

IESL Eastern Chapter

THE 21ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Twenty-first Annual General Meeting of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka Eastern Chapter was held on Saturday 23rd November 2019 at Sun Shine Grand Hotel, Kallady, Batticaloa. The meeting commenced at 17.00 hrs with the Chairman Eng. V.Rajagopalasingam in the chair.

The Chief Guest Eng. K P I U Dharmapala, President-Elect-IESL, Guest of Honour Eng. S.Mohanarajah, Director General of Irrigation, Special Guest Dr.(Eng.) S.M.Junaideen, Dean Faculty of Engineering SEUSL, and Eng. S. Ganeshalingam, P/Director of Irrigation, Eastern Province graced the occasion.

Following Technical Presentation by INSEE cement, Guest of honour Eng. S.Mohanarajah, Director General of Irrigation expressed his views on the current situation of the Engineering Profession in Sri Lanka and the role of an Engineer in the society towards the development of the country. He pointed out that the cadre position of Director General of Irrigation is still under common cadre and the officers in other parallel services can also be appointed to this post. Further, he added that the post of DGI should be a cadre belongs to Sri Lanka Engineering Service as the activities of the Irrigation Department are mostly administered by Engineers.

The financial statement was circulated to all members and it was presented by Eng. B.Suthakaran Treasurer for the session 2018/2019 of the IESL Eastern Chapter. The financial statement was proposed by Eng. T.Pathmarajah and seconded by Eng. N.Sasinanthan respectively and it was adopted.

Election to choose new bearers for the session 2019/2020 of IESL Eastern Chapter was held. It was advised to select representatives from all three Districts of the Province to ensure the equal participation of members. The details of newly elected members for the Executive Committee and District Committees are as follows.

After Chairman's speech, Chief Guest Eng. K P I U Dharmapala, President-Elect-IESL addressed the forum. He expressed his views on the current situation of the Engineering Profession in Sri Lanka and the role of an Engineer in the society towards the development of the country. Further, he appreciated the activities carried out by the IESL Eastern chapter during the session 2018/2019 and requested the newly elected committee to work closely with the IESL to carry out the activities in the Eastern Province successfully.

Finally Eng. S.Subaharan, the Secretary, IESL-Eastern Chapter delivered the vote of thanks and the 21st Annual General Meeting was concluded at 9.30 p.m. proceeded by Dinner.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF IESL EASTERN CHAPTER FOR THE SESSION 2018/2019



Committee of Batticaloa district centre for the Session 2018/2019



Committee of Ampara district centre for the Session 2018/2019



Committee of Trincomalee district centre for the Session 2018/2019



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Tentative programs proposed by IESL (Eastern Chapter) for the year of 2019/2020

- i) Recognition of the Engineers position in the private sector.
- ii) Find placements for fresh Engineers.
- iii) Continuous Professional Development.
- iv) Building for Eastern Chapter.
- v) Recognize the inventors in the eastern province.
- vi) Strengthen the Engineers relationship.
Organizing a day out annual family get together and fun fare program for the members with their families to strengthen the relationship and understanding among the members.
- vii) Encourage Environmental protection.
Environmental problems are a necessary evil accompanied by the development projects. IESL (Eastern Chapter) proposes to include the mitigation costs with the project cost during estimation with the cooperation, coordination, and concurrence of all the head of staff concerned in eastern province.
- viii) Forming a TOASTMASTER CLUB.
Forming a TOASTMASTER CLUB at the provincial level to facilitate the development and acquirement of professional and other related Soft-Skills among the members of the IESL (Eastern Chapter) continuously.
- ix) Strength the public against climate change.
The IESL (Eastern Chapter) plans to disseminate knowledge and strategies with climate smart activities for the farmers and fishermen of the east to tide over the unfavorable impacts of the climatic changes with the assistance of the relevant departments.
- x) Safe natural water resources and flows.
Initiate legal action by IESL (Eastern Chapter) against those involved in the illegal blocking and/or occupation of natural water resources and flows which are serving the environment and farmers.
- xi) Strengthen the financial capacity.
Design and implement innovative and sustainable activities to generate the necessary finance needed to implement the planned activities for the future.

Find placements for fresh Engineers.

- 1. The job fair program for unemployed Engineering graduates through the leading companies in Sri Lanka.**

The above program was organized by the IESL-Eastern Chapter on 5th March 2020 at kalmunai, Ampara district. Find placements for all the Engineering graduates who just passed out at the university after completing their degree programs. Five leading companies and forty-five Engineering graduates participated in the job fair.

Continuous Professional Development

- 2. Technical session on 5G wireless communication –Opportunities and challenges.**

The above program was organized by the IESL-Eastern Chapter on 13th January 2020 at the provincial director's office, Road Development Department Karruvapenkerny, Batticaloa with the view of improving professional development on opportunities and challenges by 5G wireless communication of Engineers. Twenty Engineers participated for the technical session and the Resource person was Eng. R.Valluvan, BSc.Eng(Hons), MSc Lecturer, Faculty of Engineering, University of Jaffna.

- 3. CPD on Corrosion Resistance in steel and steel structural Buildings.**

The above program was organized by the IESL-Eastern Chapter on 01st February 2020 at the provincial director office, Road Development Department Karruvapenkerny, Batticaloa with the view of improving professional development. Thirty Engineers participated in the CPD event.

- 4. CPD on Equipping Engineers with Management Skills.**

The above program was organized by the IESL-Eastern Chapter on 20th February 2020 at the Deputy director's office, P/Irrigation Department Ampara Range, Kalmunai the program based on enhancing the administrative and managerial skills of the Engineers. Thirty-five Engineers participated in the CPD event.

- 5. Technical talk on Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) Local Solution to the Water Crisis.**

The above program was organized by the IESL-Eastern Chapter on 13th March 2020 at conference Hall NWSDB Tricomalae the program based on storing excess surface water

underground, when available, for extraction and use at a later Twenty-five Engineers participated in the CPD event.

6. Soft skill Workshop on Personal Branding for Engineers

The above program was organized by the IESL-Eastern Chapter on 5th September 2020 at Conference Hall Telecom PLC, Sri Lanka Ampara range, Klamunai interactive workshop helped to identify Engineer's assets, characteristics, strengths, values, and skills as an individual. Understanding Personal Branding provides advantages in the personal and professional life skills of Engineers. Twenty-one Engineers participated in the CPD event.

7. The school books are distributed on the concept of Enhancing the education in Rural area of Nations

8. COVID 19-support medical profession

COVID 19 issue, the chapter handover some kits, face shield and goggles to the director teaching hospital, Batticaloa.

9. B paper Examination 15th March 2020.