**ACEI President’s Award Citation by Ciarán Kennedy CEng**

**JOE KINDREGAN**

**29 March 2019**

Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow Engineers and Guests.

Each year the ACEI president is offered an opportunity to present the ACEI President’s award, to a person that has made an outstanding contribution to the benefit of the world of engineering consultancy.

Tonight this award is being presented to a person that has done just that and has made an enormous contribution on many fronts;

* As a consulting engineer,
* To the education system in Ireland, both of the educational institute they were involved with and the unselfish sharing of skills and experiences with other bodies as they developed their engineering schools,
* To the training of so many of today’s engineers at undergraduate level,
* To the assistance given to so many in their preparation for Professional examinations,
* Continued active and encouraging participation in their professional body and promotion of their field of engineering, Giving the local branch a strong voice and a representation at their council level,
* And most recently, and most significantly, by being promoted to the upper echelons of that organisation.

The office of the president of the ACEI rotates each term between Civil, Structures and M&E. It is very fitting that in this term where the office is held by structures that our award winner is a person that has shown immense dedication to all things relating to Structural Engineering.

Tonight we offer the ACEI President’s award to our colleague and friend in the industry, to the President of the Institution of Structural Engineers: President of the IStructE - Mr Joseph Kindregan.

There isn’t a Structural Engineer in the room tonight that isn’t familiar with Joe. He has been instrumental in the education and development of so many of our very well regarded graduates of DIT Bolton Street, or TUD as it is now know. Those that didn’t attend DIT would have encountered Joe as part of their IStructE professional examinations preparation and the dedication and encouragement he offered is very well known and appreciated.

Joe has served as a lecturer and ‘Head of Department’ of Civil and Structural Engineering at Dublin Institute of Technology, now Technological University Dublin. Prior to that, Joe worked in consulting engineering practices on projects in Europe and the Middle East.

He has had a long involvement in the engineering profession in Ireland through his involvement with the IStructE’s Branch and Regional Group Committee since the 1980s, having served many roles including Chairman.

Joe has always had a strong interest in the history of engineering and it’s many contributions to the welfare of humanity.

He has served on many of the panels and committees of the IStructE, including chairing the Paper Awards Panel, Education Committee, Engineering Leadership Group and Resources Committee.

Joe is currently a member of the Institution's Council and Board and since January of this year Joe has served as President of the IStructE. As president of the IStructE he presides over the worldwide organisation that is the Institution of Structural Engineers representing some 28,000 members in 105 Countries.

Joe is the first Engineer to rise through the ranks from the Republic of Ireland Branch to become president of the IStructE.

In his new role, Joe continues to promote the internationalism of the IStructE, firmly believing that the Institution's future lies in collaborating with other international organisations with similar interests and objectives.

To this end the ACEI is very proud to maintain an active involvement with the IStructE and offer our award to its President.

We are honoured and delighted that Joe could find time in his busy schedule to join us tonight, I know that he has only returned from one of many overseas engagements.

Joe, please join me to accept the ACEI President’s Award for 2019.