

Sri Lankan Professionals Association in the UAE : a new chapter for Sri Lankan Professionals in the UAE

The Executive Board of the SLPA –UAE with the Consul General



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Absent: Mr. Channa Kasthuriarchchi (Media Coordinator), Mr. S. P. A. Keerthirathna (Board Members), Mr. Nalinga Handapangoda (Board Members)

Signifying another milestone in the presence of Sri Lankans in the UAE, the Sri Lankan Professionals Association (SLPA) in the United Arab Emirates has been established on 28th May 2019, under the patronage of the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to UAE and the Consul General of Sri Lanka to Dubai and Northern Emirates. This Association will create a common platform for all the Sri Lankan Professional Associations based in the UAE to come together under a single umbrella and thereby to elevate dedication of its members towards maintaining the highest standards of professional excellence, promotion and safeguarding of the interests of their professions in addition to promoting the image of the professionals from Sri Lanka. The SLPA also has the mandate to develop professionalism among the members of the member associations of respective disciplines.

The member associations of the SLPA consist of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers Sri Lanka (IIESL) - UAE Branch, the Institute of Quantity Surveyors Sri Lanka (IQSSL) – UAE Chapter, the Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors – UAE (SLQS-UAE) and the Postgraduate Institute of Management Alumni – UAE (PIMA-UAE).

Having incepted under the banner of the SLPA, which unified them under a common body for the first time in the UAE, the association aims at extending their performance to greater heights through collective efforts. In addition, the SLPA intends to make their coalition even broader in future by involving the other similar associations based in the UAE.

The Consulate General of Sri Lanka to Dubai and Northern Emirates has played a leading role in bringing the above Professional Associations in the UAE together under a common body. The first Executive Board of the SLPA appointed for 2019-2021 is as follows:

Chairman:	Mr. Ajantha Premarathna (PIMA-UAE)
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. Dhammika Gamage (IQSSL-UAE Chapter)
Secretary:	Mr. Lalith Gallage (SLQS-UAE)
Assistant Secretary:	Mr. Deepal Rajaguru (PIMA-UAE)
Treasurer:	Mr. Nalaka Kantharachchi (IIESL-UAE Branch)
Assistant Treasurer:	Mr. Lionel Gunathilaka (SLQS-UAE)
Media Coordinator:	Mr. Channa Kasthuriarchchi (IQSSL-UAE Chapter)
Editor:	Mr. Kusal Nanayakkara (PIMA-UAE)
Internal Auditor:	Mr. Anura Jagodage (IIESL-UAE Branch)
Board Members:	Mr. Sisira Walaliyadde (IIESL-UAE Branch) Mr. S. P. A. Keerthirathna (IQSSL-UAE Chapter) Mr. Nalinga Handapangoda (SLQS-UAE)

The Executive Committee of the SLPA looks forward to further strengthening and consolidating their coalition in the UAE in future by implementing a number of initiatives and activities.



The group photo of SLPA, which includes the Consul General, representatives of the professional associations and other distinguished participants at the formation of SLPA-UAE



Signing of SLPA-UAE Registration Agreement between the SLPA-UAE and Ms. MCI on 18th June 2019 at Radisson BLU Hotel, Dubai, UAE



Signing Ceremony of the MOU between the IIESL-UAE, SLQS-UAE, PIMA-UAE and IQSSL-UAE to form the SLPA-UAE on 28th May 2019 at the Consulate General of Sri Lanka Dubai and the Northern Emirates, Dubai, UAE