

Dear Chief Editor,

I am glad and grateful to IEM for publishing the well-written articles about travelling as shared by our successful engineer Chin Mee Poon.

May I bring to your attention that we should not just focus on travel but on many other articles that encourage and motivate our members, which supposedly number more than 16,000 now.

I understand that the nation is undergoing RMK-9, as we progress into fourth month of 2007, we need many more basic and essential guidances besides travel.

May I suggest that you start with more exciting interviews of CEO of PLC's who are our members, and seek their views on how their achievements would inspire the young, talented and aspiring students who are still seeking their professional calling.

There are other aspects like moral and ethics, as well as model behaviour that we should highlight for our general members to emulate.

Maybe we should conduct an interview or write-up on the Chairpersons of all our subcommittees. They should be representative of their subcommittee and their contributions ought to be recognised or if they fail to contribute, they should be reminded of the need to fulfill their duties.

We should consider the basic needs of younger members who have just embarked on their own road to a family life with some good family advice articles and perhaps focus on the more successful family models that we can share. I am sure we have many examples amongst IEM senior members. In addition to that, maybe we should also focus on articles about the management of money, relationships, education as well as caring for the old and needy.

Last but not least, we should feature prominent examples of Local Engineers (engineers who head the local councils' engineering departments) who are in local authorities such as DBKL, Ipoh City, MBPJ, MBSA, MJB and many others. They are the 'ambassadors' of the engineering profession and although they may not be our IEM members, it is the duty of IEM to solicit their participation as they wield great powers and responsibilities which affect our daily life.

The IEM bulletin is good but it could be much better if we cared more about technical issues. However, we should look on other perspectives as well and be practical and real; we are not just going to live our lives by numbers and figures alone. For example, why not share with other engineers tasty methods for cooking steak?

Thanks and I hope this small issue will not be too complicated for you and your great team. ■

Regards and God bless you.

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BULLETIN EDITOR'S COMMENTS

We thank you for your letter and the contents noted. Our Chief Editor has travelled widely and his idea of sharing his experience with other IEM members through his travelogue to give a lighter side of life of how a successful engineer like him is reaping the good returns of his hard work.

We agree with you that articles on the pertinent basic aspects of moral and ethics, real and practical issues facing the lives of practicing engineers in the management of work, money, family relationships, education as well as how do we manage the old aged parents will definitely make interesting read. Hence we appeal to all IEM members to contribute articles of such nature so that they could share the experience and knowledge of what they have gone through on their way up to become the Chieftains, Leaders and Stewards of their organisation or agencies.

Next month's theme is on the 9MP and we hope that members who have insights to the workings of the plan to contribute articles of what are the highlights and how engineers could get involved and contribute towards its success.

By the way, the traditional change of guard in the IEM is due in April every year. Maybe you could nominate your goodself and any other members to take up the posts for the good of IEM. As for interviews with the top guns, we will discuss how to go about it as we prod along and maybe prompt the new team which will be taking over.