IEM Southern Branch… in brief

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IEM Southern Branch

THE IEM Southern Branch is one of the largest IEM branches in terms of membership and is definitely among the earliest to be set up by the IEM to cater to its members who reside outside the Klang Valley.

It was officially registered with the Registrar of Societies (ROS) on 18 August 1971 with its official branch address at the Sultan Ismail Power Station, Lembaga Letrik Negara (LLN), Johor.

The Branch Committee in those early years largely consisted of member engineers from government departments such as the Public Works Department (JKR), the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID), LLN and a few from the private sector including consulting engineers.

As it is common for IEM in the early years, the branch operated without any fulltime secretariat staff and had no permanent office for many years. The "branch office" was effectively the workplace of its committee members, normally the office of the Chairman or the Honorary Secretary.

In the mid 80s, the branch, with the support of IEM headquarters, managed to raise funds to acquire a 3-storey commercial shop lot to become its permanent office. The office, located at Jalan Abiad, Johor Bahru, has been the home of the IEM Southern Branch ever since.

We have played an important role in promoting the engineering profession among our members and the society. Our membership (in 2009) stands at about 1,900 members, of which 40% consists of corporate members. The remaining 60% comprises graduate and student members. Interestingly, about 300 of our members, mostly graduate engineers, are working in Singapore.

We have been actively organising activities that benefit our members and fellow engineers. These include technical talks, seminars, charitable works, social activities and technical visits. Some of the visits have even brought us to engineering project sites and facilities in Singapore.

We maintain cordial relationships not only with the Johor state government but also with other professional bodies such as the state's Bar Council committee, the southern branch of Malaysian Association of Architects (PAM), the Institute of Surveyor Malaysia (ISM) Johor, The Institution of Engineers Singapore (IES) and the ASEAN Concrete Construction Institute, Singapore.

IEM representatives have also been appointed by the state government as *ex-officio* members in the local councils of Majlis Bandaraya Johor Bahru (MBJB) and Majlis Perbandaran Johor Bahru Tengah (MPJBT). This is testimony to the recognition of the government towards the contribution of IEM, particularly in Johor Bahru.

Our Young Engineers Section (YES) has also been very active in recent years with the involvement of the two IEM student chapters at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Skudai, and Universiti Tun Hussein Onn (UTHM), Batu Pahat.

The management of both universities have been supportive of the IEM and have been promoting IEM to its academic staff and engineering students. In the case of UTM, the present Vice-Chancellor, who is also an IEM member, has been kind enough to provide a 5-year lease-free office space within a building in its campus for IEM to promote and conduct its activities beginning the second half of 2010.

The IEM southern branch has come a long way since the 1970s. The branch will be holding its 37th Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner come June 2010. Next year, in 2011, we will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the IEM Southern Branch.

As the saying goes, life begins at 40. With the branch being 40 years "young", this largest branch of the learned professional organisation of IEM will continue to play a pivotal role in promoting the advancement of science and engineering, and to contribute for the betterment of the engineering profession particularly down south in the state of Johor.

IEM (Southern) Committee Session 2009/2010
Photo with IEM President (July 2009)

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NEW IEM MEMBERSHIP CARD

Effective from 1 January 2008, IEM has introduced a new IEM membership card for all Members. The new card had been designed to include bar code features as provision for future expansion. It is hoped that this new card would assist IEM to provide better and more efficient service to the Members.

Members who have not collected the card can submit a "scanned" passport sized photograph (softcopy) in JPEG format and e-mail to **iemphoto@gmail.com**. Kindly indicate your name, membership number and grade upon submission.

You may also contact the IEM Secretariat at 603-79684017 for an appointment for your photo to be taken.

Thank you for your co-operation.