

the Engineer: Comments

As an engineer and project manager, I have dealt with numerous engineering and management problems. This collection deals with the same problems but sees the funny sides to them. I have seen a number of engineering jokes, but none dealing so much with engineering itself and in so much detail. I believe this compilation is unique and recommend it to all engineers and those in construction practices as reminder that there is a human side to engineering after all.

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These cartoons are sparkling gems of wit and wisdom, universal lessons from the life of a consulting engineer. In finely-drawn sketches (no matchstick people here) we meet the Oppressed Consultant, the Consultant Who Got It Wrong, The Hardnosed Client and many other dwellers in the construction industry jungle. But this anthology is more than a collection of very funny trade jokes - it's a veritable distance learning course on the industry, packed with inside information of the kind we don't teach at college. Civil engineers: buy the book before it sells out, and profit from its insights.

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Ir. Shaik Abdul Wahed is that rarest of individual - a Professional Engineer who is a cartoonist and a cartoonist who can look at engineering problems with wit and humour. Whilst many of the cartoons in this book are aimed at the local situation, they are universal enough to be applicable in an increasingly borderless world. Reading this book brings back good memories of the time when the IEM Bulletin carried "Shaiky's View", a series of cartoons to brighten up each issue. I can still recall with glee how I would go straight to his column and have a good chuckle as he made engineering a less boorish subject when he depicted engineering lapses in judgement (engineers of course never make mistakes...) in his cartoons. Engineers should get a copy to learn from the insights and hindsight as Ir. Shaik traces the evolution of engineering and engineering practices in Malaysia. Politicians and civil servants should get a copy to decipher the reasoning behind the explanations of the engineers. Residents of hill-slope buildings should get a copy to better understand the mechanics of landslides. Everyone else should get a copy as an antidote for those moments in time when we are feeling a little bit under. The witty humour in this book will perk us up!!

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