

NEWS FROM IEM TERRENGGANU - KERTEH BRANCH

# Kerteh Chapter Leads Engineering Companies to Help the Poor for the Second Time

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**THE** Institution of Engineers Terengganu, Kerteh Chapter (IEM Kerteh), together with Toyo Engineering and Construction Sdn Bhd (Toyo Malaysia) and the support of engineering companies involved in the oil, gas and petrochemical industries, successfully completed another charity event to giveaway shoes, bags and writing instruments to poor primary school children in Kemaman, Terengganu on 9 November 2008.

IEM Kerteh Chapter and Toyo Malaysia first got together to organise the inaugural event back in November 2007. At that time, the ceremony was held in Sekolah Kebangsaan Kerteh, where about 280 selected primary schoolchildren received their new shoes and bags. These children came from families who earned less than RM400 per month and their

names were provided by the Education Office in Kemaman.

A portion of the funds collected in 2007 was also used to help the Children Centre in Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur. This shelter looks after poor children in that area who would otherwise be on the streets. The parents of many of these children are drug dependants or have other social problems.

The response this year was overwhelming. The collection went beyond our expectation as a total of RM38,395 was collected from 21 organisations and individuals.

The ceremony at Sekolah Kebangsaan Sri Geliga Cukai Kemaman started at 10.00 a.m. This year, more than 300 children from 13 schools were selected to receive these gifts. The ceremony was once again graced by the



Y. Bhg. Dato' Ahmad Shabery arriving



Engr. Ali Shastry from IEM Kerteh Chapter delivering the welcoming address



Y. Bhg. Dato' Ahmad Shabery giving his speech



Engr. Rashid from Toyo delivering his speech

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## REPORT



*Smiling faces receiving school bags*



*Y. Bg. Dato' Shabery Cheek and Engr. Rashid helping the children with their new bags*



*Entertainment from the young ladies*



*The presentation of token of appreciation to the donors*

honourable Dato' Ahmad Shabery Cheek, the Information Minister and also the MP for Kemaman, Y.B. Engr. Rosli bin Othman, State Assemblyman of Kemasik Mahzan Hamzah, representative of the Education Department of Kemaman Tuan Hj. Omor bin Draman, Headmaster of SK Seri Geliga, Engr. Yong Hee Leong, Vice Chairman of IEM and Engr. Wan Sabri Wan Ahmad, representing the IEM Terengganu branch chairman.

The event started with a welcoming speech from Engr. Ali Shastry from IEM Kerteh and Engr. Rashid from Toyo Malaysia. It was then followed by a speech from Y. B. Dato' Ahmad Shabery. The Information Minister congratulated IEM Kerteh and Toyo Malaysia for their noble efforts for the second year running. In addition to the ongoing effort, he also requested for IEM Kerteh and Toyo Malaysia to consider long term programs such as providing tuition classes by engineers who live in Kemaman or providing scholarships to students who excel in their studies. He said that engineers and other professionals can provide another perspective to learning that emphasise the practical applications of science, mathematics, geography, *etc.* He also encouraged the schoolchildren to study hard and become professionals in various fields in the future.

The event proceeded with the presentation of the school bags and shoes. It was an emotional sight watching these children walking on stage to receive their gifts. They wasted no time in trying out their new shoes and bags.

One of the school teachers mentioned that due to the severe monsoon in this area, the parents of these children, who are mainly fishermen and farmers, do not have regular



*Group photo of IEM Kerteh Chapter Committee Members and the Honourable Minister*

monthly income. Therefore, the schools in this area welcome any form of assistance that can help reduce the burden of these parents. As a teacher, he hoped the children, with proper education, will be able to have a better life in the future.

The students entertained us with several performances. They performed chorals, and speaking in English and Arabic. The event ended with the presentation of tokens of appreciation from IEM Kerteh and Toyo Malaysia to the generous donors and also to the guest of honour.

During lunch, Dato' Ahmad Shabery mentioned that he would really like to see further collaboration between his office and the IEM which will enable more children to excel in their studies and make them realise the importance of knowledge and the ability to converse properly in English, especially in this globalised and shrinking world.

May the Almighty bless us with health and resources to continue with this act of giving for many more years to come. ■



ANNOUNCEMENT

NOMINATION PAPERS FOR COUNCIL ELECTION SESSION 2010/2011

1st Announcement

Notice inviting nominations for the Election of Council Members for Session 2010/2011 will be posted at the IEM Notice Board and on the IEM website (www.iem.org.my) on **15 December 2009** for the information of all Corporate Members.

Following the close of nominations on **28 January 2010**, the election exercise will proceed. All Corporate Members residing overseas are requested to take note of the requirements of Bylaw Section 5.11: -

**“The voting paper shall not less than twenty-eight (28) clear day before the date of the Annual General Meeting be sent by post to all Corporate Members residing in Malaysia and to any other Corporate Members who may in writing request to have the paper forwarded to him. The voting paper shall be returned to the Honorary Secretary in a sealed envelope so as to reach him by a specified date not less than seven (7) days before the Annual General Meeting”.**

It is expected to send out the voting papers by/before **4 March 2010**. In compliance with the requirements of Bylaw Clause 5.11 above, voting papers will be sent by post to all Corporate Members residing in Malaysia.

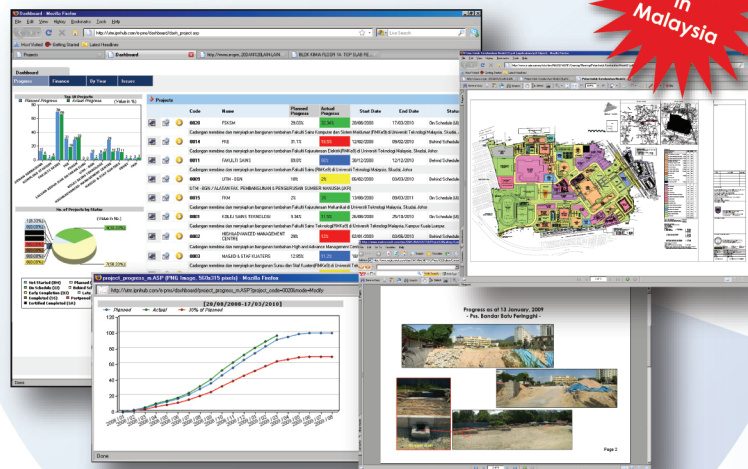
All Corporate Members residing outside Malaysia, who wish to receive nomination papers, are advised to write to the Honorary Secretary on or before **1 March 2010**.

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