

## **Registering the IIESL-UAE Branch under a Government Body.**

### **Sri Lankan Professional's Associations (SLPA) in the UAE**

**A**s informed earlier, under the prevailing legislative constraints in Dubai, IIESL UAE Branch or any professional organization cannot perform its' routing activities such as; conducting Continuing Professional Development (CPD) events, educational workshops, newsletter publications, regular CSR activities and like in addition to Annual General Meeting (AGM) and get-together, which is the signature event of our organization.

This is because of the current requirement of registering charity/ civil organizations under Community Development Authority of Dubai – UAE, by the Royal Decree of Dubai Law No. 12. To overcome this situation and to obtain legal cover, the IIESL UAE Branch, together with the UAE branches/ sectors of the following professional institutions/ organizations have met with Hon. Charitha Yattogoda, the Sri Lanka Consul General in Dubai and discussed the available options. We note here that the support and the corporation of Mr. Yattogoda, towards our requirement is exceptional and for that we shall be grateful to him.

The Organization proposed will be named as “Sri Lankan Professional's Association” – SLPA in the UAE.

The Objective of the Association are;

*Through its leadership, relevant standards and respective code of ethics, it ensures that members practising within the UAE under respective professions are dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of professional excellence, promotion of the interests of the professions and the safeguarding of common interests of the professions. They have the mandate to develop professionalism among the members of respective disciplines.*

The founding organizations involved in this procedure are;

- Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka – UAE Branch (IIESL-UAE)
- Postgraduate Institute of Management Alumni - UAE (PIMA- UAE)
- Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors – United Arab Emirates (SLQS-UAE)
- Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Sri Lanka – UAE Branch (IQSSL-UAE)

The joint committee has discussed various options to form a body with legal cover and finally decided to register the SLPA under the license of MCI Middle East, a global consulting, live communication, congress and event management company. The preliminary requirements to establish the SLPA under the license of MCI Middle East have been finalized and the SLPA will become a reality soon.

The option of operation the professional associations under the Sri Lanka Business Council (SLBC) in the UAE had to be shelved temporarily until their executive committee decides the mode of operation of the proposed “Sri Lanka Business and Professional Council” and revise its constitution.

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