

Press Release

Asian Americans Honored during National Engineers Week

Dallas, Texas: 19 well respected Asian American Engineers, Scientists and Executives will receive national honors, as part of the 2013 National Engineers Week program.

The Asian American Engineer of the Year Award, short for AAEOY, will be held in Dallas on March 2, 2013. Nineteen well respected Asian Americans in engineering, research and corporate executive positions will be honored with the AAEOY Award, as the grand finale of the 2013 National Engineers Week recognition event.

AAEOY is collaboration between the National Engineers Week Foundation and the Chinese Institute of Engineers, USA. The goal of the program is to promote public awareness and respect to the professions of STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The Asian American Engineer of the Year Award was created in 2002 in Dallas. This particular E-WEEK program spotlights the engineers, scientists and executives of Asian cultural heritage, thereby celebrating cultural diversity in the STEM fields. The 2013 AAEOY event marks the 12th consecutive year that the national recognition has been held, and the fourth time the national spotlight brightens the Dallas skylines.

The AAEOY recognition event highlights the many achievements of Asian Americans for their global stature and influence with the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award and Distinguished Science and Technology Award titles. This year the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award goes to Dr. Subra Suresh, the Director of the National Science Foundation, who is known as "one of the top ten scientist in the world."

The 2013 Distinguished Science and Technology Award recipient is Dr. Alfred Cho of the Bell Labs, whose innovations in the 60s and 70s now power 50% of all mobile devices in the world. Dr. Cho is known as the "Father of Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE)" which had profound impacts on the development of the semiconductor devices that appear in a vast array of mobile devices and consumer electronics, and had similarly far-reaching impacts on fundamental science.

Alongside the two distinguished awardees, seventeen other awardees will take the titles of Asian American Executives of the Year, Asian American Engineer of the Year, and Most Promising Engineer of the Year, as nominated by the some of the most respected organizations in the United States. A full list of the awardees is published at the AAEOY.ORG web site.

Because of its commitment to diversity and technological innovations, AAEOY receives strong endorsements and supports from national and international corporations, national and local communities, and academic institutions. Major sponsors this year include Boeing, Lockheed Martin, IBM, Microsoft, Northrop Grumman, Seattle Chinese Biomedical Association, Sandia National Laboratories, NASA Glenn Research Center, Texas Instruments, Verizon, among others.

The Asian American Engineer of Year Award is a platform to showcase the STEM professionals, a forum to celebrate cultural diversity, and a tribute to the most distinguished Asian American Engineers.

For more information about this national recognition event, please visit the AAEOY web site, www.aaeoy.org.

(A collection of 2012 event photos can be downloaded from the www.aaeoy.org web site. <http://www.aaeoy.org/2012gallery.html>)

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