

IEM INKS MoU WITH IPOH CITY COUNCIL

The Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM) and Ipoh City Council signed a memorandum of understanding on 30th December 2013 to boost the role of engineering expertise in the development of the city.

The MoU, signed between IEM President Ir. Choo Kok Beng and Ipoh Mayor Datuk Roshidi Hashim, will see the engineers' body providing expertise and advice to the city council's technical departments through training seminars and international conferences.

IEM President in his speech stated that IEM's efforts would focus on areas that were linked to engineering. "IEM will help the council plan future development projects as well as ensure that the appropriate health and safety measures are constantly adhered to. This would be achieved by placing an added onus on maintenance, especially among council technical staff and IEM members", he stated.



The President cited a previous example of the IEM's collaboration with the Petaling Jaya Municipal Council (MBPJ), where IEM members actively identified areas where engineering issues could be improved on.

"IEM members can act as the eyes and ears of the council by identifying structures that are poorly maintained or pose health hazards, such as stagnant pools in construction sites, which serve as breeding grounds for Aedes mosquitoes. This cooperation between the IEM and the council will create a formal linkage that will make it easier for both organisations to share information with each other", he stated.

Welcoming the signing of the MoU, the Ipoh Mayor said IEM's expertise would have a positive impact on the city's future development projects. "The presence and support of IEM will help promote Ipoh as a major convention hub among the international audience," he stated further.

Also present to witness the Signing Ceremony were Ipoh Council Secretary, Dato' Hj. Abdul Rahim b. Md Ariff; ASEAN Academy of Engineering & Technology President Dato' Ir. Hong Lee Pee; Head of the Engineering Department of MBI Tuan Ir. Hj Badrul Kamaruddin; Ipoh City Councillors and representatives from IEM Headquarters and IEM Perak Branch.