

Speech by Er. Edwin Khew, President, The Institution of Engineers, Singapore, at IES Spring Festival 2018 at 6.30 pm on Thursday, 1 March 2018 at IES Multi-Purpose Hall

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Fellow IES members and friends,

1. Welcome to the annual IES Spring Festival. On behalf of the IES Council, I would like to wish everyone good health, new successes and bountiful fortune in the year of the Dog. 祝大家新年快乐, 身体健康, 步步高升 (Xin Nian Kuai Le, Shen Ti Jian Kang, Bu Bu Gao Sheng).
2. Last year, the Year of the Rooster, was a productive and fulfilling one for IES, thanks to all your support. I look forward to reporting our achievements for 2017 during the IES AGM being held before the end of May. For tonight, I would like to keep it light because it is CNY and I will share more some of our achievements during 2017 and also about the exciting agenda we have installed for you for the Year of the Dog and focus on professional and social activities.

3. On the Social side of things: IES (through its membership team) has already lined up many activities starting with a pre-release viewing of the box office high grossing movie “Black Panther” at Golden Village VivoCity on 22nd Feb. Many members brought their families and we had a networking nite prior to the showing of the movie with some light refreshment and finger food sponsored by a friendly corporation. From the full house turnout, it is clear that IES members appreciated the opportunity to not just enjoy a good box office movie but build lasting friendships with fellow members and engineers just like what we are doing tonight.

4. Besides entertainment, IES has also been helping our members keep fit and stay active to fulfil the rigorous demand of the engineering profession. If you recall when I gave my inaugural speech as IES 26th President in 2016, I included keeping healthy and fit as one of the 6 outcomes I will strive to achieve within IES. Let me quickly share this slide with you for those who have forgotten or did not attend the 2016 AGM.

5. We have been organising monthly cycling events and this is led by our young engineer Council member Ong Eng Teck. We are very happy to see new faces joining us each month and I hope this will grow to a weekly event. I welcome all of you to join us for the next monthly cycling session on Saturday, 3rd March at 4pm, as it is an excellent time to start working out after all the Chinese New Year feasting.

6. Beyond relaxation and fun, our social activities have also brought out excellence in some of our members. For example, for the first time in the institution's history, IES won the Inter-Professional Games, or IPG, Golf Event Title. It was not an easy feat as golf is one of the most hotly contested IPG categories. The Doctors, Accountants and Architects were traditionally coming top 3 and engineers were mostly 4th or 5th out of the 5 teams. It just goes to show how much we can achieve together, not just in the engineering arena, but also in other arenas. I like to thank our golf captain Er. Chua Tong Seng for leading the IES team to this historic win. As most of you will know Tong Seng is also the President of ACES.

7. Looking ahead In November 2018, IES will be hosting CAFEO 36 in Singapore, following the taking over of the

Chairmanship of the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations, or AFEO, last November in Thailand. Since 1980, IES has been representing Singapore in AFEO to promote goodwill and fellowship amongst engineers in the ASEAN region and the last time we hosted CAFEO was in 2008.

8. From November 12 to 14, IES will be hosting some 800 engineers or more from all the ASEAN countries. We will focus on two key themes – rail connectivity and engineering education. It will offer a platform for IES members to exchange knowledge and best practices with fellow ASEAN engineers. I encourage all of you to take advantage of this rare opportunity to forge collaborative partnerships beyond our shores and build a strong and sustainable relationship with our ASEAN fellow engineers as the ASEAN market is our immediate and expanded market. The Singapore market is just too small if we want to grow our companies and Singapore's economy.
9. Apart from the activities above, IES has launched a new CRM system recently, to serve our members better. You can now conveniently access IES's activities, events and functions via one unified online portal so that IES can provide better on-line support and services to all our

members with a click of a button on your smart phone or laptop.

10. All the above activities and initiatives have been developed with one purpose in mind - to promote the interest and development of our members. I hope all of you will actively participate in our events, workshops, seminars, conferences, sporting events etc to take your professional, social, and health development as an engineer to new heights.

11. Thank you once again for being here tonight. There is perhaps no better way to start off a new year than with food, drinks, conversation and laughter in the company of friends. I hope you will enjoy the celebration, entertainment, and dinner tonight! Huat Ah!

12. Thank you.