



FROM FEISEAP TO FEIAP

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 also 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.

HKIE took over the secretariat of FEISEAP in 1998 in Tokyo, Japan and its Past President, Ir James Blake, was elected the 10th President of the Federation at the Tokyo Assembly. Japan Federation of Engineering Society (JFES) transferred its responsibilities for the FEISEAP Secretariat to HKIE.

This Assembly was held in conjunction with the meetings of the Standing Committee on Engineering Education and Training, and the Engineering and the Environment as well. Efforts had been made in attaining mutual recognition of the Professional Engineers among FEISEAP member economies during Prof Nishino's terms of office with the support from the member economy Australia and the Engineering Education and Training Committee, which finally led to the proposal for the formation of APEC Engineers. Another subject of discussion at the 10th General Assembly was the membership of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) as representative of the engineering community of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. Taking into the consideration Hong Kong's unique status after the return of its sovereignty to China on 1 July 1997 and the view of HKIE, the membership of HKIE as National member of the Federation was approved and was suitably incorporated in the Constitution of the Federation.

Dr Ginn Huh of KPEA was elected the new Vice President and Ir P K Kwok of HKIE, the Secretary General.

Twenty years has passed since the formation of the Federation in July 1978. It is expected that the coming years will continue to be challenging for FEISEAP on many fronts. One of the challenges of the Federation today, as considered by President Ir

James Blake, is the diversification of social and economic culture throughout the Asia Pacific Region. Reinforcement of networking is thus taken as one of the major objectives in the years ahead. It is believed that Hong Kong, as well as the HKIE, as a multi-cultural community, is well placed to lead FEISEAP in attaining closer collaboration among member nations, to shape out a framework of what is Asian Engineer, and be a contributing force for the advancement of engineering science and technology as well as the socio-economic development in the Southeast Asia and the Pacific Region

In 1998, FEISEAP 23rd Exco shared its member's needs and aspiration with the issuing of the FEISEAP Newsletter by HKIE and the setting up of homepage for FEISEAP also managed by HKIE. FEISEAP Constitution made minor changes on the appointment of President who shall be the Vice President in office with the Secretary- General position appointed on the nomination of the President. The discussion of the membership of The Institution of Engineers, Singapore possibility to re-joining FEISEAP as a National Member was discussed and the IES Council seemed positive to be back as its member. This Exco approved the first application of Associate Membership (Individual) to members of HKIE.

That year, in 1999, the 24th FEISEAP Executive Committee was held at Felix Kwai (Felix Kanchanaburi – Swissotel-River Kwai) Hotel in Kanchanaburi, River Kwai, and Thailand from 17-22 May; with two standing committees meetings of Engineering Education and Engineering and the Environment. International Regional Symposium on Sustainable Development was organised by EIT. FEISEAP, as an umbrella organization, is emerging as the regional representative of engineering institutions in Southeast Asia and the Pacific. FEISEAP is committed to the advancement of the world engineering profession for the benefit of mankind.

The 11th General Assembly hosted by Environmental Management & Research Association of Malaysia (ENSEARCH) organised the event in conjunction with their function POLMET 2000 on 19 March 2000 at the Shangri-La, Kuala Lumpur in which, The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia accepted the offer for the IEM President to assume the FEISEAP Presidency and the IEM to run the FEISEAP Secretariat for the period 2000-2002.

After the sudden demise of Dr Ginn Huh of KPEA on 24 February 2000, FEISEAP was left without the Vice President position. The Korean Institution of Engineers (KIE) had declined the offer of replacing the Vice President as the President- elect after the passing away of their appointed President-elect who was to take office of Presidency from 2000-2002. This 11th General Assembly unanimously agreed to appoint the new Vice President as the President – elect and allowing the IEM Deputy President, Datuk Ir. Prof Hj Ahmad Zaidee bin Laidin then to become the Vice President of FEISEAP and the FEISEAP President from 2000-2002. Ir. Lee Weng Onn was appointed the FEISEAP Secretary General. President of IEM then was Ir. Dr Gue See Sew.

The 2 year tenure of the Secretariat by JFES had a shortfall in subscriptions in which JFES absorbed the shortfall between the income received from subscriptions and expenditure incurred by FEISEAP during its tenure of the Secretariat. HKIE as Secretariat also had to shoulder the deficit before handing over the accounts to the Secretariat for the next Presidency (IEM). IES also re-join FEISEAP as its national member. Due to the non-payment of dues by Council of Technology and Applied Sciences of Philippines (COTASP), Philippines Technological Council (PTC) was admitted as the national Member from Philippines replacing COTASP membership. Engr Soliman of PTC initiated this effort.

For the past two years, efforts have been made to enhance transparency of the Federation and to establish firmer relations between WFEO and FEISEAP. In addition, ties with UNESCO had also moved ahead strongly on the basis of the Federation being a stand-alone organization, and areas of common interest had been taken up more effectively. FEISEAP also adopted the support of the APEC Register as being a benefit for all members within the Federation.

Persatuan Insinyur Indonesia (PII) assumed the position of Vice President and President-Elect for 2000-2002 and marked to take over the Presidency in 2002. Inevitably PII will host the 12th General Assembly in Indonesia.

The 12th General Assembly originally scheduled on 10-11 June 2002 was postponed to 16-17 June of the same year and later further postponed to 20-27 July and again to 23-24 October 2002. However with a turn of event due to the Bali Bombing and overly exaggerated circumstances, many FEISEAP members were reluctant to travel to any parts of Indonesia under the current circumstances. Thus the General Assembly had to be rescheduled to a more suitable date due to the unsecured situation in Indonesia at that time due to the incident of Bali. The next alternative date of 18-20 March 2003 was not possible due to a short notice from PII and the date was eventually agreed for 21 October 2003 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia instead of in Bali, Indonesia. President Pandri Prabono took over as the President of FEISEAP. The PII President then was Mr Rauf Purnama.

The opening ceremony of 13th FEISEAP GA in 2005 was also hosted by PII and the opening ceremony was at the President Palace in Jakarta, Indonesia.

In the same year, Fumio Nishino, the representative for Japan Federation of Engineering Society (JFES) completed his tenure as a member of the Board of Trustees at JFES and no longer able to serve as the representative. The newly appointed President and JFES did not indicate any interest to continue its activeness in FEISEAP and their position as National member was taken over by The Korean Professional Engineers Association (KPEA) under the Vice Presidency of Mr Nam Ho. KPEA agreed to host the 14th General Assembly in August 2007. However due to circumstances beyond control, it was agreed that this General Assembly be hosted by Philippines Technological Council in Cebu, Philippines and to be arranged

a day prior to the yearly Conference of ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisation (CAFEO).



Federation of Engineering Institutions
of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP)

Introduction

The Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP) is an international non-profit professional organization. Previously known as The Federation of Engineering Institutions of Southeast Asia and the Pacific (FEISEAP), was founded on 6 July 1978. Its establishment following an exploratory meeting convened and organised by The Engineering Institute of Thailand under The King's Patronage with the support of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on 3 July 1978 in Chiang Mai. FEISEAP was renamed at a Special General Assembly of the Federation held in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 2 June 2008. The Constitution incorporates a change of its name from Federation of Engineering Institutions of Southeast Asia and the Pacific (FEISEAP) to the **FEIAP**.

Being an independent umbrella organization for the engineering institutions in the Asia and the Pacific region, the objectives of FEIAP was 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 cooperation and the exchange of information; to study issues concerning the education, continuing professional development and qualifications of engineers as well as to foster activities of institutions of engineers in its region. The Federation was, itself, an international member of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO), that pursues objectives similar to those of FEIAP on a global scale.

FEIAP core value is to have a network to promote the concept and application of sustainable development in engineering practices and aims to be the premier professional organisation for Asia and the Pacific.

The Constitution of the Federation has been amended several times at its biennial General Assemblies. At the 14th General Assembly of FEISEAP held in Cebu, Philippines, on 26 November, 2007 the question of the continuation of FEISEAP was discussed. It was unanimously agreed at that General Assembly, that the Federation should continue provided that its Constitution was reviewed to more clearly define its objectives and to broaden the scope of economies eligible for membership.

This 1st version of the Constitution is the result of that review and consultation with all Members. It was unanimously adopted by the Special General Assembly of the Federation held in Hanoi, Viet Nam, on 2 June 2008. The Constitution incorporates a change of its name to the **Federation of Institutions of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP)**.



At the 16 th General Assembly FEIAP celebrated its 30 th Anniversary in Bangkok, Thailand on 25 November 2008 and a new logo was accepted at this General Assembly, with its two rings symbolizing the Asian and the Pacific regions and the gears the engineering profession as can be seen above. Currently FEIAP has a total of 20 member economy.

FEIAP also accept Members and Regional Members from regions other than Asia and the Pacific that are interested in supporting the objectives of FEIAP. An economy member of FEIAP may propose other relevant professional bodies within the same economy which share common interest as FEIAP to be Associate Members, with rights to attend all FEIAP activities

FEIAP has developed an “Engineering Education Guidelines” that is used to assist membership of FEIAP and the pilot countries to achieve the engineering qualification standards that is required to become internationally competitive. This guidelines is recognized and endorsed by UNESCO and is presently used to mentor Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Nigeria and Philippines.

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