

Dear Dr. Kanga, the President of WFEO,

Dear Prof. Gong Ke, the elect President of WFEO,

Dear Colleagues and friends,

Good afternoon.

First of all, May I thank you very much for inviting me and giving me this floor to speak. Allow me to congratulate WFEO, for this great 50th anniversary ceremony!

Time flies – 14 years ago, WFEO held its second International Engineer Conference in Shanghai, that's a very successful one and my memory of that conference is still so vivid, as if it was yesterday. That was also the moment I got to know WFEO, to know many great colleagues.

50 years are not a short time. For the past half century, the world has witnessed many dramatic changes, many great progress and many vital challenges. The engineer society, such as WFEO, plays an important role to gather the expertise of global engineers.

50 years are a short period of time, compare to human beings' long history. The anniversary is not only a moment to look back, yet also a

special moment to look forward – the engineers we have set up role models for future engineers, we are witnessing and will witness engineers to make our globe more sustainable.

Today is also a special moment for international engineering educators.

As many of you may already know, UNESCO has set up an International Centre for Engineering Education (ICEE) in 2016. I am honored to serve as the Director. The aim of the Centre is to promote engineering education around the world, particularly in the developing countries. The Centre also wishes to share my home country's experience – as many people may know, engineering education made great contribution to China's modernization - our engineering education system produced engineers to build bridges, high ways, high speed trains, played very important roles in social-economic development, Chinese engineers even serve as the President – the past one and the current one.

Since its establishment, ICEE has organized many activities, such as workshops for developing countries' engineers and officials, international conferences and seminars on engineering education. For the year 2018, an international conference about teaching and research method will jointly organized by ICEE and UNESCO's Alborg Centre in Problem Based Learning in October. ICEE is also a key partner to support UNESCO's

upcoming Engineering Report II (ER2).

50 years later, most of us in this room today may won't be able to attend WFEO's 100th anniversary ceremony – yet I do believe that, we will be deeply remembered – if we fulfilled the duty and obligation of our generation - of engineer, by engineer, and for engineer.

I believe, under Dr. Kanga's effective leadership, WFEO will make more great achievement. May I wish today's WFEO 50th anniversary a great success. Congratulations!

Thank you.