

The Formation of FEISEAP

The exploratory meeting on the formation of a Federation of Engineering Institutions of South East Asia and the Pacific was convened and organised by the Engineering Institute of Thailand under H.M. The King's Patronage with the support of UNESCO. It was held in Chiang Mai from 3 to 7 July 1978.

The objective of the meeting was to bring together officials of national societies and institutions of engineers, and regional and international engineering federations, and those concerned with the express purpose of exploring the feasibility of creating a federation of national institutions of engineers of the South East Asian and Western Pacific region. Such a body would provide a mechanism for co-operation between engineering societies of countries of the region to assist in the development and strengthening of these societies; to speak on behalf of engineers of the region with international bodies such as UNESCO, UNIDO, ESCAP, WFEO and ICSU; and to promote the advancement of engineering science and practice especially with regard to regional economic and social development, and the education and training of engineers and technicians.

Participants at the meeting included the Presidents, Secretaries, and other officials or senior representatives of national engineering societies and institutions from some twelve countries in the region, also attending were representatives from WFEO, FEANI and UNESCO. The Federation of Engineering Institutions of South East Asia and the Pacific was established on 6 July 1978 by the assembled delegates.

The FEISEAP Objectives

The objectives of the Federation are to encourage the application of technical progress to economic and social advancement throughout the world; to advance engineering as a profession in the interest of all people; to foster peace throughout the world, and to this end:

- (a) to foster co-operation between engineering organisations, and between engineering and other organisations;
- (b) to foster engineering education and training;
- (c) to encourage the exchange of engineering information;
- (d) to encourage the formation and to foster the activities of national and international associations of engineers;
- (e) to encourage the freedom of movement of engineers between different countries;
- (f) to sponsor scientific and engineering meetings, symposia, congresses and the like;
- (g) to undertake special projects relating to the professional interests of members of the Federation;
- (h) to promote, sponsor and otherwise actively engage in engineering activities that particularly benefit the public welfare such as sustainable development, protection of the environment, and the reduction of man made and natural hazards and disasters;
- (i) to safeguard the public at all times in matters of health and safety;
- (j) to co-operate with governmental and non-governmental organisations; and
- (k) to do all other things incidental and conducive to attainment of the objectives of the Federation.