualities, Engr. Dr Law Chung Lim was conferred the IEM Young Engineers Award 2008. The highlight of the evening was the conferment of the IEM Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award to T&T Konsult Sdn Bhd for the Bukit Tagar Sanitary Landfill Project. Steven Yong received the award on behalf of the company.

Before the dinner ended, Y. Bhg. Dato' Paduka Engr. Hj. Keizrul, on behalf of IEM, presented a portrait of the Deputy Prime Minister as a token of appreciation to the latter. IEM members and guests then bid farewell with fond memories of an enjoyable evening. ■