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### **Canadian Society for Civil Engineering's newly elected President Mr. Gordon Jin, P.Eng., FCSCE, signs Civil Engineering and Climate Change Protocol with American and British engineering Societies**

Gordon Jin, a registered professional engineer licensed in Newfoundland and Labrador, was elected President of the **Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE)** at its 2009 Annual General Meeting in St. John's, NL, on May 29, 2009. One of Mr. Jin's first actions as CSCE President was to jointly sign a *Civil Engineering and Climate Change Protocol* with the Presidents of both the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE).

The signing of the Protocol took place at the close of the 2009 Triennial Conference, held in St. John's, NL from June 1-2, 2009, where leaders of the civil engineering profession gathered to discuss the challenges and risks faced by coastal communities worldwide. Based on the assumption that "substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions are required to reduce the risk of climate change" and that "the effects of climate change include reduced access to drinking water supplies, increased exposure to flooding and the threat to flood security in large parts of Africa, Asia, and Latin America", "the agreement outlines civil engineers' role in the global solution, as well as the key engineering and public policy priorities".

"Developing technologies to mitigate the impacts of climate change is a challenge for all engineers," said Mr. Jin. "This agreement sends a clear signal to our respective policy makers that civil engineers are at the forefront of this crucial issue, and highlights the need for public policy priorities to address this for the good of our planet and its inhabitants."

Mr. Jin obtained his B.Eng. (Civil) from Memorial University of Newfoundland in 1982 and joined the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Department of Public Works and Services, as a Civil/Structural Project Engineer. In 1996, he moved to the Department of Transportation and Works as a Senior Bridge Design Engineer. His professional career with the provincial government covered the design, construction and rehabilitation of building and bridge engineering projects throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. In 2009, Mr. Jin joined the Memorial University of Newfoundland, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, as a Co-operative Education Coordinator.

Founded in 1887, the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering is a national, not-for-profit, learned society. It is dedicated to providing civil engineers with opportunities to increase their professional development through continuing education, networking, advocacy, and publications. With a National Office in Montreal, CSCE is comprised of 20 sections across Canada, one Branch in Hong Kong, and many technical and interdisciplinary committees. CSCE is a constituent society of the Engineering Institute of Canada.

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