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## 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSIONS & AGM – 2023/2024



**Eng. Mrs. Pushpa Jinadasa, President of the session 2022/2023 addressing the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Sessions**



**Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and other dignitaries being escorted to the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Sessions**

The forty-fifth Annual Sessions for the year 2022/2023 and Annual General Meeting were convened at the BMICH Lotus hall on July 22, 2023. In attendance were various dignitaries, who were warmly welcomed by the Master of Ceremonies, Eng. Padmajith Jinadasa. During his introductory remarks, Eng. Padmajith Jinadasa provided a brief overview of the history and achievements of past presidents, councils, and members of the Institution.

The esteemed guests of the occasion included Dr. Susil Premajayantha, Hon. Minister of Education, who graced the event as the chief guest, and Prof. Rohan Samarajiva, Chairman of LIRNEasia, as the guest of honour. The President of the IIESL, Eng. Mrs. Pushpa Jinadasa, along with the President-Elect, Eng. Dr. Bhadrane Thoradeniya, the Past Presidents, Trustees and the Council Members, received the guests and escorted them in a procession.

Eng. Dr. Bhadrane Thoradeniya, the President-Elect, delivering the welcome address, thanked the Hon. Minister for taking a very positive attitude at the discussions on converting traditional Engineering Diploma programs to Degree programs. Also, she stressed the need to change the mindset of all from the thinking that 'the Governments should serve me' to 'I serve the nation to the best of my ability', if we are to build our nation.

The highlight of the session was the special tribute paid to the late Vidya Jyothi Emeritus Professor Dayantha S. Wijeyesekera, who was the Vice-Patron of the institution from its inception. In honouring him, Certificates of recognition, which were named after him were awarded for the authors of best articles published in the 'Incorporated Engineer' journal. (Cont... P. 4)



**Eng. Dr. Bhadrane Thoradeniya President-Elect of Session 2022/2023 addressing the Annual Session**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Eng. Dr. Bhadranie Thoradeniya**  
**President – Session 2023/2024**

I am most privileged to be the 31<sup>st</sup> President of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka. This is the professional institution for Incorporated Engineers and Engineering Diplomates who are the backbone of the engineering industries of Sri Lanka. It is a well-known fact that the industrial sector is one of the main pillars of any economy. Therefore, our members constitute an important workforce which contributes to the national economy. Such professional workforces should always keep abreast of the ever-evolving knowledge and skills of their own sectors. This builds their reputation and brings them recognition.

Various challenges of the contemporary times have made it almost compulsory for any individual to be in one or more professional bodies. The main advantage of such affiliations is the endorsement that comes to an individual with the Institution's membership based on the individual's knowledge, skills and attitudes which make them proficient at the relevant employment positions.

This scenario invariably pushes professional organizations to deliver many diverse requirements. Two such requirements have already been identified as enhancing the quality of members by updating them with current knowledge and obtaining due recognition for employment. Such requirements are ever evolving and mostly challenging, especially at a time when the country is at a low ebb economically. Further, long standing social misconceptions hugely hinder the attempts to address the recognition issues.

Furthermore, the strength of a professional body is proportional to its membership. Therefore, it is needless to say that one of the urgent requirements of the Institution is to increase the numbers in all categories of membership. The vision statement of the Institution was changed at the end of the last session to clearly state that the '*vision of the IIESL is to be the leading engineering institution with the largest body of Incorporated Engineers covering the widest range of engineering disciplines.*' A few alternative paths for membership have been introduced recently to attract more members. The Institution plans to improve on such initiatives.

Therefore, I wish to state that the Council of Management of the current Session 2023/2024 will be committed to uplifting the stature of the Institution with new initiatives as well as continuing with the initiatives introduced at the last session and the sessions before.

I wish each and every member of the Institution success and happiness in their professional and personal endeavours.

## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE



**Eng. U.K.S. Hettige**  
**Secretary, Session 2023/2024**

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to each of you as subscribers to our institution's newsletter. As the Institution's Secretary, it brings me great pleasure to connect with you through this platform, which serves as a vital channel for sharing important updates, insightful articles, and engaging stories from our community.

Our newsletter is more than just a means of communication; it is a reflection of vibrant professionals and competent individuals who make up our institution. Through this publication, we aim to keep you informed about the latest developments, events, and achievements within our organization, as well as provide valuable insights into the broader trends and issues shaping our industry.

As subscribers to our newsletter, you are integral members of our community, and your support and engagement are deeply appreciated. Your feedback, ideas, and contributions are invaluable in ensuring that our newsletter remains relevant, informative, and engaging for all.

I encourage you to actively participate in this exchange of knowledge and ideas by sharing your thoughts, suggestions, and success stories with us. Together, we can foster a dynamic and inclusive community where ideas are exchanged, connections are made, and collective achievements are celebrated.

## EDITORIAL

Total quality management is a comprehensive approach to improving competitiveness, effectiveness, and flexibility through planning, organizing, and understanding each activity. This ensures total customer satisfaction through excellent product quality. Today, Organizations are faced with intense competition in a rapidly changing business environment. Business leaders are faced with the task of providing customers with an acceptable quality product at the lowest cost. Improving product quality through TQM will help the opportunity to manufacture products at an acceptable quality to customers at the least cost. This is the most essential requirement to total customer satisfaction and face global challenges. TQM is seen as primarily a management-led approach in which management commitment is essential. All the responsible for ensuring quality in terms of satisfying the customer and the approach is one of prevention of errors and faults rather than detection and correction. Typically, culture change in the company from an inspection to a prevention approach and strong emphasis on meeting the customer's requirements and identities of internal customers are most essential. Implementation of a total quality management system is more effective for Sri Lankan manufacturing industries to face the current financial situation and heavy energy costs, as well as to control product conversion costs in the face of global competition market challenges.

Apply of TQM is most important for quality improvement in the manufacturing or service industry. This will result in to increase in product quality, reduction of quality cost, and total customer satisfaction. Quality improvement is primary the responsibility of management. To involve everyone in the organization in quality improvement management will enable all employees to participate in the preparation, Implementation, and evaluation of improvement activities. Total quality is the key to effective leadership through a commitment to constant improvements. A right-first-time philosophy, training people to understand the customer-supplier relationship, managing system improvement, modern supervisions, and training, managing process through internal customer procedure, teamwork, and improved communications a systematic approach to TQM implementation.

Manufacturing a quality product with a high degree of customer satisfaction in extremely necessary for effectively face with global market competition. The cost of achieving these goals must be carefully managed, so that the long-term effect of the quality cost of the organization is desirable. it has been found that quality defect level and quality cost are high in the present production system due to an increase in controllable overheads. The analysis of quality-related costs is a significant management tool that provides.

**Eng. Dr. Ananda Handunge**  
Editor

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## **45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSIONS & AGM – 2023/2024**

The esteemed keynote speaker at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL) was Eng. Dr. T.A.G. Gunasekara, a prominent individual whose contributions have greatly impacted both the growth of the IIESL and the engineering fraternity as a whole. Sharing his insights and expertise, Dr. Gunasekara emphasized the importance of IIESL membership and its role in the development of the engineering sector and thereby the nation. He also shared his policies and procedures implemented during his extensive career in professional, government, and semi-government organizations. Additionally, he discussed the path forward for engineering advancements in today's technology-driven global landscape.

Prof. Rohan Samarajiva, Director General of Telecommunications in Sri Lanka (1998-99) and founding Chair of LIRNEasia graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor and delivered remarks on the significance of structured progress in the engineering field for professional development. He emphasized the contemporary human resources development practices in the East Asian countries which if applied here would solve the professional recognition issue of IIESL members.

The Chief Guest, Hon. Dr. Susil Premajayantha, expressed his gratitude to the President and Council members of the IIESL for inviting him to the Annual Sessions. In his address, he highlighted the valuable contributions of professional and practical engineers to the country's development and sustainability. He was then invited to award Fellow and Member certificates.

The President called the General Meeting to order, and a minute of silence was observed in remembrance of departed members. The welcoming address was delivered by Eng. U. A. Gunasekara, Honorary Secretary, followed by the adoption of the minutes from the previous AGM and the presentation of reports. This was followed by electing members for various appointments for the new session by the Retuning Officers. Eng. Dr. Bhadrane Thoradeniya, was then inducted by the outgoing President Eng. (Mrs.) Pushpa Jinadasa. The session was concluded after greetings and comments by many members. (Please see pages 5 and 6 for photographs of the event.)

### **Be a member of IIESL Toastmasters Club**

And improve your communication and Leadership skills.

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## **CPD PROGRAM**

### **DESIGN OF REINFORCED CONCRETE ELEMENT IN BUILDING (USING EUROCODES)**

A CPD programme on “Design of Reinforced Concrete Element in Building (using Eurocodes)-Moving forward from BS Code to Eurocode for structural Design” was conducted from 27.05.2023 to 15 .07.2023 as a short course online through Zoom platform. The CPD programme was conducted by Dr. Nihal Somaratne who was the recourse person for the course.

Eng. P.A.D.R. Chandrasiri, who was the Course coordinator for the short course on ‘Design of RCC elements for the session 2022/2023, and Eng. Lalindra de Silva, Chairman of Education & Training Committee for session 2022/2023, was responsible for arranging this short course. Since this was an online course, lectures were delivered on Saturdays from 08.45 am to 12.45 pm. The course was attended by many individuals with interest as it was open to members of IIESL as well as Non-members.

At the end of the course all participants were assessed with an assignment to evaluate the knowledge and competences gain from the course. The attendance records were also taken into consideration to categorize the type of certificate awarded to each participant. The council has approved the following categories of certificates.

- Certificate of Successful Completion
- Certificate of Participation

Similar programs could be arranged on the demand by members. Therefore, if you are interested, please let us know.

## NEW FELLOW MEMBERS

Session 2023 / 2024 saw five more distinguished members of the institution rising to the 'Fellow' class of membership. They were awarded their 'Fellow' member certificate at the ceremonial Annual Session.

1. **Eng. (Dr.) Ananda Handunge** – NDT (Mechanical Engineering), MBA (University of Leicester, UK) in 2004, PhD (Total Quality Management) in 2008. Certified Management Accountant (CMA) at the Institute of Certified Accountants in Australia; Chartered Mechanical Engineer – UK and International Professional Engineer (EC, UK). Editor, IIESL – Session 2023/24. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Ferentino Tyre Corporation.
2. **Eng. Upali Ranatunga** – NDT (Civil Engineering) in 1972, B.Sc (Hons) (Construction Management) (SHU, UK) in 2014 and Diploma in Arbitration in 2015. Corporate Member of IIESL in 2004 and RICS (UK) in 2017. After serving in many local and foreign companies he served from 2017 to 2021 Nawaloka Construction Company Limited as the Chief Quantity Surveyor and Contracts Manager.
3. **Eng. Deepal Rajaguru** – NDT (Mechanical Automobile Engineering) in 1981, MBA in 2011. Corporate Membership IIESL in 2006. Vice-Chairman of IIESL-UAE Branch – 2020; Council Member of IIESL - sessions 2022/23 and 2023/24. Graduateship of City & Guilds (UK) (GCGI) – 2007; Fellow, Chartered Professional Managers of Sri Lanka - 2023. He is presently serving as a Manager Operations, Engineering with FitsAir Aviation (Pvt) Ltd.
4. **Eng. Damitha Abeykoon** – NDT (Polymer Technology) in 1986. M.Sc (Polymer Science and Technology) (USJ) in 2011. Council Member of IIESL- session 2022/2023. He holds three Patents for processes of producing Rubber pavers from waste rubber and waste Nylon materials as a green disposal solution for Industrial waste rubber. He has held the position of President FTZ Toastmasters Club, and NDT Alumni Association among others. He is the Director, Process Control at ATG Group of Companies.
5. **Eng. U. K. S. Hettige** – NDT (Electrical, Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering) in 2001. Graduateship of City Guild UK - GCGI in 2017. Member of IET (UK), SRI LANKA ENERGY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION (SLEMA), Institute of Chartered Professional Managers of Sri Lanka and Association of Energy Engineers (MAEE). He is the incumbent President of Southern Province Engineering Diplomates Association. Assistant Secretary, IIESL – Session 2023/24. He is the Managing Director of Wonlit Engineering (Pvt) Ltd, which is owned by him.



Eng. Dr. A.K. Hadunge – F0120



Eng. H.D.U. Ranathunga – F0121



Eng. L.W.N.D. Rajaguru – F0122



Eng. U.K.S. Hettige – F0124



Eng. W.B.D. Abyekoon – F0123



## PICTURE GALLERY – HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL SESSIONS



Lighting of the oil lamp by the Chief Guest



The Chief Guest Hon. Dr. Susil Premajyantha



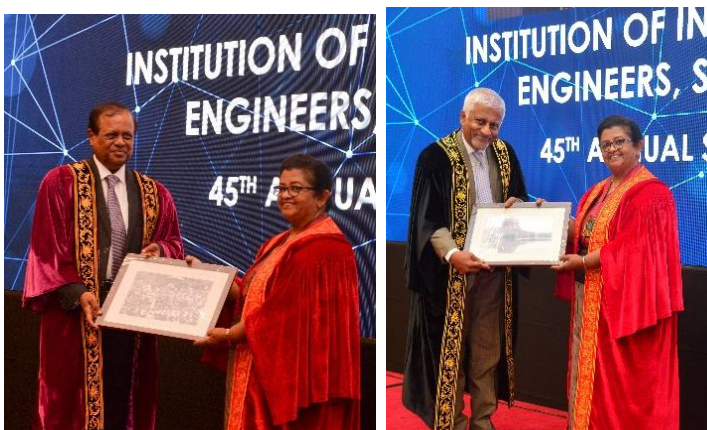
Guest of Honor Prof. Rohan Samarajiva at the podium



A section of the award recipients at the ceremony



Up: senior members of the IIESL  
Down: The Secretary IIESL, Eng. U. A. Gunasekara delivering the vote of thanks



Chief Guest & Guest of Honour receiving mementos from the President (Session 2022/2023) IIESL





# TRIBUTE

to

**Vidya Jyothi Emeritus Professor  
Dayantha Sepal Wijeyesekera**

**PhD (Edin), DEC(Eng), DUniv (UKOU),  
DLitt (OUSL), DSc (Mor), CEng, FIF(SL),  
FCIT(Lond), FICE(Lond), FNAS(SL),  
FICChemC**



Prof. Dayantha Sepal Wijeyesekera was born on September 1942. He is an Academic and a Civil Engineer. He had his Basic Education at St Thomes Collage Mt Lavinia where he was awarded Collage prize in Engineering related disciplines such as Pure and Applied Mathematics. He graduated from the Institute of Ceylon Technical Collage Maradana and Institute of Practical Technology Katubedda. Thereafter he proceeded to UK and Graduated from Enfield Collage England in 1965 and in 1969 he received his Doctorate from Edinburgh University. Having return to Sri Lanka he joined the State Engineering Corporation. He was the only Sri Lankan University pedagogue who became Vice-Chancellor of two Sri Lankan Universities, namely the University of Moratuwa and the Open University, spanning a record of uninterrupted 15 years. He became the Vice chancellor of the Open University of Sri Lanka in 1985 and the Vice Chancellor of the University Moratuwa in 1999 and held the position until 2005. He was the youngest President of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka. Later he served as the Chairman, Territory and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Skill Development of Sri Lanka. In 2011, Professor Dayantha S. Wijeyesekera was named as the first Chancellor of the University of Vocational Technology (UNIVOTEC). In 1968, Professor Wijeyesekera received the "Miller Prize" awarded by the Institute of Civil Engineers Landon for a Paper Presented to the Institute. Cont.... P.9

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## PICTURE GALLERY – HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Eng. Kamalnath Jinadasa (PP)



Eng. P.A.D.R. Chandrasiri (PP)



Eng. D. S. Senarath (PP)



## A LEGENDARY ENGINEER

In 1981 he received the award as one of the top Ten Outstanding Young Sri Lankan. In 2000, a special Award of Excellence was conferred upon him for the contribution he made towards the development of the Sri Lanka Transport Industries by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Sri Lanka. He was conferred the Presidential National Honor of Vidya Jyothi by HE the President of Sri Lanka in November 2005. The Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka at the inauguration of its Centenary Celebration in January 2006 conferred upon him the "Award of Excellence in Engineering" and the National Construction Association of Sri Lanka conferred the "Silver Jubilee Award" in August 2006. He received the "Sri Lankan of the Year" Award in 2009 for Education.

Professor Wijeyesekera has authored over 80 technical papers published either in recognized journals or presented at national, regional and international conference. Further, he has delivered several guest Lectures, keynote addresses, memorial lectures, convocation addresses and presidential addresses.

At an International Conference in Australia, he presented the paper "Nation Building Through University Building". He was the Keynote speaker at 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka on the Topic "Linking Technical Education with Engineering Education" which was his aspiration for nearly 45 years as a University Academic, University Administrator and Technical and Distance Education Specialist.

In 2011, his paper titled "Tsunami Infrastructure Rehabilitation in Sri Lanka" was runner-up at the Asia Pacific Convention of the Institute of Civil Engineering (ICE) (UK) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He was the only Sri Lankan member of the Board of Governors of Commonwealth of Learning of Canada and Chairman of the Committee of vice Chancellor for two terms. He was a Past President of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, Past President of the IESL, and Vice Patron of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers Sri Lanka. He passed away peacefully on 22nd May 2023.

May his soul Rest In Peace !

## EXCERPTS FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS DELIVERED BY ENG. (MRS.) PUSHPA JINADASA AT THE 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Good evening to you!

After joining ACEDA as an Associate Member in 1981, I became a 'Member' in 1986 & became a 'Fellow' of IIESL in 2013. Today I am

proudly delivering my last speech as the 30<sup>th</sup> President & the 1<sup>st</sup> lady President of this Prestigious Institution.

During this session, some offered beautiful flowers to me. Some threw stones. I made a beautiful house using those stones & decorated it with the flowers I received. That's my life. I think I am the luckiest President throughout the history of IIESL. Because I had a very energetic Council with good team spirit. And my President Elect Dr Bhadrani Thoradeniya was with me, to shoulder half of my duties. That's why we were able to accomplish a lot of activities during this session.

Last month our Vice President Eng Sampath Bandara went to Nepal for the invitation received from Diploma Engineers Association, Nepal. It was a very fruitful visit and was able to establish an Alliance for the Diploma engineers in SAARC countries until the SDEF is officially activating.

We received invitation from the Institute of Chartered Professional Managers, Sri Lanka for their Founders Day ceremony. We were able to build a good relationship with them and 75 IIESL members were enrolled; 15 Fellows, 54

Members & 6 Associate Members to CPM. We must be thankful to Mr Dilshan Arsakularathna, Director CPM & Eng W.A. Kulathilaka for their untiring effort. Institute of Engineering & Technology (IET) UK, Sri Lanka network join hands with us. Eng Dr Sunil Jayantha Hettiarachchi initiated the same and now we can get IET membership with the consultation of Sri Lanka network.

IESL invited President of IIESL to their annual sessions in 2022. Later we had discussions with the President & few senior members of the council. We came to an agreement to work jointly on national issues. Recently we participated in the Techno launching ceremony too.

We established a good relationship with alumni associations of all three National Diplomas. We are trying to initiate student chapters in the three institutes too.

At the early part of the session, we have nominated Eng. Tissa Senaviratna & Dr Mrs Bhadrani Thoradeniya for the Engineering Council of Sri Lanka. Eng. K. Ariyawansa was nominated for the Registration related matters of ECSL. Eng. W.A. Kulathilaka was nominated to the Steering committee for CIDA publications. For revision of form agreement standard conditions of engagement of CIDA, Eng. P.A.D.R. Chandrasiri & Eng. Frankie Perera were nominated. For the CIDA Board of Directors, Eng. Dr. Bhadrani Thoradeniya was nominated. For the Director Board UNIVOTEC, Eng. Dr K.M.B.S. Rekogama was nominated. For the syllabus revision in Engineering programmes of SLIATE Eng. Dr. Bhadrani Thoradeniya was nominated.

We received many invitations from local & foreign institutions during this session. We missed only two as they coincided with other invitations. We participated at the AGMs of our UAE branch & Qatar branch at virtual platform. Few Past Presidents & Members of the Council also participated for both AGMs. But we physically participated in the AGM of Central Province Branch. President Elect Dr Bhadrane Thoradeniya & Past President Eng Kamalnath Jinadasa participated with me.

Engineering Diplomates associations of National Water Supply & Drainage Board, Irrigation Department, Ceylon Electricity Board are some of the other AGMs we participated. As the president of IIESL, I was invited and participated at the inauguration ceremony of College of Military Engineering and Technology, Sri Lanka. For the Invitation from Construction Industry Stakeholders Forum organized by Institute of Architects Sri Lanka, President, President Elect & Eng W. A. Kulathilaka attended. It was a series of programs. AGM of Hardy Agro Professionals forum, Secretary Eng Upali Gunasekara attended on behalf of the President as I myself and President Elect attended to Central Province Branch AGM on the same day. President was invited for the Convocation of Skills college of Technology as a Special Guest. It was a very Colorful event, which was held at Nelum Pokuna at Grand scale.

We may not forget the flagship event, Inco 2023 organized by IPP Eng Wimal Jayawardana. Income over expenditure was Rs 5.8 million. This is the most outstanding income in the whole story of Inco. We must thank specially Eng Jagath Arawwawala, Mr. P.C. Thilakaatna & the Inco committee for their untiring effort. The other fund-raising event was Praharsha Musical Concert. Income over expenditure was about Rs2.3 million. The young members of the Council organized the event lead by Vice President Eng Saman Thalagala. It would be unfair if I do not mention the names of Eng Indika Deshapriya, Eng Mahesh Babalagama, Eng Harsha Mohottala, Eng Priyanthi Thambugala, Eng. Anuruddha Bandara, Eng. Premal Kumara & Eng Niluka De Silva for their effort to make the event a success.

During this session our Membership committee played a great role in enrolling 5 Fellows, 55 Members, 522 Associate Members & 747 Students to the Institution. Students are our future Members. Vice President Eng. Nalin Mendis, Eng Sampath Bandara, Dr. Jayantha Hettiarachchi & Eng Deepal Rajaguru were the masters of this event.

We have reappointed our Accreditation Board up to 11/10/2025 with Prof. W. A Wimalaweera as the Chairman.

Yesterday we had our technical sessions at the CIDA Auditorium in a grand way. This was organized by the Vice President, Eng Lalindra De Silva & the team. Keynote speaker & the Chief Guest were former Vice-Chancellor

and the Present Vic -Chancellor of the OUSL respectively. Resource Persons were eminent personals. CIDA auditorium was full.

It is my duty to mention the latest by-law book printed during this session. Eng Pani Kavikeshava played a great role as the Chairman of By-law committee.

Most of our members may not know that we are following a Quality Management System in our office. We had the ISO Audit internally as well as externally. The internal auditor was Eng Kamalnath Jinadasa. I must appreciate your honorary service too as the President of IIESL. As such we easily faced the external audit and obtained the certification for the Quality Management System.

I must tell you about the Head Quarters Building matter. We have forwarded the proper building application to UDA in January 2023. We have used the soil test & other test reports done, when Eng K Ariyawansa was the Chairman of Building Committee. We had to forward a new survey plan as the former one was too old, and the canal was not indicated in that plan. Then Municipal Council approval to be obtained. For all these things the only active person was Eng. W.A. Kulathilaka. He used to call me frequently to tell me the progress. During these 7 months we were able to get the UDA approval for the building. The total appreciation goes to Eng. Kulathilaka.

During this year we paid salary increments for the office staff according to Performance based appraisal procedure which was introduced by a committee led by Eng Anton Peries. Other members were Eng. Kamalnath Jinadasa & Eng Upali Gunawardana.

We have arranged training programmes for the office staff where we had a team building program for the staff members. Eng. Chandrasiri Wanasinghe, Eng Kamalnath Jinadasa & Mr Sanath Rohana Wickramasinghe joined as Resource persons in honorary basis. It is my duty to appreciate your service sirs, in this forum.

Master of the Ceremony today Eng. Padmajith Jinadasa. You were the MC for our Certificate award ceremony too. There are many Toastmasters, but you came forward to help us. If I have not appreciated you, I am failing my duty.

We have done all these events with the help of our office staff led by the Office Manager Miss Samilka Mendis. I must tell you that our staff had to do a lot of work during this session. Sometimes they were over stressed. If anyone had any hard feeling from my staff members, please excuse.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the members of the council for the support rendered during this session. I mentioned that I am very lucky to get the best Council of Management which an IIESL President had. Thank you so much, all the members of the Council. You are the best.

**END**



## TRIBUTES TO MEMBERS WHO ARE NO MORE



**Eng. W. A. S. R. De Silva** received his primary education at Tissa Central College in Kalutara and Sri Sumangala College in Panadura. He later completed the Junior Technical Officers' course (Mech & Elec Eng) at the Ceylon College of Technology - Katubedde. He served as a Mechanical Superintendent at Ceylon Petroleum in Sapugaskanda. He held various appointments under the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka, including Mechanical Supervisor at the Textile Mill site in Thulhiriya, Woodworking Complex site in Salawa, and Power project site Bowatenna. He was an Engineer at the Steel Factory site stage II in Athurugiriya and also worked as a QA/QC Engineer at Nippon Kokan Corporation Japan. He served as an NDT inspector for Kusal Inspection Engineering Service at Yanbu Oil Refinery in Saudi Arabia. He was a member of the American Society of Non-Destructive Testing and obtained a licentiate of Membership from the British Institute of Non-destructive Testing, UK. In 2000/2001, he served as a council member of IIESL and was the Editor of IIESL from 2001 to 2004. He was a Fellow of the IIESL from 2006 until his departure in March 2023.



**Eng. A. W. Dissanayaka** received his National Diploma in Technology from University of Moratuwa. Eng. Dissanayaka began his career as a Technician at Dept of Agriculture, Gannoruwa. In 1976, he served as a Technical Assistant at Paddy Marketing Board and an Inspector of Apprenticeship of NDT trainees at National Apprenticeship Board Colombo in 1977. He was an Engineering Forman at Dept of Agriculture, Workshop Manager at Dept of Agriculture, Anuradhapura, Examiner of Motor Traffic at Dept of Motor Traffic Colombo, Nuwara Eliya and Kandy. He obtained training in vehicle inspection procedure and heavy goods driving techniques from Management and Industrial Training Servicers LTD, England; Driving Examination and Vehicles Examination Course from Dept of Transport – UK; Vehicle Registration and Driver Licensing from the Dept of Transport, UK; an Advanced International Training Program on Traffic Safety Management from the Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute, and Regulation and Type Approval System for safety environment protection of motor vehicle from the Transport Bureau, Ministry of Transport, Japan. He was a corporate Member of the IIESL.



**Eng. K. D. K. Wijenayaka**, was born on July 14, 1942. After completing his basic education, he followed the Junior Technical Officers course conducted by the Department of Technical Education and Training (Institute of Practical Technology) from 1963 to 1965 in Katubedda. He began his engineering career as a Junior Technical Assistant at Ceylon Steel Corporation and was subsequently promoted to the post of Technician and then to the position of Deputy Rolling Mill Manager in the Rolling Mill Department of the Steel Corporation in 1988. He was an active corporate member of the IIESL from 1992 until he departed in the year 2023.



**Eng. K. A. L. Abeygunawardena** was born on 17 May 1949. After completing his basic Education, he followed the National Diploma in Technology course in the field of Mechanical Production Engineering at the Katubedda Campus of the University of Sri Lanka. He received his in-plant training from Ceylon Cement Corporation, Ruhunu Cement Works and Puttalam Cement Works. In 1974, he was appointed as a technical officer at the Paddy Marketing Board. He worked as an engineer at the National Equipment and Machinery Organization from 1993 onwards. He was a corporate member of the IIESL from 10, February 2001 until he passed away.

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