

Institute of engineers fetes President Country on threshold of golden era

It is evident that the country after 33 years, has found a stable Government with an absolute majority. The country is now undoubtedly on the threshold of entering a golden era of economic prosperity and a long awaited national integration and reconciliation process said Institute of Engineers' President Dr. Dharmasiri de Alwis in a congratulatory message to the President on the election victory.

It said "in the aftermath of this epoch-making victory, Institute of Engineers appreciates the timely

advice given by the President, to Members of Parliament urging them to repay the people who did their duty by the country.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa had impressed on the MPs, the need of their dedicated services, in bringing to fruition, the fruits of development that is harboured in the hearts of the people. This per se, is ample evidence that the President has fully understood the doubly onerous task of delivering the goods.

It is in this backdrop that the institution requests to protect the indigenous engi-

neering profession and expertise, when formulating policies and strategies, for the accelerated, mega infrastructural development projects of the country, as envisioned in the *'Mahinda Chintana'* vision for the future program.

The IESL is confident that these aspects will gradually swing around favourably for the benefit and betterment of the local engineering community and the Motherland as well, within the novel patriotic, political culture which the President has created and nurtured.

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