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## S.I.R Achievement Award Winner, Peter Ho



Peter Ho began his construction career, immediately after graduating from the University of Saskatchewan in Canada in 1979, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. Peter went on to obtain his Civil Engineering License and worked as an Engineer with the Public Works Bridge Department in Malaysia for the next ten years. In 1989, he moved to the United States where he continues with great success in the construction industry. His vast experience ranges from constructing and replacing bridges, to building prisons, street improvements, highway and railway grade separations, earthquake retrofitting, and pedestrian under crossings. Peter filled a key role as Deputy Engineer in the construction of the \$900M San Joaquin Hill Transportation Corridor, which was the first toll road in California. Over the past 32 years, he has earned the respect of his peers through his ability to adapt to circumstances while providing solid partnership and project achievement.

Peter Ho was most recently the Construction Manager and Senior Resident Engineer on various Southern California contracts. Herzog Contracting Corp. had the pleasure of working with Mr. Ho on the SCRRA/OCX Orange County Service Expansion and Grade Crossing Improvement Project where he provided oversight as the owner's representative. This was the largest quiet zone rail project to ever be constructed in the nation. The project encompassed 50 at-grade crossings spanning a distance of 40 miles through 11 municipalities. In this capacity, Peter demonstrated exemplary professionalism as he led our team in building a successful project. The job required constant communication and attention to numerous issues that arose throughout the duration of the contract. It was during the most challenging times where his experience, honor and integrity were exemplified.

Peter's leadership and personable skills are exceptional, which he illustrates on a daily basis with his ability to motivate a diverse staff to work together and perform as a team. During a construction project of complex magnitude, there are many public and private entities, such as the owner, the contractor, numerous subcontractors, and various cities; all involved with different internal goals. Mr. Ho is an expert at uniting everyone as a whole, particularly during negotiations regarding critical or sensitive aspects of the project.

Peter Ho's integrity is unquestionable and is part of what makes him a prime candidate for this award. As an owner's representative, his primary objective is to ensure that the members of the team are working together and that the client's interests are being served while exercising fair dealings among all stakeholders. Peter often goes above and beyond to create a cooperative environment that provides for equitable treatment of all parties involved. For example, when a conflict is discovered, he tactfully brings this to the stakeholders' attention for accuracy and fairness.

Mr. Ho successfully manages all aspects of a venture, including safety, design, schedule, quality, budget, community relations, and issue resolution. Peter works diligently to mitigate matters before construction activities commence and proficiently guides a team in identifying viable solutions. He takes great pride in effectively administering contracts.

In conclusion, throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Ho has exceeded the expectations of those of us who have had the privilege of working with him, through his ability to influence team members to work together, maintaining the highest integrity with strong leadership. His work ethic and skillset is not only an asset to his employer but to everyone involved. He profoundly exemplifies the essence and meaning of the S.I.R. and has our wholehearted recommendation for the S.I.R. Achievement Award.

Peter will receive his award at the 2013 Awards Banquet on Saturday, May 4, 2013. For more information on the Awards Banquet, [click here](#). ❌