

**THANK YOU ADDRESS BY ER. CHONG KEE SEN, PRESIDENT, THE
INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, SINGAPORE (IES), AT THE
BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS COMMITTEE (BCSC)
APPRECIATION LUNCH AND APPOINTMENT OF IES AS
STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION (SDO) FOR THE
BCSC ON 2 APRIL 2015 (THURSDAY), 12.00 PM AT FURAMA CITY
CENTRE (10 MINS)**

Mr Tan Kai Hoe, Chief Executive of SPRING Singapore;

Mr Chan Kok Way, Chairman of BCSC;

Members of BCSC, Technical Committees and Working Groups;

Distinguished Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Good Afternoon.

1. It is an honour for IES to be appointed as a Standards Development Organisation or SDO for the building and construction sector. The appointment would also mean both a responsibility and opportunity for IES to work closely with the Building and Construction Standards Committee and other industry stakeholders in contributing

towards productivity, safety and quality in Singapore's construction industry.

2. As the national engineering society representing more than 5,000 engineers, IES strongly believes that standards form the basis of sound engineering practices across all engineering disciplines. Standards are required to achieve and maintain international levels of excellence that offers quality and protection to the consumers.

3. IES has 3 Engineering Clusters, each chaired by a Vice President. They are the Infrastructure Cluster, the Sustainability Cluster and the Manufacturing Cluster. Under these clusters, there are a total of close to 15 engineering technical committees. These technical committees will provide the engineering capability and support to this SDO.

4. We also have an Education and Certification Group which oversees the operation of our IES Academy which is chaired by another Vice President. This group will work with the SDO to educate and promote our Singapore Standards to the industry.

5. IES is connected internationally as active members of the Asean Federation of Engineering Organisation (AFEO), Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP) and the World Federation of Engineering Organisation (WFEO). We meet up with our international counterparts twice a year and these meetings present ideal opportunities for us to share and learn about standards in a global perspective.

6. As the SDO for the building and construction sector, IES will engage industry partners and stakeholders in the development, promotion and adoption of standards in Singapore. We will do this by gathering and sharing best practices, providing industry feedback to the Building and Construction Standards Committee, tapping on our international networks and organising standards adoption workshops, standards promotion seminars and education events. This includes engaging our young students and the community in understanding the importance and relevance of standards.

7. Establishing good standards raises the overall quality, as well as credibility and integrity of the field. Companies will be able to boost their customers' confidence with good quality products and services which will in turn benefit everyone.

8. In closing, I would like to thank SPRING and the Singapore Standards Council for their confidence in IES and appointing the institution as the SDO for the building and construction sector.

9. Thank you for making IES part of this big standardisation community in Singapore. Here's wishing all a great day ahead.