



Media Release

Engineer Honoured for Exceptional Service to the Profession through Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter of Professional Engineers Ontario

Toronto – (April 27, 2015) – A champion of the engineering profession both as a volunteer and directly from association headquarters, Michael Kwok-Wai Chan, P.Eng., of PEO's Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter, has been named a Member of the Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) Order of Honour. He was inducted into the Order at an April 24 gala in Toronto.

As PEO chapter manager for eight years, Chan strongly supported the development of PEO's Government Liaison Program (GLP) and associated chapter GLP committees. The increased awareness of PEO among legislators built through this program contributed to the provincial government's willingness in 2010 to facilitate the most significant changes to the *Professional Engineers Act* in almost a quarter century. These changes modernized and strengthened regulation of the profession in the public interest.

Upon his retirement from PEO, Chan joined the executive of the Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter, where his knowledge of chapter operations helped improve the chapter's business plans, activity reports and operations. He similarly invigorated the chapter's government relations efforts while chairing its GLP committee for two years. During this time, he spearheaded a successful chapter-sponsored public town hall discussion on the Harmonized Sales Tax that included participation by the provincial Minister of Revenue and two local MPPs.

Following his service on the chapter executive, Chan put to work his vast experience with PEO volunteers as a member of the Advisory Committee on Volunteers, including three years as chair.

Chan says he continues his relationship with PEO because he believes that, by volunteering, he and many others allow the association to tackle work that otherwise might not get accomplished.

The Order of Honour pays tribute to individuals who have rendered conspicuous service to the engineering profession. The rank of Member is bestowed upon those who have served the profession by contributing substantially to its operation or improvement in its status.

About Professional Engineers Ontario

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 83,000 licence and certificate holders and regulates professional engineering in Ontario to serve and protect the public. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment. Professional engineers can be identified by the P.Eng. after their names.

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