

ANNUAL SESSION & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019/20 OF VAVUNIYA DISTRICT CENTRE, IESL

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The Annual Session and Annual General meeting of Vavuniya District Centre (VDC) of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL) of the session 2019/20 started at 6.00 pm on 07th January 2021 via Zoom platform.

The Chief Guest, Prof. (Eng.) Ranjith Dissanayake, CEng, FIE(SL), PhD, Secretary - Ministry of Rural Roads and other Infrastructures, the Guests of Honor, Mr. S.M.Saman Bandulasena, Government Agent / District Secretary, Vavuniya, and Eng. Arjuna Manamperi, CEng, FIE(SL), President Elect, The Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka, and Special Guest, Eng. A. Pushparajah, Chairman – Vadakkin Chapter of The Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka graced the occasion.

Eng.V.Thivagar, Treasurer of VDC, warmly welcomed the Chief Guest, Prof. (Eng.) Ranjith Dissanayake, the Guests of Honor, Mr. S.M.Saman Bandulasena, and Eng. Arjuna Manamperi and Special Guest, Eng. A. Pushparajah. Further, he welcomed all the engineers who joined from Vauniya and around the country via the Zoom platform.

Eng. S.Sentur, Secretary of VDC, presented the report of the previous Annual General Meeting along with report on Income and Expenditure statement 2019/20 and Eng. A. Pushparajah proposed that the report is in order and Eng. K. Rajkumar seconded it.

Eng. M.E.Sutharsan, the chairperson of VDC presented the progress of activities carried out by Vavuniya District Centre during the year of 2019/20. He summarized the events conducted by Vavuniya District Centre of IESL during 2020 in following order;

| Event No: | Name of Activity | Resource Person |
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| 01 | Challenges in Dam Safety and Runoff Estimation in Relation to Northern Sri Lanka | Eng.N.Suthakaran, CEng, MIE(SL) Deputy Director of Irrigation, Irrigation Department (NP) |
| 02 | English Language Expressions in Professional Report Writing for Engineers | Dr.G.Jeyaseelan, PhD Senior Lecturer (Grade-I) University of Jaffna. |

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| 03 | Project Management Applications in Managing Contemporary Issues in Engineering Industry | Dr.Y.Nanthagopan, PhD Dean-Faculty of Business studies, Vavuniya Campus, University of Jaffna. |
| 04 | Renewable Energy for Sustainable Development of Sri Lanka: A Case Study of Mannar Wind Power Project" | Eng.A.M.A.Alwis, CEng, MIE(SL) Chief Engineer, Mannar Wind Power Project, Ceylon Electricity Board |
| 05 | Contract administration in practical application; based on SBD-3 condition of contract | Eng.X.V.Coonghe, CEng, FIE(SL) Residential Engineer, iRoad2 Project, Northern Province. |
| 06 | Managing the Workplace Mental Health & Its Effects on Productivity | Dr. S.Suthakaran, MBBS, PGD (Psychiatry), District General Hospital, Vavuniya |
| 07 | Guidance on Professional Review examination (section - B) | Eng. M.E.Sutharsan, CEng, MIE(SL), Chief Engineer, NWS&DB Eng. S.Sarankan, CEng, MIE(SL), Senior Engineer, NWS&DB |
| 08 | Challenges in implementing donor funded development projects | Eng.N.Suthakaran, CEng, MIE(SL) Deputy Director of Irrigation, Irrigation Department (NP) |
| 09 | Failures of Engineers in Construction Projects & Remedial Measures | Eng. S.Ruthiralingam, CEng, FIE(SL)] Consultant Engineer |
| 10 | Effect of Climate Change on Water Resources | Eng. D.S.D. Jayasiriwardene, CEng, FIE(SL)] Water Supply Specialist, UNDP |
| 11 | Personality Development for Effective Performance of Engineers | Brigadier Anuruddha Seneviratne USP psc, Brigade Commander, Sri Lanka Army |
| 12 | Labour Law for Engineers | Mrs. Sivaranjini Sivachselvan, SLAS Assistant Commissioner of Labour, |
| 13 | Introduction on Right to Information (RTI) Act | Mrs. Vinothine Balasubramaniam Project Assistant, Transparency International Sri Lanka |

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| 14 | Cultivating an Unshakable Mind for Engineers' Effective Performance | Eng. R.P. Wanigasekara, CEng, MIE(SL) Assistant General Manager (North), NWS&DB |
| 15 | Guidance on Professional Review examination (section - B) | Eng. M.E.Sutharsan, CEng, MIE(SL), Chief Engineer, NWS&DB Eng. S.Sarankan, CEng, MIE(SL), Senior Engineer, NWS&DB |

He pointed out that, Vavuniya District Centre has conducted 15 nos of events during the year 2020, despite the threat of pandemic across the globe. He emphasized the fact that, though the availability of resources persons was limited in the district, Vavuniya district Centre proved that maximum utilization of resources is vital for professional engineers, by conducting 15 Nos of events (Technical Talk, workshops) successfully by utilizing the engineers, lecturers and other officials from the district itself, as the resource persons.

He further stated, it is the responsibility of District Centre to carry out all necessary activities to look after the interests of their members, as such Vavuniya District Centre has done everything utmost for the benefit our engineers, to uphold their knowledge, skills, and to develop their professional carrier.

Finally, Eng.M.E.Sutharsan, thanked the Chief Guest, Guests of Honor, and the Special Guest for contributing their precious time. He acknowledged the tremendous contribution of Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Member of Vavuniya District Centre 2019/20 to run the district Centre in a successful manner.

Afterwards, the Guest of Honor, Mr. S.M.Saman Bandulasena, Government Agent / District Secretary, Vavuniya, congratulated the Vavuniya District Centre of IESL and the contribution of the engineer towards the development of the Vavuniya District by citing recently completed engineering projects. He acknowledged the roles, contributions, commitments and the responsibilities of the Engineers in developing the country and stressed the point of utilizing public funds for the development in a more efficient and effective manner. He further, welcomed all the engineers to jointly work with him for the betterment of the Vavuniya District.

Guest of Honor, Eng. Arjuna Manamperi, CEng, FIE(SL), President-Elect, The Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka in his speech pointed out that he is delighted the class, excellent and remarkable act put together by Vavuniya District Centre of IESL and congratulated Chairman, VDC for an awesome AGM with the fabulous committee with the excellent

delivery record during a tough year and for being an example to the IESL. In addition, he said the Annual Report of VDC is exemplary with the clear format with the interesting feature called "feedback". Further, he emphasized the duty-bound, ethical bound, and oath-bound engineers and importance of the value of engineers to the society and asked to have interactions with people and to work for the betterment of the society.

The Chief Guest, Prof. (Eng.) Ranjith Dissanayake, CEng, FIE(SL), PhD, Secretary, Ministry of Rural Roads and other Infrastructures congratulated VDC for carrying out a lot of activities for the betterment of the engineers. Further, he addressed the gathering and impressed the vital roles of engineers in looking after the society, environment and economy. He further emphasized the importance of sustainability developments by giving special attention to planting two million trees along the roads and invite Vavuniya district Centre as part of it as a CSR environment work.

Then, Eng. A. Pushparajah, CEng, MIE(SL), Chairman, IESL Vadakkin Chapter congratulated VDC for the commitments and for the huge contribution to the IESL through various events within the short period of time which is a historical achievement. He pointed out it's the clear evidence that VDC has closely worked with the people, higher officials. VDC set up a great example for other engineers.

Election of members for the session 2020/2021 was held and the details of elected members as follow;

Table 1: Elected Executive Member of VDC 2020/21

| Name | Position | IESL Membership Number | Contact Number |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Eng.T.Rajagobu | Chairman | M - 5308 | 0773172093 |
| Eng.M.Mayuran | Secretary | AM -14449 | 0779688319 |
| Eng.S.P.S Meegahakumbura | Treasurer | AM - 22196 | 0714254093 |
| Eng.M.E.Sutharsan | Member 1 | M - 6871 | 0777729265 |
| Eng.T.Venuja | Member 2 | AM - 18768 | 0773321993 |
| Eng.S.Sutharsan | Member 3 | AM -12623 | 0777322720 |
| Eng C.Amirthasealan | Member 4 | AM - 8691 | 0771615252 |
| Eng.N.Rupan | Member 5 | AM-7816 | 0773952760 |

After the election of members for the session 2020/2021, the Chairman elect-VDC, Eng.T.Rajagobu addressed the gathering and thanked the outgoing executive

committee for their dedicated, excellent, great contribution to the engineers and told them that the coming year is a challenging year. He promised to continue activities of the outgoing committee and to support the tree planting CSR activity.

Finally, elected secretary, Eng.M.Mayuran thanked all the guests and all members who worked hard for the success of the event. He promised to give his fullest support for the success of chapter activities. The Annual General Meeting adjourned at 8.00 pm.

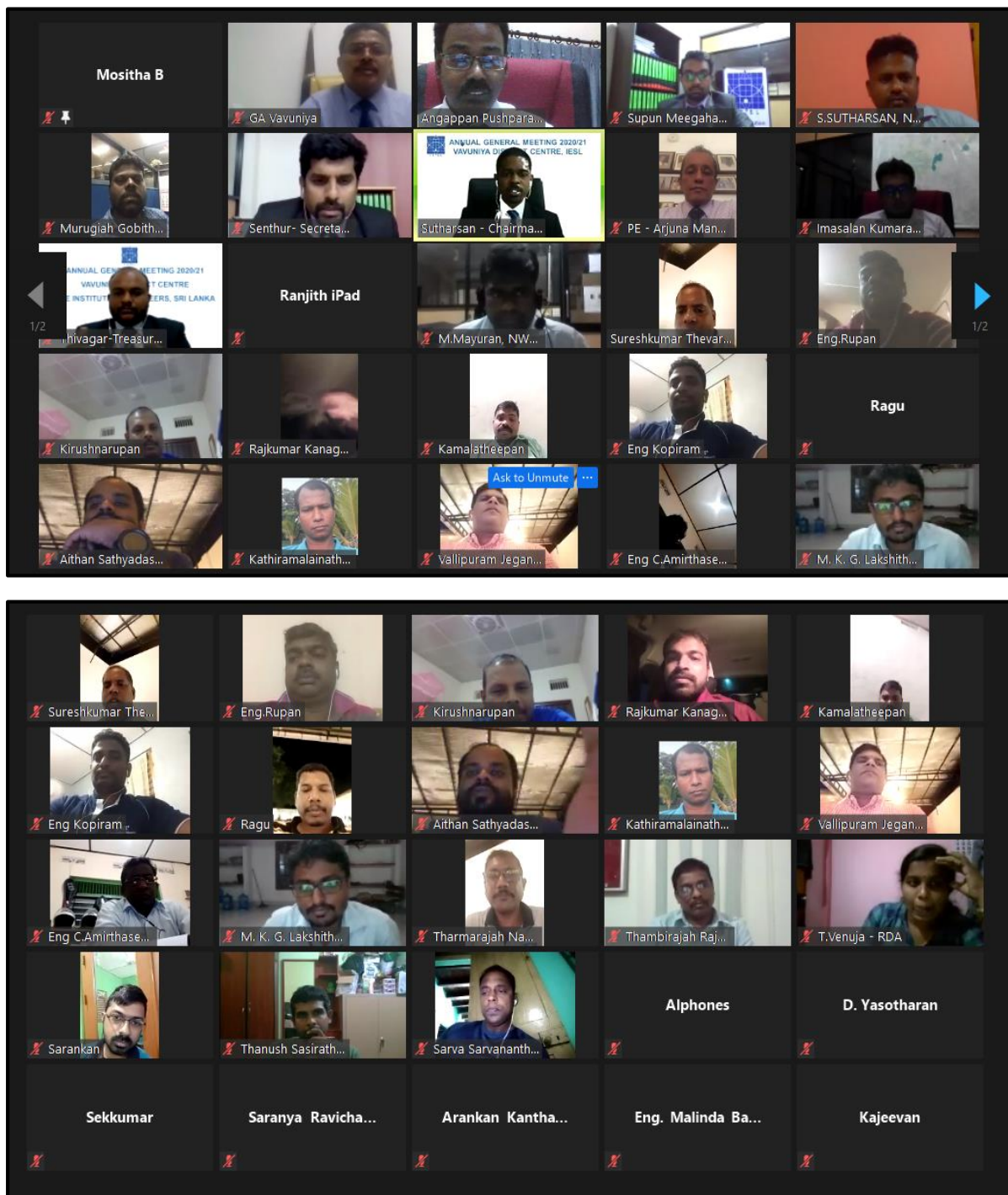


Figure 1: Participated Members via Zoom



Figure 2: Guests and Committee Member of VDC