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**Employment
for Engineers**

I refer to an article by one Eng. Allosious Het-tiarachchi some time back and comment as follows.

The points stated in his article is vital if the country need to march towards prosperity in the millennium and I wish to know how far our authorities have taken his invaluable comments seriously.

Our country being a third world country today, and importing everthing under the sun is mainly due to the non usage of our best brains specially the engineers and scientists in the past since independence.

Japan is a good example where the scientists and engineers are utilized to make the country one of the richest in the world. Sri Lankan best brains which we simply neglect here have done wonders in the other part of the world.

The Sri lankan twins who got 99.85 in university entrance and topped in Australia are very good examples of our top brains. Both are following electronic and computer engineering.

With the emergence of the high tech world if Sri Lanka is going to survive and alleviate mass scale poverty (even if the War is over) we have to compete with the high tech world for mere survival, hence only way out is to get our best brains towards the high tech market today which is electronic and computer software engineering.

It is time we trained our engineering students in this field and they are the best to learn this advanced field of specialization.

They will be an exportable commodity. There is a massive shortage of such high tech engineers in the world. USA alone is short of 60% high tech workers and other countries such as Germany are facing an acute shortage.

Infact they recently issued visas for 20000 high tech Indian engineers.

If we can train our best brains surely the country will not only march towards high tech world but also mass poverty will be alleviation. Today all the world's top super rich people are electronic and computer professionals.

The recent *TIME* magazine clearly indicates that in the future mostly the electronic and computer related jobs will be left and the other jobs will cease to exist so it is time we acted now.

I hope the authorities will take these comments very seriously for the sake of our country's future.

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