

## Hiking trip to Sungai Chilling

HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING TECHNICAL DIVISION



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**THE** first hiking trip organised by the HTETD was attended by 31 participants. Some of the participants were as young as four years old while others were past their retirement age. A group of IEM members and friends gathered at Wisma IEM in the early morning of 27 February 2011. From there, they met up with another group in Rawang. A convoy of six cars then headed toward Fraser's Hill, passing by the imposing Sungai Selangor Dam along the way.

Sungai Chilling is a fish sanctuary for the masheer or kelah. It is about 200m away from the scenic Sg. Selangor reservoir. Just as we parked our cars, the two shutterbugs among us started to click away. After a brief group photo session at the entrance, we took a short walk to the park office to register.

After making payment for the park permit, the participants gathered into groups of four to take turns walking across a suspension bridge. There were a total of six river crossings, the first was by means of a suspension bridge. The remainder five crossings had to be made by wading across the river. The trail initially took us across an open grassland. The path was wet with small streams of running water. After 15 minutes of walking, the trail ran along the bank of the river with a lush tree canopy overhead.



Pitcher plant along the trail




Wading across the river



Never too young to start hiking




At the park's entrance






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The first river crossing



Shutterbugs clicking away



Going over an obstacle



Another river crossing



HTETD Chairman taking a plunge in the water

At the second river crossing, we waded through knee-deep water. Forming a human chain, we assisted the kids to cross the river. About 45 minutes later and after four more similar river crossings, we arrived at the waterfall area. Although the hike was tiring, the sight of the waterfall made the journey well worth the effort. We were in a pristine rest area with a stunning view of water gushing down from two different levels. A guide led our two budding photographers to higher ground for even more scenic shots.

After an hour of enjoying the water and food that we had brought along, it was time to pack up and head back, albeit reluctantly. Once we reached the park office, some headed to the changing room while others took another dip at the nearby river. Overall, it was a fun-filled morning, a time for family bonding and for making new friends. Hopefully, there will be more hiking trips like this in the near future. ■

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Thank you.

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Election Officer, IEM

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