Meet the G&S Committee

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The new team of G&S Committees for session 2005/2006 was officially installed during the G&S AGM held on the 2 July 2005 with the new,more vibrant theme of "*Engineering the Engineer*". So, what are this bunch of young, energetic engineers trying to engineer? Please check it out!

This session represent one of the largest G&S committee ever assembled and comprises both experienced and new faces. Overall, the G&S consists of six portfolios, i.e. ***Professional Development; Social & Community; External Affairs; Student Affairs; Publicity and GS Dot Com*** .

Sdr. Noor Iziddin (General Member) is the captain for the ***Professional Development Portfolio***, ably assisted by ***Sdr. Rashid Saharuddin (Co-opted Member)*** and ***Dr Aravinthan (Co-opted Member)***. Their duties would be to organise courses/ seminars/talks related to engineering and soft-skills. This year, emphasis would be on soft-skills courses such as public speaking, financial management, personal development, technical writing and others to help in the development of young engineers into 'all-rounder' professionals.

Social and Community, the caring portfolio is under the care of ***Sdr. H. Wee Leong (General Member), Sdr. Leonard Yeoh (Co-opted Member)*** and ***Sdr. Tan Yeng Hooi (Co-opted Member)***. The portfolio strives to provide a platform for members to network and socialise with engineers and other professionals through social and sporting activities,by regularly organising activities such as bowling, futsal and gatherings for all G&S members. They also have a mission to contribute towards community services and helping the under-privileged by leveraging on us – the young engineers' technical skills. Organising activities for orphanage homes and taking up repair projects to improve the living condition of the homes would just be some of the community activities planned.

Sdr. Ngeow Yen Wan (General Member) and ***Sdr. Lim Terk Yiang (Co-opted Member)*** are in charge of the ***External Affairs Portfolio*** (a.k.a Foreign Ministry). External Affairs' objectives are to reach out to G&S sections of IEM branches and young engineers abroad at regional and international level; whilst establishing good contacts with other professional bodies, and non-governmental organisations. This session, the portfolio is entrusted to "go all out" in establishing and reviving the G&S section in all IEM branches nationwide.

Student Affairs Portfolio is lead by ***Sdr. Ivan Tan (General Member)*** and supported by the ever enthusiastic committee members ***Sdr. Alex Tan (Co-opted Member), Sdri. Heah Hooi Kiang (Co-opted Member), Sdri. Hareiny Hilmy (Co-opted Member),*** and ***Sdr. Ong Kee Keat (Co-opted Member)***. The portfolio with the biggest team also has the biggest goals of reaching out to all engineering undergraduates in Malaysia and to encourage engineering undergraduates to gain exposure through technical and soft skills development before entering into engineering careers. To date, our road-shows have encompassed UIA, UTM, UM & MMU and more would follow!

Our ***Publicity Portfolio***, i.e. marketing and branding team are led by ***Sdr. Kok Yen Kwan (General Member)*** and ***Sdr. Wong Chee Fui (Co-opted Member)***. The portfolio would be responsible for promotional materials and articulate information about G&S by publishing articles through media such as the Buletin JURUTERA and G&S Annual. Apart from these, organising road-shows to companies to continuously promote G&S and IEM to young engineers would also fall under the care of this portfolio.

The 6th Portfolio of G&S is the ***GS Dot Com Portfolio***. Our web-marshals are ***Sdr. Karthigesu A/L Muniyandi (General Member)*** and ***Sdr. Wilson Lai (Co-opted Member)***. Primarily, GS Dot Com is our voice in the borderless virtual space, creating awareness and promoting G&S, creating a platform for engineers to interact and exchange ideas using the Internet. You would have receive lots of announcement about G&S activities lately? It showed the dynamism of GS Dot Com.

Last but not least, lets welcome our top management team for the ***Session 2005/2006 – Sdr. Suresh Yegambaram (Chairman)***, who is ably supported by the multi-talented ***Sdr. Yau Chau Fong (Vice Chairman I), Sdr.Chong Chien Jin (Vice Chairman II)*** and ***Sdr. Cheng Wei Loon (Honorary Secretary/Treasurer)***. With the leadership of four such experienced G&S members well-supported by a strong committee team,we at the G&S would hope to achieve far more, gain more experience while providing the platform for all young, aspiring engineers to achieve their dreams.

Since the new board were installed in July 2005, we have successfully recruited more than 20 new, enthusiastic volunteers to help us achieve our goals and objectives for the session. Hopefully, there are lots more keen and passionate G&S members out there who share our dreams and we look forward to welcoming everyone to our big family.

Lastly,we would like to congratulate our star performers for the month of October – ***Sdr. Karthigesu A/L Muniyandi*** who was the ***Best Committee Member*** and the new but energetic member, ***Sdr. Tan Koon Wee***, who was the ***Best Volunteer*** for the month. ■

Graduate and Student Section News & Events Update – September and October

3 September 2005

Talk on Financial Independence

A huge turnout of about 120 participants (The biggest so far in a G&S organised talk). A great talk by the self-volunteering and financially independent engineer – Ir. P. Y. Wong who gives invaluable thoughts and advices on how to enhance self-worth, develop good and sound financial planning. Coming up next would be a 10-week course on Personal Development by Ir. P. Y. Wong. Look out for our publicity flyers soon or contact us at iemgs@yahoo.com.

16 September 2005

G&S Bowling Friendly II

Yes, this is the 2nd series for this session. This time, it's a jointly organised event with our very own Student Representative Council (SRC) of the UPM. A big turnout of 2 participants from Road Builders, UPM students, G&S members at the Mines Bowling Centre. Look out for the 3rd series, feel free to contact Sdr. Ho W. L. (012-3177338, hwlong2809@yahoo.co.uk).

17 September 2005

IEM Southern Branch Membership Drive

Membership Drive event held exclusively for UTM, KUiTTHO Students & Graduate Members in the Southern Branch. Prior to that, a formation of the Graduate Section was also the highlight of the event. For those who are interested to be part of the G&S Southern Branch volunteering team, feel free to contact Sdr. K. K. (017-7758882, wkkongpteliti@gmail.com).

3 October 2005

Perdana Discourse Series

The G&S Committees attended the Perdana Discourse Series on "Education" at the Perdana Leadership Foundation, Putrajaya. The keynote speaker was the former Prime Minister, Y. A. Bhg. Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad. The participants were engaged in a brainstorming session on issues related to Education. This is a good platform for young engineers to interact and exchange ideas with professional from other fields on issues related to the country.

G&S committees with Y. A. Bhg. Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad

Participants at the entrance to the Dewan Rakyat

6th October 2005

G&S Visit to Parliament

The G&S members attended the Dewan Rakyat proceeding at the Parliament. The members were briefed and witnessed the protocol in the Dewan Rakyat.

We also have the opportunity to witness the Q&A and debate session among the Members of Parliament during the morning sitting-in session.

7 & 8 October 2005

2-days Course on 'Understanding Construction Contract'

The "Understanding Construction Contract" course held at Menara PKNS was an overwhelmingly success. Ten lectures were delivered over two days by Ir. Oon Chee Kheng, covering various aspect of construction contract i.e. contract formation, implementation, etc.

The course has created awareness and appreciation among the participants on the relevant general principles of construction law and the provisions of the forms of standard construction contracts in use in this country.

Ir Oon Chee Kheng delivering his lecture

Record-breaking attendance of 265 participants at the course