

**PROGRESS OF VAVUNIYA DISTRICT CENTRE OF  
THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, SRI LANKA  
DURING THE YEAR OF 2019/20**

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The District Centres of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL) can be considered as the nerve centres of the Institution in the districts, as the case may be, for the advancement of the engineering profession and the practice of engineering.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018/19**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Vavuniya District Centre (VDC) of the year 2018/2019 was held in Vavuniya at 6.30 pm on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019. AGM was chaired by the Chairman Eng.S.Sarankan, it commenced with lighting oil lamps and followed by a welcome speech.

Eng.S.Sarankan, Chairman, VDC 2018/19 expressed his gratitude to all the engineers who were actively contributed during his period to organize various activities on behalf VDC of IESL, he expressed the importance of district centres of IESL and involvements of Engineers who worked in Vavuniya. Chairman briefed past activities and outcomes of Vavuniya District Centre during the period of 2018/19

Followed by the Chairman's speech, Secretary presented the previous meeting minutes along with the financial report of Vavuniya District Centre for the year of 2018/2019. It was proposed by Eng. A. Pushparajah and seconded by Eng.A. Kajeewan. Then Eng. A. Pushparajah, Chairman, Vadakkin Chapter delivered his speech and he thanked the VDC committee 2018/19 for their dedicated service during the last 12 months.

Chairman invited Eng. A. Pushparajah, Chairman, Vadakkin Chapter to conduct the election proceedings for the nomination of office bearers for the committee for 2019/2020 session. At the onset, Eng.S.Senthur was proposed as Secretary by Eng.K.Kirubakaran and seconded by Eng.V.Sivagumar. Thereafter, Eng.M.E.Sutharsan was proposed as chairman for the year of VDC 2019/20 by Eng.A.Kajeewan and seconded by Eng.M.Mayuran. Treasurer and other committee members were elected as tabulated below;

**Table 01: List of Executive Committee of VDC 2019/20**

<b>Post</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Chairman	Eng. M.E Sutharsan	Eng. A.Kajeevan	Eng. M.Mayuran
Secretary	Eng. S.Senthur	Eng. K.Kirubakaran	Eng. V.Sivagumar
Treasurer	Eng. V. Thivagar	Eng. V.Sivagumar	Eng. A.Kajeevan
Member 1	Eng. K. Imaasalan	Eng. M.Mayuran	Eng. S. Manivannan
Member 2	Eng. P.A.M.M.B.Abeyrathna	Eng. E.M.T.W.O.P. Ekanayake	Eng. Farasan
Member 3	Eng. K. Rajkumar	Eng. E.M.T.W.O.P. Ekanayake	Eng. K. Kajamugathas
Member 4	Eng. C. Vathanakumar	Eng. V.Sivagumar	Eng. K.Kirubakaran
Member 5	Eng.C. Pararuban	Eng. K. Rajkumar	Eng. S Sutharsan

Chairman-elect, Eng. M.E Sutharsan thanked all the members for selecting him as a chairman. And also thanked for the previous committee for their dedicated service and the support is given by all the members. Further, he requested the same support from all members for future activities of VDC.

Followed by the speech of Chairman-elect, Eng. X.V. Goonghe delivered a speech. In his speech, he requested a new committee to arrange more events and open technical discussions in the coming year. Then Chairman-elect thanked Eng. X.V. Goonghe and assured, his request will be fulfilled during 2019/20. Then he invited audience to provide their comments. The audience requested to conduct activities such as toastmaster program, seminars on contract administration, labour law, procurement, and Basic English knowledge development. Finally, Secretary-elect delivered vote of thanks and the AGM was adjourned at 21.30 Hrs, followed with fellowship dinner.



**Figure 01: Executive Committee of VDC 2019/20**

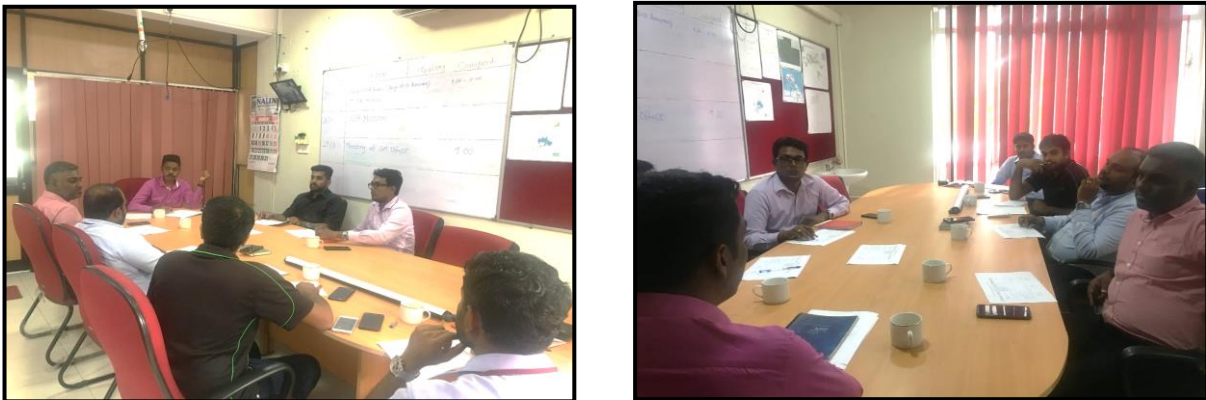


**Figure 02: AGM of VDC 2018/19**

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

“At its first meeting of a Session, the Executive Committee of each District Centre shall prepare a roadmap for effective implementation of its activities identifying the budget for each of the activities listed indicating the projected income and expenditure.” (Source: *Guidelines for Provincial / District Centres, IESL, August 2014*).

Accordingly, the first meeting of the executive committee 2019/20 of Vavuniya District Centre was held on 02<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 and action plan was prepared to ensure the effective implementation of our activities and annual budget for the year of 2020 also prepared.



**Figure 03: Ex-Co Meeting**

## EVENT NUMBER - 01

The first event was conducted on 08<sup>th</sup> January 2020, as a technical talk titled “*Challenges in Dam safety and Runoff Estimation in Relation to Northern, Sri Lanka*” which was conducted by the Eng.N.Suthakaran, CEng, MIE(SL), Deputy Director of Irrigation, Department of Irrigation (NP). There were 30 Nos. of participants attended in the technical talk.



Figure 04: Event #01

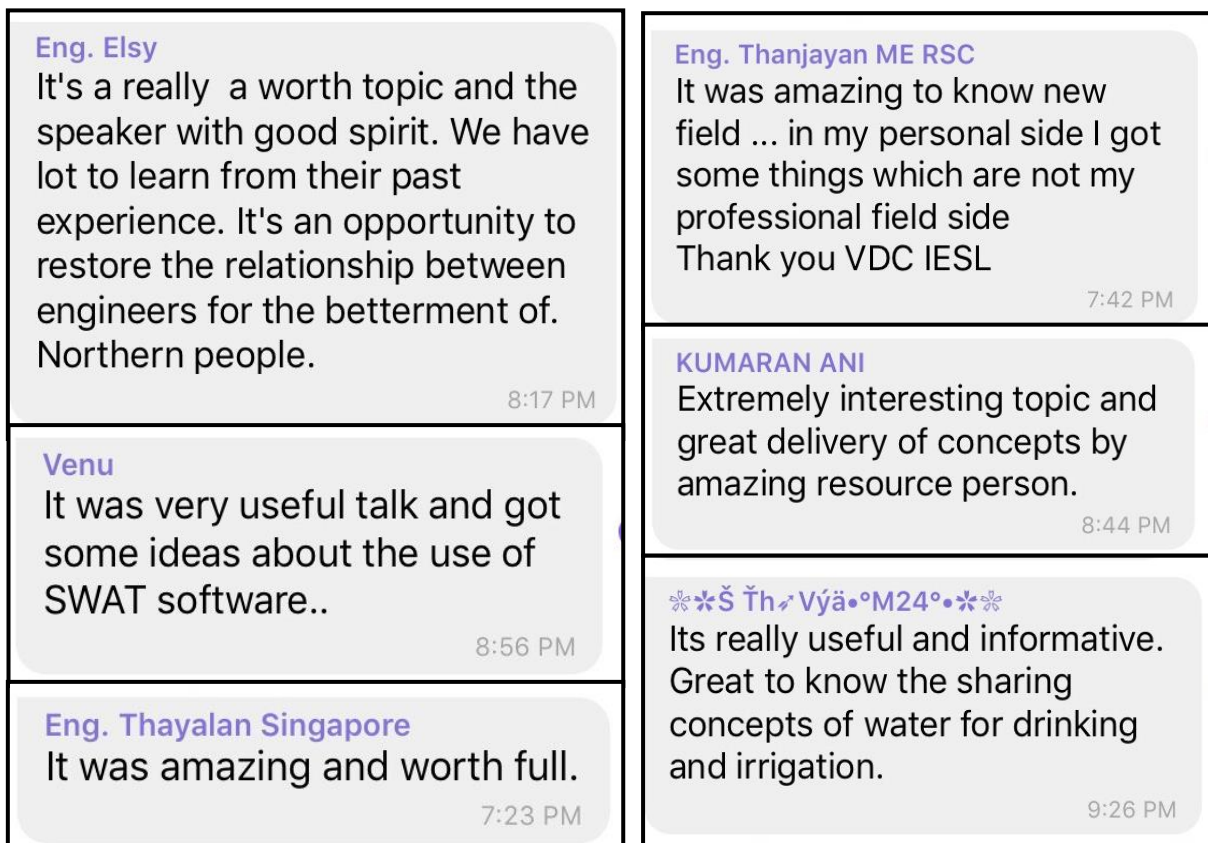


Figure 05: Feedback from participants

## EVENT NUMBER - 02

The next event organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020, as a workshop titled “*English Language Expressions in Professional Report Writing for Engineers*” which was conducted by Dr. G. Jeyaseelan, PhD, Senior Lecturer (Gr. I), Head of English Language Teaching Unit, Faculty of Business Studies, University of Jaffna. There were 32 Nos. of participants attended in the workshop.



Figure 06: Event #02

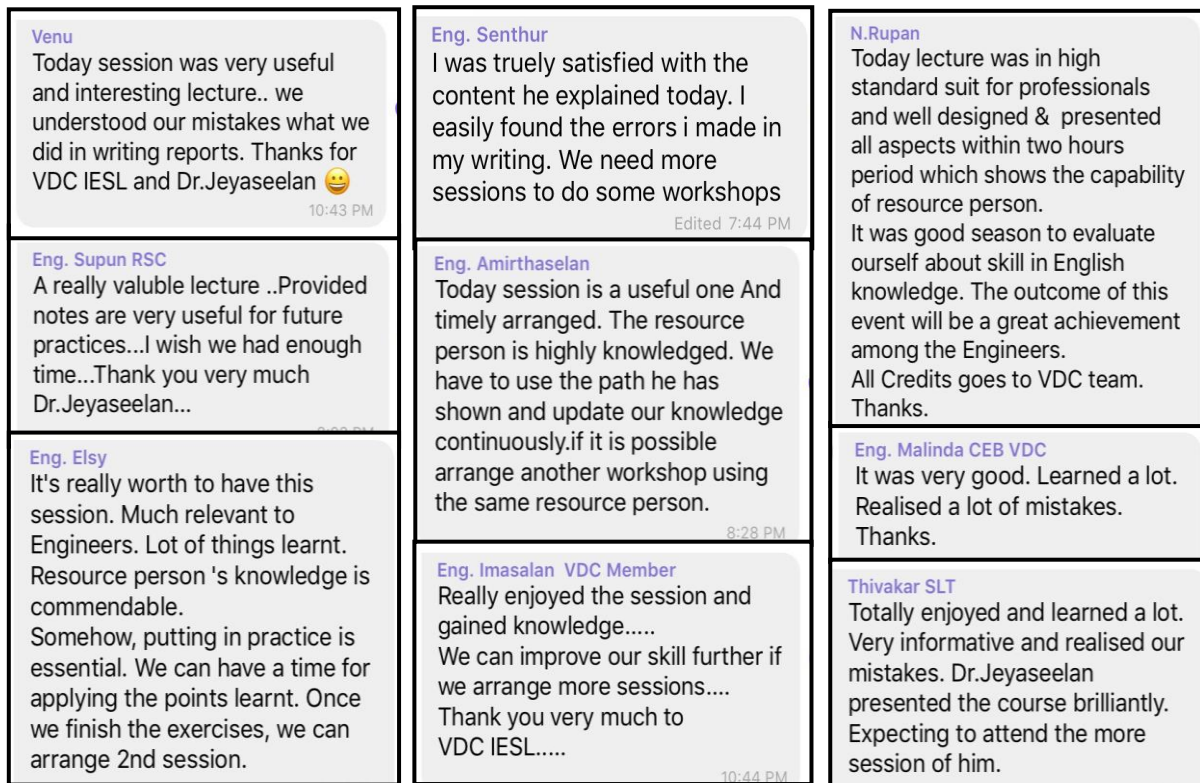


Figure 07: Feedback from participants

## EVENT NUMBER - 03

The third event was conducted on 05<sup>th</sup> February 2020, as a workshop in the title of *“Project Management Applications in Managing Contemporary Issues in Engineering Industry”* which was conducted by Dr. Y.Nanthagopan, PhD (Project Management), Dean-Faculty of Business Studies, University of Jaffna. There were 34 Nos. of participants attended in the workshop.



Figure 08: Event #03

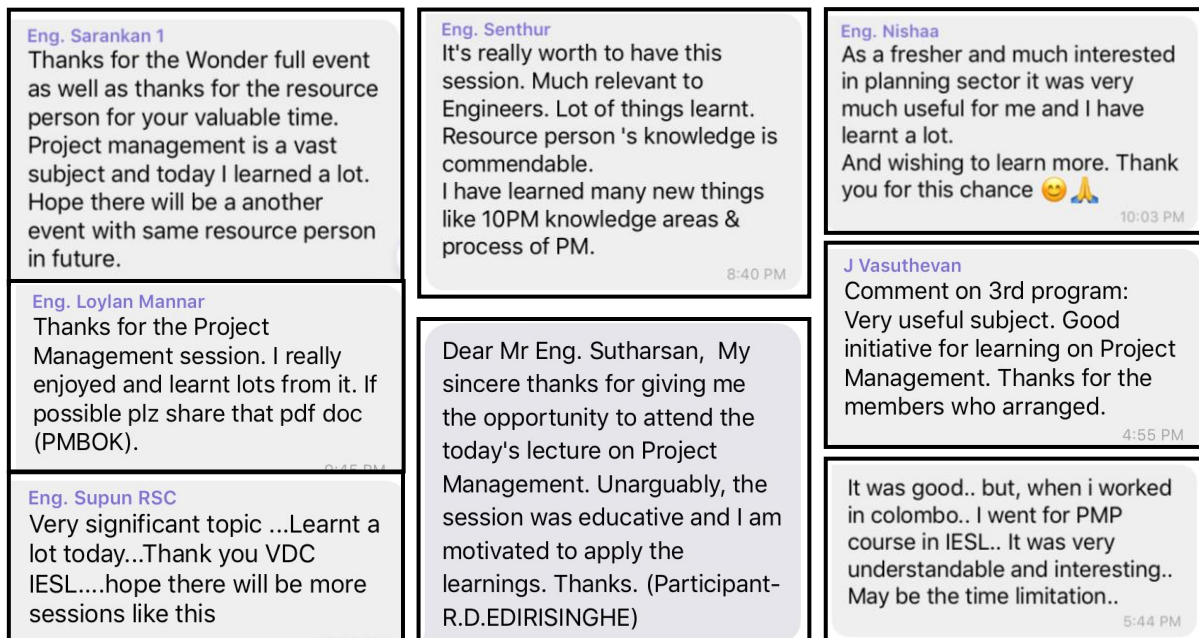


Figure 09: Feedback from participants

## EVENT NUMBER - 04

The next event was organized on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020, as a technical talk in the area of “Renewable Energy for Sustainable Development of Sri Lanka; A Case Study of Mannar Wind Power Project”, which was conducted by Eng. A.M.A. Alwis, CEng, MIE(SL), Chief Engineer, Mannar Wind Power Project, CEB. There were 36 Nos. of participants attended in the technical talk.



Figure 10: Event #04

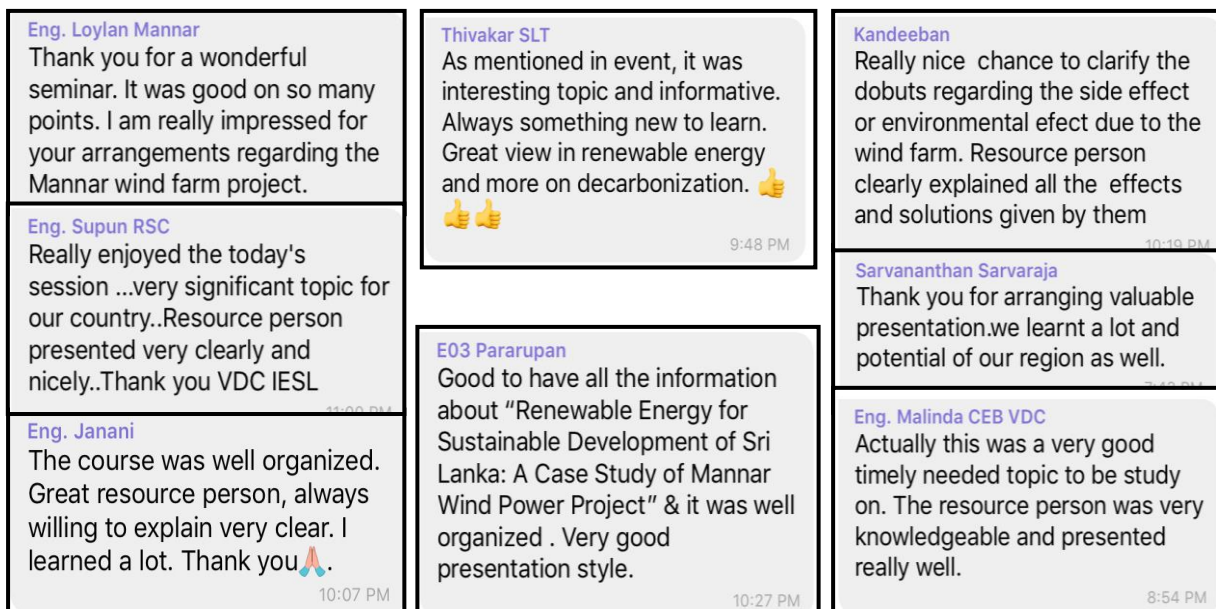


Figure 11: Feedback from participants



## EVENT NUMBER - 05

A workshop was conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020, on the subject of “Contract Administration in Practical Application; Based on SBD-3 Condition of Contract” which was conducted by Eng. X.V.Coonghe, CEng, FIE(SL), Member of the Association of Consulting Engineers, Sri Lanka, Adjudicator registered in IESL, and Quality Management Auditor (QMA) registered in CIDA, Sri Lanka. 58 Nos. of participants attended the workshop.



Figure 12: Event #05

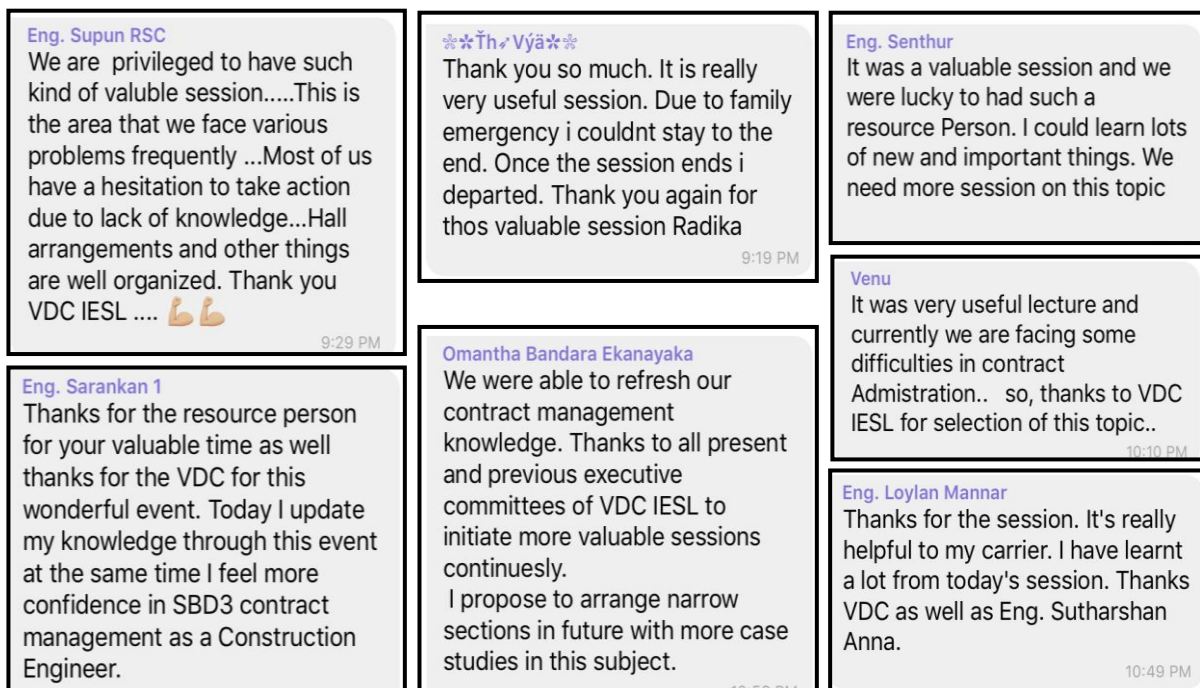


Figure 13: Feedback from participants

**EVENT NUMBER - 06**

A workshop was organized on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020, on the topic of “Managing the Mental Health & Its Effects on Productivity” which was conducted by Dr. S.Suthakaran, MBBS, Senior Medical Officer, Mental Health Unit of District General Hospital, Vavuniya. 35 Nos of participants attended this workshop.



**Figure 14: Event #06**

<p><b>E03 Pararupan</b> Today's session of "Managing the workplace mental health &amp; its effects on productivity" was valuable. Thanks to the resource person &amp; Eng. Sutharsan .</p>	<p><b>Eng. Amirthaselan</b> Every day we feel stress during our commitments and duties. Some times we felt ignored,hurt or lonely. After a period we again in our track with some our actions such as going out, meeting friends, spend time with children or friends and etc. Today I felt that we r doing these things without planning but we need these things to continue our day to day life. Thanks to the resource person for the guidance. Thanks to VCD IESL for their continuous untired efforts.</p>	<p><b>Eng. Senthur</b> As we know, all of us are under certain level of stress, this was very useful training to learn to reduce the stress My sincere thanks to the resource person</p>
<p><b>Eng. Malinda CEB VDC</b> Actually, this was a very needed topic to be discussed. Thank you the committee and the resource person for organising this event.</p>		<p><b>Eng. Sarankan 1</b> Earlier I thought that this event not related to Engineers. But after participated the event only I realized the importance. Thanks for organized such a needed event.</p>
<p><b>Sarvananthan Sarvaraja</b> Very nice presentation... It is useful as well as necessary Resource person delivered with good examples and experience Thanks VDC</p>		

**Figure 15: Feedback from participants**

## EVENT NUMBER - 07

The next event was organized on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020, as a workshop on “Guidance on Professional Review Examination (Section - B)” for the March 2020 session, which was jointly conducted by Eng. M.E.Sutharsan, CEng, MIE(SL), Chief Engineer, NWS&DB and Eng.S.Sarankan, CEng, MIE(SL) Senior Engineer, NWS&DB. There were 17 engineers participated this workshop.

Event invitation: IESL/VDC/2019-2020/07

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, SRI LANKA  
VAVUNIYA DISTRICT CENTRE

Vavuniya District Centre of IESL invites you for the workshop on

**“GUIDANCE ON PROFESSIONAL REVIEW EXAMINATION (SECTION - B)”**

**synopsis**

The aim of the written examination (Paper - B) is to ensure that the candidate for Corporate Membership of the IESL has made a close study of the Ethics and Code of Conduct governing Chartered Engineers, responsibilities shouldered by professional engineers as members of the society. He/she is sensitive to issues taking place in other areas of the society such as political, social, economical, and environmental, and also issues taking place globally. The examination also checks whether he/she is adequately conversant with the technological, and managerial aspects of his/her profession.

By: Panel of Chartered Engineers

*All interested are welcome...*

RSVP : Eng. M.E.Sutharsan (Chairman) ☎ 077 7729265  
Eng. S.Senthur (Secretary) ☎ 077 3090817

March 13, 2020 @ 1.00pm  
NWSDB, Vavuniya

**Workshop Content**

- ☐ Introduction to B Paper
- ☐ Code of Ethics
- ☐ Who is an Engineer - What is our Role in Society
- ☐ Let us make sense when we talk and write
- ☐ Q&A



Figure 16: Event #07

<p><b>E03 Pararupan</b> “Guidance on professional Review Examination (Section-B)” was very useful. Thank you very much for your valuable Kuppi Eng. Sutharsan &amp; Eng. Sarangan. 7:34 PM</p>	<p><b>NiroRex</b> Thanks for the session. It's really helpful to my carrier. I have learnt a lot from today's session. Thanks, VDC as well as Eng. Sutharshan And Eng.Sarangan</p>
<p>Today s session was very useful and made more clear frame about B paper exam to those who r going to sit for the exam coming Sunday. @Edward Sutharsan and @Eng. Sarankan 1 u guys did ur best today. Hope all the participants are satisfied. Expecting your feedbacks.. Wishing u all the best and good luck for the exam in advance Thanks Edited 6:35 PM</p>	<p><b>Eng. Janani</b> Today session is necessary and useful for me. Thank you so much Eng.Sutharsan &amp; Eng.Sarankan for your best and blast lecture. Both of You are used clear and interesting examples to teach your material and You have made this module the most interesting and the best module. Edited 8:34 PM</p>

Figure 17: Feedback from participants

Since the entire country was under lockdown due to pandemic, Vavuniya District Centre halted conducting all the events by respecting the government regulations in curtailing Covid19 pandemic.

## EVENT NUMBER - 08

The next event was conducted on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020, as a technical talk on the subject of “Overcoming the Challenges in Implementing Donor Funded Development Projects: Lesson Learnt & Sharing Experiences” soon after the relaxation of regulations to conduct meetings/events in the country. This talk was delivered by Eng. N.Suthakaran, CEng, MIE(SL), Deputy Director of Irrigation, Department of Irrigation (NP). There were 27 participants attended to this technical talk



Figure 18: Event #08

<p><b>E03 Pararupan</b> Challenges in implementing Donor Funded Development Projects: Lesson learnt &amp; Sharing Experiences was most valuable for our future projects. Thank you very much for your valuable presentation done by DDI Eng.N.Suthakaran Sir &amp; Chairman Eng. Sutharsan.</p> <p>Edited 6:59 PM</p>	<p><b>Eng. Janani</b> Today session was really worthy. I gained so much of things. Thank you so much to Resource person for giving your valuable time and thank you for organizing committee to arrange the event very well 😊.</p> <p>Edited 9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Eng. Sutharsan E02</b> Sharing of experiences are most valuable for handle the project. Thank you very much to Eng. N. Suthakaran for your presentation of sharing your experience with us.</p> <p>9:07 PM</p> <p><b>Eng. Supun RSC</b> Very informative and interesting session ...The knowledge gained today is very useful for project implementation ..Thank you VDC IESL</p> <p>8:11 PM</p>
<p><b>Eng. Amirthaselan</b> Normally we all r studying procurement,contract administration and other related theories. But from project initiation upto closure we r not in clear position regarding activities involved locally and internationally. Today session was have a clear picture on the same and the resource person very much knowledgeable and suitable for discuss on the same. Thank you sir.</p> <p>10:13 PM</p>	<p>Thank you sir,the Resource Person for your shared experience and dedication to young engineers, and the Chairman of VDC,iesl and other committee members for arranging such a vital technical talk. From today season I would say one thing that implementation of a project will be successful if all involved in the project are aware with the rest of the processes of the project cycle.</p> <p>11:14 PM</p>	<p><b>Venu</b> This was an useful lecture to us who are working in foreign funded projects.. Thanks a lot to Eng. Suthakaran Sir and VDC IESL.. 😊</p> <p>9:13 PM</p> <p><b>Eng. Senthur</b> Today session was very useful and gained more things based on resource person s experience Thank you @Eng. DDI Kilinochchi Sir for your valuable time and shared experiences with us</p> <p>Edited 9:43 PM</p>

Figure 19: Feedback from participants

## EVENT NUMBER - 09

A technical talk was conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020, in the area of “Failures of Engineers in construction Projects and Remedial Measures” which was conducted by Eng. S.Ruthiralingam, CEng, FIE(SL), who is an adjudicator registered in the IESL. There were 35 participants attended to this session.



Figure 20: Event #09

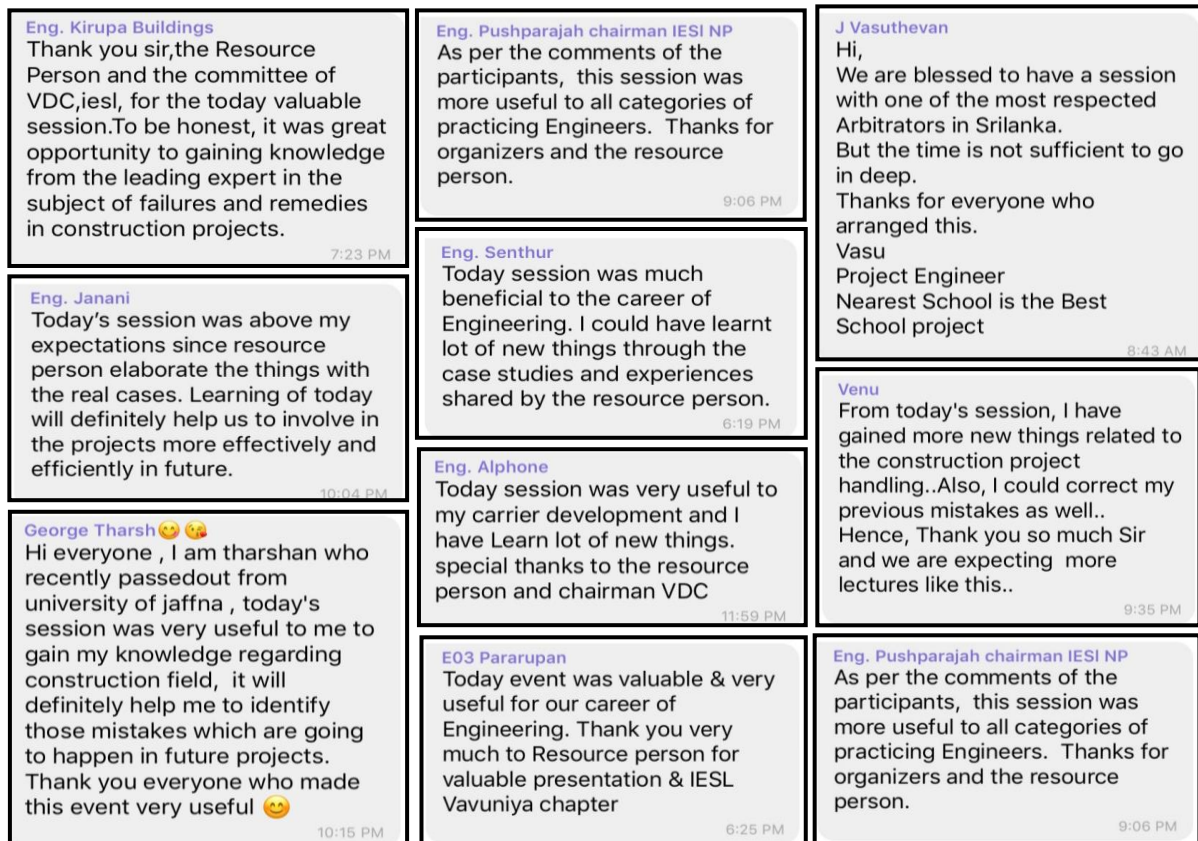


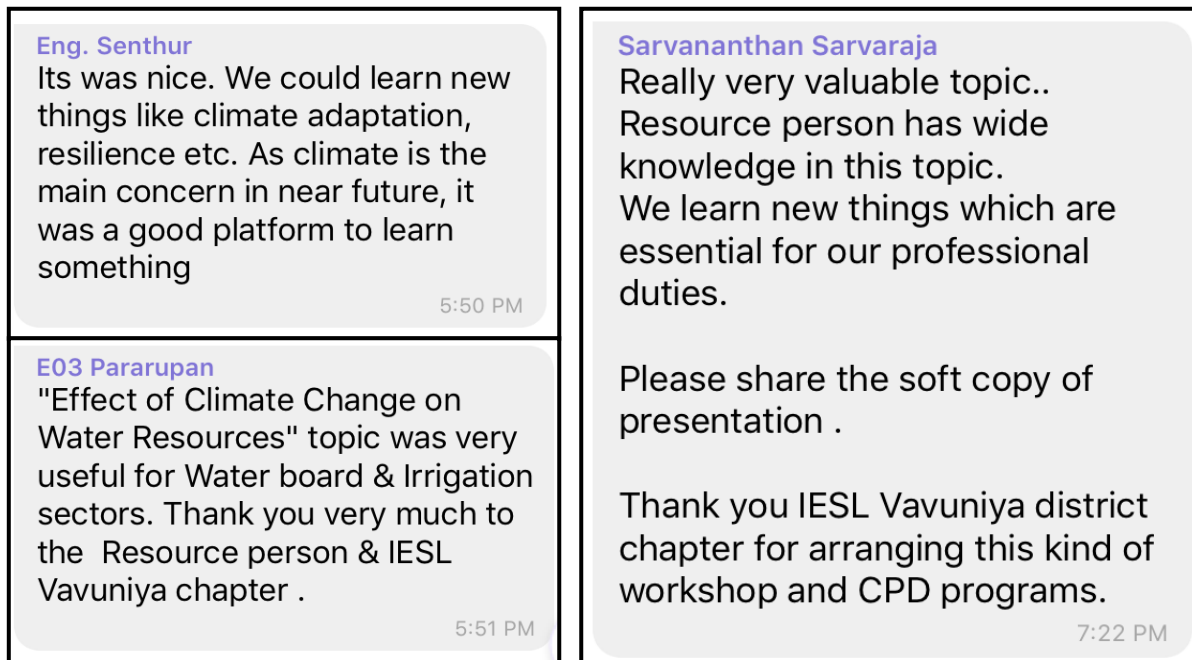
Figure 21: Feedback from participants

**EVENT NUMBER - 10**

The tenth event was conducted on 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, on the subject of “*Effect of Climate Change on Water Resources*” by Eng.D.S.D. Jayasiriwardene, CEng, FIE(SL), Water Supply Specialist, UNDP. There were 31 Nos of participants attended to this technical talk.



**Figure 22: Event #10**



**Figure 23: Feedback from participants**

## EVENT NUMBER - 11

A workshop was conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020, on the topic of “*Personality Development for Effective Performance of Engineers*” which was conducted by Brigadier Anuruddha Seneviratne, USP psc, Brigade Commander, Sri Lanka Army. There were 28 Nos of participants attended in this workshop.



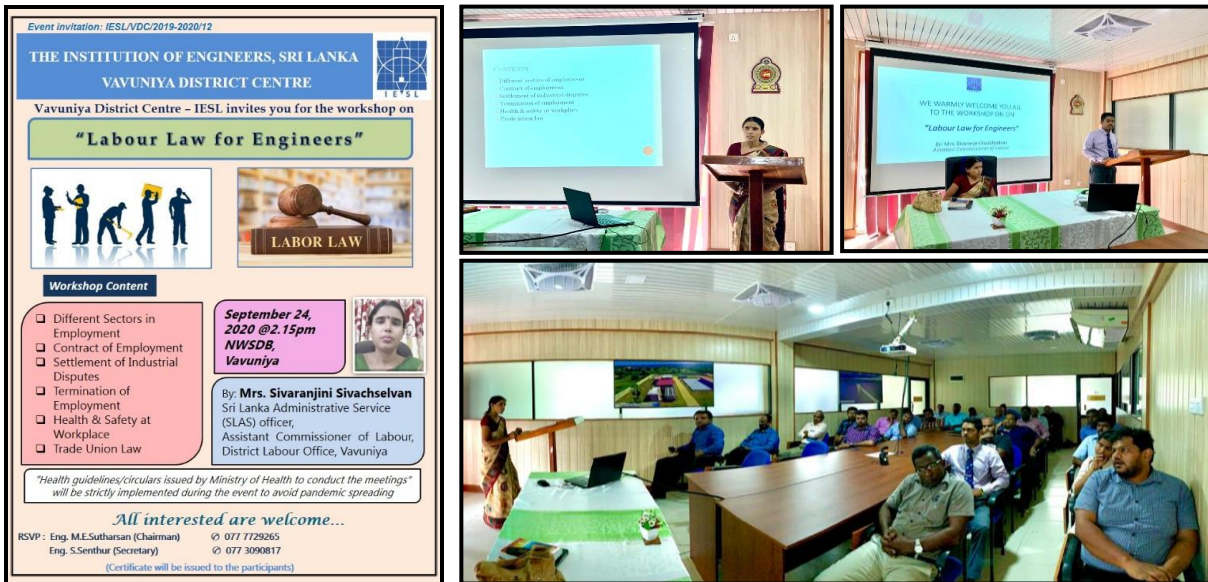
Figure 24: Event #11

<p><b>Thusman Krish</b> Was a great time sharing of "Personality development for effective performance of Engineers" Talk Delivered by Brigadier A Senaviratne. It was a great presentation with relevant experience sharing . Thank you All &amp; IESL Vavuniya chapter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7:39 PM</p>	<p><b>Thivakar SLT</b> Actually it was a great workshop/talk on leadership, Motivation and Time management. As we are leaders for different organisations, this topic was highly aligned with our routines. Hope this is one of the best workshop out of 11 CPD/Events. His way of talking and examples were inspiring to concentrate the talk. We are looking forward to have these kind of workshops which common to all Engineers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8:48 PM</p>	<p><b>E03 Pararupan</b> "Personality development for effective performance of Engineers" was clear presentation &amp; Valuable for our day to day life done by Brigadier Anuruddha Seneviratne . Thank you very much Sir &amp; IESL Vavuniya chapter</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8:24 PM</p>
<p><b>Eng. Supun RSC</b> Very effective for engineering profession...Knowledge gain today is very important in day to day practice..Thank you VDC IESL for introducing such a talented resource person</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8:51 PM</p>	<p>Great topic, best ever lectures so far We all were very keen to listen the talk up to end</p>	<p><b>Eng. Sutharsan E02</b> It was a great opportunity to listen his lecture. We got knowledge in leadership technics. His way of presentation and examples are very nice and easy to understand. Thanks to lecturer and IESL Vavuniya chapter to organized this event.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9:23 PM</p>
<p><b>Sarvananthan Sarvaraja</b> Excellent event on today We learn a lot of thing with 2 hours Resource person explained everything in the understanding way.  Excellent art of teaching Excellent way of talking Excellent method of sharing knowledge.  Thank for VDC for arranging this kind of event</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7:39 PM</p>	<p><b>Eng. Amirhaselan</b> Fine presentation by a suitable <a href="#">person.it</a> was. Very useful one and delivered through an attractive manner. Thanks to the resource person and VCD IESL. Also I wish to express my sincere thanks to VDC IESL For your marvellous contribution towards engineer career development.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9:53 PM</p>	<p><b>Eng. DDI Kilinochchi</b> We are very much pleased to get knowledge on the relevant topic for the professional s like us from well experienced and eminent resource person Brigadier Anuradha. He is deserved to deliver with real life experiences . Hats off to IESL VDC. and President for your tireless effort for the betterment of the Engineers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6:58 PM</p>

Figure 25: Feedback from participants

**EVENT NUMBER - 12**

The next event was conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020, as a workshop in the title of “Labour Law for Engineers” which was delivered by Mrs. S.Sivaranjini, Sri Lanka Administrative Service (SLAS) officer, who is an Assistant Commissioner of Labour. There were 30 Nos of participants attended the workshop.



**Figure 26: Event #12**

<p><b>Eng. Goonghe I Road</b> Although we Engineers generally not giving needed consideration for labour law, it's one important area professional should learn to mitigate unjust decisions. I appreciate the resource person for covering many areas within short period which are worthy to know. Thanks for the IESL &amp; resource person.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5:20 PM</p>	<p><b>Eng. Senthur</b> ↳ Edward Sutharsan Dear All,...</p> <p>As we r lack in law related things, it was a good session to gain some knowledge related to law.</p>	<p><b>Eng. Amirthaselan</b> Dear chairman,</p> <p>It is a worth presentation by resource person. It seems to be non related but actual things is vice versa. We have to follow some rules or law which are related to us. If we able to assist some body , it's remarkable. Thanks for the resource person for clarifying and sharing her experience with us.</p> <p>IF THERE IS A WILL ALSO THERE IS A WAY.</p> <p>THANKS SUTHARSAN AND YOUR TEAM FOR YOUR TIRELESS EFFORT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7:25 PM</p>
<p><b>E03 Pararupan</b> "Labour Law For Engineers" Presentation was very useful for our work sites &amp; our office Security ,cleaning services also . Thank you Madam &amp; IESL Vavuniya chapter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8:05 PM</p>	<p><b>Thivakar SLT</b> It was a good session on labour law. Since we are executive on different organisations, we should have knowledge on labour law. Thanks for the resource person for her sharing.</p>	
	<p><b>Eng. Venuja</b> Today's presentation regarding labour law was very useful and needful event. Thanks for resource person and IESL VDC.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8:51 PM</p>	

**Figure 27: Feedback from participants**



## EVENT NUMBER – 13

The next event was conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020, as a workshop on the topic of “Introduction on Right to Information (RTI) Act” which was conducted by Mrs. B.Vinothine, from Transparency International Sri Lanka. There were 20 Nos of participants attended the workshop.



Figure 28: Event #13

<p><b>Eng. Janani</b></p> <p>Event No 14: this session is very much informative and resource person explained the theory behind mindfulness with examples, which enable us start doing meditation from wherever we are (while traveling , working, relaxing. No additional time required for meditation)</p>	<p><b>Thusman Krish</b></p> <p>Thank you Vavuniya chapter for the consecutive CPD programs on this Evening.</p> <p>Regarding RTI Act,</p> <p>Appreciation for Confident level of the resource person and her ability to present the subject in such an interesting way. We hope that IESL Vavuniya chapter will arrange one more workshop on RTI with work related issues.</p>	<p><b>Eng. Mayuran Const</b></p> <p>Today events were very important and useful fo Engineers. Both resource persons were presented simply with their experiences. Thanks for IESL Vavuniya District Chepter to arrange these kind of events</p>
<p><b>Eng. Senthur</b></p> <p>↳ Edward Sutharsan Dear All,...</p> <p>Both events were very useful for Engineers. Both sessions were very attractive and informative. Thanks to both resources persons</p> <p>8:18 PM</p>	<p><b>GT</b></p> <p>Both events are very very informative sessions. These types of events are full filled the professional. Thanks for IESL VDC president &amp; team.</p> <p>9:40 PM</p>	<p>Regarding 14th CPD (Cultivating an Unshakable Mind for Engineers' Effective Performance"),</p> <p>Thanks for an excellent presentation. It was very interesting to hear his experience in meditation. Also good experience on that small exercises.</p> <p>Once again Thank you All &amp; IESL Vavuniya chapter</p> <p>9:10 PM</p>

Figure 29: Feedback from participants

**EVENT NUMBER - 14**

A workshop was conducted on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020, on the topic of “Cultivating an Unshakable Mind for Engineers’ Effective Performance” which was conducted by Eng.R.P. Wanigasekara, CEng, MIE(SL), Assistant General Manager in NWS&DB. 21 Nos of participants attended the workshop.



**Figure 30: Event #14**

<p><b>Thusman Krish</b> Thank you Vavuniya chapter for the consecutive CPD programs on this Evening.</p> <p>Regarding RTI Act,</p> <p>Appreciation for Confident level of the resource person and her ability to present the subject in such an interesting way. We hope that IESL Vavuniya chapter will arrange one more workshop on RTI with work related issues.</p>	<p><b>Eng. Janani</b> Event No 14: this session is very much informative and resource person explained the theory behind mindfulness with examples, which enable us start doing meditation from wherever we are (while traveling , working, relaxing. No additional time required for meditation)</p>	<p><b>Eng. Mayuran Const</b> Today events were very important and useful fo Engineers. Both resource persons were presented simply with their experiences. Thanks for IESL Vavuniya District Chepter to arrange these kind of events</p>
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**Figure 31: Feedback from participants**

## EVENT NUMBER - 15

A workshop was organized on 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2020, on “Guidance on Professional Review Examination (Section - B)” through zoom platform for the October 2020 session, which was jointly conducted by Eng. M.E.Sutharsan, CEng, MIE(SL), Chief Engineer, NWS&DB and Eng.S.Sarankan, CEng, MIE(SL), Senior Engineer, NWS&DB. 20 Nos of engineers participated the workshop.

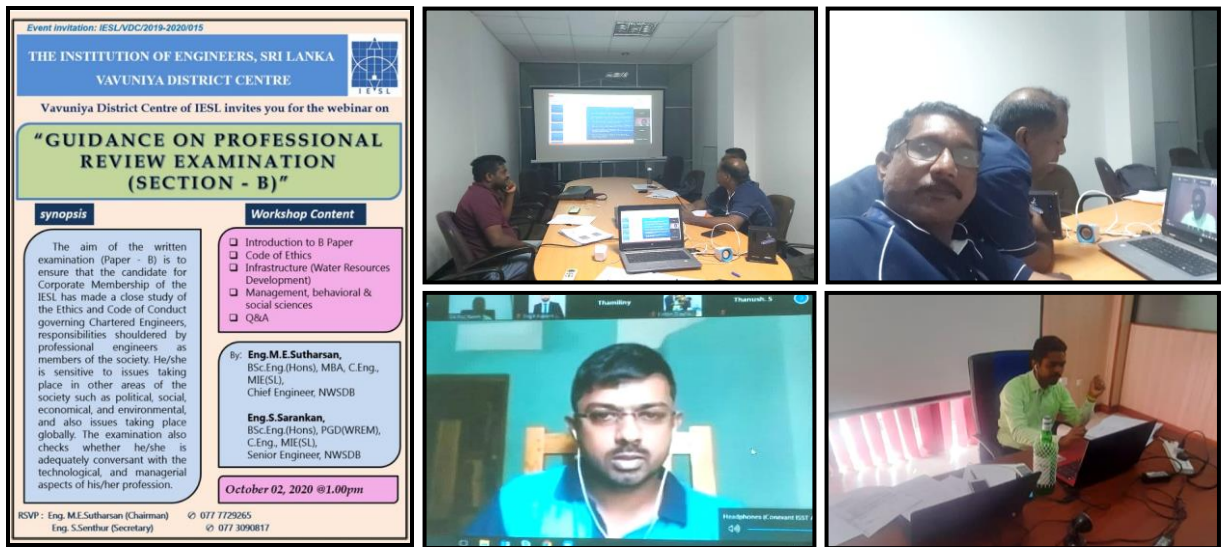


Figure 32: Event #15

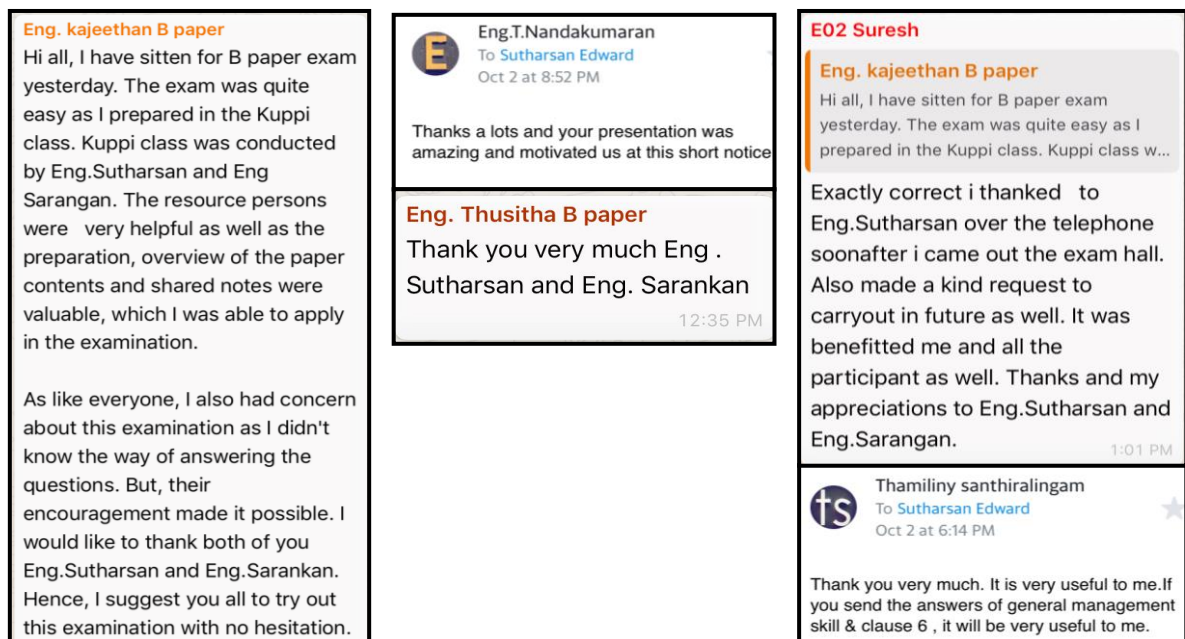


Figure 33: Feedback from participants

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019/20

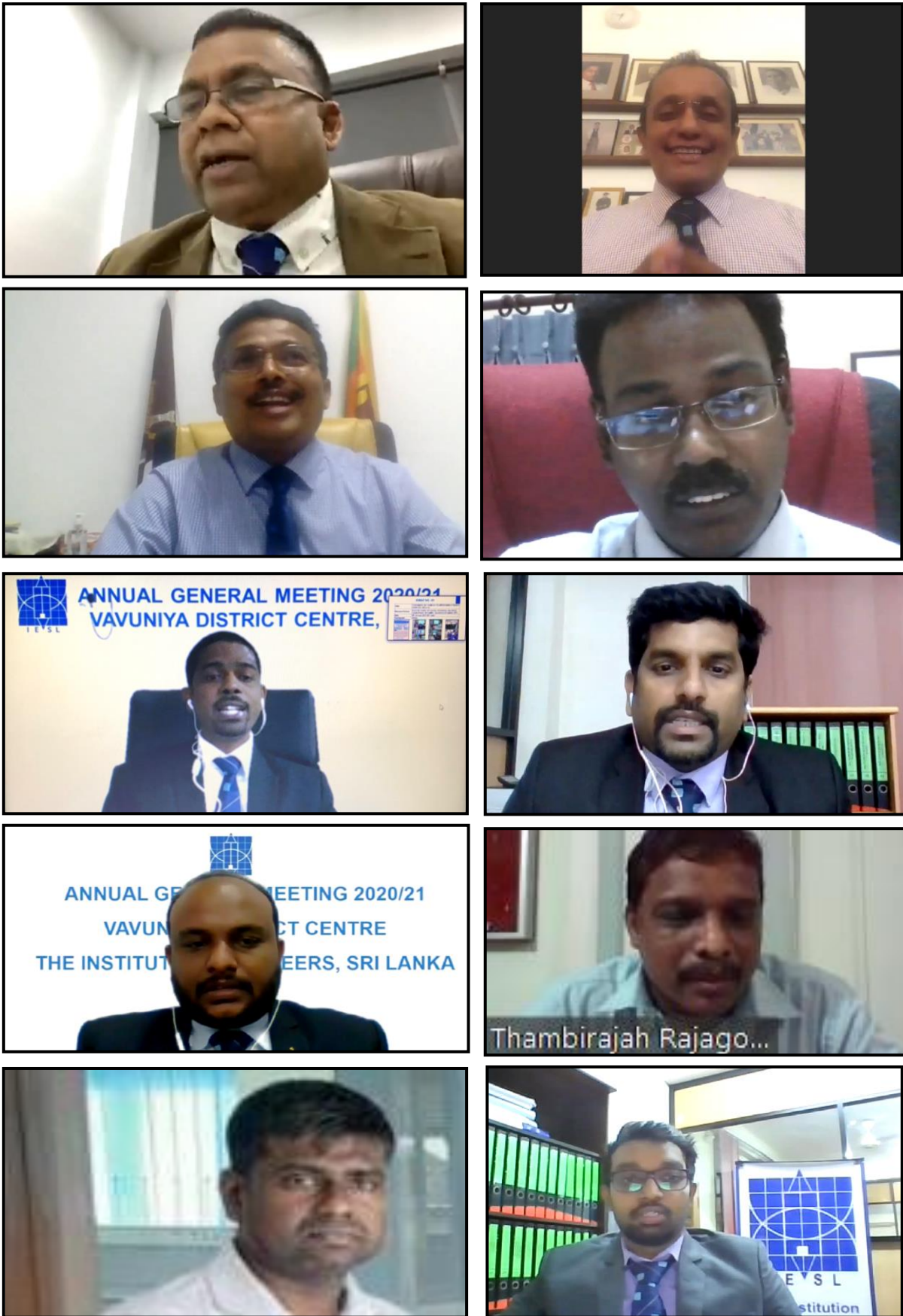
Finally, the annual general meeting of VDC for the year of 2019/20 was conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021, which was chaired by Eng.M.E.Sutharsan, Chairman VDC 2019/20.

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, Eng. Arjuna Manamperi, CEng, FIE(SL), President-Elect, The Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka, and Special Guest, Eng. A. Pushparajah, Chairman – Vadakkin Chapter graced the occasion.

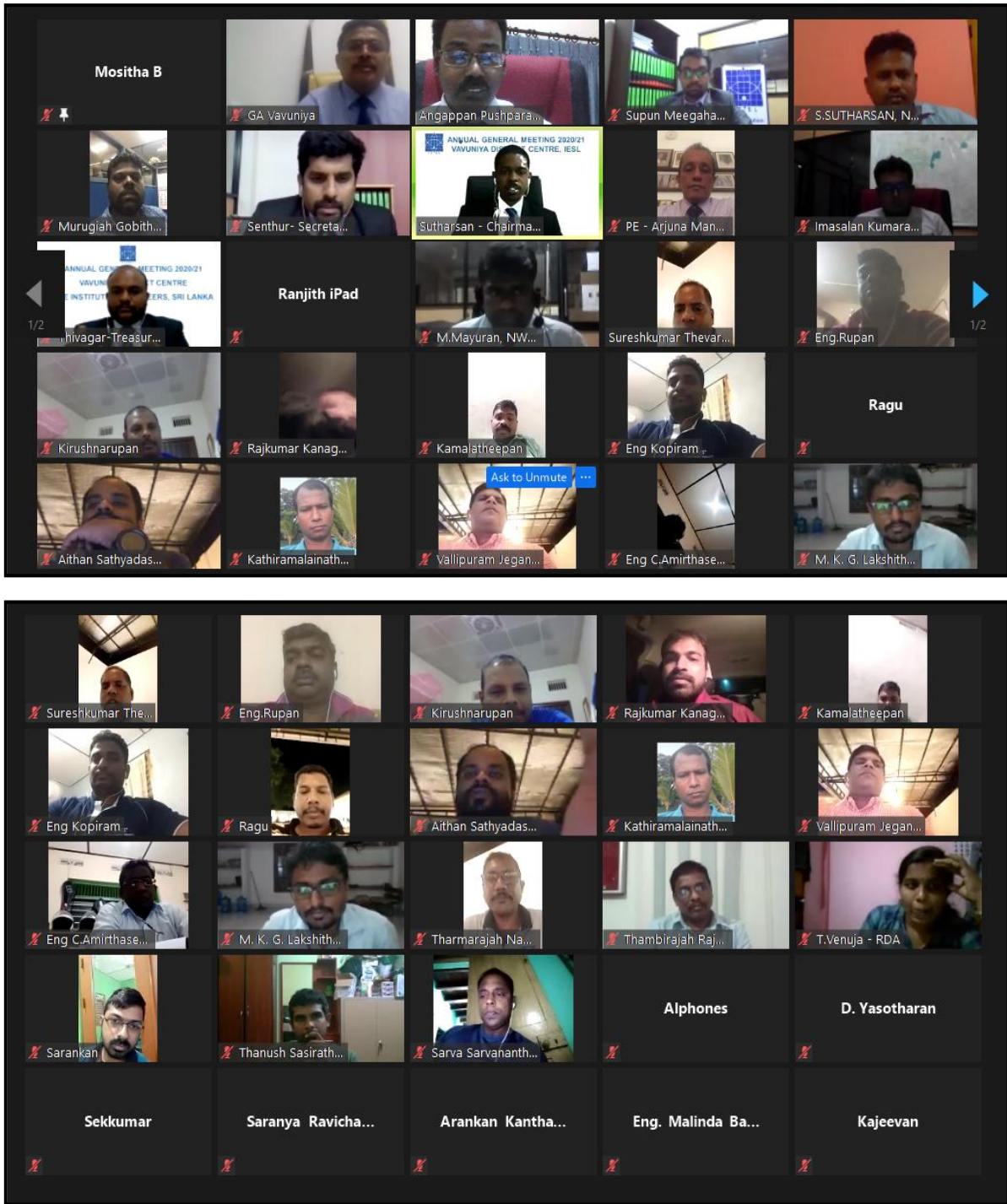
TOPIC	PRESENTER	TIME
1. Welcome speech	Eng.V.Thivagar, Treasurer - VDC	18:00 – 18:05
2. Review of Previous Minutes	Eng.S.Senthur, Secretary - VDC	18:05 – 18:10
3. Progress of VDC 2019/20	Eng.M.E.Sutharsan, Chairman - VDC	18:10 – 18:30
4. Guest of Honor Speech	Mr. S.M.Saman Bandulasena, Government Agent / District Secretary, Vavuniya	18:30 – 18:35
5. Guest of Honor Speech	Eng. Arjuna Manamperi, CEng, FIE(SL) President Elect, The Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka	18:35 – 18:45
6. Chief Guest Speech	Prof. (Eng.) Ranjith Dissanayake, CEng, FIE(SL), PhD Secretary, Ministry of Rural Roads and other Infrastructures	18:45 – 18:55
7. Special Speech	Eng. A. Pushparajah, CEng, MIE(SL), Chairman, IESL Vadakkin Chapter	18:55 – 19:00
8. Election of New Committee		19:00 – 19:15
9. Concluding Speech	Chair Elect – VDC 2020/21	19:15 – 19:25
10. Vote of Thanks & Adjournment	Secretary Elect – VDC 2020/21	19:25 – 19:30

*"Scientists study the world as it is, Engineers create the world that never has been."*  
—Theodore von Kármán

Figure 34: Flyer & Agenda for AGM 2019/20 – VDC




**Figure 35: Guests and Committee Member of VDC**



**Figure 36: Participated Members via Zoom**

As the summary, Ex-co 2019/20 - VDC has assumed the office in mid of December 2019 and started the activities in early January 2020. However, we were unable to conduct the events from mid of March 2020 due to country's lockdown caused by COVID-19 pandemic. However, we could resume conducting events in late July 2020. Unfortunately, yet again, all the scheduled events were halted from early October 2020 due to the prevailing pandemic situation across the globe.

Having said that, it is the vital responsibility of the District Centre to carry out all necessary activities to look after the interests of their members of all disciplines, as such VDC has done everything to the higher standard to benefit engineers, to uphold their knowledge and skills, and to develop their professional carrier at the maximum level with the excellent delivery record in conducting 15 Nos of events during a tough year, and was endorsed by the President-Elect of IESL, Eng. Arjuna Manamperi, CEng, FIE(SL). In addition, all the participants were awarded certificates and resources persons were honoured with souvenirs and certificates by Vavuniya District Centre.



**Arjuna Manamperi, CEng, FIE (SL)**  
Well done Chairman Vadakkin Chapter for quick updates and mentoring all three DCs - Vavuniya, Mannar and Kilinochchi- in equal measures. Great AGMs at Manar and Kilinochchi under able leaderships of 2019/20 DC Chairmen. Congrats to 2020/21 Chairmen and Committees

I congratulate 2019/20 Chairman DC Vavuniya for an awesome AGM with your fabulous committee with excellent delivery record during a tough year. Your annual report is exemplary with a clear format and an interesting feature called feedback! Also a diverse set of CPD matter.

Congratulations to the 2020/21 Committee and Chairman of Vavuniya DC of Vadakkin Chapter 🍷

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**Figure 37: Endorsement of President-Elect, IESL**

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

First and foremost, it's my great pleasure to acknowledge the service rendered by all resource persons to conduct the technical talks, workshops and other events from various disciplines. I would also like to express my appreciation for all of their inspiring presentations. Their years of experience, depth of understanding of knowledge area, and ability to present the subject in such an interesting way produced one of the most memorable years in the history of Vavuniya District Centre of IESL.

Secondly, I sincerely appreciate Eng.S.Sentur (Secretary), Eng.V.Thivagar (Treasurer), and executive committee members of VDC 2019/20 for all of their marvellous teamwork, which enabled VDC to succeed in all the activities. It's all possible only with energetic, positive mind, and hardworking engineers like them. Further, I would also appreciate Chairman and executive committee of the Vadakkin chapter and the IESL headquarters for their continuous supports rendered to VDC during the year of 2019/20.

Last not least, I would dedicate my sincere thanks to all the engineers, specially the enthusiastic members of Vavuniya District Centre for their tireless involvements with VDC activities and for their feedbacks which enabled us to streamline the entire process in order to achieve success and to meet our goals in the year 2019/20.