

THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CPD-001/2024

BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM OVERVIEW

The Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL) - Qatar Chapter proudly announced the successful completion of its first Continuing Professional Development (CPD-01) session for the year 2024, held on the 14th of June. This milestone event involved over 150 participants, highlighting the keen interest and dedication of engineering professionals towards continuous learning and development.

The session commenced at 16:00 hrs (Qatar Time) with an inspiring welcome note delivered by the Chairman of the IESL Qatar Chapter, Eng. Mohamed Irfan Aboobacker. Eng. Irfan emphasized the importance of ongoing professional development and expressed his appreciation to the keynote speaker.

Following the chairman's address, the keynote speaker, the resource person of the event, Chartered Engineer Chandimal Jayakody, took the virtual stage to present on the topic "Building Fire Protection System Overview." CEng. Jayakody, the Vice Chairman of the IESL Qatar Chapter, brought a wealth of expertise to the session, holding credentials such as PMP, UPDA Grade A, CIMA, and a Diploma in Building Services Engineering. With 19 years of experience in multidisciplinary MEP construction projects across Qatar, Maldives, and Sri Lanka, his presentation was both informative and engaging, reflecting his extensive knowledge and experience in the field.

The CPD session was meticulously designed to cater to engineers working in building design and construction, architects, builders, property owners, and facilities management professionals. The comprehensive coverage included:

- ✓ Overview of Fire-Protection Systems and Fire Regulations
- ✓ Design and Installation Considerations
- ✓ Local Codes and Regulations for Fire Protection Systems
- ✓ Testing and Commissioning Overview, Including Handover
- ✓ Fire Protection System Authority Approval Process

CEng. Jayakody provided a detailed categorization of fire protection systems, including fire protection sprinkler systems, standpipe systems, and fire extinguishers. He also outlined the procedures of the Qatar Civil Defense Department for firefighting systems, incorporating both design theory and practical installation procedures.

The Q&A session followed the presentation, moderated by Eng. Muhammad Hanaffi. CEng. Jayakody expertly addressed various queries from participants, showcasing his extensive expertise and providing valuable insights. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Eng. Manoj, Secretary of the IESL Qatar Chapter, who acknowledged the efforts of all involved in making the event a success.

Participants from around the globe joined the webinar via Zoom, and the session was highly praised for its organization, relevance, and the quality of information shared. The event was another testament to the IESL Qatar Chapter's commitment to providing valuable learning opportunities for its members. The recording of the session was circulated to attendees, and e-certificates were issued to those who registered their participation.

The IESL Qatar Chapter looks forward to organizing more such enlightening sessions in the future, continuing its mission to foster professional growth and excellence among engineers.

In conclusion, the first CPD session of 2024 was a resounding success, further making strong the IESL Qatar Chapter's role as a leader in engineering education and professional development.

Event Photographs

