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NOTICE

LATE DESHABANDU ENG. (DR.) A. N. S. KULASINGHE

The remains of late Deshabandu Eng. (Dr) A. N. S. Kulasinghe will lie at the Headquarters of the Institution **from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday — February 18, 2006** from where it will be moved to the Independence Square for cremation.

All Past Presidents, Council Members and Members of the Institution are kindly requested to assemble at the institution **at 2 p.m. on February 18, 2006.**

**The Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka
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'Kulasinghe, creator of Concrete Revolution'

It was with deep regret that I came to know of the passing away of Dr. A. N. S. Kulasinghe, the world renowned Sri Lankan engineer, states Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Urban Development and Water Supply and Leader, Mahajana Ekshath Peramuna in a press release.

This proud son of our soil obtained his Degree qualification and his Doctorates from local and foreign universities and was awarded honorary membership by many international engineering institutions, including those in the United Kingdom and India.

He was the creator of the Concrete Revolution, which opened a new dimension in the construction industry, through the introduction of the Pre-fabricated concrete method. He was instrumental in using rubber, ash, coir dust and paddy husk as supplements in making concrete posts for the Construction of Houses, Buildings and Bridges and an alternative to the traditional concrete, based on cement, metal and sand.

He pioneered the use of local raw materials for the number of inventions such as the use of coconut charcoal for energy production and coal and wood for operating machines, introduced mini-hydro electric schemes making use of rural waterways and reservoirs, mini-

mized the use of wood for house building and invented a fuel conserving carburetor.

Dr. Kulasinghe, was a practical engineer, who spent more of his time in the field than in air-conditioned offices. His career, starting from the hydro electricity field spread into other areas, making vast contributions to number of institutions such as the Ports Authority, State Engineering Corporations, State Hardware Corporation and the Steel Corporation.

He was a great strength to us in our effort to rebuild the nation from the effects of the T-Sunami devastation. The services rendered by him as a consultant to the Ministry of Urban development and Water Supply is highly praiseworthy.

You brought honour to our nation and deserve our everlasting gratitude.

May you attain the supreme bliss of Nibbana!