

**PMTD Outreaching Cambodia**

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On 29 April – 2 May 2018, Project Management Technical Division (PMTD) has carried out the Public Outreach Programme in Cambodia involving 7 committees of PMTD. This 4-day programme was a tremendous success encompassing working visits, meetings and roundtable discussions with a few bodies in Phnom Penh. These include the visits to Board of Engineers Cambodia (BEC) and Regional Flood Management and Mitigation Centre (RFMMC) to discuss about potential collaborations between Malaysia and Cambodia. At RFMMC, the representative from the Mekong River Commission (MRC) also explained about sustainable development, utilisation, management and conservation of the water and related resources of the Mekong River Basin.

PMTD chairman, deputy chairman and secretary were also invited to deliver public talks on the theme “4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution: The Way Forward for Engineering Professions” to the Bachelor of Civil Engineering students and academic staff of Zaman University, Phnom Penh. Future collaborations in terms of sending Zaman University students to do industrial trainings in Malaysia were also discussed during the meeting with their academic staffs. On the same day, a courtesy visit to the Malaysian Embassy Office in Phnom Penh was also hold, where various opportunities for Malaysian engineers to venture into Cambodian industries were deliberated.

The main purpose of this Public Outreach Programme is to initiate international visit by PMTD to disadvantaged countries in providing assistance in various forms including monetary and knowledge-transfer. This includes the delivery of 1 hand pump well to the rural poor of Khmer at Kampung Cham, Cambodia, which is urgently needed in many rural areas in Cambodia due to lack of access to clean drinking water. A courtesy visit to Muslim Rasyidy Cambodian Association, a non-government organisation (NGO) that delivers welfare and social services to the urban and rural poors of Cambodian was also paid in observing the efforts done in empowering the Cambodian community.

PMTD committees also spent a half-day to teach some basic English words to the Khmer school children at Madrasah Al-Ghufran, a school funded via donations by the public dedicated to orphanages and poor children. The outcomes of this Public Outreach Programme in terms of discussion output as well as provision of public services and infrastructure are undeniably recognised as the proof of IEM serving the needs and interests of the members of the public via the honourable engineering practice, professional etiquette as well as standing image of the engineering profession. It is hoped that such Public Outreach Programme should be continued to fulfill IEM’s missions in contributing towards the societal building and striving to enhance society’s consciousness of science and technology.



Round table discussion with Board of Engineers Cambodia (BEC), where they expressed their amazement on the various recognitions received by engineering profession in Malaysia with the supports of the government



Handing-over of 1 hand pump well to the rural poor of Khmer at Kampung Cham, Cambodia



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