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## Media Release

### **The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES) and the Association of Consulting Engineers Singapore (ACES) honour outstanding Resident Engineers (REs) & Resident Technical Officers (RTOs) with Exemplary Site Supervisor Award 2013**

**Three REs and four RTOs commended for dedication and contribution towards structural work integrity, construction safety and productivity**

The Joint Accreditation Committee (JAC) of IES and ACES presented seven site supervisors who have made extraordinary achievements at construction worksites with the Exemplary Site Supervisor Award. The 2nd awards ceremony took place on Friday, 22 February 2013 at the RE & RTO Networking and Awards Night at the Matrix Auditorium @ Biopolis.

Er. Chew Keat Chuan, Director of the Building Construction Authority (BCA) Group, graced the event as the Guest-of-Honour and presented the Exemplary Resident Engineer Award to Mr Victor Tay Yong Seng, Mdm Hoe Swee Seng and Mr Thiagarajan Subramanian; as well as the Exemplary Resident Technical Officer Award to Mr Lee Kwee How, Mr Koh Ah Chek, Mr Fernando Jr. Mendoza Dematera and Mr Chin Sin Yee.

More than 400 site supervisors and other guests attended the event, whereby three speakers also presented on pertinent topics in the construction industry. The three speakers are: Engineer Shee Siu Ming from the BCA who talked about supervisory duties of accredited site supervisors, Mr Marcus Wee from the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) who shared about corrupt practices in the construction industry and Mr Winston Yew from the Ministry Of Manpower (MOM) who spoke on workplace safety and health issues respectively.

## **The Exemplary Site Supervisor Award**

Set up by the JAC, the Award recognises the exceptional dedication and contributions of site supervisors in ensuring that the construction of structural works are carried out in accordance with the Building Regulations, and who have made significant effort and contribution towards achieving construction safety and productivity of the projects they have handled or are handling.

“This year, we have up to seven site supervisors who have emerged as deserving winners after passing through stringent, all-rounded judging processes examining their diligence, competency, vigilance, resourcefulness and accomplishments. They have set excellent examples in the promotion of best practices in the construction industry. Through the Exemplary Site Supervisor Award, the JAC hopes to recognise their contributions and inspire all site supervisors to also excel in their roles,” said Er. Chong Kee Sen, Chairman, JAC.

One of the winners of the Exemplary Site Supervisor (RTO) Award, Mr Lee Kwee How, Senior Technical Officer, HCE Engineers & Architects 61, said, “I am very happy to receive this award after 27 years in the construction line. Through these years, I’ve learnt a lot from Qualified Personnels (QPs) and my colleagues about building quality and construction safety and also from the IES courses I attended to upgrade myself. I hope that JAC will continue organising this award to encourage all RTOs to achieve high standards in safety and quality.”

Another winner, in the RE category, Mdm Hoe Swee Seng, Technical Manager, Welltech Construction Pte Ltd, said, “Receiving this award is definitely a recognition of my years of hard work; even so, it is important for us to remember that we have the duties and responsibilities to ensure that all works entrusted to us are carried out accordingly.”

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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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