

Recognising Excellence



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Dear Readers,

A successful organisation depends very much on the willingness of members to work as a team. This spirit will be reflected in every venture and occasion held by the organisation. For members with different professional background to have a common understanding, appreciation and the unity of thought is in itself a challenge. Everyone would like to contribute in his or her own way, which unfortunately could not happen all the time especially in team effort. A football team comprising good individual players does not make a champion if the players do not click with each other.

In order to inculcate and nurture this team spirit among members, the organisation will need to create a good platform for the members to channel their views. The leadership would then take heed of these views, giving appropriate attention whenever necessary.

Although this famous saying 'ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country' is inspiring, the reality is that many people would expect the country or, in our case, the organisation to take care of its members. It is, therefore, heartening to note that the IEM President has outlined the need to look at certain requirements and regulations affecting practicing engineers as part of his goals.

Together with continuing education, better clarity would enable more engineers to have a better career path. The intention to respond immediately to engineering related issues especially in this country is a step in the right direction to ensure that the public is better informed and also to make the IEM a leading learned society. When these goals are achieved, it is hoped the engineers, especially members of IEM, will once again stand proud and be the first among equal in our society due to their excellence.

JURUTERA, being one of the easily accessible communication channels between the leadership and members of the IEM, will surely provide the required support to turn this vision into reality and accomplish the mission by promoting tools in the form of knowledge, information, motivation and even inspiration. ■

Together We Excel!

Warm Regards,

The Editor

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Thank you.

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