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Let Us All Make It Happen...

by Ir. Tey Choo Yew, Calvin,

BY the time this edition of JURUTERA is published, it will already be a brand new year – 2011! After months of teasers of what is to come, 2011 would be the year we set the ball rolling, transforming Malaysia into a high-income economy. If all goes well, Malaysia's gross national income (GNI) will increase from USD6,700 in 2009 to USD15,000 by 2020. Of course, I am talking about the latest buzzwords in Malaysia (which comes with a host of jargons) – ETP, GTP, NEM, NKEA, NKRA. What does it all mean to us engineers in the year ahead?

We engineers could not be left out of the fun, so this means it will be an exciting 2011! In fact, most of the National Key Economic Areas (NKEA) are related to engineering. The focus on infrastructure developments such as the MRT, oil and gas hubs, strategic redevelopment of the Greater Kuala Lumpur, communications infrastructure, renewable energy, etc., will require massive contribution from engineers be it at the study, design, build, operate or maintenance stages. Our innovative, practical and sound engineering knowledge would play a pivotal role in ensuring speedy and high-quality delivery of the many projects in the pipeline.

The new economic model demands a pool of highly-skilled knowledge workers (this means engineers too!). Engineers need to continuously upgrade their technical knowledge and soft skills to meet the challenges of the new economy. This means keeping ourselves informed of the latest technology, developments and current issues through participation in, say, Continuous Professional Development Programs (CPD).

Indeed, 2011 is more of a continuation of our journey as engineers, playing our part in nation building. Let us all play our part as engineers in building a better Malaysia for a better tomorrow! Let us all make it happen... Happy New Year and have a great year ahead! ■

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Effective from **1 August 2010**, defaulting members in arrears of subscription will be considered as suspended members with all benefits removed. Consequently, these members will not be allowed to attend free talks and will be charged the non-member's fee at the entrance. They will also not be entitled to register for visits/courses/seminars/conferences and any paid event of the IEM at members' registration fee.

To avoid this, all IEM members are advised to settle their annual subscription on time and the dateline for payment each year is on **31 January**.

Thank you.

By the Executive Committee of the IEM Council