

**SPEECH BY DR. YEOH LEAN WENG, DEPUTY PRESIDENT,
THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, SINGAPORE, AT LAUNCH OF
THE CHARTERED ENGINEER CERTIFICATION / ACCREDITATION
PROGRAMME FOR PORT & MARINE SECTOR ON THURSDAY, 11
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PASIR PANJANG TERMINAL BUILDING 3,
7TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM**

Mr. Ong Kim Pong, Regional CEO, Southeast Asia, PSA International,
Representatives from MPA, Jurong Port, Portek and NUS,
Ladies and gentlemen,
Good afternoon.

On behalf of The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES), thank you for joining us at today's event. The launch of the Chartered Engineer Certification and Accreditation Programme for the Port & Marine Sector marks an important milestone in our efforts to enhance the recognition of engineers in this sector, with the support of PSA, MPA, Jurong Port, Portek and NUS.

Chartered Engineer Certification Programme

1. As the national society of engineers in Singapore, IES has always strived to raise the status and profile of the engineering

profession. In line with this goal, IES launched the Chartered Engineer (Singapore) Registry in 2013, to provide professional recognition to qualified engineers across all sectors, including those from fields that do not require them to be registered as Professional Engineers.

2. Since then, IES has registered a total of 239 Chartered Engineers in six different fields of engineering that provide support to Singapore's economic growth. These are Aerospace, Chemical & Process, Environmental & Water, Marine & Offshore, Systems, and Railway & Transportation.
3. These Chartered Engineers will be recognised for their professional competence as IES has put in place stringent assessment process and benchmarked with international standards.

Launch of Chartered Engineer Programme (Port & Marine)

4. Today, IES is pleased to launch the Chartered Engineer Programme for Port & Marine, a sector that plays a major role in driving Singapore's future economic growth. The Maritime sector contributes to about 7% of Singapore GDP growth and employs over 170,000 workers. The programme will ensure that

we have competent engineers to support the development of Tuas mega port, a masterpiece of Singapore's next-generation port vision.

5. Today, as part of the launch, we are pleased to present Chartered Engineer certificates in Port & Marine to the first 13 engineering professionals. As outstanding engineers who have made significant contributions in their respective fields of practice, these 13 individuals will also form the Port & Marine Assessment Panel for the programme. I would like to thank all of them in advance for their contributions.

Conclusion

6. I would also like to thank PSA, MPA, Jurong Port, Portek and NUS for your strong support that has made today's launch possible. Moving forth, IES is committed to continue to work closely with all of you to maintain the standing of Chartered Engineers. IES will continue to reach out to international registries for mutual recognition of Chartered Engineers to further raise the professional standing of our Chartered Engineers globally.
7. Today's launch represents a step forward in the journey of transformation for Singapore's port and marine sector. Together,

we will develop engineering competence in this sector to ensure that Singapore will remain as a leading global maritime hub for many more years to come, and we will have exciting times ahead for the Singapore Maritime Sector. Thank you.