

NEWS LETTER



INSTITUTION OF INCORPORATED ENGINEERS, SRI LANKA - UAE BRANCH

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Annual Family Get-together and the New Year Celebrations are resounding successes.

IIESL-UAE once again held its' annual family get-together at the magnificent Al Naboodha Club House at Al Awir on 7th April 2017. Majority of the members of the Branch and their families clubbed together in this annual get-together and the New Year Celebrations and the entire event was both well attended and fruitful in its success.

The fete was a chance for the members of the IIESL-UAE Branch to get together and celebrate all that is great about the unity of the branch membership and the family environment that the Branch is working tirelessly to create and maintain.

The majority of the branch membership attended the celebrations, travelled from the right across the emirates to display their corporation and support to the branch and enjoyed the many activities, the games, magic show, music and dance.

The event was a grand success, thanks to all attended and the members who worked so hard to make that happen. IIESL-UAE Branch do great things and look forward to make this event even bigger and happier in the years to come.

[\(Click here to see the happy moments of the event:](#)



The Engineering Council Act has been approved from the parliament.

The much awaited Engineering Council act no. 4 of 2017 has been approved from the parliament of Sri Lanka on 9th March 2017.

All the engineering practitioners practicing in Sri Lanka are required to register under this Engineering Council Act. This includes the temporary registration of foreign engineers who intend to work in Sri Lanka.

The purpose was to provide for the establishment of the Engineering Council, Sri Lanka, which shall be responsible for the maintenance of professional standards and conduct of engineering practitioners, registration of different categories of engineering practitioners and to provide with matters connected with and incidental thereto. The engineering profession in Sri Lanka will be regulated by the statutory body just as the medical and legal professions.

Download the Bill

[Engineering council act - Sinhala](#)

[Engineering council act - Tamil](#)

[Engineering council act - English](#)

Updating the Members' data for the purpose of registering as an Engineering Practitioner

ENGINEERING COUNCIL, SRI LANKA

Registering as Engineering Practitioners

In accordance with Clause 14 of the Engineering Council, Sri Lanka Act No. 4, no engineering practitioner shall engage in the engineering profession unless the practitioner is registered under section 15 of the Act.

Accordingly, all the Incorporated Engineers and the Engineering Diplomates are required to get themselves registered under the Engineering Council through IIESL. All the Corporate Members and Associate Members of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka living in the UAE are kindly requested to fill the application No. 07 and send to the head office of the IIESL in Sri Lanka and give your consent to register as an Engineering Practitioner.

Download application No 07

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Wesak Festival – 2017 in Dubai



Chairman, IIESL-UAE, Eng Sunil Hettiarachchi lights the traditional oil lamp at the inauguration of the annual Wesak Festival in Dubai.

UAE branch of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers have once again contributed for the annual Wesak Festival of Dubai, organized by Dubai Daham Pasala which was held on 5th May 2017 at Latifa Hospital grounds. IIESL-UAE, annually contributes to this event as a part of their Corporate Social Responsibility.

(Photo quote: Chairman, IIESL-UAE Branch lighting the traditional oil lamp at the opening of the wesak festival.)

Presentation by Eng Dhammika Gamage at the IIESL Council of Management meeting on the:

INSTITUTE OF INCORPORATED ENGINEERS, SRI LANKA – UAE Branch

As requested by the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL) Council of Management, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the IIESL - UAE Branch, Eng. Dhammika T. Gamage presented the current status of the branch activities at the IIESL Council of Management meeting on 10 June 2017, as follows:

Since its inception in 2005, the IIESL UAE Branch has worked hard to gain recognition and respect for Sri Lankan Incorporated Engineers in the international arena, through the establishment of mutual recognition programmes and the development of a competency-based professional review system in line with best international practice. Our continuing affiliations with many world-recognized professional institutions such as ICES UAE Region, AIQS UAE Division, CIOB Middle East Branch and universities will ease the pathways of our members towards many academic and professional accomplishments and career advancements. Recently we concluded a project of mapping the IIESL membership competencies with those of RICS and AIQS and in the near future, we shall recommence the dialogue between these institutions for possible reciprocal agreements / exemption arrangements for memberships.

Likewise, we are periodically conducting membership induction programmes and follow-up support workshops for potential candidates to obtain IIESL membership. The document on Membership Development within the UAE and Gulf region, prepared by Eng Dhammika Gamage, was presented at the same meeting and well received by the Council. Also, the Council of Management requested that Eng Dhammika Gamage develop the same document to suit the Sri Lankan context, to use it as a general document for membership development.

We undertake our educational charity programme through our regular Continuing Professional Development activities; over and above the long term partnering with ICES UAE for regular joint CPD events on a monthly basis, we closely associate with AIQS UAE Division and Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyor (SLQS) UAE - the biggest Sri Lankan professional body operating in the UAE - for joint CPD activities.

Furthermore, the Sri Lankan community living in the UAE are being benefited from the re-establishment of the MBA programme of the Postgraduate Institute of Management of the University of Sri Jayawardanapura in Dubai. We informally notified our membership in the UAE that all members must undertake a minimum of 20 hours of CPD per annum. One of the most exciting CPD programmes was recently run - an 8 day-20 hour programme of practical English for professionals conducted by well-known English tutor, Dr. Susil Nanayakkara.

Beyond that, as an extension of the Corporate Social Responsibility initiative, the IIESL-UAE are committed to join hands with the Sri Lankan Consulate General's Office and Sri Lankan Cultural Education Centre in Dubai (Dubai Dhahampasala) in all Sri Lankan national and religious festivals conducted in Dubai. We are also actively taking part in all charity activities of the Sri Lankan Welfare Association, SAHANA in the UAE to better serve our disadvantaged community. During the recent disaster in Sri Lanka due to heavy floods and landslides, we extended our full cooperation to the relief assistance charity conducted by the SLQS UAE.



Eng. Dhammika Gamage

NDT(Civil Eng), IEng, ICIOB, MCI Arb, FIQSSL, PQS, FRICS, FIIESL, FACostE, FAIQS, FCInstCES, GCGI(UK) Past Chairman, IIESL UAE Branch

Practical English for Professionals.

IIESL-UAE promoting its voluntary corporate commitment and discharging its obligations towards the professional community, presented an 8 session CPD, “Practical English for Professionals” during June 2017. A famous English Teacher from Sri Lanka Dr. Susil Nanayakkara delivered the lessons based on a course tailored to cater for the basic requirements of the English knowledge of a professional in the industry.

Dr. Susil Nanayakkara, a renowned English teacher, is the founder of the Royal Way Institute in Sri Lanka, having over 40 years of experience in teaching English. Dr. Naanayakkara undertook the assignment on voluntarily basis without any financial gain. This allowed the IIESL-UAE to subsidize the fee charged from the students; only to cover the charges of the venue. The course venue was the usual Al Futtaim Learning Center, Dubai.



80 students, most of them are engaged in the construction industry joined the course and the project ended as a great success, setting a standard to continue into the future. IIESL UAE Branch Past Chairmen Eng. Sisira Walaliyadde and Eng. Dhammika Gamage presented complementary sessions on Contract Letter Writing and Correspondence, during the last two sessions. It was decided to have further sessions to cover the subject in detail.

IIESL UAE Branch will organize a similar course on English and contract correspondences for the industry professionals, in the near future.

IIESL-UAE presented a gift and a memento to Dr. Nanayakkara as a token of the branches’ appreciation of his generous service to the professional community.

[Click here to see photos of the final day of the CPD](#)



For your calendar.....

12th Annual Sessions, AGM and Get-together of the IIESL UAE Branch



Reserve 20th October 2017 for the 12th Annual Sessions, AGM and Get-together of the IIESL-UAE Branch.

At Holiday Inn, Dubai

Await further details!

CPD ON CONTRACT LETTER WRITING AND CORRESPONDENCE..



A complete course on:

Contract Letter Writing and Correspondence.

Soon in Dubai by the:

**Institution of Incorporated Engineers,
Sri Lanka – UAE Branch.**

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Continuing Professional Development Event 05/2017 - Dubai

Project Management in Construction



Content:

- Introduction & Background
- International Standards
- Why Project Management is Important
- How Projects are Managed
- Project Management Methodologies
- Project Phases, Lifecycles
- Project Management Framework
- Process Groups, Knowledge area and Processors
- Scope, Schedule, Cost & Risk Management in brief
- Professional Bodies & Certification

VENUE : Al Futtaim Training Center, Rashidia

DATE : 12 July 2017

TIME : 7.00 - 10.00 pm.

Presenter:



Eng. Nalaka Kanthiarachchi

IEng. MIIESL, MIET, GCGI, NDES, PMP®

Entrance Fee: Members - Free, Non Members - 25 AED per Head

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12th Annual Sessions, AGM and Annual Get-together of the IIESL UAE Branch

Please send your articles for the

- Souvenir and
- Journal

to be published for the 12th Annual Sessions, AGM and Annual Get-together of the IIESL UAE Branch on 20th October 2017.

Articles for the souvenir shall consist of 1000-1500 words and written for the common and technical interest of the members

Articles for the journal shall consist of 1500-2500 and could either be articles of research of the writer or review articles in any areas of engineering

Please send by email; iiesluae@gmail.com

Donation of a Lap Top to IIESL Head Office.



Chairman of the IIESL-UAE Branch, Eng Sunil Hettiarachchi, on behalf of the Branch donating a lap top to Eng Chandrasiri Wanasinghe, President of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka for the use of the IIESL Head Office.

Joke Page

Final Interview:

Interviewer said "I shall either ask you ten easy questions or one really difficult question.

"Think well before you make up your mind!" The boy thought for a while and said, "my choice is one really difficult question."

"Well, good luck to you, you have made your own choice! Now tell me this. "What comes first, Day or Night?"

The boy was jolted into reality as his admission depends on the correctness of his answer, but he thought for a while and said, "It's the DAY sir!"

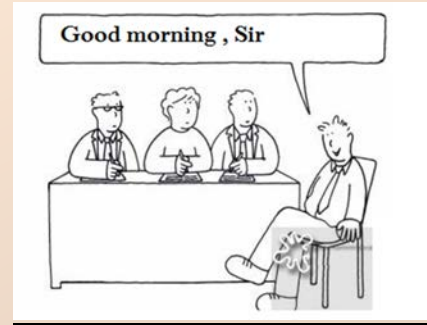
"How" the interviewer asked,

"Sorry sir, you promised me that you will not ask me a SECOND difficult question!"

He was selected for the post!

Lesson: "Technical Skill is the mastery of complexity, while Creativity is the master of simplicity"

Joke Page



Question and the Answers given by applicants – Vacancy for an Engineer.

Q. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

A. Concrete floors are very hard to crack!

Q. If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?

A. No time at all it is already built.

Q. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in the other hand, what would you have?

A. Very large hands

Q. How can you lift an elephant with one hand?

A. It is not a problem, since you will never find an elephant with one hand.

Q. How can a man go eight days without sleep?

A. No Problem, He sleeps at night.

Q. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what it will become?

A. It will get Wet or Sink as simple as that.

Q. What looks like half apple?

A: The other half.

Q. What can you never eat for breakfast?

A: Dinner.

Q. What happened when wheel was invented?

A: It caused a revolution.

Q. Bay of Bengal is in which state?

A : Liquid

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New Home for National Diploma in Technology (NDT)

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National Diploma in Technology programme, being conducted at the University of Moratuwa is now getting ready to move into a new state of the art premises at Diyagama, Homagama. The staff and the students of the Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa will move into this facility in the near future.

The new facility will be equipped with new laboratories, accommodation facilities for over three thousand students and staff quarters and all the facilities required for a modern technical institute.

NDT Alumni Association has planned a series of activities for the opening ceremony, details of which will be notified soon.

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