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His Excellency Tanvir Ahmed

The High Commissioner

High Commission of Pakistan in Sri Lanka

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Your Excellency,

Unfortunate incident that led to the death of Mr Priyantha Kumara Diyawadana, the Sri Lankan Engineer working in Pakistan

The members of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL) are deeply shocked and disturbed by the unfortunate incident that took place at the factory that led to the death of its long serving General Manager of Sri Lankan origin, Mr. Priyantha Kumara Diyawadana. He is a graduate of University of Peradeniya, one of the prominent universities in Sri Lanka. He had been serving in a textile factory in Pakistan for a long period before his unfortunate death under tragic circumstances.

We are fully aware that this incident is of one off type and is not of any hatred towards Sri Lankans working in Pakistan. Nevertheless, this unfortunate incident can have a wide range of repercussions to the engineering community who are expected to be mobile and hence employed in the global scenario than their own countries to lead the world to a new era of prosperity and wealth.

While commending the prompt initiatives taken by His Excellency the Prime Minister Imran Khan lead Pakistan Government to ensure justice to the victims, we earnestly request the fullest cooperation of your Government to ensure the satisfactory and early completion of the formalities and procedures in meting out proper justice.


Since Mr Priyantha Diyawadana died under tragic circumstances while serving in in your country, we urge that the company of his employment will arrange a substantial compensation so that his wife and two children will be able to lead a reasonable life in the absence of the breadwinner of the family.

We also urge the Government of Pakistan to ensure the safety of other fellow Sri Lankan engineers employed in Pakistan as we believe that their lives also could be in danger if this trend continues. We hope that the government of Pakistan will appreciate the services rendered by the very intelligent and well trained Sri Lankan engineers serving Pakistan.

Sri Lanka and Pakistan are ardent friends since known history and this friendship has been further strengthened with our professional links maintained with the Institution of Engineers Pakistan under the umbrella of Federation of Engineering Institutions of South and Central Asia (FEISCA) and we strongly believe that this unfortunate incident should not create any kind of hindrance to our future interactions.

Yours faithfully,

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, SRI LANKA



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