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DISCUSSION WITH THE MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

A meeting was held at the Management Services Department (MSD) on 23rd June 2026, bringing together representatives of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL), the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL), the Engineering Council, Sri Lanka (ECSL) and MSD. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Secretary to the Secretary.

Participants discussed schemes for the recruitment and promotion of engineers and other officers in the engineering profession employed by semi-governmental organizations. One of the key matters raised was the possibility of recruiting holders of engineering diplomas recognized by IIESL directly to the Junior Manager grade.

IIESL was represented by President Eng. Ananda Gunawardana; Past Presidents Eng. P.A.D. Ranjith Chandrasiri and Eng. (Dr.) Bhadranie Thoradeniya; and Eng. S.M.K.G. Abeykoon, MIIESL. The Chairman of ECSL, the President and several members of IESL, and the Director General and officials of MSD also attended.





Chairperson and institutional representatives in session.

ECSL REGISTRATION AND ANNUAL RENEWAL

Registration with the Engineering Council, Sri Lanka (ECSL), is a statutory requirement for all engineering practitioners engaged in the practice of the engineering. Established under the Engineering Council, Sri Lanka Act No. 4 of 2017, ECSL is responsible for registering engineering practitioners and maintaining professional standards and conduct.

For IIESL members, the relevant ECSL registration categories are Incorporated Engineer (IEng) and Engineering Diplomate (Eng Dip). Members engaged in engineering practice who have not yet registered with ECSL are urged to apply immediately under the appropriate IIESL membership class and ECSL practitioner category. Members who are already registered but have not renewed their registration for the current year are also requested to complete their renewal without delay.

Please check your registration status and take the necessary action promptly. For current registration and renewal requirements, please contact IIESL by telephone on +94 11 288 77 34 or by email at iiesl@iiesl.lk.

PRESIDENT'S FOCUS



Engineering the Future with Purpose and Responsibility

We are living through a period of rapid change. Technological advances, digital transformation and emerging global challenges are reshaping engineering and creating new opportunities, while placing greater responsibilities on our profession.

As engineers, our work must be guided by more than technical excellence. We have a responsibility to serve society, protect the environment and consider the needs of future generations. Our contribution is vital to national infrastructure and industrial development, but it also reaches further: supporting innovation, strengthening the economy and improving the quality of life of our people.

I encourage every IIESL member, especially our younger engineers, to make lifelong learning a priority and to uphold the integrity and professional standards that earn public trust. Let us remain open to new knowledge, share our experience and apply our skills thoughtfully to the challenges facing our nation.

IIESL's strength lies in the commitment and participation of its members. By supporting one another and working together, we can build a more connected professional community and increase the contribution engineers make to national progress.

Let us continue to advance our profession with purpose, responsibility and confidence. Together, we can help make engineering a driving force for a resilient, prosperous and sustainable future.

Eng. Sanjeeva Nonis
President, IIESL

IIESL SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – OCTOBER 2026

The Logo of the IIESL:

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL) held a Special General Meeting (SGM) on 24th October 2026 at the Auditorium of the Organization of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka (OPA). Members gathered to adopt two resolutions concerning the Institution's audited financial statements and its official logo.

The meeting was called to order, followed by a welcome address. Eng. Sanjeewa Nonis, President of IIESL and Eng. P.A.D.R. Chandrasiri, Chairman of the Statutes Committee, were among those associated with the proceedings.

The first resolution concerned corrections to the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026. The Council of Management had asked the Institution's external auditors, Messrs. Thennakoon & Company, to review the statements after errors in several entries were identified. The resolution sought members' ratification of the subsequent corrections and the corrected, audited financial statement, and recognition of the corrected statement as the valid approved statement for that financial year. The annex also noted that income tax based on the corrected figures had been paid before the due date.

The second resolution proposed formal approval of the IIESL logo, which had been in use with Council of Management approval. It also proposed adding the logo as Schedule 04 to the Institution's By-Laws and inserting a clause specifying it as the official logo.

Both resolutions were tabled for discussion and they were adopted. The meeting agenda included a vote of thanks followed by the conclusion and refreshments.

EDITORIAL

Sustainable Engineer: From Responsibility to Action

Engineering has always been a driving force behind human progress. Today, however, the role the engineer extends far beyond technical excellence. We are called upon to be stewards of the of environment, champions of social well-being, and architects of a sustainable future. In an era marked by climate change, resource scarcity, rapid urbanization, and evolving societal needs, sustainability is no longer an option. It is an imperative.

A sustainable engineer adopts a holistic approach to problem-solving, ensuring that solutions meet present demands without compromising the ability of future generations to thrive. This mindset must be embedded throughout the entire lifecycle of engineering projects, from planning and design to construction, operation, and decommissioning. Whether developing renewable energy systems, advancing water security, improving resource efficiency, or creating resilient infrastructure, engineers are uniquely positioned to deliver meaningful and lasting change.

Sustainability also requires balancing environmental responsibility with economic viability and social equity. As trusted professionals, engineers must collaborate across disciplines, engage communities, and leverage innovation to create solutions that are practical, inclusive, and impactful.
The time for discussion alone has passed. As engineers, we must move beyond awareness and commit to action. Let us challenge conventional practices, embrace sustainable technologies, advocate for responsible decision-making, and place sustainability at the heart of every project we undertake. Each design choice, each calculation, and each professional decision contribute to the legacy we leave behind.

The future will not be shaped by sustainable policies alone, but by sustainable engineers who have the courage to lead, innovate, and act. Let us rise to this challenge and make sustainability the defining hallmark of our profession.

Eng. Damitha Abeykoon {NDT, IEng, MSc (USJP)}
Editor, IIESL

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IIESL – UAE Branch Celebrates 20 Years at its 20th Annual General Meeting

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL) – UAE Branch held its 20th Annual General Meeting (AGM) virtually via Zoom on 20th September 2026, marking two decades of service to Sri Lankan engineering professionals in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The milestone provided an opportunity to reflect on the Branch's achievements and reaffirm its commitment to professional development, collaboration and engineering excellence under the theme "Professionalism Beyond Boundaries."

The meeting was attended by IIESL President Eng. Sanjeewa Nonis, Immediate Past President Eng. Ananda Gunawardana, President-Elect Eng. (Dr.) Sunil Jayantha Hettiarachchi, members of the IIESL Council, Past Presidents and Chairmen, Office Bearers, and members of the UAE Branch.

Following the formal opening, the AGM considered the minutes of the 19th AGM, the Annual Report for 2025/2026 and the audited financial report. These were adopted, subject to a correction to the financial year date in the financial report. The Returning Officer, Eng. Dhammika T. Gamage, subsequently announced the Executive Committee elected for the 2026/2027 session in accordance with IIESL by-laws.

In his address, Branch Chairman Eng. H. Tharangha D. Perera expressed appreciation to the Executive Committee and members for their continued support. He highlighted the Branch's activities in professional development, networking and member engagement, together with initiatives involving artificial intelligence, digitalization, podcasts and new approaches to engaging younger professionals.

Addressing the AGM, IIESL President Eng. Sanjeewa Nonis congratulated the Branch on reaching its 20th AGM and commended the contributions of successive office bearers and members. He outlined developments at the parent institution, including the Head Office Building Project, membership development initiatives and digital transformation through online membership applications and digital payments. He encouraged the UAE Branch to strengthen its membership, expand professional activities, promote knowledge sharing and maintain close collaboration with IIESL Head Office.

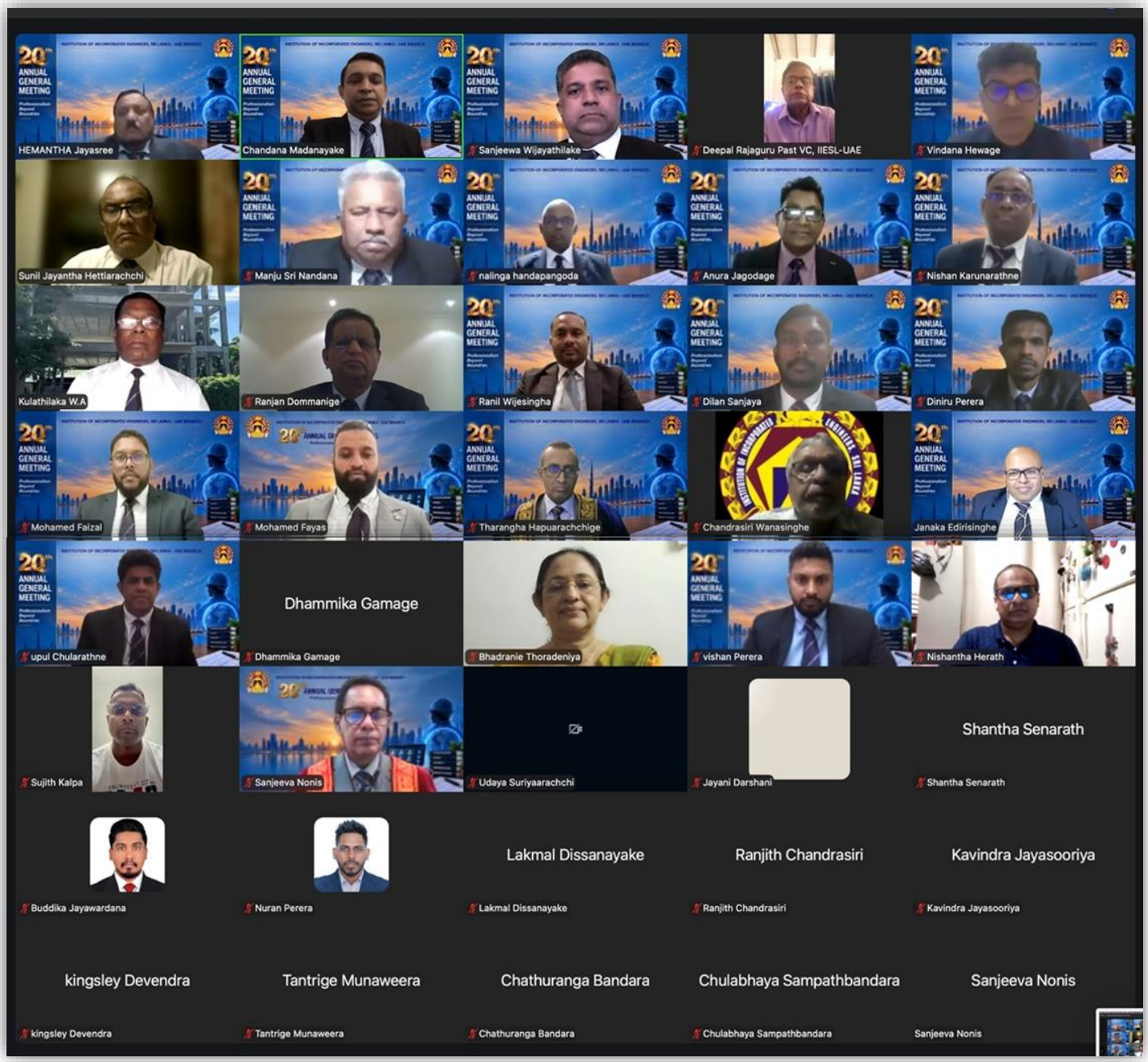
President-Elect, Eng. (Dr.) Sunil Jayantha Hettiarachchi, a Past Chairman of the IIESL-UAE Branch reflected on the Branch's resilience and contribution to Sri Lankan engineering professionals over the past two decades. He recognized their role in the UAE's development across infrastructure, construction, energy and technology and emphasized mentoring, knowledge transfer and closer engagement with the parent institution. He reaffirmed that members' hard work, expertise and professionalism remained central to the Branch's success.

Immediate Past President Eng. Ananda Gunawardana also commended the Branch's achievements, active membership, community engagement and strong relationship with IIESL. He highlighted its wider outreach, including professional connections beyond the UAE and assured the Branch of the continued support of IIESL and its Council.

In the subsequent address, Eng. Perera thanked the membership for re-electing him as Chairman for the 2026/2027 session. He congratulated the new Executive Committee and expressed confidence that teamwork and member participation would sustain the Branch's progress.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Eng. Ranjan Dommanige, who acknowledged the contributions of the IIESL leadership, Council Members, Past Office Bearers and Branch membership.

As the IIESL–UAE Branch enters its third decade, strengthening membership, supporting younger engineers, advancing professional development and deepening international collaboration remain important priorities. The 20th AGM reaffirmed the Branch's commitment to serving Sri Lankan engineering professionals and advancing its vision of "Professionalism Beyond Boundaries."



The IIESL President, IIESL-UAE Chairman, Past Presidents, Past Chairmen, Council Members and members uniting virtually for the AGM

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Eng. Sisira Walaliyadde	Founder, Past Chairman

IIESL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE GETS OFF TO A STRONG START IN 2026/2027

The Membership Functional Committee (MFC) of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL), has made a promising start to the 2026/2027 Session, continuing the membership development work undertaken during the previous year.

During the first quarter of the current session, the Committee conducted four membership drives, welcoming 170 new Associate Members and 53 new Members. These early results reflect sustained interest in joining IIESL and the Committee's efforts to promote the Institution among engineering professionals.

Membership drives help introduce prospective members to IIESL, its professional community and the benefits of membership. They also provide an opportunity to guide applicants through the relevant membership pathways and requirements. The new enrolments are an encouraging foundation for the Committee's work in the months ahead. The next Membership Drive has been scheduled to be held at Ampara on 28th November 2026.

The MFC's activities build on the significant progress recorded during the 2025/2026 Session. In the current session, President Eng. Sanjeeva Nonis and MFC Chairman Eng. U.K.S. Hettige are leading the Institution's continued membership development efforts.

The MFC will continue its work to broaden awareness of IIESL and encourage eligible professionals to become part of the Institution. With four drives already completed in the first quarter, the Committee aims to maintain this momentum and further strengthen the IIESL membership community during the 2026/2027 Session.

SETH PIRITH CHANTING CEREMONY TO BLESS THE NEW HEAD OFFICE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

The Seth Pirith Chanting Ceremony, organized to invoke blessings for the successful continuation and part completion of the new IIESL Head Office Building currently under construction, was successfully held on 2026-08-24 at the institutional premises. The meritorious event also aimed to bring blessings upon the organization and its entire staff.

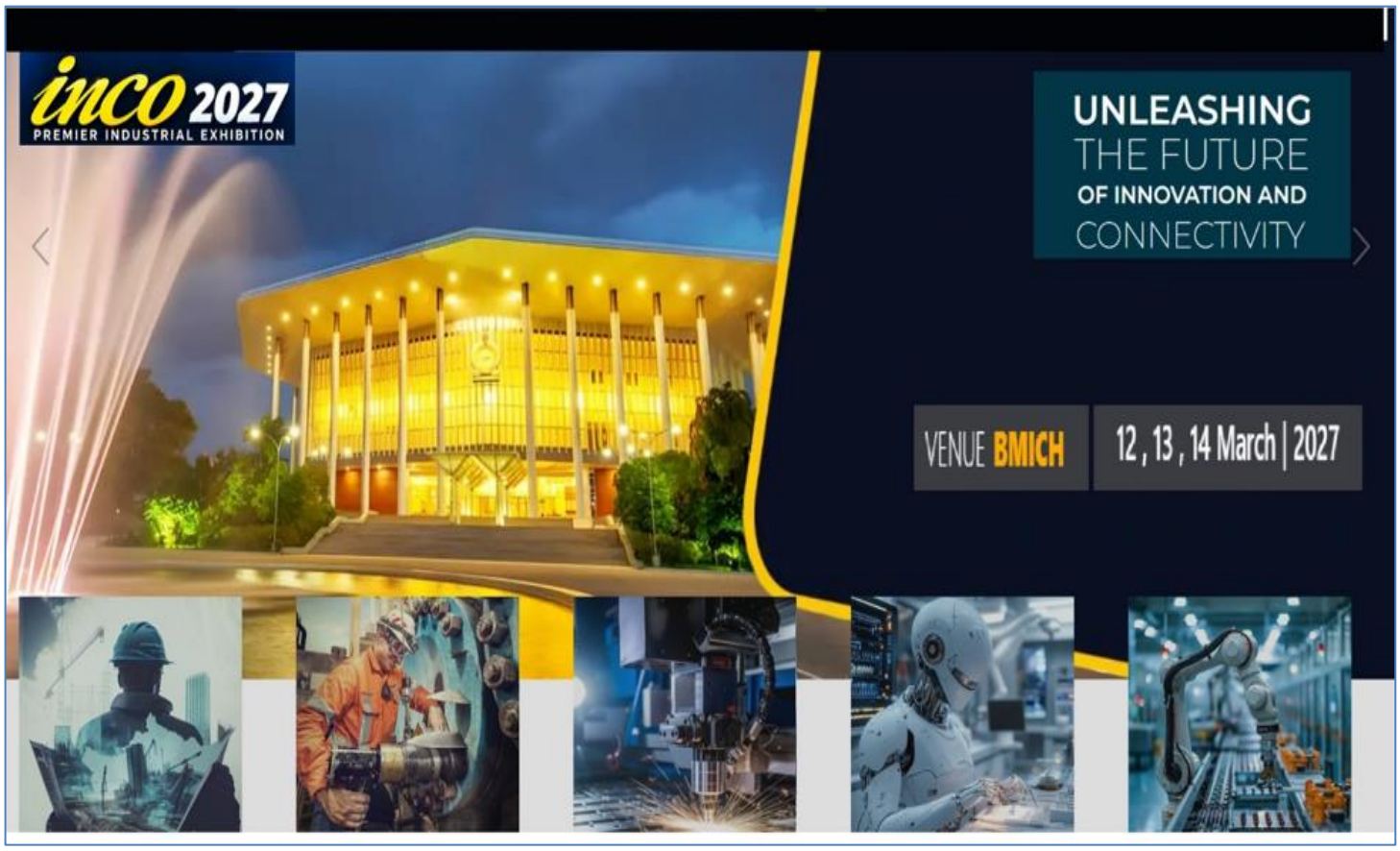
Attended by the venerable Maha Sangha, this religious event saw the devout participation of a large gathering, including our Members of Council of Management, the entire staff, and members of the Institution.

We believe that the immense blessings invoked through this noble meritorious act will pave the way for the smooth, swift, and successful completion of the new building construction, further strengthening the future journey of our organization. The management extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed in various ways and participated to make this event a grand success.



IIESL members and staff listening devoutly as the Ven. Maha Sangha blesses the head office construction site.

INCO 2027: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION



The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka is very much pleased to announce the latest iteration of its powerhouse annual event, the INCO 2027 Premier Industrial Exhibition. Scheduled for March 12, 13, and 14, 2027, at the BMICH in Colombo, Sri Lanka. This milestone event marks the 21st successive edition of the country's most popular trade and industrial showcase, transforming the iconic venue into a bustling hub of technological breakthroughs and commercial collaboration.

Operating under the four core pillars of Innovation, Industry, Investment, and Sustainable Development, INCO 2027 serves as a powerful catalyst for economic and technological advancement. It unites visionary engineering talent, local entrepreneurs and foreign investors under one roof to showcase cutting-edge products, demonstrate evolving technology and explore emerging manufacturing solutions.

For this landmark session, the organizing committee operates under the capable guidance of the current INCO Chairman, Past President of IIESL, Eng. Ananda Gunawardena, who joins as the Exhibition Chairman alongside the support of IIESL President Eng. K.S.P. Nonis. Under their leadership, the event is tailored to maximize business-to-business networking and promote homegrown inventions on a global stage.

Stall reservations are officially open! If your business is ready to connect with industry leaders, distributors, and potential customers, do not miss the opportunity to secure your space.

- For Bookings: Contact 071 766 6642, 076 459 4419, or 077 774 1073.
- Official Website: Visit INCO Sri Lanka to reserve your stall or scan the official flyer QR code to view the layout plan today.

Let us stand together to drive engineering excellence and industrial growth.

AWARENESS PROGRAM ON THE ACCREDITATION FRAMEWORK

The Education and Training Committee of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL), organized an Awareness Programme on the Accreditation Framework of the IIESL at the IIESL Auditorium on 29 August 2026. This programme was conducted by Eng. Dr.-Ing. W.A. Wimalaweera, Vice President and Chairman, Accreditation Board of the IIESL, and was intended for Council members and IIESL members.

The session introduced participants to the procedure followed by the Accreditation Board to accredit new engineering/engineering technology academic programmes for the purpose of recognizing holders of such qualifications to the Class of Associate Membership of the IIESL. Further, the programme and institutional evaluation processes, including the roles and responsibilities of accreditation teams were discussed. It also covered IIESL's Benchmark Statement for engineering/engineering technology qualifications acceptable for the award of the Associate Membership of the IIESL and the pathways through which members can contribute and become involved in accreditation work. By developing a larger pool of knowledgeable accreditation personnel, IIESL seeks to strengthen its capacity to support quality assurance initiatives in engineering education and professional practice. Through this initiative, members had an opportunity to learn more about the framework and the contribution they can make to accreditation activities. The programme forms part of IIESL's efforts to support quality and standards across the engineering profession.



Presenter, Dr Wimalaweera and part of the participants

EVENING OF ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL), will host an Evening of Engineering Excellence on Thursday, 5 November 2026, at the Grand Monarch, Thalawathugoda. The event will bring together IIESL Past Presidents, current and former Council members, Trustees, the Project Management Team, District Representatives and IIESL office staff for an evening of technical sharing and fellowship.

The programme will feature presentations by technical partner SWISSTEK, including a company presentation and a presentation on aluminum. A special highlight will be "The Untold Story of Kandalama Through an Engineer's Eye", presented by Eng. Deepal Wickramasinghe, IIESL Council Member and member of the Project Management Unit.

The event has been organized by the Building and Infrastructure, Fund Raising and Events Committee led by Chairman, Eng. W.A. Kulathilaka and scheduled to begin at 5.30 p.m. The gathering is expected to welcome more than 100 IIESL leaders. The event provides an opportunity to exchange insights on modern construction, strengthen professional connections and enjoy fellowship among members and colleagues.

IIESL HEAD OFFICE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Construction of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL) Head Office building is progressing, with key foundation, substructure and structural works completed.

The piled foundation and substructure works are complete. Essential facilities beneath the ground-floor slab, including the water sumps, sewerage treatment plant and service room, have also been completed. Structural work has advanced to the third-floor slab level, marking a major milestone in the building's development.

The next phase will cover the structural works from the fourth-floor slab through to the fifth-floor slab and roof slab. The bidding process for this work has been completed, a contractor has been selected and the Contract Agreement has been signed. Construction from the third-floor slab level is scheduled to commence on 1 November 2026, with completion expected by March 2027.

The current achievements reflect continued progress towards establishing a purpose-built Head Office for IIESL. As work proceeds, the building will take shape as a dedicated facility to support the Institution's activities and services. Completion of the next structural phase will bring the project closer to its intended form.

The Council of Management, the Building Committee and the Project Management Unit remain committed to delivering the Head Office building together with the voluntary support services teams for the structural design and building services.

IIESL members and stakeholders will be able to follow further updates as construction advances. The Institution looks forward to the successful continuation of the project and to the eventual completion of its Head Office building.



Current status of the HO building

INTRODUCTION TO NANOSCIENCE AND ITS INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS

The Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL), held a continuing professional development (CPD) programme titled Introduction to Nanoscience and Its Industrial Applications at the IIESL Auditorium on 03rd October 2026. The programme attracted strong attendance from IIESL members, non-members and students, reflecting growing interest in this rapidly developing field.

The session was conducted by Eng. (Dr.) S.J. Hettiarachchi, whose presentation introduced participants to the history and development of nanoscience and nanotechnology. Key topics included the classification, synthesis and characterisation of nanoparticles, as well as their applications.

The programme aimed to strengthen professionals' understanding of an emerging area of science and technology and to raise awareness of its potential industrial uses. It also encouraged participants to consider how nanoscience could be relevant to their own professional fields.

By bringing together an engaged audience for an introduction to both the fundamentals and practical applications of nanoscience, the CPD programme supported IIESL's continuing efforts to provide learning opportunities for engineers and other professionals.





Presenter, Eng. (Dr) Jayantha Hettiarachchi and the participants

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GRAPHENE – THE REVOLUTIONARY NANO WONDER MATERIAL TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE OF ECONOMICAL & INDUSTRIAL

Dear Members,

We regret to inform you that the CPD program on "GRAPHENE" originally scheduled for 31st October 2026 has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and will let you know the new schedule date as soon as possible.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility.

Best Regards,
Eng. (Dr) W.A. Wimalaweera
VP/Chairman - Education & Training Committee

IIESL CENTRAL PROVINCIAL BRANCH HOSTS 04TH ANNUAL KARAOKE EVENING KARAOKE 26

The Annual Musical Event **"**Karaoke Evening "organized by the Central Provincial Branch of IIESL was successfully staged on 29th August 2026 for the 4th consecutive year at HORDI Circuit Bungalow of Agriculture Department, Gannoruwa, Peradeniya. This is an event to improve the mental health of the busy members by giving them an opportunity for relaxation leading them to a stress-free life.

This year nearly 20 members joined the program enthusiastically and this was a superb platform for the members to share their talents specially in music and entertainment apart from their routine skill in Engineering. Guest singers and family members too performed at this event adding color to the occasion.
This Annual program has made few to the members to persue in professional singing career



Part of the Participants of the Gathering



INSTITUTION OF INCORPORATED ENGINEERS, SRI LANKA



IIESL
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
(ONE DAY PROGRAMME)

This is a one-day programme to initiate process applications of following engineering diploma holders to be elected to the class of Associate Member of Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (AMIIESL). Subsequently those Associate Members will be able to get registration in Engineering Council, Sri Lanka (ECSL).
Appointments will be called for a scheduled walk-in interview on,

28TH NOVEMBER 2026

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

1. Application (Download from IIESL website)
2. CV
3. Service letters and Copies
4. Original Diploma Certificate and a copy
5. Educational Certificates and Copies (A/L & O/L)
6. NIC and a copy
7. Birth Certificate and a copy

(Copy of the Certificates will be attested at the venue)

Registration via GOOGLE LINK on or before 20th of November 2026

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