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In recognition of his achievements as a leader in Singapore's construction space, the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE), Nanyang Technological University, is proud to present Mr Lee Kay Chai with the CEE Outstanding Alumni Award.

Mr Lee is the Executive Director of Lian Soon Construction Pte Ltd, which was incorporated in 1980. Under his leadership, the company has undertaken a wide range of projects for the private and public sectors including residential, industrial, institutional and recreational complexes. He joined the family business as a site engineer upon graduating from NTU in 1994 with a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering and worked his way up, holding other positions such as project manager and project director.

He has led Lian Soon Construction to clinch honours such as the Best Value-Added Productivity (VAP) Builder and Best VAP Improvement Builder at the Building and Construction Authority Awards 2011, the top prize at the Singapore Contractors Association Limited's (SCAL) inaugural Productivity & Innovations Awards in 2016, and multiple Workplace Safety and Health Awards.

At the SCAL Lu Ban Dinner on 30 July, Mr Lee was formally welcomed into his role as SCAL's new President by Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs & Ministry of National Development, Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim. Mr Lee was previously 1st Vice President of the not-for-profit organisation, which represents more than 3,000 construction firms and allied businesses in Singapore. He has also served as Chairman of its Workplace Safety and Health Committee and Campaign Organising Committee.

As President, Mr Lee spearheads its mission to be an effective voice of the construction industry advocating business-friendly practices, promoting industry development, and fostering a safe and productive work environment. He has also helped to champion sustainability in the construction space, representing SCAL in August as a panellist at a fireside chat organised by KPMG on "Accelerating Sustainable Practices & Business Growth in Built Environment".

Under his leadership, SCAL recently partnered with The Singapore Construction Mediation Centre to launch the Dispute Consultation Clinic to help companies seek efficient and cost-effective resolution strategies. Together with Singapore Polytechnic, SCAL also co-organised a talk on Ai, Data, Science and Analytics to support its members with their digital transformation. Additionally, SCAL continues to give back to society, such as through a recent corporate social responsibility event where members helped prepare food for the underprivileged at the Willing Hearts charity.

Mr Lee is also a Board Member of the Asean Constructors Federation (ACF), Board Member of the International Federation of Asian & Western Pacific Contractors Associations (IFAWPCA) and a Member of the Master of Built Environment Programme Advisory Committee at the Singapore University of Social Science's School of Science and Technology. In addition, from 1 January this year, the proud NTU alumnus has served his alma mater as a CEE Mentor, contributing to the mentoring of junior faculty and undergraduate students.

In addition to his NTU degree, he holds a Bachelor Degree in Production Engineering and Management from the University of Strathclyde (Scotland).