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NED Alumni Association Canada (NEDAC) organized another successful and well attended technical seminar on Ontario Building Code (OBC) at Burnhamthorpe Community Centre, Mississauga, on Saturday February 9th 2008. More than 60 engineers and architects attended the seminar.

Fayyaz Siddiqui, information and publication secretary NEDAC, was the host of the event. Mr. Anis Mohammed, NEDAC's technical committee chair, welcomed the guests and speakers at the seminar. He talked at length about the NEDAC's previously organized technical events and highlighted the upcoming events.

Mr. Syed Naseer-uddin, general secretary NEDAC, introduced the speaker, Mr. Mohammed Khalid to the seminar audience. He informed the audience that Mr. Khalid is a Professional Engineer and Manager of Engineering at RV Anderson Associates and has had considerable experience in the use of Ontario Building Code.

Mr. Khalid highlighted the history of OBC and explained some of the important codes applicable to various disciplines, in particular electrical and architectural disciplines. He stressed the need to understand the OBC so that safe building design could be practiced. His presentation included safe building design with respect to type of

occupancy, fire protection, detection and separations. The presentation included an overview of the Code Book, with its various sections and legal and technical requirements. The legal terms were explained in detail so that new comers to Canada could understand the Ontario building standards.

The engineering community found the presentation interesting and informative as it would help better understanding the Canadian standards of building design.

Mr. Ronn Starr, The guest of honor, praised NEDAC's efforts to organize technical seminars, informative events, workshops and social events for the benefit of fellow engineers. He also emphasized energy efficient design practices in building design. He handed-out certificate of appreciation by MPP Mr. Bob Delaney to Mr. Khalid. Mr. Zaheer Zuberi, the senior most NEDIAN present at the seminar, also handed out certificate of appreciation on behalf of NEDAC to Mr. Khalid.

At the end of 2 hour long workshop, Mr. Idrees Khan, Social Secretary NEDAC, thanked all the speakers and audience for their participation and making the seminar a successful event. Refreshments were served at the end of the seminar.

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NEDAC Board:**President****Mr. Mazahir Akbar, P.Eng.****General Secretary****Mr. Syed Naseeruddin****Joint Secretary****Mr. Tariq Usman****Finance Secretary****Mr. Muhammad Alim****Social Secretary****Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan, C.E.T.****Information Secretary****Mr. Fayyaz Siddiqui, P.Eng.****NED Liaison Secretary****Mr. Syed Abrar Ali****Executive Members****Mr. Abid Asghar, P.Eng.****Mr. Ghulam Hussain Malik****Mr. Muhammad Sharif Ahmed****Mr. Muhammad Perwez Alam****Mr. Muhammad Anis, P.Eng.****Mr. Sahir Zamir****Mr. Sadiq A. Pirani, P.Eng.****President's Message**

Whether it is a blizzard or heavy blowing snow, nothing stops your sub-committees to strive for the excellence. The recently held workshop is just an example out of many milestone events delivered by your sub-committees.

Stay tuned as interesting events are on the near radar range. Currently all of your sub-committees are busy heading for the May 9 scheduled annual event. NED alumni of USA has also approached us to hold a joint NEDian convention in Toronto during September of this year with the plans to invite Vice Chancellor of NED University. A two members committee is already evaluating the viability and modalities for this event before we can make a final decision.

After having said, I always think whether we have done enough to achieve our long term goals and are we in line of our vision. The answer comes as partially yes and partially not yet. However, it is important that we are on staying the right course. Nevertheless we still have to meet some challenges. There are several NEDians who still have to be brought to the NEDAC membership platform. We have to stand on sound financial base before we look back at our alma-mater to extend help to NED University programs or to the new NEDians in graduation process.

I am confident we can rise to any challenge by staying together and strongly supporting our organization.
Mazhir Akbar

Editor's Note

Volunteers make a difference by contributing their time, energy, and talents to the causes they hold dear. Nonprofit and voluntary organizations like NEDAC, individuals, and society as a whole benefit from the activities of volunteers. Volunteers themselves also benefit from their volunteer activities. Volunteer activities help them with their interpersonal skills, such as understanding people better, motivating others, and dealing with difficult situations.

Volunteering also helps develop better communication skills and increased knowledge about issues related to their volunteering.

There are numerous opportunities available for volunteering at NEDAC. You may join NEDAC through various committees; like publication committee, sponsorship committee, technical committee, social committee and website committee. You may help NEDAC in organizing technical seminars; finding sponsors or helping fellow NEDians in landing a career job.

What NEDians get out of NEDAC depends largely on what they put into it. You may contact Idrees Khan or Fayyaz Siddiqui for upcoming volunteer opportunities at NEDAC's 2008 annual get-together.

Fayyaz Siddiqui

NEDians in the News

Mr. Ismat Kamal, P.Eng., has moved to Traffic Office of Ministry of Transportation at St Catharine as Traffic Design Engineer. Mr Kamal is with Ministry of Transportation for last 7 years.

Mr. Sadiq A. Pirani, P.Eng. has been elected as a **Secretary for Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) York Region Chapter** for the **Year 2008-2009** at the Chapter's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on February 16, 2008 at the Bayview Golf and Country Club in Richmond Hill, Ontario. Mr. Pirani is an active member of PEO and PEO York Region Chapter and has organized several technical and non technical facility tours and seminar events for Professional Engineers residing in York Region. PEO York Region Chapter currently has more than 5000 PEO/P.Eng. registered members.

Congratulations to **Saqib Mahmood, M.Eng., P.Eng., M Faraz Hussain, P.Eng.** and **M Jehangir Rehman P.Eng.** on getting professional engineering license. Saqib is working as a manufacturing engineer for an aerospace company for last 4 years.

If you have achieved another milestone in your life or career and you want to share your achievement with fellow NEDians, please drop us an email with details. We will share your happiness with fellow NEDians.

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News from NED University of Engineering & Technology

NED University held its 16th Convocation

Karachi, March 07, 2008: As many as 1,159 students of the bachelors and masters programs of the session 2003-04 were conferred degrees at the 16th convocation of the NED University of Engineering and Technology on Thursday.

The vice-chancellor of the NED varsity, Engineer Abul Kalam, presided over the event.

The convocation was attended by a large number of graduating students, their parents, city notables and educationists. Around 768 students received their bachelors and masters' degrees in person.

Renowned columnist Ardeshir Cowasjee gave gold medals and merit certificates to distinguished students.

The vice-chancellor, Abul Kalam, lauding the research work being carried out at the various departments of the varsity, said this year the faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture had taken the lead in producing world-class research work.

He said that the university was carrying out three HEC-cum-USAID projects financed by the National Science Foundation of the USA, which included structural retrofitting of buildings in earthquake-prone zones; review and improvement of construction management methods in Pakistan and preparation of transportation model for Karachi. The total grant for these projects was \$1.319 million, he said.

Besides, two studies had also been carried out by the dean and the chairman of the civil engineering department on faculty development in postgraduate research for sustainable infrastructure and CPS study of India -Eurasia convergence zone, respectively, he said.

Mr Kalam said this department was also a sub-office of the Unesco for Architectural Restoration and entrusted by the government of Sindh with the responsibility for surveying, photographing, recording and tabulating data about all buildings declared heritage of the city, he added.

NEDAC Photo Gallery



Mohammad Khalid presenting



Khalid receiving Certificate of appreciation by Ron Starr



Audience listening intently OBC presentation

Editor's Note:

Mr. Rasool A. Kaleemi, an NED Graduate of the year 1967 in Mechanical Engineering , is presently the CEO and Managing Director of NBP Canada Bank. He is a reputed poet of Urdu. The following poem on NED Engineering College is the true representation of the old campus located near Pakistan Chawk, Karachi. We are publishing this poem from his book "Hawa -e - Dasht" with his kind permission.

رسول احمد کلیمی

درمیاں میں ہے وہ بوڑھا سا وفادار شجر
جس کے سائے میں بیاں ہوتے ہیں سنبھرا گیاں
وہ مشینوں سے اُبلتا ہوا شورِ محشر
اور گھلتا ہوا اس میں وہ تپ کر ب نہاں

سہرمتا یہاں ہوتی ہے فقط نذرِ شر
زہر بن بن کے اُلتا ہے فضاؤں میں دھواں
زندگی وقفِ مشقت ہے یہاں شام و سحر
اور اس سے ہے سوا کا ہیش غمِ سوشل حال

سینہ شہر پر اک گنجِ حنرابی ہے اسے
مرکزِ علم و فن و دانش و حکمت کہیتے
ہاں اسی گنجِ حنرابی میں ترے سر کی قسم
ہم شرابِ غمِ ایامِ پیا کرتے ہیں
تیری زلفوں تری آنکھوں ترے عارضِ کھیلے
تیری نظروں سے بہت دُور جیا کرتے ہیں

این ای ڈی انجینئرنگ کالج
راضی خاں اورستقبل کے این ای ڈی مینز کے نام

سینہ شہر پر اک گنجِ حنرابی ہے جسے
مرکزِ علم و فن و دانش و حکمت کہیتے

اس کے سب ہی درو دیوار کا احوال خراب
جملہ آثارِ قدیمہ کے لیے وجہِ حجاب
ایک ویرانہ جو ویرانوں کا تنہا ہے جو اب
کر م خوردہ سی کوئی صدیوں کی خستہ سی کتاب

ہاں فقط عرصہ گہرِ دانش و حکمت کہیتے
یہ جو اس شہر میں اک گنجِ حنرابی ہے اسے

اس کا ہر گوشہ ہے جیسے کہ پراسرار کھنڈر
جیسے بھٹکی ہوئی روئیں ہوں یہاں نوحہ کنال
ایک کونے میں ہے جُڑا ہوا اللہ کا گھر
جس میں ہے کوئی نسا زنی نہ تو ذن نہ اذال



NED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CANADA

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ANNUAL DINNER AND MUSICAL NIGHT

DATE: Friday, May 09, 2008

TIME: 7:00 PM

Ticket: NEDAC Members - \$20.00, Non members and Guests - \$25.00, Children-\$ 10.00, Infant-Free

ALL MEMBERS OF THE NED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION & FRIENDS ARE INVITED

Program:

Reception	7:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Welcome Speeches	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Dinner soon after Maghrib	8:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Musical Program, Quiz & Lucky Draws	9:30 PM - 1:30 AM

Venue: Payal Banquet Hall

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