

Declaration on Engineering Ethics

Since the inception of the Round Table Meeting (RTM) on November 12, 1997 in Osaka, Japan, between the Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE), the Engineering Academy of Japan (EAJ), and the National Academy of Engineering of Korea (NAEK) we, the three academies, have annually met with the objective to discuss regional, common, technological issues and provide impartial, balanced advice for the continuous progress on engineering technology in East Asia. In an effort to meet the objective, we, the three academies, in our 8th East Asia-Round Table Meeting (EA-RTM) on November 1, 2004 in Suzhou, China, agree to the following:


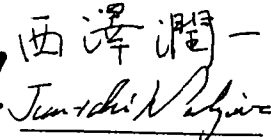
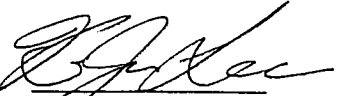
1. Engineering technologies based on new methods of such as transportation, communication, production, life support, environmental protection, information handling, and education have brought unprecedented opportunities and challenges for the welfare of society by means of industrial development, economic growth, and upgraded living conditions. We accredit Asian engineers for their role in improving the quality of life in our society by exploiting the opportunities and meeting the challenges.

2. The impact of an engineer's work on society is enormous. Modern engineering technology is a pervasive, complex system whose cultural, social, political, and intellectual elements are manifest in virtually every aspect of our lives. Thus, engineers need to act conscientiously regarding the safety, health, and welfare of the public in performance of their professional work.

3. We believe that all Asian engineers need to commit themselves to high ethical standards in exercising their profession, so that the engineering technology maintains its contribution toward the welfare of society and improvement of the quality of life.

4. In accordance with our conviction, we recommend the attached "Asian Engineers' Guideline of Ethics" and request that Asian engineering societies guide their members to commit to ethical standards in performing their professional work.

Signed by:

		
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On this 1st day of November, 2004 in Suzhou, China

Attachment: Asian Engineers' Guideline of Ethics