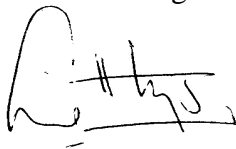


My name is Mohd Hanif Yaacob. People used to call me Hanif. I am the chair for Malaysia GOLD Affinity Group (AF). I work as a lecturer at Computer and Communication Systems Engineering Department, Universiti Putra Malaysia, about 20 km from the capital of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur. My area of interest is photonics. I am married with my wife and two lovely daughters. My hobbies are sports (football/soccer to be précised) and DIY. I did my bachelor degree in Manchester, UK. So, my favourite football club obviously will be the Red Devils even though my favourite colour is blue! I had a Master degree in communication and network engineering and early next year, I'll start my PhD in optical sensor. I believe most of the fresh engineers should have strong technical background after spending three to six years for their degree. What they lack of is basically how to present and connect themselves to the society. Even subjects on soft skills are integrated in the engineering program, these are not reflected on the outcomes. Some of them might get A in communication skill subject, but when writing an official letter, they used words suitable only for sending mobile phone text messages! I think this is the area IEEE GOLD AF can play their roles. To connect to the society or community, fresh engineers must involve with IEEE. To make themselves presentable, one of the definite choices will be via GOLD. In Malaysia, some companies highlight the lack of these soft skills from our local engineering undergraduates. Hence, this is one of the issues that will be concentrated by the local GOLD. Another thing is to make the local GOLD a platform for its members to build networks, self improvement and career development. Sounds too serious? Don't worry. We will still be barbequing under the tree and fighting in the bowling alleys.



With Best Regards,



## 1.0 Objectives

The main objectives of IEEE GOLD Affinity Group Malaysia Section are:

- as a platform for the members to build professional networks, self and career development
- to organize events to facilitate smooth transition of student members to higher grade members
- to promote IEEE and GOLD among young professionals

## 2.0 Highlighted Events for Year 2005

1. A half day seminar titled Chief Technology Officer – Towards Reformation of Tech-Leadership was successfully organized by IEEE Malaysia and IEEE GOLD at Palm Garden IOI Resort, Putrajaya on 14 December 2005. The distinguished speakers are Dato Mohd Zainal Azirun, VP (Transmission), Tenaga Nasional Bhd, Dr. Ahmad Hairi Abu Bakar, CTO, Utusan Melayu (M) Bhd, Mr. Liew Viu Yong, Sr. Design Engineer, Intel Malaysia and Mr Ivan Tam, VP (Regional), Alcatel.

2. A career guidance forum titled E<sup>3</sup> Career Guidance Forum was held at Engineering Faculty UKM on 20 July 2005. The event managed to attract more than 60 undergraduates and fresh graduates. The details are as follows:

Objectives:

- To share engineering experience especially after graduation.
- To guide the students to be prepared for workplace environment as a professional in electrical and electronic engineering.

Expertise Resource:

Speakers from different field of electrical engineering consists of:

- Academician & Woman : Assoc. Prof. Dr Titik Khawa (UiTM)
- Power Industry : Dr Amir Hisham Hashim ( Uniten )
- Communication Industry : En. Ghazali Abd Rahman ( Maxis )

3. Talk on Introduction to IEEE and GOLD was held on 10 October 2005 at Kolej Universiti Sains Teknologi Malaysia (KUSTEM), Terengganu. The event was co-organized with LEOS Malaysia Chapter. The event managed to attract more than 50 participants consist of staffs and students.

4. Membership drive for IEEE was held concurrently during the career guidance forum at UKM and Talk on IEEE and GOLD at KUSTEM.

### 6.0 2006 Planned Activities

For 2006, the planned activities are as follows:

<b>Activity Type</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
Tech.	Technical Talk – Future in Telemedicine	07/2006
Edu.	Student Industrial Visit to Multimedia Development Corporation, Cyberjaya	2/2006
	Promoting Career in Engineering – Sultan Alam Shah Secondary School	2/2006
	GOLD Newsletter	11/2006
Soc.	Inter Society & Student Branch Bowling Tournament	06/2006
	Barbeque Day Out	09/2006
Pro.	Talk on Technopreneurship	12/2006

Basically, an ad-hoc program director will be appointed for each activity. The director will be supported by other GOLD committee members. The program director is rotated among the committee members. To promote GOLD among the student members, they will be invited to all of the activities organized by GOLD. In fact, GOLD activities are not restricted only for the members. This is important to introduce IEEE and GOLD to the young professionals outside the society.