



Media Release

Mississauga Engineer Celebrated for Exceptional Commitment to Mentorship of Newcomers and Dedication to the Profession

Toronto – (April 27, 2015) – An influential figure credited for assisting newcomers to Ontario with the process for becoming licensed as a professional engineer, Tapan Das, P.Eng., Ph.D., of Mississauga, 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 chair of PEO's Mississauga Chapter in 2010, Das guided one of the largest chapters through one of its most productive and active years. He is also a passionate advocate and mentor for those who received their engineering educations outside of Canada. While PEO has received recognition for its achievements in facilitating such applicants on their path to licensure, Das is recognized by many as building the framework and laying the foundation for this accomplishment. He worked diligently to establish a mentoring program for his home chapter and petitioned for, and subsequently led, a pilot project to incorporate the concept into several other chapters.

Based on the success of this initiative, PEO's governing council decided to expand the program province-wide. Now called the Licensure Assistance Program, it is available in 20 chapters and has been recognized by the provincial government as helping to make the engineering profession accessible to newcomers.

Das says volunteering has a domino-like effect, as engineers helping other engineers strengthens the profession, which, in turn, is able to make positive contributions that increase its value and importance to society.

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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