47th IEM Annual Dinner and Awards Night (Theme: An Evening with IEM)

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The night was young and engineers congregated at the Palace of the Golden Horses Grand Ballroom to celebrate IEM's 47th Annual Dinner. This year's theme was "An Evening with IEM". The opening gambit was an exciting mix of Malay, Chinese and Indian drums and kompang performance. The troupe played instantly recognisable evergreen tunes from bygone era of all three main ethnic races in Malaysia and capped off with an enthusiastic greeting of "WELCOME TO IEM!". This was followed by a psychadelic neon-tinged dance performance where the attractive skin-tight, leotard-wearing dancers waved glow-in-the-dark hair extensions as part of the dance. The performance had everyone agape and enthralled.

The Guest of Honour this year was the Deputy Minister of Works, Y. B. Dato' Ir. Mohd. Zin bin Mohamed.

The atmosphere this year was very down-to-earth and relaxed. A humourous Q&A quiz, which had every table participating in pairs, had everyone in stiches, with the entertaining emcee being a particular highlight.

Notable awards for the evening included a posthumous conferment of Honorary Fellow Award 2006 to the late

Ir. C. H. Teoh, which was accepted by his son and the conferment of the Award for Contribution to the Engineering Profession in Malaysia 2006 to Academician Dato' Ir. Lee Yee Cheong. Other IEM awards given were the IEM Young Engineers Award 2006 to Ir. Dr Luqman Chuah bin Abdullah and Ir. Dr Goh Swee Por in the Academic and Industrial category respectively and the IEM Lady Engineer Award 2006 to Ir. Ong Kok Hong. ■