1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION OF WOMEN ENGINEERS

"Empowering Women Engineers in Industrial, Entrepreneurship and Academic Research"

Officiated by
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE CROWN PRINCESS OF PAHANG
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Carribbean Ballroom, Bukit Gambang Resort
Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia
In the name of Allah, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.

This year, Malaysia celebrates the 54th year of her independence. Over five decades, this country has enjoyed significant growth and balanced social development, which is free from any discrimination.

While women in certain parts of the world are still striving for fair treatment and struggling against discriminatory public and social orders, Malaysian women are given high recognition with supportive government policies and progressive attitude of our society that acknowledges the vital role of women in the national development.

With equal rights and opportunities that are accorded to them in higher education, Malaysian women are able to unleash their talents and potential to the best, competing on the same ground with men, thus enabling them to emerge tops in their fields, one of which is engineering.

This inaugural International Conference and Exhibition of Women Engineers is the platform where women's contribution to the engineering field could be promoted and made known to the public at large. It is the avenue where current issues relating to the role of women engineers could be discussed and deliberated from the eyes of the professionals, researchers and academicians.

I am much delighted that the theme - "Empowering Women Engineers in Industrial Enterprises and Academic Research" is in line with the prime agenda that is currently worked on by the United Nations Population Funds (UNFPA) namely women empowerment in economy, education and politics.

Honouring the efforts made to organize this event, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Pahang and the team from the Women Association of Universiti Malaysia Pahang (MATAHARI) for their relentless commitment.

It is my earnest hope that this conference and exhibition would achieve its noble objectives through constructive exchange of ideas and fruitful discourse among the delegates.

Thank you.
Greetings from Universiti Malaysia Pahang!

I welcome the delegates and participants to the 1st International Conference and Exhibition of Women Engineers (ICEWE'11).

With the theme ‘Empowering Women in Industrial, Entrepreneurship and Academic Research’, ICEWE'11 is the platform where current issues on the role and contribution of women engineers in the fields of industry, entrepreneurship and academia could be discussed through constructive intellectual engagement and discourse.

With 300 delegates and participants from all over the world, ICEWE'11 is the manifestation of UMP's response towards the United Nations' call to highlight women's significant contribution to the global economic and social advancements, thus necessitating the provision of much larger and healthier space for them to compete without any discrimination.

I would like to congratulate the Women Association of UMP (MATAHARI) for their relentless effort and commitment in making ICEWE '11 a success and a great pride.

Thank you.

PROFESSOR DATO' DR. DANG NASIR IBRAHIM, DIMP

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome all of you to the 1st International Conference and Exhibition of Women Engineers (ICEWE 2011) organized by Woman Association of UMP (MATAHARI), Universiti Malaysia Pahang and the Pahang State Government.

Women Association of UMP (MATAHARI) is an NGO association, whose members are among women and wives of UMP staff. The pre-launch of MATAHARI was officiated by Her Royal Highness The Crown Princess of Pahang on 16th June 2009. MATAHARI serves as a vehicle to initiate and implement programs and activities for the advancement and empowerment of women.

MATAHARI had successfully planned and executed numerous activities, among them are community service programmes conducted in collaboration with the Center of Continuing Professional Development (CENFED) and JHEOA in organizing Computer Courses for single mothers and orphans. The ICEWE '11 is one of the many activities organized by the MATAHARI. This conference will be an appropriate forum to provide an ideal platform for new researchers to present ideas and findings of their research as well as creating a strong academic network among women engineers within and outside the country.

I am very grateful to the committee members for their dedication in organising this inaugural conference. I wish all the participants a pleasant and successful conference. A special Warm Welcome to all of you to Kuantan, Pahang.

DATIN HAJAH FAZIA BINTI ALI
On behalf of the organizing committees, I would like to welcome you to the first International Conference of Women Engineers (ICEWE 2011) held at the Bukit Gambang Resort City, Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur, Malaysia from the 20th – 22nd November 2011.

This is the first International Conference associated with women engineers in society, organized by Women Association of LIMP (MATAHARI). This year's ICEWE '11 theme is 'Empowering Women Engineers in Industrial, Entrepreneur and Academic Research'. This conference will bring together a fine mix of people from Industry, Entrepreneurship and Academics in the field of engineering. The objective of the conference is to highlight the synergy of collaboration among women engineers within and outside the country towards attaining high quality research products. The conference will explore the contributions and the efforts of women engineers in enhancing the nation's development. Thus I hope this conference will provide a platform to stimulate the exchange of ideas on the field of engineering across all spheres of academic research, professional practice and grassroots activism.

I would like to thank all those who are involved either directly or indirectly as participants, speakers, committee members and sponsors and wish that all the objectives of ICEWE 2011 are realized. Finally, I wish success to all participants in their deliberations.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DR. MIMI SAKINAH BINTI ABDUL MUNAIM
20 NOVEMBER 2011 (SUNDAY)

7:45 pm : Arrival of Guests and VIPs
8:10 pm : Arrival of Yang Hormat Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim, Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Pahang and Wife
8:15 pm : Arrival of Yang Hormat Dato' Mohd Hilmy Bin Mohd Taib, Chairman Board of the Directors of Universiti Malaysia Pahang and Wife
: Arrival of The Right Honourable Chief Minister of Pahang Dato' Sri Diraja Haji Adnan Haji Yaakob and Wife
8:25 pm : Arrival of Her Royal Highness The Crown Princess of Pahang Tunku Hajjah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah Binti Almarhum Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj
: Speech by Yang Hormat Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim, Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Pahang
: Royal Address by Her Royal Highness The Crown Princess of Pahang Tunku Hajjah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah Binti Almarhum Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj
: Montage Presentation
: Dinner and Cultural Performance
: The Departure of Her Royal Highness The Crown Princess of Pahang
: The Departure of Guests and VIPs
: Programme Ends
July and August 2011 - How to cook well? Another cooking class at Paya Besar Community College.

16 July 2011 - Perandingan Mewarna sempena Takraw Carnival in collaboration with Nestle Malaysia.

16 July 2011 - Digital album workshop for members' children.

29 October 2011 - Introducing ICT and social network to single mothers and orphans, a joint initiative with the Faculty of Computer Systems & Software Engineering.

1 October 2011 - The inaugural conferment of Srikantri Matahari Award on the occasion of the Sixth Convocation Ceremony of UMP.

July 2011 - Contributing cookies and lambok porridge to members in conjunction with Eid Celebration.
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