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IIESL UAE Branch Held its Inaugural Cricket Tournament

IIESL UAE Branch held its inaugural Cricket Tournament on Friday 27th December, 2019 at Zabeel Park, Dubai. Four teams took part in the Inaugural Cricket Tournament, with the presence of a large number of members from various Sri Lankan professional institutions in the United Arab Emirates. IIESL-UAE Branch managed to hold the tournament in a professional manner and completed successfully.

Four teams took part in the tournament:

a. Civil Clusters

b. Elec Sparks

c. Mech Movers

d. Chem Coolers

Elec Sparks secured the Winner's position and the team Civil Clusters secured the Runner Up place. With the success of the inaugural Cricket Tournament, IIESL UAE Branch determined to have the event in grand scale annually. Click [Here](#) to see the photos of the event.



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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Please read below an update on the Novel coronavirus (Covid-19) from Dubai Government. To read the full update please visit the Dubai health Authority web site [HERE](#)

➤ What is the Disease?

- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new strain of coronavirus, first identified in a cluster with pneumonia symptoms in Wuhan city, Hubei province of China.
- Most of the cases were epidemiologically linked to the seafood and animal market.

➤ How is the virus transmitted?

- Novel Coronavirus strains are spread from person to person through contaminated droplets from a person who is sick with the illness (through coughing or sneezing) or contaminated hands.
- The virus can spread through touching an infected surface.
- The incubation period extends from 1 to 14 days (that means the amount of time from being exposed to the virus to showing symptoms)

➤ The symptoms are:

- Fever, Shortness of breath, Cough, Headache, Sore throat
- Note: Not everyone with a cold or upper respiratory symptom needs to get tested for COVID-19. Only a person with a symptoms and travel history can do the test.

➤ Is there any treatment for COVID-19?

➤ Is there a vaccine against the Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)?

➤ When should I wash my hands?

➤ How to greet people while having respiratory symptoms such as a cough and a cold?

➤ If you intend to travel to areas affected by Novel coronavirus:

➤ Procedures for those arriving to the UAE:

➤ For any medical support or inquiry, please contact:

- Misconceptions about the coronavirus
- Can facemasks protect me from COVID-19?
- Can antibiotics cure COVID-19?
- Can influenza vaccine prevent COVID-19?
- Can garlic protect us from COVID-19?
- Can I shop online?
- Am I at risk of being infected with COVID-19 if an infected person walks past me?
- Is it safe to order food at restaurants?
- Why should we avoid touching our eyes, nose and mouth before washing our hands or sanitizing them?
- In the absence of a tissue, why should we use the inner part of our arms when coughing or sneezing?

Meeting with the new Hon Consul General of Sri Lanka in Dubai.

Executive Committee Members of the IIESL UAE Branch met with Mr. Nalinda Wijerathne, Hon Consul General of Sri Lanka, recently assumed duties in the Sri Lankan Consulate in Dubai, on Friday, 24th January 2020. The Committee Members discussed with Hon Consul General regarding the background of the Branch, the current and future activities in line and the support we usually receive from the Consulate General for the uplift of the Branch's image.

The members also highlighted the fact IIESL UAE Branch is the only formal Branch of the Sri Lankan Professional Institutions, overseas and established in the year 2006 under the patronage of Hon Consul General of Sri Lanka in Dubai. They also highlighted the fact that IIESL UAE Branch was one of the Institutions, whom took the initiative in establishing the Sri Lankan Professionals Association (SLPA) in the UAE.

Mr. Wijerathne assured the support of the Sri Lankan Consulate General for the activities of the IIESL UAE Branch.

Farewell Reception to IIESL UAE Branch Committee Member Mr Chularathne.

IIESL UAE Branch held its farewell reception to Mr. Upul Chularathne, Committee Member of the IIESL UAE Branch who left the UAE to assume duties with his new employer in Qatar.

Mr. Chularathne, fondly remembered as Chula, was a Committee Member of the IIESL UAE Branch since 2010. Chula was a pillar of a Branch and had extended his generous support for all the activities conducted by the Branch, throughout since he joined the Committee. The Excom members regret deeply the departure of Chula and wished him well a success in his future endeavours.



Celebration of the 72nd Independence Day and 40th years of Diplomatic Relations between Sri Lanka and UAE, 4 February 2020

IIESL UAE Branch participated the Celebration of the 72nd Independence Day and 40th years of Diplomatic Relations between Sri Lanka and UAE, invited by Mr. Majintha Jayasinghe, H.E the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the UAE on Tuesday the 04th February 2020 at the Emirates Palace, Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Expansion of SLPA in the United Arab Emirates

The Sri Lankan Professionals Association (SLPA), established in the UAE in March 2019, has signed an agreement on 5th February 2020, with the Association of Quantity Surveyors of the University of Moratuwa (QSUM), joining as the fifth member association. It is one step towards its concept of being the umbrella Association for all the Sri Lankan professional associations in the UAE.

SLPA is currently in negotiation with the other professional associations in the UAE with the view of enrolling them as member associations.

Following members of the IIESL UAE Branch represents as Board Members of the SLPA;
Eng. Anura Jagoda – Internal Auditor
Eng. Nalaka Kanthiarachchi – Treasurer
Mr. Aruna Uduwerela – Board Member



The Representatives of Association of Quantity Surveyors of the University of Moratuwa (QSUM) with SLPA Executive Board Members on 05th February 2020. Click [here](#) to visit SLPA web site

The CPD session, organized by the IIESL UAE Branch on “Excel for Construction and Engineering Professionals to Excel”, to be presented by the Fellow Member of IIESL, Eng. Sanjeewa Wijayathilaka, had to be postponed due to the current situation in the UAE on Covid 19 virus spread. The CPD session will be held when the situation becomes normal, in the UAE.

INSTITUTION OF INCORPORATED ENGINEERS SRI LANKA UAE CPD Event



“Excel for Construction and Engineering Professionals to excel”

The CPD session is targeted to enhance MS Excel knowledge to excel in the profession. MS Excel has many useful facilities that can be applied appropriately to produce and deliver speedy accurate documents. So let’s excel!

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The Speaker:
Eng. Sanjeewa Wijayathilaka
NDES (Civil), MSc (Construction Project Management), FIIE(SL)

Date and Time : To be confirmed

Venue: Al Futaim Training Centre in Al Ramool, Rashidiya, Dubai

Fee: Members - AED 30.00, Non Members – AED 50.00

Registration starts from 6.00pm. Please arrive early, leaving sufficient time for the registration. Light refreshments will be provided

The admission is limited to 35 people and you are kindly requested to send your participation confirmation at the earliest but not later than 07th March 2020 to iiesluae@gmail.com

Please email your practical problems related to the above topic to iiesluae@gmail.com to discuss at the Q&A session of CPD.

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International Conference on Skills Readiness for Achieving SDGs & Adopting IR 4.0

This conference was held from February 2nd to 4th, 2020 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. IIESL President Eng. P A D R Chandrasiri and Honorary Assistant Treasurer Eng. Ananda Gunawardhana participated at this conference. Picture shows Eng. Chandrasiri presiding a meeting as Session Chairman of one of the sessions in this conference.



New Year Celebrations at IIESL on January 1st, 2020



New Year celebration was held at IIESL Secretariat Battaramulla on 01st January 2020. House warming of newly built office room in IIESL Secretariat was also done on the same day. President of IIESL, Eng. P.A.D.R. Chandrasiri, several Past Presidents and Council Members, Members and IIESL Office staff were present on this occasion.



This was organized by IIESL Ladies Circle. Chairperson of the IIESL Ladies Circle Eng. (Mrs) Pushpa Jinadasa, Eng. Kithsiri Kottege (Past President) and Eng. C. Wanasinghe (Past President), Assistant Secretary Miss. Samilka Mendis are also in the picture.



Inauguration of CPD Programme on Designing of Reinforced Concrete Elements in Buildings

Under the theme “Designing of Reinforced Concrete Element in Buildings ” was commenced on 8th February 2020 at IIESL. This CPD program is conducted as a weekend programme and as a weekday programme. Resource person is Dr (Eng.) Nihal Somarathna.

Registration (Renewal) in Engineering Council, Sri Lanka for the year 2020.

It is a requirement that Corporate Members and Associate Members who obtained registration in Engineering Council, Sri Lanka (ECSL) for the year 2019 as Incorporated Engineers and Engineering Diplomates respectively should renew their registration for the year 2020, before 29.02.2020 as informed by ECSL. For more information contact IIESL Secretariat 0112887734.

Engineering Council (ECSL) Registration

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If the Corporate Members and Associate Members of the IIESL UAE Branch have not obtained their registration yet, under Engineering Council of Sri Lanka, please obtain your ECSL registration to enable them to practice as engineering practitioners in Sri Lanka, as defined under Section 15 or 18 of the [Engineering Council, Sri Lanka Act No 4 of 2017.](#)

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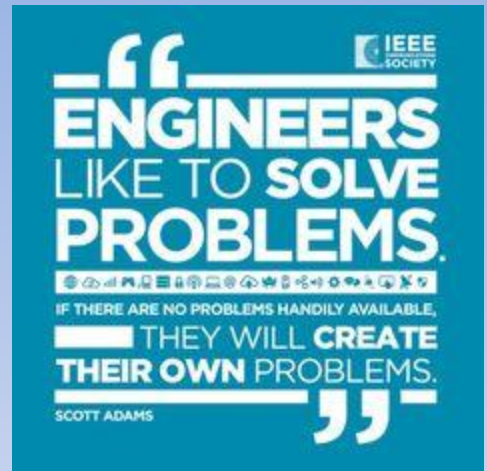
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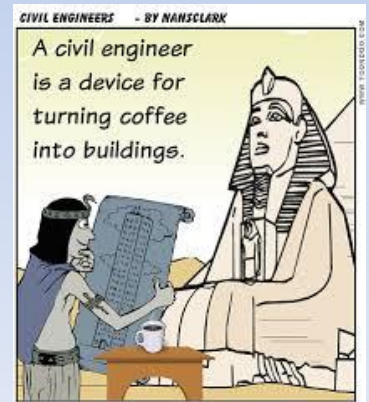
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