

## BETTER GERMAN BITE

### Technical Visit to Germany A Success

Roadcare (M) Sdn Bhd and its parent company, HCM Engineering Sdn Bhd recently despatched a high-level delegation, led by none other than Managing Director, Dato' Ir Haji Hasnur Rabiain Ismail, himself to Germany. Reason: Technical visit hosted by the Wirtgen Group. Describing it as a successful eye-opener, Dato' Hasnur tells Suara Roadcare that the mission met its three objectives:

- \* To see the new machines which HCM is buying
- \* To get an update of Wirtgen's technological advancement
- \* To examine the Group's work processes and systems.

The visit included a tour of Wirtgen's production facilities in Windhagen and Mannheim as well as a meeting with Mr Stefan Wirtgen, President of Wirtgen mbH.

At press time, HCM is in the midst of wrapping up a purchase deal involving five new machines. These comprise two pavers, namely Super BOY and S 1203; a tracked milling machine (W 1200F); a remixer (RX 2500) and a pre-heater.

The Super BOY is a small paver with a maximum paving width of 2.6 m. It is suitable for paved shoulders, rural roads and city back lanes. The remixer will be used for the Hot-In-Place Recycling (HIPR) of deteriorated road surfacings and with a



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capability of recycling up to a depth up to 60mm. It is suitable for road maintenance, particularly as a cheaper alternative to the mill and pave technique. Part of the package includes a one week-training stint in Kuala Lumpur for our operators. If everything goes well, the first shipment is expected within weeks and the last in July.

Other members of the delegation included Roadcare General Manager, Encik Mohd Khalil Dan and HCM Plant Manager, Encik Z Ferozel Anuar Ismail. They were accompanied by Wirtgen Malaysia General Manager, Kenneth Wong and PAT Bina Sdn Bhd's Encik Mohd Hassan Yaacob. During their brief stay in Germany, they managed to find time to visit tourist spots in Linz and Cologne. As the MD had to leave earlier, the three gentlemen took the opportunity to take a train ride to Amsterdam, Berlin and Vienna over the weekend before returning home.

Back in Malaysia, these are what they had to say about their German experience:

**Encik Khalil:** Road maintenance is well-planned, systematic and efficient with emphasis on safety.

**Encik Anuar:** We will be adopting a few of the things learned here back home.

**Encik Hassan:** Quality Control is adopted at every step throughout the work sequence. **SR**

