

Young Engineers ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations (YEAFO) 2010 Report

IEM-YES

YOUNG Engineers ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations (YEAFO) 2010 was held from 30 November to 2 December 2010 at Meliã Hotel in Hanoi, Vietnam, in conjunction with the 28th Conference on ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations (CAFEO).



Figure 1: YES performing at the welcoming dinner

We were cordially invited by the Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Association (VUSTA), the host country, to represent young Malaysian engineers to gather and meet other leaders of young engineers from ASEAN countries to address the theme *“Engineering and Technology for a better quality of life in response to climate change challenges”*.

IEM-YES sent 13 delegates including three students to attend the event, led by the Chairman of the Young Engineers Section, Engr. Shuhairy Norhisham. The purpose of the students' involvement in the program is for them to receive more exposure to the various engineering organisations and gain some knowledge through the seminars and technical visits.



Figure 2: YES Chairman presenting the country report

We reached Hanoi on 30 November 2010 to set up IEM's booth to promote IEM and the activities of IEM-YES. At the welcoming dinner, the President of VUSTA gave a welcoming speech to kick-off the ceremony. The dinner was



by Engr. Lee Cheng Pay and
Sdr. Chong Chin Hooi



Figure 3: Hand-in-hand collaboration by YEAFO leaders

a platform for engineers from various countries to get to know each other before the conference commenced. This was important to ensure all meetings could run through smoothly.

On the first day of the conference, representatives from each ASEAN country presented their country report during the CAFE0 meeting in the morning. In the afternoon, the YEAFO board meeting was conducted and chaired by the Chairman of the Young Engineers Section of VUSTA. Representatives from the Young Engineers Section of each respective country's engineering associations presented their country report. Several issues were discussed during the YAFEO meeting such as the collaboration of activities between the various countries, internship collaboration and communication within the ASEAN Young Engineer.



Figure 4: Young engineers having fun during the technical visit



Figure 5: Performing at the closing dinner in traditional costumes



Figure 6: YES members as sailormen in Halong Bay

The next day, we were invited for a technical visit to the Hanoi Museum and Convention Center Complex. The Hanoi Museum is a new museum shaped like an inverted pyramid and was inaugurated on the first Wednesday of November as part of the millennial celebrations at the Vietnamese capital. Occupying an area of 30,000m², the museum boasts of many exhibits displaying the history of Hanoi and reconstructed traditional Vietnamese villages upon entering the museum's compound.

The National Convention Center (NCC) is located within a park landscape, which integrates thematic and symbolic references to the Vietnamese culture and tradition. In front of the NCC, to the south, is a multifunctional urban area known as the "Fountain Square". This square is intended for festivities and public occasions. The squares are flanked to the east and west by a sea of flags and two calm pools of water. The expressive undulating roof of the NCC accompanies the visitors on their way into the foyer. It rises to an even greater height above the large congress hall, thus making the NCC a distinctive landmark in Hanoi.

The farewell dinner was held at the Meliã Hotel on the last day of the CAFE. The delegates from each country performed traditional songs and dances during the night. We were proud to present "Cuti-Cuti Malaysia" and "1 Malaysia" to the other delegates. This was the most enjoyable night throughout the trip.

After the event, we took the opportunity to visit one of the most beautiful places in Vietnam, Ha Long Bay. The bay features thousands of limestone karsts and isles in various sizes and shapes. Our visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site was truly unforgettable.

This conference has provided a good platform for engineers to exchange skills and knowledge towards creating a better quality of life. This year, the 29th CAFE 2011 with the theme on "engineering challenges and opportunities" will be held at The Rizquan International Hotel, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam from 27 November to 30 November 2011 and we hope to meet our friends from ASEAN again. ■



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