

## IESL Wayamba Chapter

### 1. Annual Session 2018/2019 and Annual General Meeting

The Annual Session 2018/2019 and AGM of IESL Wayamba Chapter was held successfully on 29th November 2019 at Kurunegala. Around 180 members participated and the following office bearers were appointed for the term 2019/2020.

ID	Name	Position
1	Eng.D.M.B.Dissanayake	Chairman
2	Eng.S.A.P.C Siriwardana	Senior Secretary
3	Eng. N. B. Nandana	Treasurer
4	Eng.Jude Kurera	Joint Secretary
5	Eng. Damith Dissanayake	Joint Secretary
6	Eng.Krishantha Ranawaka	Joint Secretary
7	Eng.(Mrs) Lakmali Karunanayake	Assistant Treasurer
8	Eng.Kasun Thisara Abeysinghe	Editor & Web Master
9	Eng. M. M. D. K. Mahiti	Immediate Past Chairman
10	Eng. Kusum Priyananda	Past Chairman
11	Eng. Aroshan Wickremanayake	1 <sup>st</sup> Committee Member
12	Eng. Rasika Mallawaarachi	2 <sup>nd</sup> Committee Member
13	Eng.Y.A.C.R.Kumara,	3 <sup>rd</sup> Committee Member
14	Eng. Ramal M. Amadoru	4 <sup>th</sup> Committee Member
15	Eng.S. M. B.Dissanayake	5 <sup>th</sup> Committee Member
16	Eng. Sunil Jayatissa	6 <sup>th</sup> Committee Member
17	Eng. G.T.R.B.Olagama	7 <sup>th</sup> Committee Member
18	Eng.Thilina Disanayaka,	8 <sup>th</sup> Committee Member
19	Eng. Asela Jayathilaka,	9 <sup>th</sup> Committee Member
20	Eng. Kusal Manamperi	10 <sup>th</sup> Committee Member
21	Eng. R.H.K. Siriwardhana	Provincial Engineering Department - NWP.
22	Eng.G.A. Kasun Malinda Bandara	Provincial Engineering Department - NWP.
23	Eng.S.D.N.Ariyawansa	Provincial Engineering Department - NWP.
24	Eng. Nishan Gallage	Volunteer
25	Eng. H.M.M.N. Karunaratne	Buildings Department, Kurunegala
26	Eng.(Mrs.) Watsala Ratnayake	Ceylon Electricity Board
27	Eng.R.N.P.Rajapaksha	Ceylon Electricity Board
28	Eng.A.C.P Aluthgama	Ceylon Electricity Board
29	Eng.(Mrs.)H.I.S.Jayasundara	Ceylon Electricity Board
30	Eng.M.G.H.Ranathunga	Ceylon Electricity Board
31	Eng. W.E.P.S. Ediriweera	University of Wayamba
32	Eng. G.H.T.H.L.P.U. Wimalaratne	Road Development Authority
33	Eng. K.A. Udukumbura	Road Development Authority
34	Eng.D.M.T.C. Dissanayake	Private Sector
35	Eng. T.M.M.B.Tennekoon	RDC/ DWSP
36	Eng.S.H.Mervin Siriwardhana	RDC/ DWSP
37	Eng. W.M.D.M. Wanasinghe	Irrigation Department
38	Eng.H.A.S. Adhikari	Siam City Cement Lanka
39	Eng. (Mrs.)Padma Gunawardana	Water Supply and Drainage Board
40	Eng. B.M.S.U.Basnayake	NWP Canal Project
41	Eng. Asan Pathirana	Private Sector
42	Eng. Kasun Karunanayake	Private Sector

43	Eng. Randika Wickramaratne	Water Supply and Drainage Board
44	Eng Lasantha Bandara	Ceylon Electricity Board
45	Eng.H.M.P.G. Herath	Water Supply and Drainage Board
46	Eng. H.M.C.Nishantha Herath	Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka
47	Eng.R.M. Buddika Meththasena	ASB Constructions (pvt) Ltd
48	Eng. A.W.D. C. Gunasinghe	Private Sector
49	Eng.W.M.I.P Thilakarathne	Wayamba Development Secretariate
50	Eng.B.M.N.M Premachandra	Road Development Authority

The annual session comprised a valuable speech by the keynote speaker, Eng. (Dr.) J. Edirisinghe, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Engineering, UOP. Chief Guest was Eng. (Prof.) S.B.S. Abayakoon, President, IESL 2019/2020, and Eng.K.P.I.U.Dharmapala, President (Elect) IESL, Eng. (Prof.) T.M. Pallewatte, Past President of IESL, Eng. Kamal Laksiri Vice President of IESL, Eng. Kosala Kamburadeniya Vice President of IESL, Eng. Mangala De Silva Hon. Secretary of IESL, Eng. Arjuna Manamperi also graced the event. Fellowship dinner was hosted after the annual session.

## **2. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Activities**

### **2.1. Overview of the Sri Lanka Power Sector**

THE first CPD was successfully held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at SLT Auditorium – Kurunegala from 5.00 pm to 7.45 pm with more than sixty participants. The lecture was conducted by Eng. Lakshitha Weerasinghe, Deputy General manager (Transmission & Generation Planning) of Ceylon Electricity Board. Electricity accounts for less than 12% of the country's overall energy demand. However, the power sector attracts more undue attention than to any other energy source, possibly due to the high commercial opportunities the sector offers. Often, decisions of power sector professionals are criticized for not including the "obvious" as per the laymen's point of view. This lecture is aimed at giving an understanding to all engineers about how the Sri Lankan power system is operated, the real issues behind and finding answers to some "Frequently Asked Questions".

### **2.2. Professional Review – B Paper Examination March 2019**

As a part of the IESL Head Quarters decentralization process of its member activities, IESL Wayamba Chapter successfully conducted many events which were beneficial to the membership. Conducting Professional Review "B" paper examination was one of the most successful activities carried out during the past six years and IESL Wayamba Chapter extends the same support for the young engineers sat for the Professional Review B paper examination on 15th March 2020. This time exam was conducted at Wayamba Royal Collage, Kurunegala and 25 candidates registered to participate. Eng. W.M.U.P. Kumara, representing IESL HQ, Chairman IESL Wayamba, and committee members from the chapter examined the event.

## **3. Public Lectures/Discussions, other events**

### **3.1. Visit to the Wayamba University to discuss the proposed Faculty of Engineering**

On the invitation of Vice-Chancellor of Wayarnba University, past chairmen and committee members of IESL Wayamba Chapter visited the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2019. We experienced an interesting visit around the university premises, particularly the laboratory and workshop facilities.

As the practitioners of engineering in the industry and the committee members of IESL Wayamba Chapter, we agreed to the idea of introducing a faculty of engineering at the WUSL. Since degree programs are introduced newly with much effort, we appreciate the approaches such as conducting surveys and industry consultative meetings to understand the industrial requirements of the local and international market, to augment the courses which will help to fulfill the gaps in the industry.

Wayamba Chapter of IESL, we propose, WUSL to request from IESL for informal evaluation of a program of study at an appropriate time during its development stage. The Education Standing Committee of the IESL will arrange an informal visit by a team to provide comments and advice to the WUSL concerning the program which will ultimately benefit to obtain the required program recognition and accreditation.

### **3.2. Speech Craft Program**

Speechcraft program for the members of IESL Wayamba Chapter was started from 06<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020 at the Auditorium of the Projects and Heavy Maintenance Branch, CEB collaboration with Wayamba Toastmasters' Club. It was planned to conduct it in ten sessions each Friday from 4.30 p.m to 6.30 p.m. and completed in the last week of August 2020.

## **4. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)/Social Activities**

### **4.1. Provide dinner for deaf school students, Ratmalana**

The chapter was made arrangement to provide a dinner for 60 deaf school students on their returning to Rathmalana after the out visit. This has been done as an annual event by the Chapter as a part of our corporate social responsibility. Dinner was offered at Panorama Hotel, Temple Junction, Kirimatiyana on 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 around 7.30 pm.

### **4.2. Motivation, Career Guidance, Awareness about Energy Conservation for School Children – 1st Program**

For the first time in history, IESL Wayamba Chapter is organizing a series of programs for the school children in the North Western Province. This program aims to develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge of students and guide them to achieve their vision.

As the first program of this series, members of the IESL Wayamba Chapter conducted a successful program at Thumbulla Maha Vidyalaya, Nikaweratiya on 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 for 100 numbers of Grade 9 - 12 students. Eng. Thilina Chamara Dissanayaka conducted the motivational session and Eng. Wathsala Rathnayake, Electrical Engineer at Ceylon Electricity Board conducted the awareness program on Energy Conservation.

### **4.3. Motivation, Career Guidance, Awareness about Energy Conservation for School Children – 2nd Program**

The second school program of the IESL Wayamba Chapter was completed on 03rd of March, 2020 at Wellawa Central College. Hundred students from Grade 9 participated in the program. The Vice Principal of the Wellawa Central College delivered the welcome speech. Eng. K.P.N.L Karunanayake, Assistant Treasurer of IESL Wayamba Chapter delivered the introduction speech to the program. Eng. D.M.T.C. Dissanayaka conducted an attractive session on the importance of the Engineering profession and the path to become a professional in their lives. Further, he introduced a methodology to achieve the life goals of the students.

Eng. R.M.I.W. Rathnayake, Electrical Engineer of Energy Management Unit (NWP) of Ceylon Electricity Board conducted a lecture on Energy Management and conservation to the students. A vote of thanks was delivered by the School Vice Principal.

Eng. H. I. S. Jayasundara of IESL Wayamba Chapter coordinated the event.

#### **4.4. Donating Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits to the health sector**

IESL Wayamba donated 880 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits for several hospitals in the North Western Province. As the first step 550 PPE kits were donated to Kurunegala Teaching Hospital, Dambadeniya Base Hospital and Provincial Department of Health Services (NW PD office)- Kurunegala on 10th April 2020. Also, another 330 sets were donated to Kuliypitiya Base Hospital and Municipal Council -Kurunegala. Eng. Dushyanth Mahiti - Immediate Past Chairman, Eng Prasad Siriwardana - Senior Secretary and Eng. Missaka Ranatunga - Ex Member participated at this moment. Designs of the PPE kits were done by the Mechanical Engineering sectional committee of the IESL under the guidance and approval of the Health Ministry.

This was a collective effort of IESL Wayamba exco, fellows and other members. Special thanks goes to Past Chairmen, Chairperson, and all the executive members of the Wayamba Chapter for organizing the event under this critical situation. And also admire the efforts made by Eng Kusal Manamperi for financial coordination, Eng. Buddhika Meththasena and Eng Chamila Aluthgama for transportation facilities and finally Eng. Prasad Siriwardana for overall coordination and arrangements to manufacture these from Udugampola and distribute it to the hospitals.

#### **4.5. Forthcoming main events**

<b>S/ N</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Scheduled Date</b>	<b>Sub Committee/ Contact person for more information</b>
01	Field Visit	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020	Eng. Aroshan Wickremenayake
02	Annual Field Visit/Family Get-together	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020	Field Visits & Get-together Group Eng. Lakmali Karunanayake
03	Pedura and Family Get-together	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2020	Pedura organizing group Eng. Damith Dissanyake
04	Planning Circle	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020	Senior Secretary Eng. Prasad Siriwardana
05	AGM and Annual Session Wayamba	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2020	Annual Session Group Eng. N. B. Nandana

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