

**OPENING ADDRESS BY ER CHONG KEE SEN,
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AT THE LAUNCH OF IES-IPOS IP TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANT REGISTRY**

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AT IP FIESTA DURING IP WEEK @ SG 2015

CASSIA BALLROOM, LEVEL 3, SANDS EXPO AND CONVENTION CENTRE, MARINA BAY SANDS

Mr Tan Yih San, Chief Executive, IPOS

Members of IES and IPOS

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good afternoon.

1. It is with great pleasure to welcome you to the official launch of the IES-IPOS Intellectual Property Technology Consultant or IPTC Registry this afternoon. On behalf of The Institution of Engineers, Singapore or IES, I would like to extend my appreciation to you for making time to attend this launch.

2. As the national society of engineers in Singapore, IES is committed to support the career development of engineers and professionals in the technology sectors. In April last year, IES advanced this commitment by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with IPOS. The agreement has led to the formation of a Steering Committee to develop the IP technology advisory capabilities as mapped out in the IP Competency Framework or IPCF. This has in turn culminated into the launch of the IPTC Registry today.

3. Administered by IES, the IPTC Registry is a professional certification programme that validates an individual's knowledge and skills in both technology and IP domains. It aims to develop and certify competent in-house and in-practice professionals who will advise technology-driven organisations and innovators in the creation, protection and exploitation of their IP assets.

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4. I am also delighted to share that IPOS has pledged \$1 million funding to partner IES in grooming 500 certified IP Technology Consultants over the next three years. This will greatly support the progression of many professionals in the engineering, science and technology fields. Through IPCF-training and professional certification, we want to encourage more individuals to deepen their competencies and upgrade their careers with IP as the new value-adding skill set in their professional work.

5. Today, at IP Week @ SG 2015, we will be recognising the inaugural batch of seven certified IPTCs. These IPTCs possess many years of professional experience in both the IP and technology industries, and have contributed to the IP ecosystem meaningfully. IES believes that they will serve as an inspiration to future batches of IPTCs in the years to come.

6. In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to IPOS for the strong support in the formulation and launch of this professional certification programme. IES strives to work hand in hand with IPOS through the IPTC Registry to nurture more engineers, scientists and technologists into world-class IP Technology Consultants.

Thank you.

