ENGINEERING INTERACTIVE GATHERING 2006 (EIG 2006)

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Photo 1: Participants of EIG

16 and 17 September 2006 marked a very important event in IEM G&S's history. Organised by The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia, Membership Drive (IEMMD), University Malaya and co-organised by IEM G&S, the very first Engineering Interactive Gathering (EIG) finally unfolded after 2 months of preparations. The EIG event was held at Selesa Resort, Bukit Tinggi. It played host to more than 120 young engineers and undergraduates from various universities and colleges from as far as Penang, Johor and Pahang. Student participants from KUKTEM, KUiTTHO, USM, UM, INTI, UNITEN, UIA, TARC, and graduate engineers have made a concerted effort to attend this festive gathering.

Photo 2: Group activity

16 September 2006, Saturday

Participants were given free EIG shirts upon registration at 10:00a.m. At 10:30 a.m. the activities started with station games, whereby the participants (in groups) had to complete their tasks in stations before collecting the souvenirs at each station. The souvenirs included the EIG booklet, which contained the details of engineering society of the student participants' universities, pens, files and miscellaneous tokens.

After the station games, participants were introduced to the sharing sessions. This was a session where engineers could share their working experiences with student participants. It was conducted as a forum where the engineers answered the questions posted by the students.

Photo 3: Group games

After the sharing session, another game was introduced. This game is known as "Force Balance ". The game required participants to have a keen sense of balance and cooperation. The game is played by choosing four participants from each group and having the participants lie on the laps of an adjacent player without the use of chairs. This amusing and involving game evoked cheers and laughter from the crowd. Two groups who lasted the longest proceeded to the final whereby Group "Emily" (Engr. Yau Chau Fong's group) managed to prevail.

Photo 4: "Team Building" talk by Mr. Rizal Hassan

This was followed by an IEM G&S Membership Drive and the introduction to IEM G&S conducted by IEM G&S Chairman, Engr. Yau Chau Fong and Engr. Ivan Tan Chee Yen.

The fun activities made time swiftly pass by and soon, it was the time for the opening ceremony. Participants were all dressed in EIG shirts. At 6:30 p.m., EIG was officially inaugurated by the IEM G&S Chairman, Engr. Yau Chau Fong. Invited guests were Mr. Lai Yau Kuan, the president of the Engineering Society of UM (ESUM)and four other exco members of ESUM.T he ceremony proceeded with an impressive multimedia presentation. Guests were then invited for dinner with the other participants.

Later in the night,participants were treated to a "Team Building" talk by Mr. Rizal Hassan who is a learning facilitator. It was an enlightening talk which had the unique introduction of involving participants in a dance. At the end of the talk,participants were invited to sing their hearts out. Everybody enjoyed themselves and heartily went back to their respective apartments after the talk at 12:00 midnight.

Photo 5: EIG group photo

17 September 2006, Sunday

Another new day beckoned. It began with breakfast at the coffee house, followed by a talk given by Mr. Rohijas, who is a UEM's Group Quality Manager and an active toastmaster member. He gave a talk on the topic of Public Speaking. The participants learnt to utilise their presentation skills and how to enhance their communication skill.

Finally, at 11 a.m., it was the closing ceremony. Representatives from every university had the chance to share their opinions and views on EIG (similar to a feedback session). This was followed by a photography session. Everyone got the chance to snap photographs with the engineers who were seated at front row. Participants were called according to the universities. All were busy getting autographs and contact numbers and were reluctant to leave at the end of the event. At 1:00p.m., we all bade farewell to Selesa Resort and departed for home.

It was indeed a fun gathering ever had and achieved the aim of "To Learn and To Have Fun!". We had very good response from the participants at EIG, and we will be looking forward to EIG 2007.