

On the occasion of the 1st World Engineering Day

The World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) designated March 4, the day of its foundation, as World Engineering Day for the purpose of increasing public's awareness of engineers' activities and letting people know their contributions to the promotion of SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) on the occasion that WFEO had the 50th anniversary of its foundation last year. In sympathy with this, commemorative events were planned around the world. Japan Federation of Engineering Society (JFES) has been preparing for the commemorative symposium to be held here in Japan on March 5 with the support of Science Council of Japan (SCJ), the Engineering Academy of Japan and the related societies. We were aiming in the symposium to explore the various possibilities of "What engineering will be in the future" that contributes to sustainable growth, setting up 3 topics as "The future of engineering education", "the roles and future of engineering experts", and "the future of engineering", and then intended on its plan to exchange opinions in a dialogue manner on each topic following short speeches by speakers. We've received a congratulatory video message from Prof. Gong Ke, the Chairman of the WFEO on the occasion of holding the symposium to celebrate the 1st World Engineering Day in Japan.

As you know, however, this event was no exception as well like many other events had to be cancelled or postponed due to the worldwide spreading Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the speakers, those who were planning to attend, and those who were preparing for this event and I am deeply sorry that we could not discuss "What engineering will be in the future". All the speakers allowed us to publish the materials they prepared for the symposium, so we will let everyone to take a look at them together with the message from Prof. Gong ke, on our website. I would like many people to visit our Web site for looking at those materials.

The JFES reconfirmed the mission and activity policy of the society on this occasion as follows.

Based on the recognition that the JFES is the origin of Japan's engineering academic groups, through the comprehensive promotion of engineering and industry and the interdisciplinary collaboration, we pursue the well-being of people and contribute to the sustainable development of society.

For this, we will carry out the following activities by taking advantage of the fact that the JFES is a federation of academic societies.

- Respect the value of science and technology throughout engineering and drive their development and diffusion
- Promote collaboration within engineering fields and with arias beyond the fields
- Support human resources development and activities of engineering experts and researchers involved in engineering
- Promote efforts that transcend the disciplines of specialized fields in order to solve issues for mankind.

We would like to use the 1st World Engineering Day as an opportunity to further enhance the activities of the society appreciating continued cooperation and support of all parties concerned. In addition, on the day of the event, we held a "Small Meeting" with the people from the JFES, who were in charge of planning it, and discussed future activities. We have decided to hold a symposium on the 2nd World Engineering Day in 2021 at the meeting. We hope to share opinions with you there on "Engineering for creating a bright future".

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The President of JFES
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the Small Meeting attendees



A shot of the meeting