

HKIE-YMC's Delegation to Thailand for the CAFEO 35

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The 35th Conference of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Federation of Engineering Organisations (CAFEO 35) in conjunction with the 24th Meeting of Young Engineers of ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations (YEAFO 24) is the highlighted annual event of the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisation (AFEO). This year, six delegates represented Hong Kong and the HKIE-YMC served as an observer at the YEAFO 24.

CAFEO has been held annually at the different member countries since 1982 and has attracted hundreds of foreign and local engineering professionals. CAFEO 35 was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 16 to 18 November 2017, with the theme "Towards a Sufficiency Economy: pathways to sustainable development".

One major function of the conference was to hold the meeting of different working groups, including the YEAFO Board Meeting. YEAFO representatives from each ASEAN and guest countries were given the opportunity to present their country report, introducing their respective engineering organizations, sharing the past activities and upcoming events under planning for young sector.

Our delegates also attended the technical seminars and technical visits of the conference. Different speakers presented on topics related to Research, Education and Capacity Building; Transportation and Logistic; Green Technologies; Energy and Environmental; Sustainable Cities and Infrastructure; and Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Management. Together with a technical visit to the G Tower, our six young engineers gained new technical knowledge and insights. Through social dinners and networking events organized by local engineers, it was a great opportunity for us to meet new friends and chat over local Thai cuisine and drinks after a day of hard work.

At the closing ceremony, the flag was handed over to the host country of CAFEO 36, Singapore. Delegates from different countries gave performance representing their own culture. The Hong Kong delegates gave a singing performance of Cantonese pop songs. We took this opportunity to send our warmest regards to CAFEO, YEAFO and all the participants there. It was a memorable and unforgettable experience. We encourage young engineers to join us next year to learn about engineering developments of the ASEAN countries and network with fellow engineers.



Photo Caption: [YEA FEO Delegates in the CAFEO 35]