

IT & Computer Engineering Sectional Committee of the IESL

Meeting Minutes – 8th February 2021

Date of the meeting	08 February 2021	Location	Remote
Start time	8.00 PM	End time	9.15 PM
Next Meeting Date	08 th March 2021	Next Meeting Time	8.00PM – 9.00PM

Attendees	Eng. Lathsara, Eng. Musthalie, Eng. Dr. C.D. Gamage, Eng. Dr. Shantha Fernando, Eng. Dr. Sulochana, Eng. Sharma, Eng. Rusiru, Eng. Samudaya, Eng. Achini, Eng. Gihan
Apologies	

The presented minutes were adopted as correct with amendments.

Proposed by	Eng. Dr. Chandana Gamage
Seconded by	Eng. Dr. Shantha Fernando

Minutes of the meeting:

No	Subcommittee Name	Details
01	IDEA challenge	Subcommittee Chairperson: Eng Achini S. Randeniya. The event has to be postponed due to Covid-19 situation. However, we will continue depend on the Covid-19 cluster situation. Chairman said, with the vaccine introduction, we can do some activity in this year.
02	Robo games	Subcommittee Chairman: Eng. Kamalnath. Dr. Sulochana raised the question on, whether we should conduct the event in virtual environment? Chairman said, most probably this year also we will be conducting in an virtual environment. Dr. Gamage said, he spoke to IESL president Eng. Arjujna Mannaperum and still they are thinking on this perspective.

03	Membership drive	<p>Subcommittee Chairman: Eng. Kushan Sharma</p> <p>Chairman Eng. Lathsara will check with CEO in IESL council meeting to publish the FAQ in IESL website.</p>
04	Provincial Seminars/ Workshops	<p>Subcommittee Chairman – Eng. Rusiru</p> <p>Dr. Chandana said, Eng. Azeez can conduct the session on k8s and containers and he is the top person in WSO2. The tentative date decided as on 10th March around 5.30PM.</p> <p>Dr. Gamage further said, there was many requests to digitize their organization. How to host their application etc. They have challenge in how they really work in an environment.</p> <p>Follow-up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Eng. Dr. Gamage said to conduct another session on security. It is to focus on the small and medium organization including general public. Chairman said, will arrange through TechCert. Should have an appropriate title. Eng. Dr. Shantha said to focus on incident response and forensic analysis. ✓ Chairman said, need to prepare the Data Center session on second part of it from the same resource person. Eng. Musthalie said to prepare the e-flyer.
05	IoT challenge	<p>Subcommittee Chairman – Eng. Lasith</p> <p>Dr. Chandana said, the last year plan was to survive covid-19. This year we should focus on how to leverage the possibilities after Covid life. Use the IoT for new ideas.</p> <p>Follow-up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Chairman said, he spoke to Eng. Jasmin and IESL ready to help to commercialize any product but need discuss with SLT whether they can do it. They are conducting CPD course for Entrepreneurship and can participate for this. From our sectional committee, we can provide technical consultant. He further said, can arrange a session

		on Entrepreneurship and get a resource person form Eng. Jasmin from our sectional committee.
06	Promoting CEng.	<p>Subcommittee Chairman – Eng. Nalinda</p> <p>Following sessions were conducted.</p> <p>Session #07 → 6th October 2020</p> <p>Session #08 → 13th October 2020</p> <p>Session #09 → 19th October 2020</p> <p>Session #10 → 3rd November 2020</p> <p>Eng. Rusiru said, they received an email on clearing the backlog and will get an update but no specific date on it.</p>
07	Consultancy Directory	The consultant directory was published in the IESL website in October 2020.
08	Recognition for Training Organization.	<p>Subcommittee Chairman – Eng. Tilak De Silva</p> <p><u>Follow-up:</u></p> <p>It was unanimously decided to appoint the following representatives for their organization to enable recognized training organization.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mobitel – Eng. Musthalie - IESL conducted the audit and waiting for the results. 2. Hutch – Eng. Achini – In progress and following up. <p>Eng. Tilak De Silva said to have the organization list for IT sector to drill down and get the information of Engineers and promote them to have the Chartered Engineer</p>

09	Miscellaneous	<p>Committee members discussed the FAQ prepared by Eng. Musthalie on how to ensure the Engineering degree is recognized. Eng. Dr. Chandana Gamage said to send this FAQ to IESL education center and get their relevant comment to save the time. Eng. Musthalie said, will share the document with IESL.</p> <p><u>Follow-up:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Eng. Dr. Chandana suggested online education to be improved all over the universities (Conversation were bit not clear due to some issues). IESL mainly focusing on Engineers in different opinion. He further said, wanted us to work on online education. But in rural area's nothing has been done so far. We must do something on this area. Students are trained online. he further said, Computer Department has adapted to this but not the rest of the departments. We should focus on conducting Webinar on how to work with new norm using the technology, including students and trainees. There is an undue focus on students with no focus on teachers. Chairman Eng.Lathsara said, it's a valuable thought and we should do it asap. He further said, Eng. Samudaya can contribute to our country as he is living overseas. We can get good information from him. Eng. Samudaya requested to come up with the conceptual paper. ✓ Eng. Sandagomi highlighted on adapting the technology, specially in IESL. Eng. Dr. Shantha Fernando said, event Chartered Account exams are conducted online but not in IESL. We are lagging in applying the technology. ✓ Eng. Dr. Chandana Gamage said to circulate a questionnaire among Engineers in the IT industry to see what they think needs to be done for post-covid-19 recovery and then prepare a report as it would be very useful. Eng. Musthalie acknowledged and shared the document to IT sectional committee members for their feedback. Chairman Eng. Lathsara advised to complete the FAQ for the recognized training and then follow it.
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Eng. M.S.M. Musthalie

The Secretary,

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