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Sri Lanka Engineers Centenary Annual Sessions today

The President of the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) in the UK, Gordon Masterton will be in Sri Lanka to attend the centenary annual sessions of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL) as a Guest of Honour today at the BMICH.

"Mr. Masterton will be accompanied by ICE Director General Mr. Tom Foulkes, Vice President of the ICE, Prof. Paul Jowitt, of the Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, UK, who will also deliver the 6th Brunel International Lecture on "Engineering Civilization from Shadows" said Professor Dayantha Wijeysekera, ICE Country Representative in Sri Lanka, and the Chairman of Sri Lanka Association of Civil Engineers (SAICL).

He further indicated that the central themes of the lecture would be on how engineers can help to alleviate worldwide poverty, the impact felt by climate change, and the creating of a more sustainable future

for civilization.

The 6th Brunel International Lecture, launched in London on June 6, will be taken across the globe by the ICE's Vice-President Professor Paul Jowitt and the lecture is being presented to influential engineers, parliamentarians and business leaders, and will raise the profile of civil engineers capabilities and responsibilities to get involved in tackling poverty and climate change.

The ICE which was founded in 1818 having early 80,000 members in 50 countries and is a global membership organization that promotes and advances Civil Engineering around the world.

The local branch SLAICE of the Institution was established in 2001 with late Dr. A.N.S. Kulasinghe as the Founder Chairman said the current Chairman Professor Wijeysekera. The ICE believes that "When you understand Civil Engineering, you see the world in a different way".