

Speech by Er. Chong Kee Sen, President, The Institution of Engineers,  
Singapore, at the World Engineers Summit on Climate Change 2015 Gala  
Dinner & Awards Night on Thursday, 23 July 2015, 7.00pm at Resorts World  
Sentosa, West Convention Ballroom

Our Guest-of-Honour, Mr. Chan Chun Sing, Minister in Prime Minister's  
Office and Secretary-General, NTUC;

Members of IES,

Fellow engineers,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good Evening.

1. On behalf of The Institution of Engineers, Singapore, or IES, I would like to welcome everyone to the Gala Dinner & Awards Night of the World Engineers Summit on Climate Change 2015. I would like to thank Mr. Chan Chun Sing for taking time to join us tonight. After two days of invigorating discussions on climate change, it is time for us to enjoy each other's fellowship over dinner.

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2. Over the past two days, IES is privileged to be able to host all our local and international friends to discuss and exchange ideas on building sustainable urban development for global climate resilience.
3. I believe we are collectively making a positive step towards a sustainable future. I hope that the fresh insights and new contacts you have gathered will make meaningful contributions to your individual areas of work.

## **IES Prestigious Engineering Achievement Awards & Lifetime Engineering Achievement Award**

4. I spoke about the need to build human capabilities and the need for more engineers to innovate to mitigate the impact of climate change at the opening of WES. Climate change is an area that holds many opportunities for our workforce to build a challenging and rewarding career that make a difference. IES continuously helps our engineers to acquire professional competence and develops career progression pathways for them.
5. We have been working closely with the Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA), the Employment and Employability Institute (e2i) and the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) to develop professional and management training programs for our engineers to enhance their competence and acquire future-ready skills. I would like to thank our Guest-of-Honour, Minister Chan for being so supportive of our work in these areas.
6. To ensure that engineers remain in the industry and to enthuse bright young talents into engineering, we need to raise the profile of the engineering profession. Therefore it is important to celebrate and recognise the work of engineers. Tonight, we will be presenting awards to engineers who have been exceptional in their fields of work. We hope that their achievements will inspire the engineering community to make even bigger contributions to Singapore and the younger generation to become engineers of our future.
7. The IES Prestigious Engineering Achievement Awards focus on projects identified to be outstanding in its planning, problem-solving, design of solutions, pioneering use of materials and methods and featuring of innovations that make a significant contribution to our quality of life. I

would like to congratulate the 13 winning teams for achieving distinction across different engineering fields.

8. We need beacons to guide our young engineers and role models to inspire existing engineers to be proud of their work. Tonight, we will celebrate the achievements of a great engineering beacon and an excellent role model – Er. Tan Gee Paw.
9. IES is proud to present Er. Tan Gee Paw with the Lifetime Engineering Achievement Award 2015. Gee Paw is the Chairman of PUB and he has a distinguished career in the area of environmental and water management. He has played a pivotal role in building a sustainable water supply for Singapore. Thank you, Gee Paw, for showing us the huge difference that an engineer can make to our nation, our economy and our people. You are an inspiration to both the engineering community and the younger generation of Singapore.

## **Closing**

10. In closing, once again, I would like to thank Mr. Chan Chun Sing for gracing this evening's Gala Dinner as our Guest-of-Honour. My appreciation also goes out to all our partners, sponsors for their generosity in time and resources; and to the WES Committee Members and the IES Secretariat for their dedication and hard work. I would also like to thank everyone, especially our friends and colleagues who have travelled from afar, for joining us at WES and for being here this evening. It is because of all of you that WES 2015 is a resounding success.
11. I wish all our overseas friends a safe journey home and I look forward to seeing everyone again at WES 2017. Have an enjoyable evening.  
Thank you.