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IIESL HEAD OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT INAUGURATION CEREMONY MARKS COMMENCEMENT



The proposed building



Hon. Minister Anura Karunathilaka starts operating the Piling Rig

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL), reached a significant milestone in its journey of growth and development with the ceremonial inauguration of piling work for its new Head Office Building on Sunday, 2nd March 2025. The event commenced at 10.00 a.m. and brought together a cross-section of religious leaders, members, and distinguished guests to mark the occasion with solemnity and pride.

The ceremony began with the chanting of Pirith by Buddhist clergy, symbolizing spiritual blessings and protection for the construction ahead. As the religious chants echoed across the site, the contractor-operated piling rig commenced boring the first pile (Pile No. 12), marking the official beginning of foundation work. The Buddhist rites were followed by religious observances conducted by Catholic, Islamic, and Hindu priests, reflecting Sri Lanka's multi-religious harmony and the inclusive values of the IIESL.

Hon. Minister of Urban Development, Housing & Construction, Mr. Anura Karunathilaka, who graced the inauguration as the Chief Guest, in his address, commended IIESL's progressive vision and inclusive approach to serving the broader professional community rather than focusing solely on institutional interests. He recognized the institution's efforts in creating a modern, well-equipped facility to serve as a hub for professional engineering activities. (See pages 2 and 4)



Head table (From left: Eng. W. A. Kulathilaka (Chairman, Building Committee), Eng. Prof. B. Thoradeniya (IPP), Hon. Minister Anura Karunathilaka, Eng. S. B. G. C. P. Sampathbandara (President), Eng. K. K. Kithsiri (Chairman, PPF), and Eng. Ananda Gunawardena (President Elect))

PHOTO GALLERY – PILING CEREMONY



Eng. W A U Gunawardena (PP) - Enlightening on the journey of the past



Eng. Sampathbandara President, IIESL delivering the welcome address



Eng. Dr. T A G Gunasekera (PP) lit one of the oil lamps to mark the initiation of the building project.



Hon. Minister Anura Karunathilake, delivering the Chief Guest's speech



Eng. W A Kulathilake , Chairman of the Building committee, presenting the conceptual journey of the Head Office Building



Vote of Thanks, Eng. Indika Deshapriya



Eng. Padmajith Jinadasa Master of Ceremony

EDITORIAL

Empowering Sustainability through Knowledge and Innovation

As we reflect on the evolving role of engineering in the modern world, sustainability is no longer a future goal, it is a present necessity. This issue of the newsletter captures the collective efforts of professionals and students working together to shape a greener, more resilient Sri Lanka.

In particular, the HVAC sector continues to gain importance due to rising outdoor temperatures in Sri Lanka. Energy-efficient air conditioning systems are not just a luxury, they are a necessity for productivity, health, and comfort. IIESL members are playing a vital role in this transformation, leading the way in designing, installing, and maintaining systems that balance performance with environmental responsibility.

From energy audits to the adoption of smart technologies and eco-friendly refrigerants, IIESL professionals are making significant contributions to both industry and community well-being. They are also actively involved in mentoring future engineers, conducting technical workshops, participating in national development projects, and contributing to sustainable building design across the island.

The IIESL membership framework that ranging from Associate Members to Fellows represents a structured path of growth, learning, and leadership. These grades are not just titles; they reflect a deepening commitment to ethical practice, continuous improvement, and service to the country.

As the global focus intensifies on climate action and sustainable infrastructure, IIESL stands ready to lead with innovation, integrity, and inclusivity. The work of our members demonstrates that engineering is not only about solving technical problems but also about building a better tomorrow.

Let us move forward together with engineers, students, and institutions toward a future defined by knowledge, sustainability, and national pride.

Eng. M. P. C. Kumara

Editor, IIESL

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IIESL HEAD OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT - INAUGURATION CEREMONY

The welcome address was delivered by Eng. S.B.G.C.P. Sampathbandara, President of IIESL, who warmly greeted the attendees and expressed gratitude for the support received towards realizing the vision of a dedicated head office building.

Eng. Upali Gunawardena, Past President, followed with a brief historical reflection on the evolution of the IIESL Head Office Building initiative. He highlighted the institution's long-standing aspirations, the pivotal decisions that led to the current phase of construction, and the status of the funds raised by the IIESL for the building.

Eng. W.A. Kulathilaka, Chairman of the Building and Infrastructure Committee, presented an insightful overview of the project. His address detailed the conceptual journey of the head-office building, key milestones that catalyzed progress, and the rigorous process of securing regulatory approvals. He also explained the building's current status, emphasizing commitment to professional standards and sustainability.

The ceremony was attended by several distinguished guests, including Eng. R.M.S. Upali, Chairman, National Paper Company Limited, Eng. S. S. Senaweera, Chairman, Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation, Eng. Grany Jayalath, President, IESL, Mr. Darinton Paul, Chairman, National Construction Association of Sri Lanka (NCASL),

Dr. Samantha Rathnayake, representing the Chartered Professional Managers, Sri Lanka, along with several other senior professionals and well-wishers.

Further, Eng. Rohan Jayaweera, Consulting Structural Engineer of the project and Eng. Kawinda Karunathilaka, Managing Director, KD Piling (Pvt) Ltd. were also present at the occasion.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Eng. Indika Desappriya acknowledged the efforts of everyone involved in bringing the project to fruition. He expressed appreciation to those who voluntarily contributed their professional expertise. Special mention was made of Eng. Deepal Wickramasinghe – for the structural design of the piling and building and Eng. Noel Joseph – for MEP (Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing) designs.

The event concluded with serving refreshments, fostering fellowship among attendees, and reinforcing the spirit of unity and collaboration that underpins the IIESL community.

The commencement of piling work for the new head office stands as a testament to the IIESL's forward-thinking leadership, its commitment to professional excellence, and its unwavering dedication to the engineering community of Sri Lanka. (See pages 2 and 7 for photo galleries.)

Proposed IIESL Head-Office Building Project Details

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL) is pleased to share the latest developments on constructing its new head-office building. This long-awaited initiative is now progressing steadily at No. 27/B, Udumulla Road, Battaramulla.

Commencement of Pile Foundation Works

The present Building Committee, chaired by Eng. W.A. Kulathilaka has been instrumental in reviving and steering this project forward. After years of delay due to various government restrictions and planning approvals, the committee has finalized the building plans and obtained the necessary authorizations to commence construction.

The contract for the pile foundation was awarded to **M/s KD Piling (Pvt) Ltd** under the following terms:

- **Contract Value:** Rs. 43,192,276.00
- **Date of Commencement:** 21 February 2025
- **Scheduled Completion:** 21 June 2025

However, the Building Committee is doing their best to get the contractor to complete the works on or before 25th May 2025.

To ensure quality execution, IIESL recruited **Mr. Nuwan Lakmal**, an Associate Member of the Institution, as the Site Engineer on a three-month contractual basis effective 10th March 2025. Mr. Lakmal is managing the sitework with commendable dedication and efficiency.

Work Progress

As of the end of April 2025, **12 out of 16 piles** have been completed. The work is progressing on schedule, and timely completion is anticipated.

All structural design works up to the **3rd Floor Slab level** have been completed. This includes designs for: Water sump, sewerage treatment plant (STP) and lift well.

Procurement and Bidding for Superstructure Works (Stage 2)

The project has been split into two main stages for effective management:

- **Stage 1:** Pile Foundation
- **Stage 2:** Superstructure up to 3rd Floor Slab level

Bidding Preparations

- **BOQ preparation** for Stage 2 is completed.
- **Bidding documents** for Stage 2 are finalized.
- The Building Committee has pre-qualified **contractors with CIDA grading above C4** for this phase.

Invitations for Bids (IFB) will be issued shortly. After the procurement procedures are completed, construction of the superstructure is expected to commence by **15 June 2025**.

Estimated Cost of Stage 2

The tentative cost for completing Stage 2, which includes structural works up to the 3rd floor, is estimated at **Rs. 65 million**.

Fundraising Appeal

The IIESL is grateful to the donors of past fundraising efforts. However, to reach the financial targets necessary for Stage 2, a new “Building Fund Raising” programme has been launched. The IIESL appeals to all members and well-wishers to contribute generously to realizing this vision for the Institution's future.

Building Features (Final Scope)

The proposed building will house essential facilities to support IIESL’s expanding functions:

- **Ground Floor:** Entrance lobby, stairway, lift access, vehicle parking, washrooms, maintenance room
- **First Floor:** Reception, IIESL Administrative Office, INCO Marketing Office, pantry and lunchroom
- **Second Floor:** Members' lounge, council room, executive offices (President, Secretary, etc.), meeting/training room, pantry
- **Third Floor:** Regional and International Affairs Center, library, Toastmasters/Communication Development Center
- **Fourth Floor:** Proposed Skills Development Center
- **Fifth Floor:** Proposed Auditorium
- **Roof Terrace**

This building is envisioned as a landmark development in the history of IIESL—a symbol of its institutional maturity, professional commitment and vision for the future. We invite all members to take pride in and support this significant undertaking.

The IIESL President, Eng. Sampathbandara says, “The commencement of piling work for our new Head Office marks a historic milestone for the Institution. This project is not just about building a structure — it is about building a future for our members, empowering professional excellence, and strengthening our service to the nation. I sincerely thank the Building Committee, Members, and all well-wishers for their unwavering support and commitment. Together, we are laying the foundation for a brighter, stronger IIESL.”

SETH PIRITH AND ALMSGIVING CEREMONY AT IIESL HEAD OFFICE

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL) began the year 2025 with a spiritually uplifting event by organizing a two-day religious observance at its head office premises. This pinkama was held to invoke merits to the members of the Council of Management, IIESL members, staff and well-wishers, to remember and honor past members of IIESL who are no longer with us and mark the auspicious commencement of the pile foundation for the new IIESL Headquarters building, scheduled to begin on 2nd March 2025.

The first day of the Pinkama, held on 28th February 2025, commenced with the sacred *Seth Pirith* chanting by the Maha Sangha. This special chanting is done to bring blessings, good thoughts, and protection. After the chanting, the monks gave a Dhamma talk to share useful teachings and offer good wishes to the IIESL Council of Management, members and staff. The following morning, 01st March 2025, a Heel Dana (morning almsgiving) was offered to the Maha Sangha.

(Photographs on page 7)

Be a member of IIESL Toastmasters Club

Improve your communication and Leadership skills.

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INCO 2025 – PREMIER INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION & TRADE FAIR OF SRI LANKA

“Industry & Technology Towards Economic Growth”

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL) successfully hosted **INCO 2025**, the 19th edition of Sri Lanka’s leading industrial and engineering exhibition. Held at the BMICH, Colombo from March 21st to 23rd, the event drew attention from across the country and beyond, solidifying its place as the nation’s foremost platform for industrial innovation and collaboration.

Past President, Eng. K. Ariyawansa served as the Chairman of the INCO 2025 Organizing Committee. Under his leadership, the team successfully organized the event on a grand scale, bringing honour and recognition to the IIESL.

First launched in 2003, INCO has steadily evolved into South Asia’s most customer-focused industrial trade fair, highlighting innovation, collaboration and technological advancement across the industrial and engineering sectors. This year’s event welcomed over 240 local and international exhibitors, providing a unique space for manufacturers, exporters, importers, service providers, SMEs, and technology developers to connect, share, and grow. The theme for INCO 2025, “*Revolutionizing Engineering Excellence*,” reflected throughout the exhibition aspirations of Sri Lanka’s industrial future.

The presence of distinguished guests across the three days added significant value to the proceedings. The opening day, March 21st, was graced by Mr. Y.L. Mohamed Navavi, Secretary of the Ministry of Science & Technology, as Chief Guest. Guests of Honor included Mr. Mangala Wijesinghe, Chairman, Export Development Board (EDB); Mr. Ravi Nissanka, Chairman, Industrial Development Board (IDB); Mr. Priyantha Wedamulla, Chairman, Independent Television Network (ITN); and Eng. Upali Rathnayake, Chairman, Sri Lanka Paper Corporation.

Hon. Deputy Minister of Education and Higher Education, Dr Madura Senevirathna (M.P.) and Hon. Deputy Minister of Port, Shipping and Aviation, Janith Ruwan Kodituwakku (M. P.) also visited the exhibition as distinguished special invitees in the morning of the first day.

On March 22nd, the exhibition welcomed Prof. Chrishantha Abeysena, Hon. Minister of Science & Technology as Chief Guest with Eng. Saman Seneweera, Chairman, Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation as Guest of Honor.

INCO’S LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT

Vision:

To be the most customer-focused industrial exhibition in South Asia

Mission

—“*To create the largest and most diverse assembly of industrial sectors and promote appropriate, affordable technologies vital for national development*”

The commitment of Inco was evident throughout the 2025 exhibition

The final day, March 23rd, featured Mr. Aruna Karunathilaka, Hon. Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing, as Chief Guest and Prof. Chandana Jayalath, Chairman of the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), as Guest of Honor. One of the key technical highlights was a special seminar conducted by Fanuc India (Pvt) Ltd on *Automation with Industrial Robots*, led by Mr. Vinaya Kumar, Director of Industrial Automation. The session attracted a wide audience of professionals and students eager to gain insights into the future of industrial robotics and smart manufacturing.

Students’ innovative projects from the Institution of Technology, University of Moratuwa, the Institution of Engineering Technology, Katunayake and the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education, Mattakkuliya, was another standout feature of INCO 2025. Their forward-thinking inventions underscored the strength and potential of the next generation of Sri Lankan engineers, proving that the country’s future in technology and industry is in capable hands.

INCO 2025 also stood out for its strong international presence, with exhibitors and partners from China and India, contributing to a vibrant exchange of ideas, services and products. This global participation emphasized Sri Lanka’s growing appeal as a hub for international industrial collaboration, while also opening new avenues for export promotion and investment. The exhibition reaffirmed its crucial role in promoting modern, accessible technologies, uplifting local manufacturing standards, and creating a dynamic environment where industrial innovation and collaboration can flourish. (Continued on page 14)

Its continued impact lies in its ability to bring together government entities, the private sector, academia, and future engineers under one roof.

SETH PIRITH AND ALMSGIVING CEREMONY AT IIESL HEAD OFFICE



IIESL HEAD OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT



A perspective view of the proposed IIESL Head Office Building

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SETH PIRITH AND ALMSGIVING CEREMONY

This act of almsgiving is an important part of Buddhist culture and is done with great care and respect.

The Pirith chanting and Dana offerings were concluded with great devotion, success, and participation. The Council of Management sincerely appreciates all those who contributed to organizing this meritorious event. May the blessings invoked through this pinkama continue to guide the IIESL on its journey of professional excellence, institutional growth and service to the nation.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – IIESL

“We are truly grateful for the support and participation of our members, staff, and well-wishers in this meaningful religious program. As we step into a new chapter with the construction of our head office, it is heartening to see our values and unity guiding the way. May the blessings received through this Pinkama bring strength and success to all our future endeavors.”

Inco Exhibition 2025 - Picture Gallery



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LEGEND

- 1 – Day 1 Arrival of Chief Guest and other distinguished guests and visits to stalls
- 2 – Day 2 Arrival of Chief Guest with invitees and officials and opening the ceremony
- 3 – Day 3 Opening the ceremony by the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and visiting stalls.



STRENGTHENING REGIONAL TIES: IIESL HOSTS MEETING WITH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL), held a forward-looking session, “Meeting with District Representatives” on Saturday, 22nd February 2025, at the Sri Lanka Olympic House, Colombo 07. The session was an important step in IIESL’s ongoing mission to bring its services and activities closer to its members through the participation of its regional representatives. (Continue on page 11)



Eng. Anton Peiris making the presentation on ‘Evolution of IIESL and Future Strategies’-



District Representatives, Presenters and Council Members

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STRENGTHENING REGIONAL TIES: IIESL HOSTS MEETING WITH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

The event commenced with a welcome address and an outline of the session's theme by Eng. Chulabhaya Sampathbandara, President of IIESL. His address

emphasized the importance of reaching out to the grassroots level and making IIESL more accessible to members island-wide.

A video clip of the Prime Minister's speech, delivered at the IIESL Membership Awards Ceremony held on 15th January 2025 at BMICH, was played, underlining national recognition of the institution's growing stature.

Informative Presentations

The program included three clear and interesting talks, each explaining different parts of IIESL's history, what it is doing now and its plans for the future:

1. Purpose of Assigning District Representatives – Eng. P. A. D. Ranjith Chandrasiri

Eng. Chandrasiri expressed his views to the audience through the historical evolution of IIESL from its roots in ACEDA to its current recognized status, highlighting the enabling Parliamentary Acts, etc. He explained the structure and authority of the Council of Management and how it empowers District Representatives through a defined protocol.

The multifaceted role of District Representatives was laid out, including responsibilities such as endorsing membership applications, document attestation, promoting membership, organizing local activities, and representing the Institution in regional socio-professional events.

2. Evolution of IIESL and Future Strategies – Eng. Anton Peiris

Eng. Peiris provided a historical narrative of technical education in Sri Lanka, including establishing technical courses such as NDT, NDES and HNDE. He traced IIESL's transformation and its impact on the engineering community, followed by a detailed explanation of the Engineering Council of Sri Lanka (ECSL) Act and its effects on IIESL members.

He stressed the importance of branding IIESL as a premier professional body. He also outlined the strategic initiatives taken to recognize the institution and addressed challenges such as globalization, technological changes and professional amalgamations. He also highlighted plans for the proposed IIESL Secretariat building.

3. Membership Enrolment and Expansion – Eng. Indika Deshapriya

Focusing on growth, Eng. Deshapriya presented statistics and strategies related to membership development. He elaborated on support programs like membership drives, CDR writing assistance, mentoring and workshops and listed recognized educational qualifications accepted for membership.

As part of its mission to strengthen regional ties, IIESL plans on membership enrolment and expansion. IIESL membership offers professional recognition, development opportunities and access to a vibrant network of peers. Over the years, membership has steadily grown due to targeted entry pathways. IIESL conducts various programs such as membership drives, CDR (Competency Demonstration Report) writing workshops, mentoring sessions and continuing professional development (CPD) events to support this growth.

The institution also maintains mutual recognition agreements with other professional bodies and provides special membership routes for individuals with academic and professional qualifications. Recognized educational pathways include the KITI Diploma in Irrigation Technology with a gap-filling course, ITI Galgamuwa training with experience, City and Guilds Level 6, and BSc in Aeronautical Engineering from KDU, 2010-2017 Batches.

District Representatives play an important role in these efforts by acting as IIESL brand ambassadors in their regions. They are encouraged to organize regional membership drives, CDR programs, CPD events and technical tours while identifying and mentoring new talent. Their work helps strengthen the bond between the institution and its members and ensures that the IIESL's presence is felt island-wide through various professional, social and cultural initiatives.

Interactive Panel Discussion

The panel discussion, moderated by Eng. Tissa Senevirathna included esteemed professionals such as Eng. Sampathbandara, Eng. Peiris, Eng. Chandrasiri, Eng. W. D. Fonseka, Prof. Bhadrane Thoradeniya, Prof. W. A. Wimalaweera and Eng. Deshapriya.

Key topics addressed during the discussion included:

- Membership criteria and pathways
- Accreditation processes
- Regional branch formations

- Updates on the construction of the IIESL Secretariat building project

Closure and Acknowledgement

The session concluded with Eng. Ananda Gunawardena delivering a summary of the discussions and key takeaways. Finally, Eng. Padmajith Jinadasa extended the

vote of thanks, appreciating the contributions of all speakers, panelists and participants for making the event a resounding success.

The meeting strongly affirmed IIESL's commitment to decentralization and member empowerment, setting a solid foundation for future regional engagement and professional development across the country.

IIESL TECHNICAL VISIT TO NAVAL DOCKYARD – TRINCOMALEE

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL) continues to foster engineering knowledge and professional development through impactful industry engagements. A recent highlight of this commitment was the technical visit to the Trincomalee Naval Dockyard on February 18th and 19th, 2025.

The visit aimed to provide members with firsthand insights into advanced maritime engineering practices and operational procedures. This initiative underscores IIESL's dedication to enhancing understanding and collaboration within the engineering community. Eng. N.A. Nandasena, Vice President and Chairman of the Education and Training Committee of IIESL, along with Eng. Tissa Dahanayaka, Acting Chairman, and Eng. D.P. Ferdinanduz, Education and Training Committee member, organized this visit.

Deepening Insights into Naval Engineering

The visit commenced with a warm welcome extended by the Sri Lanka Navy, exemplifying their professionalism and dedication to sharing expertise. Participants had an immersive experience showcasing state-of-the-art maintenance facilities and cutting-edge technological advancements. This exposure enriched our members' technical acumen and highlighted the Navy's pivotal role in safeguarding national maritime interests.

Acknowledging Excellence

Eng. Nandasena sincerely appreciated the Navy's meticulous planning and seamless visit execution.

Officers' efforts in ensuring a structured program were commendable, reflecting their commitment to excellence in naval operations. Participants, including Past Presidents Eng. K. Jinadasa, Eng. (Mrs.) Pushpa Jinadasa, Eng. Upali Gunawardena, Eng. K. Ariyawansa, and others were particularly impressed by the comprehensive training programs and innovative initiatives observed during the visit.

In addition to the technical exposure, the Sri Lanka Navy graciously extended its hospitality by arranging comfortable accommodation and meals for all participants throughout the visit. A special highlight was the scenic and memorable boat trip organized by the Navy, allowing members to experience Trincomalee's

picturesque harbor and visit the Navy Museum. Remarkably, all these arrangements are provided entirely free of charge. This generous gesture enhanced the overall experience and reflected the Navy's unwavering commitment to fostering professional partnerships.

As we reflect on this enriching experience, IIESL looks forward to continued collaboration with the Sri Lanka Navy and other industry stakeholders. Such partnerships are crucial in advancing engineering education and fostering a culture of continuous learning and innovation.

In conclusion, the technical visit to Trincomalee Naval Dockyard is a testament to the mutual benefits of knowledge-sharing between academia and industry. Through such initiatives, IIESL reaffirms its commitment to engineering growth and national development

EMPOWERING ENGINEERS: IIESL MEMBERSHIP DRIVES - 2024/2025

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL) continued its mission to strengthen the engineering community through a series of successful Membership Drives conducted during Session 2024/2025. These initiatives encouraged engineering diploma holders and students to join a recognized and dynamic professional body that supports continuous development and career advancement.

Throughout the session, the IIESL team actively carried out promotional campaigns to emphasize the value of IIESL membership. These campaigns highlighted the opportunities for professional growth, networking, and recognition available to members. A successful session, which included a panel discussion, was also held to empower district representatives to educate and encourage prospective members to obtain appropriate memberships.

As a result of these efforts, the institution proudly welcomed 119 Members, 742 Associate Members (AM), and 502 Student Members so far during this session.

These figures reflect the growing trust and recognition of IIESL as a premier professional body committed to elevating engineering standards and supporting the aspirations of engineering practitioners across the country.

IIESL – UAE | සුර්ය මංගල්ලය 2025

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka – UAE Branch (IIESL–UAE) proudly hosted the සුර්ය මංගල්ලය 2025 on 19th April 2025 at Dewvale School, Al Quoz, Dubai. Around 70 participants, including members and their families, attended the event, showcasing the strong unity and enthusiasm of the IIESL–UAE community.

The event was organized to celebrate the Sinhala and Tamil New Year while strengthening member engagement and promoting cultural values within our professional community. A vibrant range of traditional New Year games was organized, including Breaking Pots, Sack Race, Bun Eating, Tug-of-War, Spoon and Lemon Race, and Placing the Eye on the Elephant, creating a lively and festive atmosphere. Participants also enjoyed a live Appa Station, where freshly made Sri Lankan-style hoppers were served and an authentic Sri Lankan-style dinner, making it a truly memorable experience.

The Membership Drives were made possible through the dedicated efforts of the Membership Committee and staff members who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of this initiative. With this momentum, IIESL looks forward to continuing its mission of building a vibrant, inclusive, and empowered engineering community in the years to come.

A special event highlight was the Membership Drive 2025, which allowed new applicants to complete their membership process. Support was extended for document attestation, proposer and seconder signoffs, and application submissions, ensuring a smooth and efficient process for all prospective members.

We sincerely thank all participants for their enthusiastic involvement, the Executive Committee for their unwavering support, and our Past Chairmen for their valuable advice, blessings, and encouragement. Thanks to the Event Committee for their outstanding planning, coordination and dedication, which played a crucial role in the event's success.

The success of සුර්ය මංගල්ලය 2025 reflects the unity, professionalism, and vibrant spirit of the IIESL–UAE family. We look forward to creating even more wonderful memories together in the future. (Photos on Page 10)

IIESL UAE BRANCH SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTS THE FIRST CPD WORKSHOP OF 2025

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL) UAE Branch proudly launched its first Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Workshop for 2025 on Sunday, 23rd February 2025, titled "Excel for Construction and Engineering Professionals."

The session was held physically at Hampton by Hilton Dubai Airport, Damascus Street - Al Qusais 1, Dubai, and a vibrant group of construction and engineering professionals attended. The workshop focused on enhancing essential Excel skills tailored for industry-specific applications. Participants explored advanced techniques, including data management, custom views, data visualization, automation tools and AI integration. The session emphasized how mastering these tools can significantly improve efficiency, reporting accuracy, and decision-making in daily professional tasks.

The session was conducted by Eng. Sanjeewa Wijayathilaka, a Fellow of the IIESL, is an industry expert with over 30 years of experience as a Commercial

Manager, holding a Master's Degree in Construction Project Management. His extensive background working with contractors, clients and developers, along with his experience in professional training, provided participants with highly practical and valuable insights. The event was officially opened by Mr. Tharangha D. Perera, Chairman of IIESL UAE Branch, who warmly welcomed all attendees and highlighted the importance of continuous learning to stay competitive in today's fast-evolving construction and engineering industries.

With an overwhelming response and limited seats filling quickly, the workshop was a resounding success. It reinforced IIESL UAE's commitment to delivering high-quality CPD opportunities to its members and the broader professional community. The IIESL UAE Branch extends its heartfelt thanks to all participants, the organizing team, and Eng. Sanjeewa Wijayathilaka for making this event a memorable start to a promising year of professional development activities. (Photos on page 16)

INCO 2025 – PREMIER INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

Its continued impact lies in its ability to bring together government entities, the private sector, academia and future engineers under one roof.

Reflecting on the event's success, INCO Chairman **Eng. K. Ariyawansa** shared his thoughts: "INCO is more than just an exhibition—it's a national movement toward economic growth, technological advancement, and international visibility for Sri Lankan engineering. I express my deepest gratitude to the INCO committee, IIESL staff and the Council of Management for their steadfast commitment."

For further information, visit www.inco.lk or www.inco.lk/inco2024.

The INCO photo gallery displays important moments on pages 8 & 9.

ACHIEVEMENT BY MEMBERS

ENG. H. L. C. G. WIJESKERA – F0094



Eng. Channa Wijesekera, a distinguished Fellow of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka, recently marked a significant milestone as his renowned company, Leema creations, celebrated 25 years of excellence in the interior design industry. His visionary leadership and commitment to quality have established Leema as a premier name in innovative and elegant interior solutions in Sri Lanka.

We are proud to share an excerpt from an article featured recently in a leading newspaper on his remarkable achievement highlighting Leema's journey and contributions to the industry.



Leema Creations celebrates 25 years of excellence in interior design

LEEMA Creations, Sri Lanka's most celebrated interior design solutions expert, marks its 25th anniversary this year, celebrating a quarter-century of excellence in the field of interior design and manufacturing of bespoke furniture.

With an impeccable track record and recognition both locally and internationally, Leema Creations has firmly established itself as a leader in the industry.

Throughout its illustrious history, Leema Creations has reached the pinnacle of success by consistently delivering creative, innovative, and original design solutions. The company has been honoured with numerous international awards over the past decade for its outstanding achievements in residential and commercial interior design. These accolades highlight Leema's commitment to sustainability, technical precision, ergonomics, and design excellence.

Leema Creations specialises in providing turnkey solutions, comprehensive interior architecture and in house manufacturing of bespoke furniture. Whether it's designing sophisticated office spaces, luxury homes, or innovative corporate environments, Leema's team of professional designers and expert craftsmen offer tailored solutions that meet the highest standards of quality and creativity.

"We believe that design is thinking made visual," said Leema Creations Chairman Channa Wijesekera.

"This principle guides our approach to each project, ensuring that every detail is crafted to perfection. Our team works closely with customers to align their business objectives and financial budgets while delivering exceptional design solutions that enhance both beauty and utility."

As a company certified with ISO 9001:2015, Leema Creations ensures top-notch quality and precision in every project. The company's state-of-the-art manufacturing plant, spanning over 200,000 sq. ft. features cutting-edge machinery and equipment, ensuring the precise craftsmanship of furniture and design elements using premium-quality materials.

Leema's signature design characteristics – flawless material quality, state-of-the-art technology, and unwavering attention to detail – give the company a distinct edge in the competitive market. Over the years, this commitment to excellence has earned Leema the trust and loyalty of a diverse clientele, from residential to commercial customers.

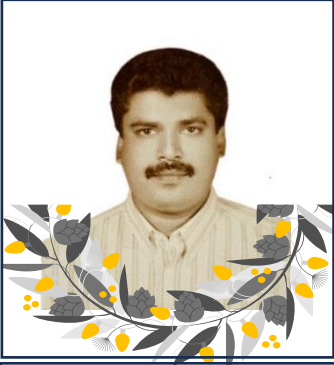
As Leema Creations celebrates 25 years of success, the company continues to be driven by its ethos of perfection and innovation. With a rich history of delivering outstanding interior design solutions and a forward-thinking approach, Leema is poised for even greater achievements in the years to come.

TRIBUTES TO MEMBERS WHO ARE NO MORE



Eng. Herath Bandara (M 1140)

Eng. Bandara, Born in Pilessa in 1961, was a dedicated professional who made a lasting impact in electrical engineering. He completed National Diploma in Technology (NDT) in Electrical Power in 1988, commencing his first year of study at Hardy Technical College, Ampara and completing the second year at the University of Moratuwa. Eng. Bandara distinguished himself at the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) in various capacities. His contributions to the Metropolitan Office in Kurunegala City, the Construction and Rehabilitation Unit at Kiribathgoda, the Airport Building Project and the CEB at Kothmale Project reflected his commitment to excellence and development in the power sector. He passed away on February 20th, 2025. May he attain the Supreme Bliss of Nibbana.



Eng. H P Nadiraj Chandana Siriwardana (M 1853)

Eng. Siriwardana, born in Katupotha, Kurunegala in 1966, began his education at Central College, Minuwangoda and pursued his secondary studies at Ananda College, Colombo. He completed the National Diploma in Engineering Sciences (NDES) in Civil – Building and Structural Engineering in 1990. Thereafter, he served as an Engineering Assistant at the National Water Supply and Drainage Board, where he contributed meaningfully to national infrastructure and community wellbeing. His professional journey reflected dedication, reliability, and a passion for civil engineering. He left us in March 2025. May he attain the Supreme Bliss of Nibbana.



Eng. Sunil Dharmasiri Manuweera (M 1184)

Born in Ekala in 1951, Eng. Manuweera was a respected professional in mechanical engineering. In 1975, he completed the National Diploma in Technology (NDT) in Mechanical Production Engineering at the University of Moratuwa and gained valuable industry experience through his in-plant training at the Ceylon Transport Board. Eng. Manuweera began his career as a Technical Assistant at the Paddy Marketing Board, before joining CTC Services Ltd – Thriposha Factory. His dedication and technical expertise led him to serve successively as Assistant Maintenance Engineer and later as Production Coordinator, roles in which he made significant contributions to the organization and its mission of public service. who passed away in February 2025. May he attain the Supreme Bliss of Nibbana.



Eng. Y Kapila Niroshan Seelaratne (M 2252)

Eng. Seelaratne, born in Kurunegala in 1970, received his school education at Maliyadewa College, Kurunegala. Pursuing his passion for civil engineering, he completed the National Diploma in Engineering Sciences (NDES), specializing in Civil Engineering in 1994. He underwent his in-plant training at the Sri Lanka Ports Authority in Colombo, where he continued his career after his training. Over the years, through dedication and professionalism, he rose to the position of Works Manager in the Contracts and Design Division of the Authority. Eng. Seelaratne became a member of the IIESL in 2018 and remained a committed professional until his demise in March 2025. May he attain the Supreme Bliss of Nibbana.



Eng. J M N Cletus Paiva (F0026)

Born in Colombo in 1940, Eng. Paiva was the beloved husband of the late Mrs. Lynette Paiva. He completed the Junior Technical Officers' course in Mechanical Engineering at Hardy Technical College in March 1962. His career began as a Technical Assistant with RVDB in 1962. In 1968, he joined the Ministry of Fisheries, Negombo as a Marine Engineering Assistant, where he dedicated many years of service. Eng. Paiva joined the All-Ceylon Engineering Diplomates Association (ACEDA) in 1981, In 1996, he was elevated to the status of Fellow of the IEDSL, recognizing his significant contributions to the engineering profession. He passed away in April 2025. May his soul rest in peace.

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL) extends its heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of our dear members. We honor their memory and their contributions to the engineering community.

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Resource Person, Eng Sanjeeva Wijayasekara



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