

**SUMMARY OF 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING SINGAPORE (SAEng)  
TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013, 1730 HOURS  
VENUE: SHAW FOUNDATION ALUMNI HOUSE, NUS**

<b>1</b>	<b>WELCOME</b>
1.1	President welcomed everyone and thanked all Fellows for attending.
<b>2</b>	<b>RE-ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITOR</b>
2.1	President proposed the re-election of the Executive Committee to their prior positions respectively with the following exceptions:
2.2	Prof Yoon Soon Fatt to be elected as Assistant Secretary following the resignation of Prof Lam Khin Yong.
2.3	Prof Andrew Nee to be re-elected to Executive Committee as Treasurer.
2.4	Prof Chan Eng Soon to be re-elected to the Executive Committee as Ordinary Committee Member.
2.5	President proposed the election of Adj Professor Brian Lee as Honorary Auditor.
	All nominations were seconded and endorsed.
<b>3</b>	<b>SECRETARY'S REPORT</b>
3.1	Professor Freddy Boey proceeded with the reading of the Secretary's Report.
<b>4</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>
4.1	The Treasurer reported that the Academy received \$78,470 in donations and incurred \$1,675 in expenses.
<b>5</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
5.1	President urged Fellows to highlight potential issues of national relevance to

be addressed by the Academy.

- 5.2 Referencing the project aimed at raising engineering interest, Prof Lui Pao Chuen questioned the effectiveness of quotas seeking to address Singapore's need for trained engineers. He underlined the need to consider issues including the outflow of trained engineers into other service sectors and the declining demand for engineering courses. He also called for a re-examination of current policies in line with the desired R&D landscape of Singapore, stating the opportunity for the Academy to address this key issue.
- 5.3 Prof Su Guaning highlighted the pay disparity between engineering and business graduates as a contributing factor to the discipline's declining demand. However, he expressed the need to consider this issue against a range of other factors including the effect on business operating costs.
- 5.4 Prof Su also called for a rethink on the teaching of sciences and engineering and suggested for the mandatory inclusion of physics in the school syllabus and a hands on, inclusive learning approach.
- 5.5 Prof Freddy Boey stressed the importance of mandating the quality of engineers as a core imperative. He proposed a review and potential revamp of the current engineering curriculum, including early industry exposure aimed at entrenching students within the engineering profession. He further emphasized the need for industry to back these suggested initiatives.
- 5.6 President announced plans for biannual publication of the Academy bulletin to raise greater awareness of the Academy's activities amongst relevant stakeholders and regional partners.