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Media Release

Er. Tan Seng Chuan Conferred Top Regional Engineering Honour

The Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP) recognised Past President of The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES) for his exemplary leadership and contributions to advance engineering in the region

Er. Tan Seng Chuan, Honorary Fellow and Past President of IES received the prestigious FEIAP Engineer of the Year Award 2017 on 17th May 2017. The accolade celebrates Er. Tan's distinctive efforts in championing the development of the engineering profession in the region and driving benefits to regional communities.

Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Er. Iqbal Zafar Jhagra and President of FEIAP, Dr. John Li presented Er. Tan with the plague of honour at the Fourth FEIAP Convention & 25th General Assembly Meeting held at the Pakistan National Council of the Arts, Islamabad.

Er. Tan propelled the engineering industry into transformative growth when he served as President of FEIAP from 2007 to 2011. He revised the constitution to extend FEIAP membership from South East Asia to the Asia Pacific region in 2007, realising the revival of FEIAP, previously known as the Federation of Engineering Institutions of Southeast Asia and the Pacific (FEISEAP).

During his FEIAP presidency, Er. Tan also initiated the FEIAP Engineering Education Guidelines that have helped member economies raise the standard of engineering programmes in universities, the FEIAP Professional Code of Ethic and Conduct and the FEIAP Engineer of the Year Award to recognise engineers who have made significant contributions in the field of engineering for society's benefit.

Er. Tan has made immense contributions to IES since 1984. Besides being elected as an IES Council member in the year 2000, he was also chairman of the Civil and Structural Engineering Technical Committee, the Environmental Engineering Technical Committee, the National Committee of Engineering Organisations, the IES Awards Task Force and the IES Strategic Plan Task Force.

During his two-year term as President of IES from 2006 to 2008, Er. Tan reorganised the Council structure to sharpen its industry focus. He also raised IES' international profile by representing IES in ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations (AFEO), FEIAP, World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO), International Engineering Alliance (IEA), Washington Accord (WA) and APEC Engineer.

Er. Tan continued to help IES strengthen its global presence after his presidency. He initiated the inaugural FEIAP Convention in Singapore in 2011. He also brought the WFEO General Assembly to Singapore and initiated the inaugural World Engineers Summit (WES) in 2013. Under his leadership, IES again hosted WES in 2015, building it to be a premier platform for the global community to exchange insights and ideas regarding the impact of climate change. Er. Tan's achievements have earned him the IES Honorary Fellowship in 2015 and the Honorary Fellow of Engineers, Australia in 2016.

"Er. Tan is an inspiring engineering leader who has made pivotal contributions in fostering vibrant cooperation amongst regional engineering communities leading to widespread economic and social benefits. Besides fuelling renewed vitality at FEIAP, his exceptional efforts in uplifting the quality of engineering education in Asia Pacific have also raised the standards of the profession and positioned engineers well for the new era of engineering," Dr. Li.

"I am very honoured to be nominated by IES and selected by FEIAP for this esteemed award. It has been a privilege for me to support our region's rapid transformation through my knowledge in engineering and passion for it. I hope this award will inspire younger engineers to continue the journey to move our economies and societies to greater heights," said Er. Tan.

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About The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES)

The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES) was formally established in July 1966 as the national society of engineers in Singapore. IES is the premier engineering institution in Singapore and is called upon by the Government to provide feedback on professional engineering matters.

IES is well represented among the faculty members of the major engineering institutions of higher learning in Singapore. Through close collaboration with the local universities

and polytechnics, IES organises courses, seminars and talks for engineers and IES members to advance the continuous development of engineers.

The Institution maintains close links with professional organisations of engineers regionally and throughout the world. These include organisations in Australia, China, Japan, United Kingdom and the United States. The Institution also represents Singapore in the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations (AFEO) and the Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP) in promoting goodwill and fellowship among all engineers in ASEAN and the Asia-Pacific region.

Through its Engineering Accreditation Board (EAB), IES obtained full signatory status in the Washington Accord (WA) in June 2006. The entry grants IES the authority to represent Singapore, the first country within the ASEAN region which has obtained full signatory status in the WA, to vet education systems under the WA mutual recognition framework.

About The Federation of Engineering Institution of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP)

FEIAP is an international non-profit professional organization. It was formerly named the Federation of Engineering Institutions of Southeast Asia and the Pacific (FEISEAP), which was founded in July 1978. Being an independent umbrella organization for the engineering institutions in the Southeast Asia and the Pacific region, the objectives of FEISEAP were to encourage the application of technical progress to economic and social advancement throughout the world; to advance engineering as a profession in the interest of all people; and to foster peace throughout the world. The Federation was an international member of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) that pursues objectives similar to those of FEISEAP on a global scale. At the 14th General Assembly of FEISEAP held in Cebu, Philippines, in November, 2007, it was agreed that the Constitution of the Federation should be reviewed to more clearly define its objectives and to broaden the scope of participants eligible for membership. This vision of the Constitution was unanimously adopted by the Special General Assembly of the Federation held in Hanoi, Vietnam, June 2008. The Constitution incorporates a change to the present name as the Federation of Engineering Institutions of Southeast Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP). <http://www.feiap.org/index/php/>.

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