



IEM won the bid for APCChE Congress 2021

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IEM is one of the country members of Asia Pacific Confederation of Chemical Engineering (APCChE). The main activity of this organization is the APCChE congress, which is held in different member countries biannually. IEM had the privilege to host the APCChE congress in 1990 and 2006. The Chemical Engineering Technical Division (CETD) as well as IEM as a whole, feel that it is time to host the APCChE congress again.

With the support from Malaysia Convention & Exhibition Bureau (MyCEB), IEM sent a team of three, consisting of the committee members of the Chemical Engineering Technical Division to the APCChE Board Meeting held at Hong Kong in last August. The board meeting was tentatively scheduled on 23 Aug 2017, i.e. a day before the start of the APCChE Congress 2017 at the Hong Kong Convention Centre. However, due to Hito typhoon that hit Hong Kong on the midnight of 22 Aug 2017, the APCChE Board Meeting was postponed to the following day, i.e. 24 Aug 2017. Many attendees representing various APCChE country members, include those from IEM had to reschedule their trips, as many flights to Hong Kong were cancelled due to the typhoon.

During the Board Meeting on 24 Aug 2017, two organizations were invited to present their proposal to host APCChE Congress 2021, i.e. IEM and another APCChE country member. After the proposal presentation, the APCChE Board made a decision to award the hosting of APCChE Congress 2021 to IEM, which means that the APCChE conference will return to Kuala Lumpur after 15 years. IEM delegates feel that the success of the bid was due to factors such as strategic location, professional proposal (with organizing and technical committees, identified hotel candidates, and expected income and expenditure), as well as strong support from government agency, i.e. MyCEB. These factors have enabled IEM in winning the bid from the competitor.



Representatives from IEM to APCCChE Board Meeting (from left): Ir Razmahwata bin Mohamad Razalli, Ir Thayananthan Balakrishnan, Ir Prof Dr Dominic C. Y. Foo



Photo for APCCChE Board Meeting at Hong Kong