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Dear Members,

Your association have just emerged with laurels after the successful completion of the FIDIC ASPAC International conference 2019, on which you will find extensive reporting in this Newsletter.

CEAI GC in its meeting held a fortnight after the event, deliberated on the more important task for the future – the implementation of “Strategic Plan” formulated with dedication and passion by the subcommittee entrusted with the job, astutely led by Sri Mahendra Raj, the ever active senior doyen of consultancy profession.

The GC has already in place different subcommittees who will take up with vigor, implementation of the recommendations in the Strategic Plan, so that CEAI emerges as a stronger and focused organization, dedicated to upliftment of the consultancy profession and enhancement of the role of the consulting engineers, in making the world a better place to live in.

The Strategic Plan envisages an implementation schedule spread over six years, across the life of three different GC. The present GC is committed to lay down solid foundation for the forthcoming development needs, that will make a change for the better.

Before we conclude, we request all members to effectively contribute to growth of CEAI by bringing in new members, by contributing articles to our mouthpiece Viewpoint, and by spreading the word on the vigorous activities CEAI is organizing for its members.

Thanks and Regards,

Amitabha Ghoshal

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## FIDIC ASPAC 2019 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI) hosted the FIDIC ASPAC 2019 International Conference on 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at New Delhi. The topic of the conference was **Quality Infrastructure for Clean and Sustainable Development**. About 300 delegates attended the conference from Australia, China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Morocco Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Switzerland, Nepal and India.

The event was participated by four important members of FIDIC board, lending it an additional aura.



Inauguration of the Seminar



Welcome address by Mr Sudhir Dhawan

During the inaugural session, Mr Sudhir Dhawan, Chairman of the Conference Committee, accorded a warm welcome to all the dignitaries and participants from India and ASPAC Region. He mentioned that the

theme of this Conference is not only pertinent for the members of the Infrastructure fraternity, but for all humankind. It is a reflection of the growing urgency shared by FIDIC and by its constituent members, with agencies all over the world, for addressing concerns about development processes, to ensure that these are compatible with and will lead in the final analysis to sustainability.



Dr S Chatterjee briefing about the Conference Theme

Dr Samarjit Chatterjee, Chairman of Technical Committee, briefed the themes for discussion in different focus sessions during the two days of the conference. He expressed that most of the Asia Pacific region countries failed behind the rest of the world in their developmental index during the previous couple of centuries. However, the countries have been working hard to narrow the gap and presently infrastructure growth in this region has surpassed the rest. It is necessary to sustain these growths and enhance further through regional cooperation.



Presidential Address by Mr Amitabha Ghoshal

Mr Amitabha Ghoshal, President CEAI, on his Presidential Address, expressed that ASPAC countries today account for majority of investments in the infrastructure sector, and that is not an accident. This is just an historical happening, after centuries of stunted growth and misguided developments during the colonial era. He pointed out that while countries like India and Malaysia were burdened with infrastructure needed for export of raw materials like, coal, ore and rubber, China, even though non colonized, had to suffer from an Opium war that was foisted on them from colonial interest. However, today the situation has changed and all countries of the region are busy developing their infrastructure for overall growth of their populace. And this growth will continue for many more years. Having missed on the fruits of industrial revolution, they are making up with the use of digital revolution that we are passing through. Mr Ghoshal thanked all the participants for responding to our invite and make this conference a memorable ASPAC event.



*Address by Ms Sangeeta Godbole, DG SEPC*

Ms Sangeeta Godbole, Director General of Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC), addressed the participants and explained about services of SEPC, which is set up by the Government of India. The objective of SEPC is to help Indian companies to export services. Government gives incentives to SEPC which is about 5 to 7% of the net foreign exchange earned, which is a blessing for Indian companies. Last year Government gave Rs 4000 crore to about 5000 companies. She requested the Indian participants to become member of SEPC to avail the incentives. She also briefed that SEPC organises B2B meetings of foreign buyers with Indian sellers and one such meeting

is being organised jointly with CEAI, along with the ASPAC Conference.



*Keynote address by FIDIC CEO*

Dr Nelson Ogunshakin, OBE, FIDIC CEO, delivered the keynote address during the inaugural session. He presented the activities of FIDIC and said that FIDIC represents globally the consulting industry and enhances the image of consulting engineers and maintains FIDIC forms of contract as best practice. The vision of FIDIC is to work closely with stakeholders across the world to improve the business climate in which members operate and enable them to contribute to making the world a better place to live in now and in the future. He mentioned that the FIDIC represents more than 100 countries with over 80,000 firms worldwide. FIDIC is signing agreements with Multinational Development Banks (MDBs) to open up new markets and projects to FIDIC Member Associations and their members.



*Vote of Thanks by Chairman ASPAC*



Mr Irawan B Koesoemo Chairman of ASPAC, thanked the participants from India, ASPAC Countries and also from FIDIC. He appreciated the Conference Committee for organising such a big International ASPAC event.



View of Participants



Dignitaries with Minister Mr Piyush Goyal

Mr Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Minister of Railways, was the Chief Guest at the Conference. During his special address, he expressed his hope that the two days conference will help in exchange of new technologies between India and ASPAC Countries. He said that India has, over the years, been looking at the infrastructure sector quite seriously but for the first time ever, the Finance Minister had read out a roadmap in her Budget presented on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019, when she articulated the vision of Indian infrastructure growing by about 100 lakhs crores in the next five years. Railway budget for expansion and

development, laid down a vision for investment of 50 lakhs crore in the next 10 to 12 years. This shows that India is the destination for large scale infrastructure investment.



Mr Piyush Goyal delivering his special address



Mr Anthony Barry, FIDIC Vice President, chairing one of the sessions

The presentations were spread over the following seven sessions on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

- Plenary Session :Infrastructure Industry Revolution
- Focus Session 1 :Urban Mobility
- Focus Session 2 :Coastal & Marine Development
- Focus Session 3 :Energy and Quality of Life
- Focus Session 4 :Young Professionals Open Forum
- Focus Session 5 :Business Opportunities with Regional Cooperation
- Focus Session 6 :Technological Developments



### ASPAC AWARD 2019

ASPAC Award 2019 presented to Mr Jae Wan Lee, Former President of FIDIC.



Mr Jae Wan Lee received the ASPAC Award

### B2B MEETING SUPPORTED BY SEPC

As a part of the FIDIC ASPAC Conference, a B2B meeting was organised by Services Export Promotion Council of the Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019. About 30 buyers from Asia, Africa and Europe interacted with the Indian Companies.



Mr Piyush Goyal with the B2B participants

This was an excellent opportunity for companies, both big and small, to explore the Overseas Market.

### CEAI NATIONAL AWARDS 2018 – AWARD CEREMONY

The CEAI National Awards Ceremony 2018 was held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 during the GALA DINNER of ASPAC Conference held at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi.

The awards for the year were selected by an independent Jury headed by Mr B N Singh, Ex Member, NHAI, Dr Shilpa Paul, Professor, Delhi Technological University, and Dr M R Ravi, Professor, IIT Delhi

To make the competition fair, the Committee had categorised according to the turnover of the companies.

The Award for **Excellence in Engineering Consultancy** for Project Engineering was presented to Category A : Group 2 to **B&S Engineering Consultants Pvt Ltd** for the project “2 x 4 Lane Bridge over River Yamuna for Delhi-Meerut Expressway”





*Mr Alok Bhowmick and team receiving the award on behalf of B&S Engineering Consultants*

**Innovation Engineering Awards** were presented to the following organisations:

Category B : Group 2 - **J P Mukherji & Associates Pvt Ltd** for the project “New Concept of Pressure Devices, Moisture Control Unit (MCU), for Milling Plant Capacity and Performance Improvement.



*Dr M S Sundaram and team receiving the award on behalf of J P Mukherji & Associates*

Category B : Group 3 - **STUP Consultants Pvt Ltd** for the Project “Feasibility Study, Detailed Design and Supervision of Construction for 2nd Bhairab & 2nd Titas Railway Bridges in Bangladesh”



*Mr Amitabha Datta receiving the award on behalf of STUP Consultants Pvt Ltd*

### **Life Time Achievement Award**

The CEAI Awards Committee conferred the Life Time Achievement Award on the following:

**1. Dr Abhijit Dasgupta**, Joint Managing Director  
M. N. Dastur & Company (P) Ltd



*Dr Abhijit Dasgupta receiving the award*

**2. Shri Syamal Gupta**, Former Director TATA Sons/  
Chairman, TCE, MD & Chairman Tata Group  
Companies



*Mr AP Mull receiving the Award on behalf of Mr Syamal Gupta*

**3. Mr Deepak Dasgupta, Former Chairman, National Highways Authority of India**



*Mr Deepak Dasgupta receiving the award*

**Professional Excellence Award**

Professional Excellence Awards were conferred on:

**1. Dr Tessy Thomas, DS & Director General, Aeronautical Systems (Aero), DRDO**



*Dr Tessy Thomas*

**2. Shri Rajiv Mittal, Managing Director & Group CEO, VA Tech Wabag Ltd**



*Mr Ashok Kumar, receiving the award on behalf of Mr Rajiv Mittal*

**FIDIC INTERNATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE**

The *FIDIC International Infrastructure Conference 2019* will be held at Mexico City from 8 to 10 September 2019.

Registration details are as below:

Registration Category	Second Deadline (Late Bird)	Onsite Deadline
	From 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2019	From 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
FIDIC Member	1150	1350
Non-Member	1400	1600
Member of YPF	1000	1200

(All fees are in US dollars)

For more details, please visit FIDIC Conference website <http://fidic2019.org>



## VIEW POINT

The themes for the next four issues of Viewpoint spread over a year would be:

- Safety & Security in Planning, Design & Construction** (September 2019) {Construction inter alia includes fabrication, erection, testing, commissioning, operation and maintenance.}
- Pollution** (December 2019)
- Building Services** (March 2020)
- New Materials & Systems for Buildings** (June 2020)

CEAI would be happy to receive articles on the above themes from CEAI members and various stakeholders involved.

Authors could share their knowledge and experience by providing case studies of the works executed or in execution, firsthand accounts of the challenges faced, practical issues experienced and the solutions to those, etc. Photographs, charts, diagrams, drawings, etc. would benefit our readers for better appreciation of the issues encountered and addressed.

The articles for an issue need to reach CEAI at least 6 weeks prior to the month of the Viewpoint issue. Articles need to be in Times New Roman 12 with single line spacing with before and after 6 pt and normal margin on A4 size.

### Advertisement in View Point

VIEW POINT is circulated to all CEAI Members, FIDIC, Ministries of the Government of India, Public & Private Sector Undertakings, Construction Firms, Contractors, Consultants, Foreign Missions and Funding Institutions in India and other organisations related to or dealing with the engineering profession.

Advertising in the VIEW POINT gives the advertiser wide exposure and visibility.

The rates for advertisements in VIEWPOINT are given hereafter. This is excluding GST @18% or as prescribed, which will be extra:

Item	Rate Per issue* (Rs)	Discounted rate at 20% for 4 consecutive issues (from June 2019 to March 2020)* (Rs)
Back Cover **	25,000/-	80,000/-
Inside Front Cover	15,000/-	48,000/-
Inside Back Cover	15,000/-	48,000/-
Full Page	10,000/-	32,000/-

\*GST @ 18% or as prescribed will be added to the above rates.

\*\*Back Cover booked till December 2019.

## NEWSFLASH

# Arbitration bill gets RS approval

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** The Rajya Sabha on Thursday passed the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill that seeks to make India a hub of arbitration for settling commercial disputes within a stipulated time. It proposes to cut the fee of arbitrators who delay decisions and to give incentives to those who decide cases before prescribed time.

The Upper House also cleared the bill for setting up the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre. Union law minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said the Amendment of Arbitration Act proposes to establish an Arbitration Council of India which shall accredit proper institutional arbitrators for domestic and international arbitration.

## Probing data leak, says govt

**T**he government said on Thursday that it was probing a leak of unemployment data and that efforts were being made to identify the person who was responsible. Minister of state for planning and statistics termed it as "serious" and said the data was leaked ahead of its announcement in May this year. TNN

They will grade the institutional arbitration centres and institutions dealing with arbitration. The bill proposes that arbitrators must complete the defence within six months and complete the proceedings in 12 months.

Full report on [www.toi.in](http://www.toi.in)

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