IEM Miri Branch Annual Dinner 2006

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A group photo with all our invited guests (seated from row) with members of the G&S Committee, IEM Miri Branch

The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM) Miri Branch Annual Dinner 2006 was held on 4 November 2006. This annual event which was venued at the Imperial Grand Ballroom, Imperial Hotel, Miri, was jointly organised by the Executive Committee together with the Graduate and Student (G&S) ommittee.

The Guest of Honour (GOH) who graced this auspicious occasion was our Patron, YB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Dr George Chan Hong Nam, Deputy Chief Minister of Sarawak and Minister of Modernisation of Agriculture cum Minister of Industrial Development (deputised by YB Lee Kim Shin who is our Assistant Minister of Infrastructure Development and Communication, Sarawak).

Also present, during the evening was Y.Bhg. Dato' Wee Han Wen, Datuk Bandar of Miri City Council; Y. Bhg. Dato' Ir. Prof. Dr. Chuah Hean Teik, Vice President of the IEM Malaysia; Engr. Wee Yiaw Hin, Managing Director of Sarawak Shell Berhad (SMEP); Professor John Evans, Pro Vice Chancellor, Curtin University of Technology Sarawak Campus; and various other local dignitaries.

The theme for the event was "Move the World", an empowering call for engineers everywhere to rally together and push the nation into the forefront through the daily practice of their profession. The IEM Annual Dinner was indeed organised for the engineers in Miri and the Northern Region to fraternise and renew ties. The event was also an occasion to rapport a better understanding and to strengthen the relationship between engineers and the Miri local community.

This function included the introduction of the new Executive Committee (EXCOM) for session 2006/2007, as well as presentation of certificates of appreciation to the past Executive Committee members. The highlight of the evening was a special Sponsorship Commitment ceremony held for the IEM Miri Branch and Sarawak Shell Berhad (SMEP). The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Engr. Wee Yiaw Hin, Managing Director of Sarawak Shell Berhad and Engr. Chiew Chung Lee, Branch Chairman of IEM Miri Branch. The ceremony was witnessed by YB Lee Kim Shin. With this agreement, Sarawak Shell Berhad will continue to sponsor the IEM Miri Branch for the coming years. This also opens up various opportunities for cooperation and collaboration between the two organisations.

The IEM Miri branch has always shown concern and care for other members of the Miri community. This event was no exception, with the donation of RM 2,000.00 to the Miri Kidney Dialysis Centre, which is managed by the Miri Red Crescent Society (MRCS). The donation came from the proceeds of the IEM Boulevard-Miri Treasure Hunt 2006, another event organised by the IEM Miri Branch earlier in May 2006.

In addition, a student recruitment drive for the IEM had been held earlier at Curtin University of Technology Sarawak Campus in Miri. The University also has firm links with the IEM Miri Branch. The two organisations have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2006. During

The lovely ladies of the G&S Committee, IEM Miri Branch. Their task was to ensure that all participants of the dinners had signed in with details of contact

Engr Chiew Chung Lee presenting a souvenir to Y. Bhg. Dato' Engr. Prof. Dr Chuah Hean Teik, accompanied by Engr. Richard Teo, and Engr. Polycarp Wong

Cheque Presentation: The IEM Miri Branch donated a sum of RM2,000.00 to the Miri Kidney Dialysis Centre during the Annual Dinner, witnessed by Y.B. Lee Kim Shin

Engr. Wee Yiaw Hin, Managing Director of Sarawak Shell Berhad, presenting the sponsorship cheque to Engr. Chiew Chung Lee during the Shell Sponsorship Commitment Ceremony, witnessed by Y.B. Lee Kim Shin.

The Organising Committee is as follows:

- Organising Chairman: Engr. Dr Tang Fu Ee
- Advisors: Engr. Dr Lau Hieng Ho, Engr. David Ting
- Secretary: Engr. Teng Hui Chung
- Venue Master: Engr. Lo Thuan Kai
- Programme Masters: Engr. Andrew Ling, Engr. Yoong Chin Lim
- Souvenir Magazine Editor: Engr. Wong Chung Meng

A souvenir was presented from Engr. Chiew Chung Lee to Engr. Wee Yiaw Hin, witnessed by Y.B. Lee Kim Shin.

the evening, the list of student registration forms for membership in the IEM, collected by the Curtin University of Technology Engineering Club (CUTEC), was presented by its President, Mr. Yoong Chin Lim to Y. Bhg. Dato' Engr. Prof. Dr Chuah Hean Teik.

The event was a resounding success, and everyone enjoyed the evening. ■