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Inaugural biomedical engineering symposium by The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES) through its Biomedical Engineering Technical Committee (BETC) to drive knowledge exchange within growing medical devices field

IES BETC lines up industry experts to provide insights from engineering perspectives

The IES BETC today kicks off the inaugural BETC Symposium 2013 – Engineering in Medical Devices – a two-day event to be held at the TUV SUD PSB Building on 11 and 12 January 2013. Themed “Engineer Your Mind towards Excellence”, the symposium aims to help all involved in the medical devices field keep pace with industry advancements, identify new and emerging technologies, as well as pioneer and deliver new innovations to benefit the public.

The symposium will feature industry leaders and academics who will present talks covering technical, business and legal aspects of the medical devices industry, as well as workshops and site visits. The symposium is also open to students as well as patients who are interested in latest medical devices developments.

Dr Lam Pin Min, Member of Parliament, will grace the symposium and address the delegates as the Guest-of-Honour at the Opening Ceremony while Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar, Member of Parliament will grace the symposium and address the delegates as the Special Observer in the afternoon of the first day of the Symposium .

“By leveraging on our world-class standards in medical technology manufacturing, our established electronics and precision engineering industry and our global connectivity, top medical technology companies are able to manufacture a diverse range of products in Singapore,” said Dr Lam. “Singapore is also growing as a medical devices innovation hub, with many companies conducting research & development in product development and value engineering, and with the government committing funds to train new talents and support start-ups.”

“As a field that requires the collaboration of minds and resources across varying domains to drive new innovations, there is also a need for healthcare professionals, academics and industry to gather under one roof to facilitate exchange of ideas. By organising the BETC Symposium 2013, IES BETC is playing its role well in this regard and this platform will certainly help those involved to better navigate challenges faced in the field and accelerate the introduction of innovations for bettering the quality of lives,” added Dr Lam.

“Biomedical engineers play an important role in mitigating and managing the effects of an ageing population and empowering the elderly to lead fulfilling lives. There is definitely a need for biomedical engineers to continue work in this area, as we advocate enabled living and a more inclusive society in Singapore,” said Dr Intan. “I would like to commend IES BETC for putting together this symposium which provides a platform for the exchange of ideas and knowledge and raises the profile of the industry to encourage more young people to join.”

“As the medical devices industry evolves, there is a critical need for regular sharing of information on emerging medical devices technologies. We envisage that more participants will need such a platform to share findings and networks and hope to organise more of such events in the future,” said Dr Ho Teck Tuak, Chairman, BETC, IES.

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About The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES)

The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES) was formally established in July 1966 as the national society of engineers in Singapore. IES is the premier engineering institution in Singapore and is called upon by the Government to provide feedback on professional engineering matters.

IES is well represented among the faculty members of the major engineering institutions of higher learning in Singapore. Through close collaboration with the local universities and polytechnics, IES organises courses, seminars and talks for engineers and IES members to advance the continuous development of engineers.

The Institution maintains close links with professional organisations of engineers regionally and throughout the world. These include organisations in Australia, China, Japan, United Kingdom and the United States. The Institution also represents Singapore in the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations (AFEO) and the Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP) in promoting goodwill and fellowship among all engineers in ASEAN and the Asia-Pacific region.

Through its Engineering Accreditation Board (EAB), IES obtained full signatory status in the Washington Accord (WA) in June 2006. The entry grants IES the authority to represent Singapore, the first country within the ASEAN region which has obtained full signatory status in the WA, to vet education systems under the WA mutual recognition framework.

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