



Media Release

Markham Engineer Recognized for Innovative Leadership and Unwavering Volunteer Service to the Profession

Toronto – (May 14, 2012) – For his unwavering support of the next generation of engineers and his tireless commitment to the engineering profession, Kam S. Leong, P.Eng., FEC of Markham, has been named a Member of the Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) Order of Honour. He was inducted into the order at a May 11, 2012 gala in Toronto.

During 13 years of service to PEO's York Chapter, Leong's innovative leadership has led him to be a prominent advocate for the engineering profession. An active proponent of education outreach activities, Leong developed and implemented the chapter's high school scholarship program. Funded by money raised by the chapter, \$1,500 in scholarships is distributed annually. This initiative's success led to PEO headquarters implementing a similar program for other chapters.

He was also instrumental in creating a program that pairs experienced professional engineers with fourth-year York University students for their design project, an initiative that is credited with helping York's engineering programs achieve a successful accreditation by the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board.

Leong also contributes to the chapter's "Guest Lecturer for a Day" initiative, which enables chapter volunteers to discuss workplace issues with final-year engineering students at Ryerson University.

Key to Leong's chapter involvement is his ability to bring about partnerships with corporate and financial institutions. This has enabled the chapter to stage high profile events that increase its recognition within the community, including licence certificate presentation ceremonies that now typically attract 200 guests. His influence also extends into the classroom through the chapter's mathematics competition, which now includes the involvement of politicians and the media.

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 80,000 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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