

**Speech by Prof Yeoh Lean Weng, President, The Institution of  
Engineers, Singapore (IES) at IES Spring Festival 2019 at  
6.30pm on Friday, 15 February 2019 at IES Auditorium**

IES council members, members, staff and secretariat;

Ladies and gentlemen;

1. A very good evening and happy Chinese new year to all of you. On behalf of the IES Council, I would like to wish everyone good health, happiness and prosperity in the year of the Pig. 祝大家新年快乐，身体健康，万事如意!
2. Chinese New Year is a time of reunion, of giving thanks for the past year and of celebrating new beginnings. Thank you for your presence this evening as we embark on a new year that will be marked by many exciting activities.
3. I will share a few key highlights with you:

4. First, the World Engineers Summit. This will be one of our key events. This year, the theme is 'Engineering future cities – harnessing and managing technologies to improve quality of life'. I invite you to join us at the conference, to share your knowledge and ideas or better still, come forward and help organise this conference.
  
5. Second, the National Engineers Day will enter its 10<sup>th</sup> year this year. This is a significant milestone as we make this day a day to honour our Engineers, our achievements and our contributions to our society. It is also a day to instil awareness in the students so that they will embrace engineering as their career choice.
  
6. This year, IES will also take another step forward in our efforts to nurture the next generation of engineering leaders for Singapore. We will launch the Global Engineers Leadership Programme in collaboration with NTUC in May. The course will equip senior engineers with future-ready management and

leadership skills to complement their technical competence.

We look forward to having IES members join this programme.

7. In addition, IES will continue to focus on our priority areas of promoting engineering excellence, building an inclusive engineering community and rebranding IES.
8. With your support, I am confident that IES will make significant progress this year. But for today, let us enjoy a night of joyous celebration tonight.

Thank you.