

IEM Negeri Sembilan Branch 2017 Annual Dinner

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The Institution of Engineers Malaysia, Negeri Sembilan (IEMNS) held its annual dinner on 22 July, 2017, at the Seri Negeri Ballroom, Royal Chulan Hotel, Seremban. Among the 300 guests were Dato' Abdul Karim bin Mohd Tahir (Director of JKR Negeri Sembilan), engineering consultants, contractors, property developers, manufacturers, heads of government agencies, academicians and IEMNS members. Also present were IEM President Ir. Dr. Tan Yean Chin and his wife, members of Executive Committees Ir. Prof. Dr. Ruslan bin Hassan, Ir. Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Chiang, Ir. Ong Ching Loon, Ir. Yap Soon Hoe, Dr. Wang Hong Kok and IEM Melaka Branch Chairman Ir. Dr. Tan Chee Fai.

The theme, Engineer As The Nation's Transformation Agent, was picked to honour engineers who played

invaluable roles in building, developing and advancing the community, particularly in Negeri Sembilan.

In his welcome speech, IEMNS Chairman Dato' Ir. Zainudin bin Karman thanked everyone for their presence and contributions to IEMNS. He also unveiled the latest 30-year development plan for Negeri Sembilan. The Malaysian Vision Valley (MVV) plan covers a total area of 153,000 hectares and includes Seremban, Nilai and Port Dickson. It is part of the spillover development strategy of Greater Kuala Lumpur towards the southern states and is expected to attract about RM290 billion in investments while creating 1.38 million new jobs. Contribution to the annual GDP growth is estimated at 6.2-7.3%.

Dato' Ir. Zainudin urged fellow engineers to proactively participate in the development plan by using their talents



IEMNS Chairman Dato' Ir. Zainuriz bin Karmun presenting the Platinum Award to Seri Pajam Development Sdn. Bhd. Looking on is IEM President Ir. Dr Tan Yean Chin

to provide value added services and to build quality products. He also mentioned the signing of an MOU with Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Utama Haj Mohamad bin Haj Hassan for IEM to assist state agencies such as Majlis Perbandaran Seremban, Majlis Perbandaran Port Dickson, Majlis Perbandaran Nilai and other technical departments by providing engineering solutions. Ir. Dr Tan Yean Chin also delivered a speech in which he emphasised on the importance of close cooperation between engineers and engineering technologists to realise our nation's aspiration to become a developed and vibrant country.

The highlight of the event was the award presentation. Dato' Ir. Zainuriz presented local property developer Seri Pajam Development Sdn. Bhd. with the Platinum Award. Since its inception in 1994, the company has built many innovative in-ten and properties, from single storey houses to luxury bungalows at locations in Pajam, Nilai, Seremban, Senawang and Bahau.

There were also three rounds of lucky draws, with prizes that included electrical appliances and hampers. For entertainment, live band Frendy Aswara Entertainment played evergreen Malay and English songs.

The evening proved meaningful as IEMNS members and their guests networked and deepened cooperation. The organising committee thanks all guests, sponsors and volunteers for the making the 2017 Annual Dinner a success. ■