

# 24th Conference of the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations (CAFEO 24)

## The Kuala Lumpur Declaration, 2nd December 2006

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We, the Chief Representatives from all the national engineering organisations in the 10 ASEAN member-countries, collectively known as ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations (AFEO), namely, Pertubuhan Ukur Jurutera dan Arkitek Brunei Darussalam (PUJA), Brunei, Engineering Institution of Cambodia (EIC), Cambodia, Persatuan Insinyur Indonesia (PII), Indonesia, Laos Union of Science and Engineering Association (LUSEA), Laos, The Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM), Malaysia, Myanmar Engineering Society (MES), Myanmar, Philippine Technological Council (PTC), Philippines, The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES), Singapore, The Engineering Institute of Thailand (EIT), Thailand, and Vietnam Union of Science & Technology Association (VUSTA), Vietnam, assembled in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from the 30th November to 2nd December 2006 for the 24th Conference of the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations (CAFEO 24) with the theme : *"Branding of ASEAN Professional Engineering Services and Education for Global Mobility"*;

**NOTING** that at the previous CAFEO 22, held in December 2004 in Yangon, Myanmar, AFEO by way of our Yangon Declaration had called on the ASEAN Heads of States/Governments, the ASEAN Economic Ministers, the ASEAN Secretariat and other ASEAN/ AFTA Committees, Working Groups, etc. to utilise the expertise of ASEAN Engineers by way of engaging AFEO/AER in framing the relevant multi-lateral agreements that deal with intra and extra ASEAN Trade on scientific, engineering and technology (S.E.T.) issues;

**NOTING** the ASEAN flagship project known as the Singapore-Kunming Rail Link (SKRL), being promoted by the ASEAN-Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC) countries, which involves six routes and covers 27,100 km and has a development budget of USD16.8 billion, will need to be marketed to the private sector and funding agencies, beginning with a high-level workshop to disseminate information and opportunities on the SKRL which will be of great interest to ASEAN Engineers - members of AFEO;

**FURTHER NOTING** that besides the foresaid ASEAN flagship project, ASEAN will in due course implement the ASEAN Power Grid besides the ASEAN Gas-pipeline Network, ICT infrastructure in support of the e-ASEAN project and other forms of pan-ASEAN infrastructures and facilities, transportation, energy and others that will need much S.E.T. inputs.

**APPRECIATING** the invitation by the Asean Secretariat to brief the Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS) on 2 December 2005 held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia and also on 16th to 19th February 2006 held in Yangon, Myanmar on the AFEO set-up for the mobility of ASEAN stakeholders involved in Professional Engineering Services within the ASEAN Free Trade Area and in due course, the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC);

**FURTHER APPRECIATING** the kind understanding and courtesy extended to the AFEO delegation which called to the ASEAN Secretary General H.E. Ong Keng Yong on 1st March 2006 to highlight the fact that AFEO, being the ASEAN-wide national engineering organisations for stakeholders to all intra ASEAN and extra ASEAN trade in engineering and construction services, shall have the standing in shaping all forms of intra ASEAN and extra ASEAN trade agreements, e.g. MRA's for engineering and construction services and their subsequent operationalisation;

**WE** at **CAFEO 24** therefore **RESOLVE THAT**: -

- 1.0 The ASEAN Heads of States/Governments and the ASEAN Economic Ministers in their endeavour to realise the formation of AEC to promote regional economic integration and mobility of the professional engineering team, should **mobilise**

**ASEAN stakeholders** involved in professional engineering, integrated engineering and education dealing with such issues.

- 2.0 The ASEAN Member States/ASEAN Secretariat to call on AFEO to be involved in the promotion, development, implementation and the operation and maintenance of the **ASEAN CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REGISTER (ACPER)** with the eventual operation and maintenance of a **SINGLE** Register, a convergence of the two Registers, namely **ACPER** and the **AER (ASEAN ENGINEER REGISTER)**. This will then be the motivation of the ASEAN Member States in assisting ASEAN Engineers, the stakeholders in the operation and maintenance of the said two (2) Registers, in attaining the goal of "*Branding of ASEAN Professional Engineering Services and Education for Global Mobility*" – the theme of **CAFEO 24**.
- 3.0 AFEO offers an ASEAN wide bank of resources and expertise in partnership with ASEAN in realising a meaningful operation and maintenance of professional engineer register to facilitate the eventual free movement of these professional engineers intra ASEAN as well extra ASEAN mobility.
- 4.0 To fulfill the decision of the Bali Concord II adopted at the Ninth ASEAN Summit held in 7 October 2003 to be truly ASEAN in nature facilitating of the eventual free movement of professionals/skilled labour/talents, all MRA's on engineering services, integrated engineering services, construction services, etc. are to be reviewed and modified so that such free movement of professionals, skilled workers and talents will be realised as envisaged for the success of AEC; the end goal of ASEAN Vision 2020 and the eventual attainment of global mobility.
- 5.0 To further enhance the working relationship among AFEO and the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN Secretariat to include an AFEO representative in the AFTA and later the AEC policy making bodies involving engineering, integrated engineering and construction services to achieve their respective objectives.
- 6.0 AFEO shall initiate various projects for the promotion of the branding of the professional engineering services and education to accelerate the achievement of these goals,
- 7.0 AFEO request the ASEAN Governments to allocate sufficient financial resources to cover their respective national representatives' expenses in servicing AFEO's involvement to support the ASEAN Governments' initiatives.

SO RESOLVED AND AGREED BY:

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