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## INCO-2026 – THE PREMIER INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka successfully conducted **INCO-2026 Industrial Exhibition**, the flagship event of the Institution and the 20<sup>th</sup> in its illustrious series, from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), Colombo. Organized by the INCO Committee, the exhibition once again reaffirmed its status as one of Sri Lanka's most significant platforms for industrial advancement and innovation.

Held under the timely theme "Rebuild Sri Lanka," INCO-2026 aligned with national efforts to recover from the impacts of the Ditwa cyclone. The exhibition brought together industries capable of contributing to rebuilding initiatives, with many organizations responding positively by showcasing products, technologies and services aimed at supporting infrastructure rehabilitation and economic revival.

The opening ceremonies over the three days were graced by distinguished dignitaries. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Honorable Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, attended as Chief Guest on Day 1, with Mr. Mangala Wijesinsinghe, Chairman of the Export Development Board, as Guest of Honour. Day 2 featured Mr. Sunil Handunnetti, Honorable Minister of Industries and Entrepreneurship Development, as the Chief Guest with Mr. Ravi Nissanka, Chairman of Industrial Development Board as the Guest of Honour on Day 3, the event was honoured by Eng. L. Kumudu Lal Bogahawatta, Secretary to the Ministry of Housing, Construction and Water Supply, as Chief Guest, with Eng. A.P. Jayatissa, Chairman of Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau, as Guest of Honour.



**Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Prime Minister, cuts the ribbon, symbolizing the opening of the day 1**

A total of 172 stalls were featured at the exhibition, representing a wide cross-section of industries, particularly emphasizing small and medium-scale local manufacturers. The exhibition provided an invaluable opportunity for these enterprises to showcase their capabilities, connect with potential clients and explore avenues for growth and export development.

Parallel events added further vibrancy to INCO-2026. The Innovator Competition and Robotic Competition, conducted for students of ITUM, IET and ATI, for the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, demonstrated the ingenuity of emerging engineering talent. The robotics theme, "AGRI ECONOBOT," focused on developing autonomous systems for agricultural applications such as seed and fertilizer distribution. These initiatives highlighted IIESL's commitment to fostering innovation and bridging academia with industry. Winners of these competitions are to be recognized with cash awards sponsored by Eng. Chitra Boteju and certificates at a forthcoming IIESL Technical Session scheduled to be held on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2026.

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## PRESIDENT'S FOCUS



### Designing for Resilience: The Engineer's Imperative

The history of engineering reminds us that our greatest challenge is the "unforeseeable." The catastrophic Tsunami of 2004 was a primary example; until that day, such a disaster was not even considered in coastal design. Many structures were simply washed away because the risks were unknown.

However, modern challenges like the "Dithva" floods have shown that we must do better. Many areas recently faced devastating flooding due to drainage systems that lacked the capacity to handle heavy rainfall. When infrastructure fails, the fault often lies not with the construction materials, but with a lack of design foresight.

**Water is the silent killer of construction.** Whether it is a coastal surge or a monsoon, managing water is our most critical task. We cannot blame the concrete or steel if we have failed to perform proper calculations of the catchment area.

The modern design engineer carries an immense responsibility. It is our duty to obtain accurate design information, including precise ground levels and appropriate construction methods. We must bridge the gap between historical data and future extremes. By prioritizing thorough data collection and resilient planning, we ensure that the structures we build today can withstand the unpredictable environment of tomorrow. Let us commit to excellence in design to protect our communities.

**Eng. Ananda Gunawardana**  
**President - IIESL**

## ANNUAL SESSIONS AND AGM 2026

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka informs all members that the Annual Sessions, Annual General Meeting (AGM), Awarding of membership certificates to newly joined members of the IIESL and associated Technical Session for the 2025/ 2026 session will be held during June 2026.

The AGM of the current session 2025/2026 will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at the Lotus Hall of the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH). The Ceremonial Session will commence at 1.30 p.m., followed by the Annual General Meeting at 4.30 p.m.

Corporate Members of the IIESL who wish to move resolutions and/or amendments to the By-Laws of the Institution at the AGM, please forward them to the Secretary of the IIESL on or before 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

Nominations have been called from eligible Corporate Members for posts in the IIESL Council of Management for the 2026/2027 session. Nominations should be submitted to the Chief Returning Officer before 12.00 noon on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Please refer to the detailed nomination notice which has already been issued separately.

Awarding of membership certificates on 27<sup>th</sup> June during the time of Annual Sessions will be to recognize and honour members who have attained membership and professional milestones within the Institution.

As part of the Annual Sessions programme, the IIESL will conduct Technical Sessions on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at the Ministry of Environment under the theme "Engineering a Sustainable Future." The sessions will bring together professionals and experts to discuss emerging engineering challenges and sustainable development initiatives.

The presentations will include:

- Dr. Thilak Siyambalapitiya on the present status of renewable energy generation in Sri Lanka, future prospects and the role of engineering practitioners in the national energy transition.
- Eng. Samantha Kumarasena on industrial and consumer models that move away from the "take-make-waste" approach towards repair, reuse, recycling, remanufacturing and sustainable resource sharing practices.
- Dr. Locana Gunarathna on green infrastructure techniques and sustainable engineering applications.

In addition, a Technical Visit will be organized on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026 to TeeJay Lanka PLC, located at the Seethawaka Export Processing Zone, Awissawella. The visit will provide participants with an opportunity to observe modern industrial operations and sustainable manufacturing practices.

The IIESL invites all members to participate actively in these important professional events and contribute towards strengthening the Institution and the engineering profession in Sri Lanka.

## EDITORIAL

### Sri Lanka's Vein Graphite: A Strategic Resource for Engineering Innovation

Engineering continues to push the boundaries of human progress through innovation, advanced materials, and technological breakthroughs. In this context, Sri Lanka possesses a unique natural advantage of global significance - ultra-pure vein graphite.

Sri Lanka is the only country in the world producing vein graphite commercially, a distinction supported by a mining history dating back to the Dutch colonial era, with commercial operations commencing in 1824. Over the years, mining expanded across regions such as Aluketiya, Meegahatenna, Mathugama, Agalawatta, Kahatagaha, Bogala and Ragedara.

Sri Lankan vein graphite, also known as lump or crystalline graphite, is internationally renowned for its exceptional purity, often exceeding 99%, making it the purest natural graphite in the world. Its superior thermal and electrical properties make it invaluable for advanced applications such as lithium-ion batteries, graphene production, refractories, carbon brushes, and other high-technology industries.

The rapid advancement of graphene and other advanced carbon technologies has further elevated the strategic importance of this rare mineral. Sri Lanka now has a timely opportunity to move beyond raw mineral exports and focus on value-added manufacturing and research-driven innovation.

As Sri Lankan engineers, we have both a responsibility and an opportunity to transform this valuable national resource into high-value industrial products, thereby strengthening our economy, promoting technological leadership, and contributing meaningfully to national development.

**Eng. Damitha Abeykoon**  
Editor - IIESL

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The exhibition also featured a comprehensive stall evaluation process carried out by a panel of IIESL members under the guidance of Past President Eng. Sampath Bandara. Awards were allocated across 17 categories, with special emphasis on locally manufactured and assembled products, in line with INCO's objective of promoting domestic industries and enhancing export potential. The objective of this exercise is to keep the standards of the exhibition at a high level and also to motivate the exhibitors to showcase their products and services in an effective manner according to the evaluation guidelines.

A newly introduced feedback mechanism provided valuable insights for future improvements. Approximately 69% of stall holders expressed satisfaction with the turnout of target customers, reflecting the effectiveness of the exhibition in attracting relevant audiences. A post-event review meeting conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 enabled the organizing committee to assess both strengths and areas for improvement, ensuring that INCO-2027 will be organized with even greater success.

The exhibition proceedings were efficiently compered by students of ITUM, HNDE and NDES, who performed commendably under the guidance of senior members, demonstrating the active involvement of the younger generation in professional events.

The INCO-2026 Awards Ceremony, the concluding event of the exhibition, is scheduled to be held on 4th June 2026 at the Water's Edge - Eagle Banquet Hall, Battaramulla.

Reflecting on the success of the event, INCO Chairman Eng. Shantha Senarath emphasized that INCO continues to serve as a highly customer-focused industrial exhibition, particularly supporting small and medium enterprises. He noted with pride that several regular participants have progressed to become medium-scale industries and successful exporters, underscoring the long-term impact of the exhibition.

INCO-2026 stands as a testament to IIESL's enduring commitment to promoting industrial development, innovation, and national economic progress through collaborative platforms that empower local industries.

(Photo gallery - P 6)

## VIDYA JYOTHI EMERITUS PROFESSOR DAYANTHA S. WIJEYSEKERA COMMEMORATIVE ORATION



The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka has organised the Third Vidya Jyothi Emeritus Professor Dayantha S. Wijeyesekera Commemorative Oration, which will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 5.30 p.m. at the Organization of Professional Associations. This commemorative event is

organised in honour of the late Vidya Jyothi Emeritus Professor Dayantha S. Wijeyesekera, former Vice Patron of the IIESL, a distinguished academic, visionary educator and nationally respected professional who made an immense contribution towards the advancement of engineering and engineering technology education in Sri Lanka. Through his dedication, leadership and commitment to academic excellence, Prof. Wijeyesekera played a pivotal role in shaping technical and professional education in the country and inspired generations of engineering professionals.

The commemorative oration will be delivered by Eng. Prof. Priyantha D. C. Wijayathunga, Senior Director – Energy at the Asian Development Bank, on the timely and globally significant topic “Skills Development for

Energy Transition: Asia Pacific Perspective.” The oration is expected to provide valuable insights into the rapidly evolving energy sector and the growing need for skilled professionals to support sustainable energy transformation across the Asia-Pacific region. An introductory speech on the extraordinary life and achievements of late Prof. Wijeyesekera will be delivered by Eng. Dr. W.A. Wimalaweera, Vice President of the IIESL and former Professor of the Open University of Sri Lanka. His address will highlight the late professor's outstanding service to the nation, his dedication towards engineering education and his lasting influence on the development of engineering and engineering technology disciplines in Sri Lanka.

Commemorative oration forms part of the continuing efforts of the IIESL to honour eminent personalities who have rendered exceptional service to the engineering profession and the nation. The event will also provide an opportunity for members, academics, professionals, and students to reflect on the legacy of Prof. Wijeyesekera while engaging in discussions on future-oriented professional development and sustainable technological advancement. The IIESL cordially invites all members to participate in this important event and pay tribute to one of the country's most respected engineering educators and professionals.

## NATIONAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE 2026

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka successfully conducted the “IIESL National Engineering Conference 2026” on 05 March 2026 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, bringing together engineering professionals, academics, industry leaders, and distinguished guests to deliberate on the evolving role of engineering practitioners in national development. The conference commenced with the registration of participants, followed by the ceremonial opening session. The arrival of the Chief Guest was marked with the traditional lighting of the oil lamp, symbolizing knowledge, unity, and progress. The proceedings continued with the singing of the National Anthem and the observance of silence in remembrance of departed members of the engineering fraternity.

The welcome address was delivered by Eng. Ananda Gunawardena, President of the Institution, who highlighted the importance of recognizing the invaluable contribution made by engineering practitioners to the nation’s infrastructure, industries and socio-economic development. He also emphasized the Institution’s continuing commitment towards enhancing professional recognition and strengthening the role of engineering practitioners in Sri Lanka.

The keynote technical presentation titled “Practice of Engineering in Sri Lankan Context - Yesteryear, Now and on the Horizon” was delivered by Dr. T. A. G. Gunasekara, Past President of the IIESL. The presentation provided a comprehensive overview of the evolution of engineering practice in Sri Lanka, tracing its historical foundations, present-day challenges and future prospects in an increasingly technology-driven environment.

The Chief Guest, Sunil Handunnetti, Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development, addressed the gathering and commended the engineering community for its vital contribution towards national progress. He stressed the importance of innovation, technical competency, and collaboration among professionals to support sustainable industrial and economic growth in Sri Lanka. A specially prepared video presentation on the progress and achievements of the Institution was also screened during the conference, showcasing the growth of the IIESL and its continued efforts in promoting

professional excellence and capacity building among engineering practitioners.

The plenary session featured several insightful presentations by eminent professionals. Eng. Ananda Caldera delivered a presentation titled “Relentless Contribution of Sri Lankan Engineering Practitioners in all the Industries across the Board,” highlighting the extensive involvement of engineering practitioners in diverse sectors of the economy and their often-unrecognized contribution to national development.

This was followed by a thought-provoking presentation by Eng. Nihal Perera on “Sri Lankan Engineers - A Silent Force to Reckon With,” which focused on the resilience, dedication, and professional competence demonstrated by Sri Lankan engineers both locally and internationally.

The final technical presentation was delivered by Eng. Dr. Bhadrani Thoradeniya, Past President of the IIESL on the topic “Harnessing the Blend of Knowledge and Experience of all Categories of Engineers for Greater National Benefit and Prosperity.” The presentation emphasized the importance of collaboration among all categories of engineering professionals and the need to effectively utilize collective expertise for national advancement.

The conference concluded with an engaging panel discussion moderated by Eng. Prabhath Ratnayake, during which participants exchanged views on professional recognition, industry challenges, policy support, and the future direction of engineering practice in Sri Lanka.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Eng. Mahinda Tennakoon, Secretary of the Institution, who expressed appreciation to the speakers, distinguished guests, participants, sponsors and organizing committee for their valuable contributions towards the success of the conference.

The event concluded with refreshments and fellowship, providing participants with an opportunity for professional interaction and networking. The conference once again demonstrated the commitment of the IIESL towards promoting engineering excellence and recognizing the indispensable role of engineering practitioners in national development.

**(Photo gallery - P 7)**

# PICTURE GALLERY I – INCO EXHIBITION 2026



President, Eng. Ananda Gunawardena addressing the gathering



Hon Prime Minister visiting the stalls



Hon. Minister Sunil Handunnetti opening the day 2 session



Hon. Minister Sunil Handunnetti addressing the gathering



Visiting stalls



Eng. Lal Bogahawatta opening the session on day 3



Left Photo –  
Eng. Bogahawatta  
addressing the  
gathering



Right Photo -  
Prof. Eng. W A  
Wimalaweera  
addressing the  
gathering

## PICTURE GALLERY II – NATIONAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE 2026



Panel discussion moderated by Eng. Prabhath Ratnayake



Minister Sunil Handunnetti



IIESL President  
Eng. Ananda Gunawardena



Presenter  
Dr. T A G Gunasekera



Presenter  
Eng. Ananda Caldera



Presenter  
Eng. Nihal Perera



Presenter  
Eng. Prof. Bhadrani  
Thoradeniya

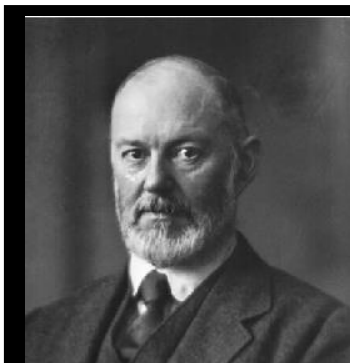


Moderator  
Eng. Prabhath Ratnayake

## PICTURE GALLERY III – CPD PHOTO GALLERY



CPD Session on Research Methodology delivered by Prof. Nalin Abeysekera in progress



*“Strive for perfection in everything. Take the best that exists and make it better. If it doesn't exist, create it. Accept nothing nearly right or good enough”*  
-- Henry Royce --

# MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2025–2026

## A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN STRENGTHENING IIESL

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL) has achieved remarkable progress in expanding its membership base through the ongoing Membership Drive conducted during the 2025–2026 session. This initiative, led by Eng. Dr. Jayantha Hettiarachchi, Vice President and Chairman of the Membership Committee, reflects a well-coordinated and strategic effort to strengthen the Institution’s professional community.

Since its appointment at the Annual General Meeting, the Membership Committee has actively implemented structured programs to attract and enroll new members while maintaining the Institution’s professional standards. The results achieved during February, March and April 2026 clearly demonstrate the effectiveness of these efforts.

During these three months, the Committee successfully conducted three membership drives, enrolling 441 Associate Members (AM). In parallel, 21 Professional Review Interviews (PRIs) were carried out, leading to the induction of 93 Corporate Members (M). These achievements highlight both the growing interest among engineering professionals and the efficiency of the evaluation process.

The cumulative progress for the current session is equally noteworthy. To date, the Institution has enrolled a total of 849 Associate Members and 329 Corporate Members. In addition to recruitment activities, the Committee has taken steps to enhance awareness and engagement during the last three months by organizing two online sessions for prospective Associate Member candidates, guiding membership pathways and requirements. Another membership drive is scheduled for May 23, 2026, reflecting the Committee’s continued commitment to expanding the Institution’s reach and impact.

The Membership Committee has also played a key role in facilitating registrations with the Engineering Council of Sri Lanka (Engineering Council of Sri Lanka). During the current session, the Committee processed 2,457 ECSL registration applications, comprising 45 Fellows, 732 Members and 1,689 Associate Members. This achievement represents a major contribution toward supporting engineering professionals in obtaining formal recognition and registration. The progress of ECSL registration since the inception is as follows.

Annual ECSL Registration								
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (till the end of April)
<b>Fellow</b>	44	51	56	59	61	68	58	45
<b>Member</b>	363	410	441	471	498	554	768	732
<b>Associate Member</b>	592	645	865	1838	1858	2026	2404	1680
<b>Total</b>	999	1106	1362	2368	2417	2648	3230	2457

Further strengthening professional development initiatives, the Membership Committee conducted a workshop for assessor panel members involved in evaluating Mature Route candidates. The session was conducted by Eng. Anton Peris, Past President of IIESL, together with the President and panel members. Discussions focused on developing an effective process to identify competency-based engineering experts serving in the industry and facilitate their admission to IIESL as Corporate Members. It was emphasized that many experienced engineering professionals in the industry are awaiting opportunities to obtain professional qualifications, and that IIESL, as a leading professional institution, has an important role to play in supporting them to achieve professional recognition and serve the industry more effectively. The steady growth in membership and professional activities has significantly strengthened the capacity and influence of IIESL. Commenting on these achievements, the President of IIESL, Eng. Ananda Gunawardena commended the Membership Committee for its dedication and hard work, describing the progress as a significant milestone in the Institution’s history of member recruitment and professional development.



**Professional reviews in progress at the IIESL secretariat**

# CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS – APRIL 2026

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka continues to enhance the professional competencies of its members through a series of well-structured Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programmes.

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## CPD No: IIE-25-26/CPD/08

## Optimize Your Processes with ERP Systems Designed for SMEs

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Venue:** IIESL Auditorium

**Resource Person:**

**Mr. Nalin Edirisinghe**, ERP Consultant - Enterprise Applications, B.Tech (OUSL), MBA (Wales)

The programme focused on enhancing participants' understanding of how Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems can be effectively utilized by Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) to improve operational efficiency and support strategic growth. Key areas discussed included the selection of suitable ERP solutions, a structured approach to successful ERP implementation, and methods to optimize the performance of existing systems.

The resource person also highlighted practical strategies for improving return on investment (ROI), stabilizing underperforming ERP platforms and making informed decisions when considering system upgrades or replacements.

The session provided valuable insights and practical guidance, enabling participants to better align ERP solutions with organizational objectives.

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## CPD No: IIE-25-26/CPD/09

## Support of Sri Lanka's Commitment under the Montreal Protocol

**Date:** 17 March 2026

**Venue:** Auditorium of the Ministry of Environment

**Resource Persons:**

**Ms. Modeeka Thilakarathne** (Assistant Director, Climate Change – Ministry of Environment), **Mr. S P K Amarasinghe** (Director/Former Principal, Ceylon German Technical College) and **Mr. Sanath Kithsiri** (Director, Sustainable Energy Authority) as resource persons.

The programme focused on strengthening awareness of Sri Lanka's obligations under the Montreal Protocol and the Kigali Amendment. Key topics included global commitments and local responsibilities, import licensing and quota systems, best practices in servicing Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning (RAC) equipment, and the adoption of sustainable and energy-efficient cooling technologies. The resource persons also emphasized capacity building for engineers and technicians, along with the importance

of policy compliance, standards, and environmentally responsible practices. The programme supported ongoing efforts toward the Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC) Phase-out Management Plan (HPMP) and the Hydrofluorocarbons (HFC) Phase-down Management Plan, aligning with national and global sustainability goals.

The session provided valuable knowledge to professionals committed to engineering excellence, ethical practice and sustainable development.

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## CPD No: IIE-25-26/CPD/10 Research Methodology – Design Research for Real-world Engineering Problems

**Date:** 04 April 2026

**Venue:** IIESL Auditorium

**Resource Persons: Prof. Nalin Abeysekara, Ph.D., B.Sc. Mkt. (Special), MBA, FCIM (UK), Chartered Marketer (UK),**

**MSL1M, MAAT, Dip in CMA**, an experienced academic and professional with extensive expertise in research and applied methodologies.

The programme focused on equipping participants with fundamental knowledge of research methodologies relevant to engineering practice. Key areas covered included understanding research and identifying industry-relevant problems, developing research questions and objectives, and formulating conceptual frameworks. Participants were also introduced to qualitative,

quantitative and mixed-method approaches, along with research design, sampling strategies, and data collection techniques. An overview of data analysis methods and maintaining research quality was also presented.

The session provided a strong foundation for engineers and technologists to approach real-world problems using systematic and scientific methods, thereby enhancing their professional capabilities.

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The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka, extends its sincere appreciation to the distinguished resource persons for their invaluable contributions in sharing knowledge and expertise, and to all members and officials whose dedication and efforts ensured the successful organization of these Continuing Professional Development

programmes. These initiatives exemplify IIESL's steadfast commitment to advancing professional excellence, upholding ethical standards, and fostering sustainable development through continuous learning and capacity building within the engineering community.

**(Please see photos on Page 07)**

# PROGRESS OF THE IIESL HEAD OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT

Construction activities of the new Head Office Building of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka, are progressing steadily under the guidance and supervision of the Building Committee and the Project Management Unit (PMU). The project marks a significant milestone, creating improved facilities for its members and future activities.

The project has now successfully completed Stage 1, which included mobilization, piling works, substructure construction, structural and service installations, and the ground floor slab. These initial activities laid the foundation for the smooth progression of the superstructure works currently underway.

Stage 2 of the project comprises the superstructure construction up to the third-floor slab level (G+2). Structural works relating to the columns up to the third-floor slab level have already been completed successfully. Concrete pouring for the third-floor slab has been scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026, marking another important milestone in the construction programme.

At present, it is estimated that approximately 60% of the structural works of the building have been completed. Procurement activities relating to the balance structural works, including the roof slab construction, are currently in progress. Based on the present work programme, completion of the entire structural framework of the building is expected by December 2026.

In parallel with the structural activities, arrangements are being made to complete the first-floor area with necessary finishes, enabling shifting and occupation by April 2027.

This phased occupation strategy is expected to facilitate the gradual utilization of the new premises while construction activities continue in other sections of the building.

The Chairman of the Building Committee, Eng. W. A. Kulathilake, together with the committee members and the President of the IIESL, Eng. Ananda Gunawardena are closely monitoring the progress of the project and coordinating with all relevant stakeholders to ensure timely completion of the works while maintaining the required standards of quality and safety.

The construction project is supported by a dedicated team of professionals and contractors. Structural design consultancy services are being provided voluntarily by Eng. Deepal Wickramasinghe, Council Member of the IIESL and Proprietor of Deepal Wickramasinghe Associates (Pvt) Ltd (DWA). Consultancy services for Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) designs are being provided voluntarily by Eng. Noel Joseph, Member of the IIESL and Proprietor of NJ Consultants (Pvt) Ltd.

The piling works of the project were carried out by M/s KD Piling, while the Phase 1 and Phase 2 structural works are being undertaken by M/s VOV Engineering (Pvt) Ltd. The sewage and wastewater treatment plant works are being handled by M/s Envromec International (Pvt) Ltd. Overall project oversight and coordination are being carried out by the IIESL Project Management Unit (PMU).

The steady progress achieved thus far reflects the commitment and collective efforts of the Building Committee, consultants, contractors and all stakeholders involved in delivering a modern and functional head office facility for the IIESL membership and the engineering community of Sri Lanka.



IIESL H O Building reaching the third floor

## TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS WHO ARE NO MORE

**Eng. W. M. Nayani Dhammika Weerathunga MIIESL**

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL) records with deep sorrow the passing of several esteemed members who rendered dedicated service to the engineering profession and to the Institution. Their professional commitment, integrity and contributions to national development and to the engineering fraternity will be remembered with gratitude and respect.



It is with profound sorrow that the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka announces the passing of Eng. W. M. Nayani Dhammika Weerathunga (M1757), a respected Member of the Institution and a distinguished professional in the field of Quantity Surveying.

Eng. Nayani Weerathunga hailed from Ampitiya, Kandy and received her primary and secondary education at Hemamali Balika Maha Vidyalaya. She successfully completed her engineering Diploma studies at the University of Moratuwa during the 1991/1992 batch, laying the foundation for a remarkable professional career.

She completed her in-plant training in 1995–1996 at State Engineering Corporation and Thudawe Brothers. Her professional journey included service at Sanken Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, followed by overseas appointments with D G Jones & Partners from 2000–2001, Hilal Badi Partners from 2001–2004, and later with D G Jones & Partners from May 2005 onwards. Eng. Nayani Weerathunga was most recently based in New Zealand, having previously worked for many years in Qatar. She remained a dedicated and supportive member of the NDT community and actively contributed to the activities of the NDTians NZ Association. She also rendered invaluable support during the formative years of the IIESL Qatar Branch, working closely with her husband, Eng. Anura Wanasingha, in strengthening the branch and fostering professional ties among Sri Lankan engineering professionals in Qatar.

The memorial service and burial took place in Auckland on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026. The Council and Members of the IIESL extend their heartfelt condolences to her beloved family and pray that she may attain the supreme bliss of Nibbana.

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

#### DRAFT ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMPETENCIES (RRC) OF ENGINEERING PRACTITIONERS

The Engineering Council, Sri Lanka has published the Draft Roles, Responsibilities and Competencies (RRC) of Engineering Practitioners on its official website and has invited stakeholders and the general public to submit observations and suggestions.

This draft has been prepared in accordance with Clause 39(2)(e) of the Engineering Council Act and is expected to have a significant impact on the scope and practice of engineering professions in Sri Lanka.

#### Call for Comments

All members of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka, are strongly encouraged to:

- Carefully review the draft RRC document available on the ECSL website ([ecsl.gov.lk](http://ecsl.gov.lk))
- Submit their observations and suggestions directly to ECSL
- Ensure submissions are sent on or before 20th May 2026

Submissions should be emailed to: [registrar@ecsl.gov.lk](mailto:registrar@ecsl.gov.lk)

Subject line: "RRC Comments"

#### Importance of Member Participation

The proposed RRC framework will play a vital role in defining professional responsibilities, competencies, and the future direction of engineering practice under the ECSL Act. Member input is therefore essential to ensure that the framework reflects practical realities and professional expectations.

#### IIESL Support and Awareness Session

To support members in understanding the draft document, Eng. Ranjith Chandrasiri, Past President of IIESL will conduct an online awareness session on May 06, 2026, on Wednesday at 2.30pm on a virtual platform. All members are kindly requested to reserve this event in your diary to be able to attend this important event. The link to join the sessions will be provided soon.

Members requiring assistance or clarification may contact the IIESL Secretariat:

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All members are urged to treat this matter with priority and submit their valuable feedback within the stipulated timeframe.

# Prof. Dayantha S Wijeyesekera 03<sup>rd</sup> Commemorative Oration



## “Skills Development for Energy Transition: Asia Pacific Perspective”

### Commemorative Oration by

Eng. Prof. Priyantha D.C. Wijayatunga  
Senior Director, Energy  
Asian Development Bank



### Introductory Speech by

Eng. Dr. W.A. Wimalaweera  
Vice President, IIESL



Tuesday  
26<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Registration at 4:30 p.m.  
Oration at 5:30 p.m.

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