

Solidarity Message at FEIAP FAEO MOU Signing Ceremony

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Respected leaders of FEIAP and FAEO,

Respected leaders of engineering organizations from Asia-Pacific and Africa,

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am delighted to congratulate you, together with Engr. Shehu, on behalf of WFEO. And, I am very please to extend the solidarity message, as president of WFEO, at this globally challenging time.

This pandemic of COVID-19, has already affected more than 10 million people globally, and has claimed more than 500 thousand lives, so far. The human being is still under the threat of this Pandemic of COVID-19.

It raises the urgent need of science, technology and engineering capacity to fight against the virus and to safe life of people. It raises the urgent need of global solidarity to confront the common challenge. It raises the urgent need to accelerate the sustainable development to make this globe and human society resilient to different kinds of disasters. This is exactly the mission of WFEO, of FEIAP and of FAEO.

Engineering is a universal language of resolving difficulties and providing solutions. And, engineers are problem solvers. Therefore, we, as engineer and engineering organization, are responsible to give solutions to meet the challenges and to solve the problems the humankind is confronting. However, to fulfill our responsibility, engineering capacity is absolutely necessary. Capacity, especially the awareness, knowledge and skill of sustainable development in different engineering profession are strongly and urgently required. Capacity of building strong engineering organizations, especially the capabilities of

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organization governance, of mobilization and advocacy, of public and governmental as well as corporate relationship, of fundraising, of continuous learning, etc. are also urgently required.

As the COVID-19 crisis has alarmed the people all across the world no matter the political system, the economical development level and the cultural tradition, the transformation to sustainable development becomes never so crucial, and the global solidarity becomes more relevant and imperative.

As all of us know, the overarching goal of sustainable development is leaving no one behind, regardless of race, gender, age, religion, and economical and social status. But, the reality is insufficient and unbalanced development including the engineering development in different parts of the world. This is why we need to collaborate, this is why we need to learn from each other, and this is why we are gathering together here today.

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of WFEO, I sincerely wish a great success of the cooperation between FEIAP and FAEO, and wish this cooperation to set a good example of cooperation between WFEO member organizations to carry out our common duty to combat the pandemic and to build back better by pursuing a true transformative recovery with accelerated actions of implementation of the 17 sustainable development goals for 2030 in engineering practice. WFEO is dedicated to facilitating communications and severing as the platform for cooperation between its member organizations to implement the SDGs, and we will give every possible support to facilitate this important cooperation between FEIAP and FAEO.

Thank you, let's go together and go far!