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13th Annual Sessions, AGM and Get-together

IIESL UAE Branch held its 13th Annual Sessions, AGM and Get-together on 17th October, 2019 at Pullman Hotel, Dubai. Eng Ranjith Chandrasiri, President of IIESL, travelling all the way from Sri Lanka, attended the sessions.

H. E. the Ambassador of Sri Lanka, Mr. Majintha Jayasinghe and Head of Chancery, Mrs Subhashini de Silva, representing Hon Consul General of Sri Lanka attended, gracing the occasion.

Following dignitaries from Sri Lankan professional associations also attended the session.

- Mr. Ajantha Premarathne, Chairman, SLPA and President International Chapter of AIQS,
- Mr. Kusal Nanayakkara, President, Postgraduate Institute of Management, Alumni
- Mr Dhammika Gamage, Chairman, CICES – UAE Region and Co-representative, IQSSL-UAE
- Mr. Ananda Thennakoon, Asst. Secretary, Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors-UAE

H.E. the Ambassador appreciated the services rendered by the IIESL UAE Branch together with the other professional associations to the professional community in Dubai and to Sri Lanka, our motherland.

Eng Dhammika Gamage, Returning Officer announced the new Executive Committee appointed during the AGM for the session 2019-2020. Eng Anura Jagoda was re-appointed as the Chairman of the current Executive Committee.

Please see page 3 for the newly appointed executive committee.

Key-note address was delivered by Eng. Parakrama Munaweera, Past President of the IIESL-UAE Branch. Eng. Munaweera presented his Key-note address on “Thinking out of the way” which conveyed an important message to the entire audience including the guests, members, spouses and children. IIESL UAE officially launched its inaugural journal during the Annual Get-together presenting a copy to H E the Ambassador.

The Thiweera musical band entertained the gathering and the music and dance continued whilst the dinner was served.

IIESL UAE Branch delivered the 13th Annual Sessions, AGM and the Get-together, professionally and to the satisfaction of everybody concerned.

Please see photographs of the event below. Following links will take you to the two albums containing the entire photographs of the event.

Album-1

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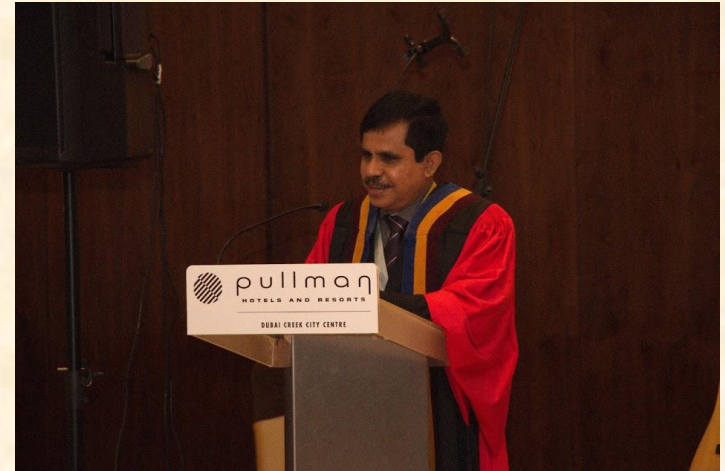
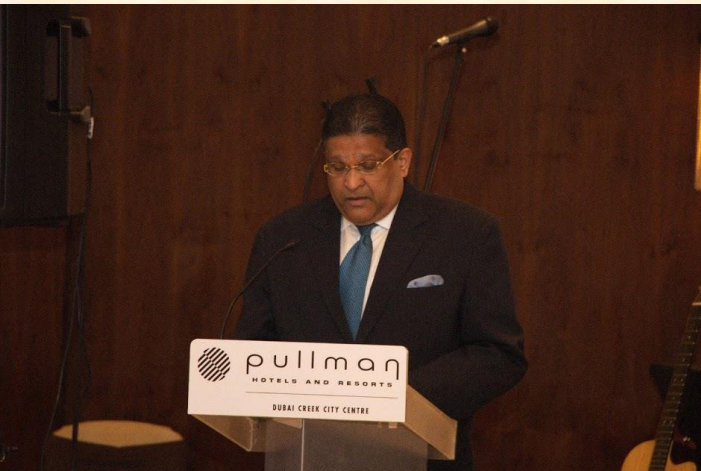
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Publication Committee:

- Eng. Sisira Walaliyadde – Past Chairman, IIESL UAE
- Eng. Anura Jagodage – Chairman, IIESL UAE
- Eng. Nishan Karunarathne – Treasurer, IIESL UAE

Memories of the Annual Get-together.....



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Eng. Parakrama Munaweera NDT, MSc, MBA (PIM-USJ), MIIESL, GCGI(UK), PMP, I Eng.	Past Chairman



LAUNCH OF THE INAUGURAL JOURNAL OF IIESL UAE BRANCH.

([Download the Journal](#))

Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka UAE Branch launched its inaugural journal during its Annual Sessions 2018-2019. The inaugural copy of the journal was presented to H. E. the Ambassador of Sri Lanka, Mr. Majintha Jayasinghe by the Editor, Mr. Kavindra Jayasuriya.

Publishing the inaugural journal was a great success of the IIESL UAE Branch and that achievement was made possible by the tremendous support extended by many members of the IIESL.

Pioneers of the IIESL and Past Presidents: Eng. Anton Peris and Eng. Shantha Senarath contributed meaningful articles which enhanced and added value to the journal.

Many other members and potential members of the IIESL UAE Branch contributed with valuable articles and overall the journal was published with a high tone.

IIESL UAE acknowledge the help of all with gratitude and profound thanks, especially to those who contributed with articles;

- Eng. Anton Peiris
- Eng. Shantha Senarath
- Eng. Sisira Walaliyadde
- Eng. Jayantha Hettiarachchi
- Mr. Trinie Anton Fernando
- Eng. Ranil Wijesingha
- Mr. Samantha Bandara
- Mr. Manoj Sampath Dissanayaka
- Eng. Nalaka Kanthiarachchi
- Mr. Kavindra Jayasooriya

And the editorial Committee;

- Eng. Sisira Walaliyadde
- Eng. Anura Jagodage
- Eng. A.M. Manju Sri Nandana
- Mr. Kavindra Jayasooriya



The link to the journal: <http://www.iiesluae.org/pdf/IIESL-UAE-Journal-2019-v3.pdf>

NEW AMBASSADOR OF SRI LANKA IN THE UAE



H.E. Majintha Jayasinghe has recently assumed duties as the Ambassador of Sri Lanka in the United Arab Emirates. H. E. the Ambassador, Mr Majintha Jayasinghe was kind enough to accept our invitation and took part in our 13th Annual Sessions and AGM as the Chief Guest, gracing the occasion.

H. E. the Ambassador appreciated the professional activities being undertaken by the IIESL UAE and its professionalism and pledges his support for the further developments of the IIESL UAE and its members.

IIESL UAE wish Mr. Majintha Jayasinghe, H.E. the Ambassador a successful career in the UAE.

41st ANNUAL SESSIONS AND AGM INSTITUTE OF INCORPORATED ENGINEERS SRI LANKA

Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka held its 41st Annual Sessions and Annual General Meeting on 13th July 2019 at the Lotus Room of the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall. The new President and the Committee of Management was elected at the AGM.

Please see here the [Committee of Management 2019-2020](#)

Please see the IIESL [Journal and the Souvenir 2019-2020](#)



INSTITUTION OF INCORPORATED ENGINEERS, SRI LANKA COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES - SESSION 2019/2020



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15	Eng. P. Hettiarachchi
16	Eng. R.S.G. Punchihewa
17	Eng. S.K. Dedduwa
18	Eng. U.K.S. Hettige

Farewell to Past Chairman Eng. Jayantha Hettiarachchi.

Excom members of the IIESL UAE Branch held a farewell get together in honour of Eng. Jayantha Hettiarachchi, the Immediate Past Chairman of the IIESL UAE Branch. Excom members met at the Caravan Restaurant on Friday, 8th November and wished Eng Hettiarachchi very best for his career.

Eng Hettiarachchi has been a member of the IIESL for long and immediately after joining the IIESL UAE Branch he accepted to be the Hon Secretary of the Branch and he continued to hold the position for three consecutive years. Followed by this he was elected as the Chairman of the Branch and held that position also for three consecutive years.

During his tenure as the Secretary and the Chairman of the Branch he rendered a great service to the success and the uplifting of the image of the IIESL UAE Branch. He also took part in the process of forming the Sri Lankan Professionals Association in the UAE (SLPA UAE).

Friends and members of the IIESL knew him and used to call him fondly as Hetti. Hetti was the Plant Manager of Al Naboodah Construction Group where he served for over three decades before he retired and decided to leave the UAE for good.

Members of the IIESL UAE Branch wish Hetti very best of his career, back in Sri Lanka and success in his academic pursuance. UAE Branch members together wished him to return to UAE as Eng. Dr. Hettiarachchi on successful completion of his academic path to the doctorate, he is currently perusing.



Sri Lankan Professionals Association in the UAE (SLPA UAE)

Recently formed Sri Lankan Professionals Association in the UAE with IIESL UAE as a founder stakeholder is currently in operation in the UAE. Founder associations of SLPA are;

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

IIESL-UAE and other professional associations are conducting their professional and social events under SLPA and its event management company, MCI Middle East.

SLPA have provided opportunities for other Sri Lankan professional associations and professionals to join SLPA and currently negotiation with the associations who applied to join SLPA as member associations.

As intended, SLPA will extend its wings all over the Emirates and get all Sri Lankan professional associations and professionals working in the UAE as stakeholders of SLPA.

IIESL-UAE Branch Representation in the SLPA

Eng Sisira Walaliyadde, a founder member of the SLPA, representing the IIESL-UAE has resigned from the Executive Board of SLPA and Mr Aruna Uduwerella, Asst Secretary of the IIESL-UAE has been elected as the successor. Accordingly the current representation of the IIESL-UAE in the Executive Board of the SLPA is;

- Eng. Anura Jagodage - Internal Auditor
- Eng. Nalaka Kanthiarachchi - Treasurer
- Mr Aruna Uduwerella - Board Member

SLPA's appreciation of Eng. Sisira Walaliyadde's Services

The Executive Board of the SLPA held a farewell reception for Eng. Sisira Walaliyadde in appreciation of his services rendered to the SLPA. Eng. Walaliyadde had been with the team of professionals whom paved the way for the establishment of the SLPA and resigned due to his commitments for the other associations, his retirement plans and to provide the opportunity for a younger member to join and serve the SLPA.

SLPA awarded a memento to Eng. Walaliyadde as a token of appreciation.



CPD Session on Contract Letter Writing

IIESL-UAE conducted yet another important and useful continuing professional development programme for the professionals at large.

The event was conducted by IIESL-UAE Past Presidents, Eng. Sisira Walaliyadde and Eng. Dhammika Gamage. The objective of the event was to enhance the participants' knowledge on contractual letter writing. The presentations directly addressed the participants' requirements on creating their own contractual letters and customizing them to comply with contractual requirements. An introductory session on business report writing was also conducted to add value to the session.

The event was conducted as an interactive session giving opportunities for the participants to get their concerns clarified.



Membership Development

The membership development programme launched by the IIESL-UAE Branch on 19th July 2019 at Grand Excelsior Hotel in Dubai was a major success. 15 potential members took part in the session and 15 more have confirmed their participation in the programme.

The session was conducted by IIESL-UAE Excom members, Eng. Deepal Rajaguru and Eng. Nalaka Kanthiarrachchi. The objective of the event was to educate the participants who were potential members of the IIESL, regarding the recruitment procedure to IIESL under various categories of memberships.

The event was conducted as an interactive session giving opportunities for the participants to get their concerns clarified. Senior members have been allocated as mentors for the prospective candidates and the documents are being prepared for formal submissions.

IIESL UAE will continue to have more sessions of this nature in the future.



Engineering Council of Sri Lanka has Started Registering Members

(extract from ECSL web site: <https://ecsl.lk/>)

The Engineering Council, Sri Lanka (ECSL) was established, effective from 24th August 2018, in accordance with the provisions of the Engineering Council, [Sri Lanka Act No 4 of 2017](#) in the Parliament of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. Registration of members are currently in progress and the details of the members registered as of date can be obtained from the Registry available at: <https://ecsl.lk/>

The Engineering Council, Sri Lanka is thereby made responsible for the:

- maintenance of professional standards and conduct of engineering practitioners
- registration of different categories of engineering practitioners, and
- to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

According to the said act published as a supplement to Part II of the gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka of March 10, 2017, all those who do engage in the practice of engineering profession should be registered at the Engineering Council, Sri Lanka under Section 15 or 18 of the said act. Categories of engineering practitioners as defined by the act are:

- Chartered Engineer - CEng
- Associate Engineer - AEng
- Affiliate Engineer - AfEng
- Incorporated Engineer - IEng
- Engineering Diplomat - EngDip
- Engineering Technician – EngTec

Stakeholder organizations

- Institution of Engineers - Sri Lanka - <https://iesl.lk/>
- Institution of Incorporated Engineers - Sri Lanka - <https://iiesl.lk>
- Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission - Sri Lanka - <http://www.tvec.gov.lk>

Members of the IIESL can submit their application to the ECSL through the IIESL. Please visit the IIESL web site: https://iiesl.lk/?page_id=2097

Success, Strength, Character, Soul, Love, Hard work, Failure, Personality and Faith

No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude.

Alfred North Whitehead

1. Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.

Winston Churchill

2. Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.

Helen Keller

3. Success isn't always about greatness. It's about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success. Greatness will come.

Dwayne Johnson

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5. Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.

Benjamin Franklin

6. The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.

Vince Lombardi

7. Your positive action combined with positive thinking results in success.

Shiv Khera

8. Always be yourself, express yourself, have faith in yourself, do not go out and look for a successful personality and duplicate it.

Bruce Lee

9. Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.

Pele

10. Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.

Benjamin Franklin

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/alfred_north_whitehead_119000

Quoted from Internet.....

At the entrance gate of a university in South Africa, the following message was posted for contemplation

"Destroying any nation does not require the use of atomic bombs or the use of long range missiles... It only requires lowering the quality of education and allowing cheating in the examinations by the students..."

Patients die at the hands of such doctors...

Buildings collapse at the hands of such engineers...

Money is lost at the hands of such economists & accountants...

Humanity dies at the hands of such religious scholars...

Justice is lost at the hands of such judges...

"The collapse of education is the collapse of the nation."

Farewell to Hon Consul General of Sri Lanka

All the Sri Lankan Professional, Cultural, Religious and Social associations in Dubai got together and held a grand farewell reception to Hon Charitha Yattogoda, Consul General of Sri Lanka for Dubai and Northern Emirates at Radisson Blu Hotel in Dubai, on 14th December 2019.

Mr. Yattogoda is completing his tenure of four years as the Sri Lanka Consul General in Dubai and leaving the UAE to continue his services in Sri Lanka. He has been in Dubai since October 2015 and we as IIESL-UAE Branch was fortunate to receive him as the Chief Guest to our 10th Annual Sessions and Get-together which was his first event, taken part as the Consul General in Dubai.

Mr. Yattogoda as the Consul General has done an unparalleled service to the Sri Lankan community in Dubai and Northern Emirates. He supported all the Sri lankan Associations in Dubai unconditionally and attended almost all the events for which he was invited.

IIESL-UAE Branch, as a founder stakeholder of the SLPA appreciates greatly the services rendered by Mr. Yattogoda as the Sri Lankan Consul General in formation of the Sri Lankan Professionals Association in the UAE.

Hon Consul General Mr Yattogoda Addressing
at Annual Sessions 2015



Members of the IIESL-UAE Branch with Mr.
and Mrs. Yattogoda at the ceremony



All the heads of
Sri Lankan
associations in
Dubai with Mr.
and Mrs.
Yattogoda at the
ceremony



Eng. Shantha Senarath

Eng. Shantha Senarath – President Elect, OPA Sri Lanka

IIESL UAE has the pleasure to announce that Past President of the IIESL, Eng Shantha Senarath has been elected by the Organization of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka (OPA-Sri Lanka) as the President Elect for the session 2019-2020. He was the General Secretary of the OPA for the session 2018-2019.

Eng Senarath has been a key stakeholder of the team which paved the way for the establishment of the IIESL UAE Branch. He has been a great strength for the IIESL UAE to function as a professional association. He is also an asset to the IIESL and currently representing the IIESL as a member of the recently established Engineering Council of Sri Lanka.

As the President Elect his main task is to conduct the OPA Annual Conference which is the flagship event of the OPA. It's a two-day event and the theme for the annual conference will be on a nationally important subject. Along with the annual conference he and **his committee will be conducting the Apex Awards Ceremony, which happens once in every three years, where a few outstanding** professionals will be honoured for their services to the nation and the profession. Award recipients will be selected by an eminent panel of judges.

Eng. Shantha Senarath will be inducted as the president of the OPA for the session 2020-2021. OPA is the apex body of 51 professional associations embracing 32 different professions such as medicine, engineering, architecture, accounting etc. in Sri Lanka.

Congratulations....!! Eng. Kingsley Devendra.

IIESL-UAE Executive Committee Member, Eng. Kingsley Devendra was presented with the distinguished award for “Outstanding Contribution to SLQS for the year 2019”, at the 35th Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors- UAE Annual Get-together 2019 held at Millennium Airport Hotel, Dubai on 13th December 2019.



ENGINEERING QUOTES

1. "As engineers, we were going to be in a position to change the world – not just study it."
—**Henry Petroski, American engineer and author specializing in failure analysis**
2. "The scientist discovers a new type of material or energy and the engineer discovers a new use for it."
—**Gordon Lindsay Glegg, British engineer and author**
3. "This job is a great scientific adventure. But it's also a great human adventure."
—**Fabiola Gianotti, Higgs Boson physicist**
4. "Science can amuse and fascinate us all, but it is engineering that changes the world."
—**Isaac Asimov, American writer, professor of biochemistry**
5. "The engineer has been, and is, a maker of history."
— **James Kip Finch, American engineer and educator**
6. "Scientists study the world as it is; engineers create the world that has never been."
—**Theodore von Karman, Hungarian-American mathematician, aerospace engineer, and physicist**



IIESL Cricket Tournament

by
IIESL UAE
@
Zabeel Park B - Cricket Ground
Friday 27th December 2019
9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
Reserve your date....
For more details please contact
Aruna Uduwerella: 056-4265548

Open for IIESL members and their families only.....



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