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# Media Release

## Markham Engineer Honoured for Volunteer Efforts to Engage Engineering Profession with Local Community

Toronto – (April 29, 2013) – For her outstanding leadership and inspiring contributions to the engineering profession, Haoxuan Sarah Jin, MBA, P.Eng., PMP, FEC, of Markham, has been named a Member of the Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) Order of Honour. She was inducted into the order at an April 26, 2013 gala in Toronto.

Sarah Jin has worked diligently for 12 years to extend the PEO York Chapter's involvement in the community and increase networking opportunities for members. To increase the engagement of members in chapter activities, Jin organized a number of successful networking events, such as boat cruises and an annual charity golf tournament. The golf tournament is now sponsored by local businesses and provides funding for the chapter scholarship program for high school students entering a university engineering program. And, as a result of her management of its budget, the chapter has been able to add four additional scholarships to the number it provides, bringing the total awarded annually to six.

Jin has also shown initiative in exploring new avenues to advance the profession in her region. She organized a brainstorming retreat for the chapter executive that led to the development of an award to recognize outstanding projects of local engineering businesses.

A strong supporter of engaging elected officials in chapter events, Jin facilitated a study in 2008 at the request of her local member of provincial parliament on the future power requirements in the region. The study evolved into a discussion paper that was presented at a town hall meeting to local residents, government representatives and engineers, showcasing the chapter's involvement in community affairs.

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**

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