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Dear Director General

**Support for Declaration of World Engineering Day**

On behalf of the Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE) I am pleased to write in support of establishing World Engineering Day on 4 March each year.

The history of civilisation is synonymous with the history of engineering and the future needs of world citizens will continue to depend, in large part, on the skills, creativity and innovation of the world's engineers. It is fitting, therefore, that we celebrate and share the excitement and contribution to society of engineers and engineering on an annual basis.

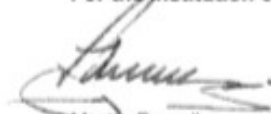
IStructE is the world's largest professional body devoted exclusively to structural engineering. Our members number over 30,000 and operate in more than 100 countries, working on structures in seismic and high-risk areas, projects and initiatives that support those in most need, and those at the cutting edge of technology. In addition, our members work both in conservation and heritage as well as iconic new structures.

I know we would embrace World Engineering Day as a means of celebrating the profession as well as creating a lynchpin to encourage young people to pursue a career in engineering.

We are delighted to be able to support this initiative.

Yours faithfully

**For the Institution of Structural Engineers**



Martin Powell  
Chief Executive