



FEIIC Seminar on Engineering and Technology 2006

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The first Seminar on Engineering and Technology (SET) was held from the 4 – 5 September 2006 at the Palm Garden Hotel in Putrajaya. This two-day seminar was organised by the Federation of Engineering Institutions of Islamic Countries (FEIIC) and co-organised by The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM), the Faculty of Engineering, Universiti Putra Malaysia, and Universiti Kuala Lumpur. SET is part of FEIIC's effort to facilitate Islamic countries in becoming leaders in engineering and technology and for researchers to exchange knowledge and expertise for the betterment of the "ummah". This inaugural seminar also serves as a networking platform for further collaboration of personnel and organisations to generate programmes or projects at a larger scale that merit greater financial support from prospective grant providers.

The seminar was officiated by Engr. Assoc. Prof. Megat Johari bin Megat Mohd. Noor, the Secretary General of FEIIC and also the chairman of the Organising Committee. In his welcoming speech, Engr. Megat Johari stated that he hoped that the positive developments in R&D would go a long way, and the support for future series of SET would continue. The seminar was then officiated by Engr. Prof. Abang Abdullah bin Abang Ali, the President of FEIIC, who believes that nations who successfully spearhead certain

and aerospace technology.

The seminar managed to attract many technical and scientific papers in a variety of areas in engineering and technology such as aerospace, chemical, civil, communication, electrical, electronics, environmental, food, mechanical and manufacturing. About 40 papers were selected for oral presentation and 20 papers were selected for poster presentation. The participants were a balanced mix of lecturers, post graduate students and industrial researchers from Malaysia, Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and the Middle East countries. Over the course of two days the seminar was divided into eight technical sessions and one poster session. Each session was conducted efficiently such that although there were a large number of speakers, all presentations and Q&A sessions were completed within the allocated timeframes. This allowed ample time for participants to mingle and network during the lunch and coffee breaks.

The seminar was concluded at the end of the second day, where the organising committee thanked all the participants for making this inaugural seminar a success. Everyone was also invited to participate in future conferences and seminars organised by FEIIC especially the 2nd International Engineering Convention to be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 12 – 16 March 2007. ■

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