Dear Fellow Members,

Following the current COVID-19 pandemic, I hope that all of you are staying well and healthy.

Our 20th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was planned on 16th March 2020. While we have fully prepared for the AGM, a Special Instruction was issued by the Registrar of Societies (ROS) in the morning of 16th March 2020, that all Malaysian registered societies are prohibited to conduct any activity/meeting including AGM, until 30th June 2020, as one of the efforts to contain COVID-19. As the safety of our members is a priority and to abide by the instruction from the ROS, the Branch Committee has decided to postpone the AGM until further notice.

In view of the AGM being postponed, and a new Committee could not be elected, the outgoing Committee will continue to serve, but as Interim Committee until such time the new Committee is elected. You will be informed on the new date and venue of the AGM in due course.

Meanwhile, all the IMechE Malaysia Branch activities and meetings will also be cancelled until 30th June 2020 or further notice. We will keep our members duly notified with updates.

Last but not least, I wish that all of our members do take good care of yourselves and your family members. Again, stay safe and healthy!

Ir. Eddie Lim Hok Lian

Dear Fellow Members,

This is the first issue of the IMechE Malaysia Branch Newsletter for 2020.

The planned Annual General Meeting has been postponed due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. All the IMechE Malaysia Branch activities and meetings will also be cancelled until 30th June 2020 or further notice.

We wish all of you remain safe and healthy during this difficult time.

Ir. C.C. Chow

MR. CHUA YAW LONG WON THE VOLUNTEER AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE 2019

Our Committee Member, Mr. Chua Yaw Long, who is currently also the South East Asia Region (SEAR) Young Members Representative, has been announced as one of the two winners of the Volunteer Award for Meritorious Service 2019. Congratulations to Mr. Chua!

Mr. Chua passionately serves and upholds the good name of IMechE as a dedicated IMechE volunteer. Holding his current position as the SEAR YMS representative, he has taken the initiative to reach out to the Young Members of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei branches to ensure that all Young Members in the SEAR region have sufficient support for their activities.

Prior to his tenure as the SEAR Young Members Representative, he demonstrated his selflessness during his tenure as the Academic Liaison Officer (ALO) of the IMechE Universiti Tenaga National (UNITEN) Malaysia Student Chapter, willingly sacrificing his time and effort in guiding and grooming his students to be better persons, not only for student members in UNITEN, but also other universities by volunteering as guest speaker and also training other student chapters in providing STEM outreach workshops. Additionally, his persistence in supporting other IMechE members by motivating in self-development by means of volunteering in various organizations including IMechE to pick up relevant soft skills. His selflessness and his work ethic make him a great role model for other IMechE members.
Past Events

1.0 Technical Talk “Photonics Research in Energy”
An evening talk was organized by the IMechE Malaysia Branch, in collaboration with Tunku Abdul Rahman University College titled “Photonics Research in Energy” on 8th January 2020. The talk was well attended by 38 participants from the industries and students.

The speaker, Dr. Ker Pin Jern is a senior lecturer in the College of Engineering, Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN), Malaysia. Dr. Ker was the Head of Unit, Electronics & IT in the Institute of Power Engineering, UNITEN from year 2016 to 2018. Currently, he is the Principal Researcher in the Institute of Sustainable Energy.

Dr. Ker discussed on the applications of optical detection techniques in energy-related industries. The main focus of the talk was on the utilization of optical sensing in the monitoring of power transformers. Optical characteristics of transformer insulating oil are used to ensure a faster and more affordable power transformer maintenance method. The design of portable optical sensing devices for transformer insulating oil monitoring was presented.

2-hour continuing professional development points were awarded for this talk by the Board of Engineers Malaysia.

2.0 Technical Talk “Revolutionizing Product Development”
The IMechE UNITEN Student Chapter (SC), in collaboration with the IMechE Malaysia Branch and the Young Members Section (YMS) of IMechE Malaysia organized a technical talk titled “Revolutionizing Product Development”.

The talk was delivered by Ir Norman Hua from Motorola Solutions (M) Sdn. Bhd., at BV 1 theatre, UNITEN on 12th March 2020. Ir. Hua is also a Chartered Engineer and the Corporate Member of IMechE.
The new Academic Liaison Officer of the IMechE UNITEN SC, Dr Meenaloshini welcomed the speaker as well as the students. The talk lasted 2 hours with a total of 50 students and staffs of UNITEN attended the talk.

3.0 Membership Application Workshop
A Membership Application Workshop was held on 4th March 2020 in UNITEN.

This workshop has been designed to help those who wish to become Professionally Registered Engineers and Members of the IMechE through each of the UK-SPEC competence statements and application paperwork, preparing them for the submission of application form and Professional Review Interview.

The workshop was conducted by Mr. Zen Teng, the South East Asia Business Development Manager of IMechE.

4.0 Jointly Organized Technical Talk
A few Evening Talks were jointly organized with The Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM) and Engineers Australia Malaysia Chapter (EAMC) as below:

- "Building Information Modelling (BIM): Are You Keeping Up with The Trend?" on 6th January 2020, delivered by Ir. Dr. Salmaliza Salleh.
- "Sustainable Operations Management" on 12th February 2020, presented by Ir. Dr. Ling Chen Hoe.
- "IR 4.0 – Transformation to Smart Factory in Manufacturing: Are You Ready for It?" on 15th February 2020, presented by Ir. Dr. Shamini Janasekaran.

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