

**SPEECH BY ER. EDWIN KHEW, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, THE
INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, SINGAPORE, AT 12TH INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON CERAMIC MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS FOR ENERGY
AND ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS (CMCEE 2018) CONFERENCE DINNER
ON THURSDAY, 26 JULY 2018, 6.30PM AT RAFFLES CITY CONVENTION
CENTRE, LEVEL FOUR, STAMFORD BALLROOM**

Our Guest-of-Honour, Mr. Heng Chee How, Senior Minister of State for Defence and Deputy Secretary-General of NTUC;

Prof. Palani Balaya, Chairman of the CMCEE 2018 Conference Committee;

Dr. Jay Singh, Past President of American Ceramic Society;

Distinguished guests;

Ladies and gentlemen;

Good evening.

1. On behalf of The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES), I would like to welcome you to the Conference Dinner of the 12th International Conference on Ceramic Materials and Components for Energy and Environmental Applications (CMCEE) 2018. I would also like to thank Senior Minister of State Mr. Heng Chee How for gracing our event this evening.

CMCEE 2018

2. This is the first time that CMCEE, a premier global event in the field of advanced materials, is hosted in Singapore. IES is honoured to co-organise the conference with the National University of Singapore (NUS), as it is in

line with our mission to advance and promote the science, art and profession of engineering for the well-being of mankind.

3. We have more than 680 delegates from academia, industry and research institutions from 46 countries in attendance. I hope that over the past few days, you were able to share knowledge and explore areas for collaborations in ceramic materials and components related to energy, environmental and health applications.

IES Prestigious Engineering Achievement Awards 2018

4. Tonight, we will be presenting the IES Prestigious Engineering Achievement Awards 2018. Since introducing this award in 2003, IES has held this award presentation annually, to recognise outstanding engineering projects that demonstrate distinctive value in enhancing quality of life.
5. Through the awards, we hope to raise greater awareness of the contributions of engineers to our society and economy and to inspire the younger generation to consider engineering as the preferred career choice.
6. I would like to congratulate the 10 winning teams of this year's awards. We hope that the award will spur you to advance your work to the next level of excellence.

Conclusion

7. I would also like to thank our co-organiser NUS, our sponsors, plenary speakers, technical paper presenters and delegates for your support towards CMCEE 2018.

8. This year's conference theme – Ceramic Technologies for Sustainable Development highlighted the importance of ceramic technologies to facilitate reuse and recycling of wastes towards a circular economy. Let us work together to develop innovative solutions in ceramic materials and components to bring about a more sustainable future.

Thank you.