

## IEM Vice President Ir. Choo Kok Beng Receives the ASEAN Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award 2010



**IEM** Vice President and AER Head Commissioner Ir. Choo Kok Beng was recently awarded the ASEAN OUTSTANDING ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2010 at the 28th Conference of the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations (CAFE028) in Hanoi, Vietnam.

The award was given in recognition of Ir. Choo's role as the prime mover of the mobility of Engineering Services since 1998 when he founded the ASEAN Engineers Register (AER). He has, in the past, served the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations as its Secretary-General and Head Commissioner of the AER. In 2010, he was reappointed the AER Head Commissioner to revitalise the mobility of engineers and engineering technologists within ASEAN.

Through his visionary work, Ir. Choo has helped IEM enhance and strengthen its relationship with other engineering organisations within the ASEAN Engineers framework. The goodwill, understanding, cooperation and exchange of experiences and concepts within the engineering fraternity of the ASEAN economies have soared to new heights. Ir. Choo has provided his full commitment in making the ASEAN Engineering Register a platform to create awareness on the contributions of engineers in nation-building on the international stage.

A steadfast proponent for the enhancement and development of regional engineering education and training, Ir. Choo has actively pushed forward bilateral cooperation between IEM and other professional bodies in the ASEAN Region to expand the quality of the training courses, the exchange of new technologies and the enhancement of capacity building of the ASEAN engineers.

Ir. Choo is also a firm promoter of enhancing entrepreneurial skills amongst engineers. Through the IEM Business Club, an initiative under the Standing Committee on Corporate

Affairs of which he is currently the Chairman, IEM members will be able to explore business potentials within the country and in neighbouring economies. In his capacity as the AER Head Commissioner, Ir. Choo has paved the way for engineers to explore, expand and build up business networking opportunities within the ASEAN region through trade visits and business dialogues with potential foreign business partners at overseas conferences, meetings and symposiums.

Ir. Choo is the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Corporate and International Affairs for the 2004/2006 and 2010/2012 sessions. He has been actively involved in the institution since 1984 and has held several important posts including Honorary Secretary (1997-1999) and Honorary Treasurer (1996-1997). He is slated to become the next Deputy President of IEM in the forthcoming session after winning the Council Elections for the Deputy President post for 2011-2012.

Ir. Choo is a Fellow of the Technological Association of Malaysia (TAM), Engineers Australia, Hon. Fellow of AFEO, Founding Fellow and Secretary-General of the Asean Academy of Engineering and Technology (AAET), a registered Professional Engineer in Malaysia, APEC, the International Engineers Register and a Chartered Engineer in Australia.

In recognition of his outstanding services, Ir. Choo was awarded the Outstanding Service Award from the Minister of Works of Malaysia for his contribution towards the engineering profession to the Board of Engineers, Malaysia (BEM) in 2001. He received the 1st Class Friendship Medal from the Royal Cambodian Government in 2002, and in January this year, together with the IEM President Dato' Ir. Prof. Dr Chuah Hean Teik, Ir. Choo was awarded the Honorary Membership of the Myanmar Engineering Society in a ceremony held in Yangon, Myanmar. ■