

Speech by Er. Chong Kee Sen, President, The Institution of Engineers, Singapore, at the IES-SG50 launch on Wednesday, 28 January 2015, 9.35 am at NTUC Centre

Our Special Guest, Minister Lim Swee Say, NTUC Secretary-General;

Professor Lui Pao Chuen;

Mr Vivek Kumar, Secretary, NTUC Membership Council;

IES Past Presidents

Distinguished Guests;

Members of IES and NTUC;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Good morning.

1. IES has been a U Associate Partner since February 2013. Since then, IES has worked closely with NTUC, especially in the area of training and career progression for our engineers. We have recently co-created the Young Engineer Leadership Programme with NTUC to groom aspiring young engineers into exceptional leaders in their respective engineering industries. We look forward to further deepen our collaboration with NTUC.
2. Today, IES will be unveiling an exciting line-up of activities and initiatives in celebration of Singapore's 50th birthday. These activities will stretch to July 2016 where IES will celebrate our Golden Jubilee with a Gala Dinner.
3. I believe most of you appreciate and acknowledge engineers for their contribution to our nation's progress. Indeed, for the past five decades, engineers have worked

tirelessly to provide us with clean water, proper sanitation, green energy, efficient transportation and build infrastructure which make up the iconic Singapore city skyline, create jobs for Singaporeans, and raise living standards.

4. To give the public a better idea about the work of engineers, IES will be holding, for the first time ever, a series of 50 engineering talks for the community. Prof Lui's talk marks the first of the 50 talks. We look forward to the sharing of insights from other illustrious engineers in this series. Through these talks, IES aims to bring awareness to the public that from the time we wake up to the time we go to bed, and even while we are asleep, nearly every little task and activity that we are engaged in involve the work of engineers.
5. Another key highlight of our celebration will be a commemorative book, 50 Years of Engineering, an exciting compilation of the achievements of engineering in Singapore's 50-year journey jointly produced by IES and World Scientific Publishing Company. Our Past President, Professor Cham Tao Soon, serves as the Editor-in-Chief. This book will feature many engineering feats and outstanding engineers that have made a difference to Singapore. The book is scheduled to be launched during the 3rd quarter of 2015.
6. To identify the top 50 engineering feats that mean the most to Singaporeans, IES will be organising the Engineering Feats @ SG50. It is a competition where Singaporeans vote for engineering projects that have made economic and social impact to their lives. The competition will place the spotlight on the impact and contributions that engineers have made to Singapore's development.
7. IES would also like to take the opportunity to inspire the next generation to shape Singapore's future, IES will be setting up an IES-SG50 Golden Jubilee Scholarship Fund. Our aim is to support students with a passion for the engineering field but require assistance to pursue their studies. To achieve this, IES will be creating an exclusively-minted medallion that carries both the IESSG50 Golden Jubilee and IES logos, to raise funds for the scholarship. The medallion will also be a symbol of pride for engineers as it recognises their individual efforts towards our society.

We will be providing you with the details of the scholarship once they are firmed up, and ask for you to support us in this meaningful endeavour.

8. To provide students with access to insights from the industry, IES will be presenting the book Vantage Views II to libraries of secondary schools, JCs, ITE, Polytechnics and universities. Vantage Views II is a collection of the thoughts and perspectives on a wide range of contemporary issues by Er. Lim Soon Hock, an engineer with experience across a variety of industries in various capacities. We will be presenting copies of the book to respective schools and IHL in early February.
9. There will also be goodies for IES members. IES will be sponsoring three-year complimentary NTUC U Associate Memberships for our members. U-Associate Members will enjoy subsidised professional development programme, networking activities, recreational facilities and many other incentives. We will also be giving out training vouchers for IES Academy courses.
10. We are glad that you are here with us on this momentous occasion. We look forward to your support for a successful IES-SG50 Golden Jubilee Celebration.
11. Thank You.