

Fellow IES members and friends, Ladies and gentlemen,
Happy Year of the Goat to all of you! 羊年快乐!

Welcome to the IES Annual Spring Festival celebration.

On behalf of the IES Council and Secretariat, I wish you a prosperous year ahead, with happiness and good health accompanying you on your journey to success.

The Goat is commonly regarded as an auspicious animal in the Chinese zodiac, heralding prosperity and peace.

The Business Times reported that Singapore's economy performed remarkably well in the last four Goat years, with the Straits Times Index rising on an average of 29% during those years as compared to 11% in the other years.

Last week's Jubilee budget unveiled quite a few goodies for individuals and companies, aimed at strengthening our economy by extending support to companies and equipping our workforce to be skills-Future Ready.

Spring is a time for fresh beginnings, renewal and growth. IES looks forward to exciting plans for the new year, it is also opportune for us to share IES Vision and initiatives in the year ahead.

All these initiatives came to fruition as a result of all of us working together.

We need to focus on our positive energy and execute all our initiatives as impactful as possible.

Moving forward, we will continue to lift the standards of the profession, celebrate the achievements of engineers and encourage more students to embark on a meaningful and exciting engineering career.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our passionate Council Members,

supportive IES members

and diligent Secretariat.... for the time and effort that you have put in to help IES see the projects through to success.

I would also like to thank our dinner sponsors, Ecas-EJ, Engineers 9000, Er. Ong Ser Huan and KL Au Consultants for the piping hot dinner to be served soon.

I hope everyone will enjoy the celebrations tonight and a bountiful year of the Goat ahead. Thank you.