

Yeong Chee Meng Citation

The University confers the title of University Fellow on women and men who have given substantial and continuous support to the University. **Engineer Yeong Chee Meng** is such a person.

Yeong was awarded his Bachelor's honours degree in Civil Engineering from Universiti Malaya in 1978, and started his professional career in the Malaysian Public Works Department. Over the next 16 years he took on increasingly greater responsibility for construction projects, and from 1985 was the PWD's Deputy Director in the State of Negeri Sembilan. There he was responsible for **all** federal and state government building projects in the State, and overall management of office administration, the workforce and finance.

It was in this period that UniSA entered Yeong's life, as he studied for his Master of Applied Science (Project Management) which he was awarded in 1994.

Yeong's final role with PWD was to manage and develop the Computer Centre to ensure IT support for the entire Department.

Then for 5 years he worked on the Kuala Lumpur International Airport construction project, first as Senior Project Manager for the design and tendering of several building projects, and when construction started, he became the General Manager (Construction) for them. The buildings include the Airport Administration Building, the Control Towers, the Flight Crew Briefing Centre, the Quarantine Complex, and more.

In 2000 Yeong became the Managing Director of the Sarawak Hydro project company, managing the development of the Bakun Hydroelectric Project. Worth five Billion Ringitt this project includes major civil, mechanical and electrical engineering works. Under Yeong's direction, the company was established, and projects, tenders and contracts secured with national and international companies, and much of the preliminary project work was completed.

In the past two years, Yeong has established his own consultancy, and has worked in Saudi Arabia. He is now Senior General Manager of the Non-Revenue Water Division of SYABAS in Malaysia working on a number of water resource management projects.

Yeong is a Member of the Institution of Engineers, Malaysia, the Malaysian Institute of Management, and the Project Management Institute of the United States. He uses the title “Engineer Yeong”, with justifiable pride.

But that is not the whole story. Yeong Chee Meng is an outstanding and active member of UniSA’s Alumni Association. In 1998, he was elected Vice President of the Association’s Malaysian Chapter, and subsequently President, from 2000 to 2004. Under Yeong’s leadership, the Chapter’s membership increased significantly.

Yeong organized memorable events on the occasions of the University’s Awards Ceremonies in Kuala Lumpur. For the Alumni, he masterminded many activities culminating last year in his leadership of an expedition of Alumni (including our Chancellor) to scale South East Asia’s highest summit, Mount Kinabalu. Yeong was installed as an Honorary Advisor to the Alumni Chapter in 2004.

Chancellor, Engineer Yeong Chee Meng, has built an outstanding professional career in engineering, project, and general management. An active member of the University’s Alumni, he models brilliantly the attributes of a graduate of the University of South Australia.

I present Engineer Yeong Chee Meng as a worthy recipient of the title of University Fellow.