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What's New

FOR THE MEMBERS

TO THE MEMBERS

BY THE MEMBERS

The ECES is a non-profit organization established in 1993. Our membership includes individuals of Chinese and non-Chinese decent, as well as individuals from other professions and countries. Our mission is to promote the common interests of our members with objectives of:

- Exchanging technical information
 - Establishing liaisons with Asia Pacific engineering organizations
 - Promoting fellowship
 - Providing input on the developments in the Chinese community
 - Assisting engineering students through the offering of scholarships and advice on job opportunities
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....and much, much more!

I. Eighth Anniversary of the E.C.E.S.

On April 21, 2001, the E.C.E.S. will celebrate its eighth anniversary at the Mirama Restaurant. This year's banquet will feature keynote speaker, Dr. Ken Fyfe, engineering professor at the University of Alberta. Dr. Fyfe will be speaking on his patented speedometer, which has been licensed by Nike for their running shoes (sorry, no free samples). Attendance at this year's banquet is expected to reach record numbers, and sponsorship from the professional community has surpassed our previous totals! Also in attendance will be members from the three levels of government as well as some special V.I.P.'s.

Time is running out to get tickets, so please contact your executive committee to reserve your seats and help us to celebrate eight fantastic years!

II. ECES Membership Renewals

It is time to renew your membership for year 2001!

The society will only progress with your continuous support. Your 2001 executive committee will be contacting you **very shortly** as our goal is to increase membership and, more importantly, to be proactive in communicating news to our registered members.

As a registered member, you have the benefit of monthly updates on ECES activities, technical meetings, world and employment news. For E.I.T. and professional engineers, you qualify for professional hours with APEGGA. Members also earn reduced fees for all technical dinners and social activities and gain numerous opportunities to build a fantastic network of contacts.

Registration details are listed at the end of this issue, *so sign up today!*

III. Previous Meetings

January 8, 2001 Technical Dinner Meeting

Mr. K. C. Er, P. Eng. of the City of Edmonton gave an impressive talk on "Construction of Raw Water Intake at Rossdale Water Treatment Plant." Those in attendance had an assortment of questions for Mr. Er and we thank him again for his expertise and insight.

Feb. 12, 2001 Technical Dinner Meeting

Our new ECES President, Wing Choy, gave an informative talk on the "Evaluation of Consultants' Performance in AI construction projects".

IV. Upcoming Meetings & Events

March 19, 2001 Technical Dinner

LingChuan Li, Ph.D. Project Engineer Research & Development, Stream-Flo Industries Ltd. will present a talk on "Power Adjustable and Variable Ratio Pedals".

April 21, 2001 Anniversary Banquet

In celebration of eight years since its inception, the ECES Anniversary Committee has a special evening planned. Representing the three levels of government will be David Kilgour (Federal), Gary Mar (Provincial), and Terry Cavanagh (Municipal). Other invited guests include Neil Windsor and Stewart MacIntosh (Speaker & Chairwoman of APEGGA respectively), Justice Donald Lee, Dr. Shaw (President of NAIT), and many others.

This year's banquet will also mark a *handing of the torch* as our former ECES president, Daniel Woo, will be in attendance along with our new president, Wing Choy and the rest of the 2001 executive committee.

May 14, 2001 Technical Dinner

Professor Sam Ariaratnam from the University of Alberta. Dr. Ariaratnam will discuss trenchless technology as it relates to Directional Drilling.

June 11, 2001 Technical Dinner

Speaker: Bill Van De Meer

September 10, 2001 Technical Dinner

Martyn Phillips will present a talk on "Value-Based Approach for Project Success". Mr. Phillips worked for the City of Edmonton in the water treatment division before forming his own business. He currently owns and operates a consulting firm called Value Management International (VMI) and conducts value engineering workshops and evaluations for clients all over the world.

Notes:

All technical dinner meetings are held at Mirama Restaurant, 2nd floor, 9431 – Jasper Avenue starting at 6:00 PM. Cost including 9 course Chinese dinner is \$15/person, \$10 /student, \$20/non-member. Hours attending ECES' technical dinner meetings qualify for APEGGA's professional development hours.

Our meetings are also listed in ECES's web site www.eces.net and APEGGA's newspaper, the PEGG's society listing page. Take a look and if you use internet, look it up at <http://www.apegga.com/societielisting.htm>

V. Membership News

Congratulations To...

Cuong Vuong, who recently started his new position at Stream-Flo Industries Ltd.

Sam Ling & his wife, Ratna, who were recently married in KL, Malaysia.

VI. Other News

APEGGA SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

ISA Calgary Instrumentation Show 2001
April 4 & 5, Stampede Park, Calgary

www.isacalgary.com

Construction Claims in Alberta Seminar
April 5, Edmonton

www.lorman.com

CWRA Alberta Chapter 2001 Conference
April 8, 9, 10, Capri Centre, Red Deer

belson@mpe.ab.ca

Petroleum Exploration in the NWT
April 10, 11, The Westin, Calgary

www.centruminformation.com

CSCHE Edmonton Section and AIChE
Basic Process Control Training Course
April 23-27, Edmonton

www.csche.ab.ca/Activity.html

OTHER SOCIETY DATES

The Association of Women Engineering & Science
"Starting Your Own Business"
March 29, University of Alberta, Edmonton

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Canadian Society of Civil Engineering
"Infrastructure Development & Planning, 2001 World Championships"
April 19, University of Alberta, Edmonton

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VII. Career Corner

The following web sites contain opportunities. It is worthy to check them out periodically. (*Tips* for internet: instead of typing in the web sites, highlight and copy the web site then paste it to the site location.)

COMPANIES TO CHECK OUT

China National Chemical Engineering Shenzhen Co.	http://www.cncesc.com.cn/
China Huanqiu Engineering Company	http://www.hqcec.com/hqen/index.htm

GET WIRED

Search Engines in China and Asia	http://search-engines.hypermart.net/html/china.html
Link to World Events	http://www.oneworld.org/
Asia Trade Sites	http://cci-net.com/links/asiatrade.asp

MEMBERS LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES

Search Engines in China and Asia	http://search-engines.hypermart.net/html/china.html
Federal government (full time, summer students)	http://www.jobs.gc.ca

One of the benefits of our society is the variety of contacts available to our members. Whether you are a student, E.I.T., or Professional Engineer, please let the society know of any available employment opportunities in your field.

VIII. Did You Know That.....

(We are using this space to share noteworthy information/ quotations, especially news items dealing with engineering and Asia Pacific commerce.)

China to reduce state ownership of country's airlines

In China, the government says it will eventually reduce its stakes in the country's airlines. A spokesman of the Civil Aviation Administration, or CAAC, says such a move is part of a massive restructuring aimed at creating three major airline groups. Premier Zhu Rongji said last week that the government would break up monopolies in a number of state-controlled sectors including the aviation, power, telecommunications and railway industries. CAAC has 10 airlines directly under its control including listed China Southern Airlines and China Eastern Airlines.

Indonesian government concerned over APP's debt standstill

The recent debt standstill by troubled Asia Pulp & Paper has raised concern for the Indonesian government and local banks. Several banks have extended sizeable loans to APP units, the largest being Bank Internasional Indonesia (BII), for US\$1.3 billion. This is more than half of the bank's total loan book.

Stock Exchange of Thailand introduces new measures to boost trade

The Stock Exchange of Thailand says it will be introducing new measures in a bid to boost trading volumes. A new instrument called Non-voting depositary receipts, or NVDRs, which allow foreign investors unlimited holdings in Thai stocks, will be introduced to the SET in the second-half of this year. Up till now, foreign investors' shareholding in any Thai company is capped at 49 percent. That means foreign investors have to buy shares on the Exchange's foreign board at a premium.

The new scheme allows foreign investors to buy NVDRs from a special company, which would then invest the money in the specified stock. Because the firm owns the shares, foreign ownership restrictions would not be an issue.

Singapore's January tax revenue down 2.1% to S\$1.33b

The tax man's collection in the first month of this year was down by about 2 percent from a year ago to S\$1.33 billion. An anemic stock market led to a 38 percent tumble in revenue from stamp duty to S\$82 million. Meanwhile, erratic month-to-month fluctuations in the goods and services tax collection produced a 75 percent plunge in this revenue source to just S\$34 million. In contrast, the tax man reaped 66 percent more revenue from betting, sweepstakes and private lotteries to some S\$151 million. Also up a hefty 32 percent was property tax collection to S\$222 million while income tax revenue nudged up 1.8 percent to S\$842 million.

(the above excerpts were made available from... <http://cci-net.com/links/asiatrade.asp>)

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Other professions (C.A., LLB, Architecture) \$15
Student \$15

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