

Back to the Basics

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Abstract

Ir. Wong believes engineering is truly an international language, the practice of which, across the international horizon, is based on the same formulae and theories, albeit many of them were developed decades ago. To meet the modern and ever-changing needs, the challenge is to ensure timely evolvement in engineering practice. Tertiary education is obviously the root of this growing point. The task at hand is not only about coaching competent practitioners but also cultivating a corps of ethical and responsible professionals that would put the well-being of the community up front. Undergraduate education is the prime foundation for our younger generation. Where else could we find a better opportunity to instill this cogitation in our successors? The Washington Accord has now come of age, with dedicated participants from all corners of the world. Where else could we find a better venue to preach our commitment to our learned neighbors? It must be remembered, though, that the fortune we enjoy today is the fruit of the collective dedication and devotion of all the signatories of the Washington Accord over the years, endowed with the foresight and insight of the six founding members. With this reflection, it should be noted that we all bear the duty to help shape the engineering profession and practice into the proper perspective.



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