



The 5th Asia and Pacific Nation Network (APNN) Meeting in  
**Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**

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On behalf of Women Engineers Session, Ir. Assoc Prof. Leong Wai Yie presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Asia and Pacific Nation Network (APNN) meeting and the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (ICWSTEM) held in **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, June 25-27, 2015.**

This event was hosted by Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (WSTEM) in Mongolia, comprised primarily of Mongolian women faculty and practitioners in the STEM and social science fields. WSTEM has been actively engaged in helping develop education and science in Mongolia, by performing training and other related activities for lecturers and professionals in the country. Mongolia's development strategy is to strengthen its knowledge economy. Key to achieving this is quality improvement in education and research, and stimulating innovation. Thus, the theme of this year is "Education Reform and Innovation."

This conference has brought the women faculty in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, together to enlighten each other, and most importantly the public, about our role in developing the knowledge economy, by focusing on education and innovation.

The feature of this meeting was the inaugural awards ceremony for women in STEM fields, a first in Mongolia. This bi-annual award ceremony for women in STEM has recognised the best women scientist in the following disciplines: Agriculture, Medicine, Engineering, Technology, Food and Light Industry, and Education and Social Science.

The APNN meeting featured invited speaker sessions, country reports for 2015, and plans for 2015. The ICWSTEM conference featured 3 additional invited speakers, in a panel session format, discussing women faculty's role in education and science in developing and developed countries.

The delegations were arranged to experience Mongolia's rich cultural heritage. The Mongolia cultural performance was held to mark the end of the APNN conference. The museum tours and a day trip to the 13<sup>th</sup> Century Mongolia Countryside have been scheduled to explore the land of Genghis Khan.

The participation of this conference is wonderful, fruitful and successful. For many, this is their first trip to Mongolia. We shared our experiences, our passions, times, energies and ideas and care for each other and learn from one another, which has empowered us as Women Scientists and Engineers to play key roles for making changes for a better world. We hope that through INWES and APNN, helpful and useful information will nourish our women scientists and engineers in the Asia and Pacific nations.



Presentation on Women Engineers Malaysia



Photo session with the Minister of Education and Science, Mr. L, Gantumur and Parliament members.



My name written in Mongolia calligraphy



Exploring the ger camps at the 13<sup>th</sup> Century National Park in Mongolia