

***Kenneth James Petrunik - nominated by the Canadian Nuclear Society for the K.Y. Lo Medal***

Ken Petrunik is Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) where he has worked for the past 30 years in a number of executive and senior technical roles. He is currently responsible for managing all aspects of AECL's commercial operations including major projects, services, and marketing and business development, and has additional executive responsibility for major refurbishment projects involving CANDU<sup>®</sup> reactors. Before joining AECL, Ken worked for Ontario Hydro, Imperial Oil and Gulf Oil.

Ken Petrunik led the design, licensing, construction and commissioning of several mega-projects for Atomic Energy of Canada including the Embalse Station in Argentina, Cernavoda Unit 1 Station in Romania, and Qinshan Phase III Units 1 and 2 in China, touted by Chinese officials as their most successful nuclear project to date. By successfully completing these multi-billion dollar nuclear mega-projects, Ken has firmly established AECL's credibility as a major international nuclear player.

Ken's accomplishments throughout his career are many. He has pioneered the use of advanced construction methods for CANDU<sup>®</sup> reactors to reduce project schedules and cost, and improve overall economics. His efforts, particularly in China, to train local engineers and scientists have been recognized by the Chinese Government with the Friendship Award for technical support to China, the highest honour accorded to foreign experts. He has received numerous domestic and international awards for his achievements and tonight we have the pleasure of bestowing upon Ken Petrunik the distinguished K.Y. Lo Medal for significant engineering contributions at the international level.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Madam President, as the Recipient of the K.Y. Lo Medal, please welcome Ken Petrunik.