

# **Special Interest Group For Immigrant Engineers NZ (SIGIE)**

# **SIGIE Annual Report 2019**

#### SIGIE Committee Members 2019

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### Number of meetings held by the SIGIE group

#### 1. SIGIE committee meetings 2019:

SIGIE committee held monthly committee meetings, 7 over phones & 3 face to face

#### 2. Engineering NZ Annual AGM 29 March 2019:

SIGIE committee Chair attended the annual Engineering NZ AGM in Wellington in March, and connected to the chairs of other groups, especially new chair for Auckland Branch, who fully sponsored SIGIE workshop on 07 Sept 2019

#### 3. SIGIE Events/Workshops 2019:

- Workshop for skilled engineers
  - Auckland 20190427 & 20190807, big support from ARMS and Auckland branch of Engineering New Zealand, SIGIE Committee members has done various presentations, 40 & 85 new immigrants attended for two events, well received.
  - Palmerston North 20190828 Organised by Network of Skilled Migrants Manawatu and PN Branch of Engineering NZ, SIGIE input as presenter on Culture challenges, 35 attendees
- The events of settling into New Zealand: Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin (2<sup>nd</sup> April, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> August)
  - All Organised and supported by Engineering New Zealand
- SIGIE BBQ Event 20190627, SIGIE Members only
  - 20 people attended, well received, answers from experienced NZ Engineers, supports from St Johns Presbyterian Church for a free venue, Mt Roskill, Auckland
- A CELEBRATION OF CULTURE AND DIVERSITY 20190706, with NZ Asia Association and Auckland Multiculture Association
- Attended NZ Chinese Building Industry Conference and Expo 17 & 18 August 2019
  - A free booth was contributed by NZCBIA worth of NZ\$2500, 5 SIGIE members were volunteered to help the booth to promote SIGIE and networking during 2 days, and one SIGIE member got a job from this.

## Particular highlights for SIGIE group:

- 1. SIGIE members increased to over 200
- 2. SIGIE website can be updated with events by SIGIE ourselves

#### Special thanks to our committee members

Zaid – ongoing hard work on all aspects to help Yana – ongoing hard work on all aspects to help Canute – ongoing hard work on all aspects to help Remi – ongoing hard work on all aspects to help

**Call for discussion:** SIGIE committee members should regularly attend meetings or events or workshops through the year (minimum 5 times), and give help and support.