



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello and Assalamualaikum WBK. This year is an auspicious year for IMM as we celebrate our 30th year of existence. First registered as the Malaysian Materials Science Technology Society in 1987, IMM has been actively promoting material science and technology since then. In 1997 the name was changed to the Institute

of Materials Malaysia and acknowledged as a professional society in the country. Back then IMM was formed out of a desire to provide an alternative affordable local professional tradesmen certification, like blasting and painting, corrosion and welding technicians. We have come a long way since our humble beginning. As an institute, IMM is unique in a way, as we are the only professional body in the country that has a value proposition on membership that span across academia to industries, from university professors, PHDs, postgraduate and graduate students, to professionals in the industry and to skilled tradesmen. No other institutions and societies have this. This placed us in a good position to tackle most of the industrial problem on materials and materials' related issues. One such issue, was solving the quality of paint for the offshore industry, resulting in the World's first Coating Fingerprinting, ie. the development of a Mill like certification for polymer coatings.

As a voluntary organization, IMM work these issues through the various committees. These committees consist of like minded individuals with a passion on the advancement of materials technology. Once an issue is raised, the committee will call upon those interested and an open discussion is then held in a seminar. The issues and resolution are then worked on, in some instances, several repeat seminars are held, sometime a task force is formed, giving focus attention on the more complex issues. Usually these taskforce worked on weekends as most of the IMM members are volunteers. Let us recognize these individuals on the sacrifices they make in the advancement of materials technology for the country.

To commemorate our 30th anniversary, we have a new vision & mission statement going forward. This is aimed at enhancing IMM's position in today's borderless world. It will also give a more meaningful value add proposition to our members, a new raison d'etre.

Our new vision is – "to be an internationally recognized leading institution in materials science and technology". In support of this

vision are 5 mission statements:-

- To be the technical authority on material science technology
- To develop & enhance skills for all categories and practitioners
- To become an internationally recognized certifying body
- To be the forum for industry and academia collaboration and lastly
- To positively contribute to society and quality of life

It is with hope that the above will spur and motivate members and propel IMM to new heights both at the national and international level.

In the new low cost world, collaboration will be key to survival. No man is an island, and we hope to see more collaboration with institutions within the country as well as abroad. This year we have inked a few collaborations; one with SSPC and another with IKBN, to name a few. More are to come in the immediate future.

Lastly let us take stock and reflect on IMM's past achievements.

- Hosted numerous technical seminars since 1988
- Recognised as the de facto authority in materials technology by the Oil and Gas Industry
- IMM certificates are recognized by PETRONAS and the oil and gas operators in Malaysia
- Established the World's first Coating Fingerprinting certificates and,
- Appointed as the first Authorised Certification Body by the Asian Welding Federation

The above achievements are made possible by the relentless efforts of our past presidents, council members and their advisors. They are the people who have shaped IMM into what it is today, we the present members are merely holding the baton and will pass it on one day to the next generation of IMM members who will continue with the IMM struggle. Let's ensure that the seeds we sow today continue to bear bountiful fruits for tomorrow.

To all members Happy 30th Anniversary !

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President IMM Session 2016 - 2018



ANNOUNCEMENT

30th Anniversary Gala Dinner of IMM

Date : 6th November 2017

Venue : Intercontinental Hotel, Kuala Lumpur