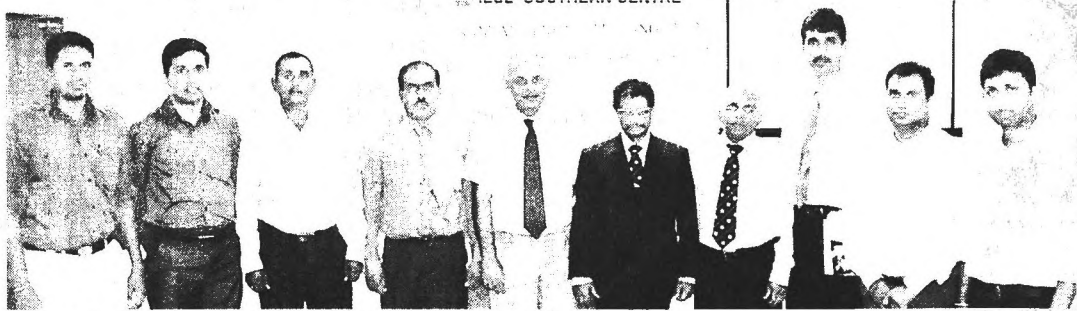


IESL – Southern Centre holds AGM at idyllic Hambantota

The Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL) Southern Centre, held its Annual General Meeting on Friday, 28th Dec, '12 at Peacock Beach Hotel, Hambantota in the presence of a large gathering of its members, distinguished guests and special invitees. Eng. Tilak De Silva, President of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka, the parent body of the Centre, was the Chief Guest.

The IESL is the premier professional body for the engineering profession in the country. Its vision is to be among the leading professional institutions and a Centre for Excellence and Leadership in the field of Engineering and Technology in Asia. The institution has embarked on making all IESL Centres which are the provincial arms of the institution to be better positioned to provide more dynamic services of real time benefit to its members serving in the provinces.

Established in the year 1995, the IESL Southern Centre serves the professional needs of engineers serving in the Galle, Matara and Hambantota Districts which at present are the focus of the government for mega scale infrastructure development in the country. Rapid transformation is now underway at the IESL headquarters in Colombo with the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to break the distance and time barrier that has hitherto been a road block to full benefits of the programmes being derived by its membership serving in the provinces. The institution's completely revamped website www.iesl.lk is now the interface for



From Left: Eng. B.B.G.S.L.De Silva, Committee member, Eng. K. Sandagiri, Committee member, Eng. G. S. S. K. Jayasinghe, Committee member, Eng. L. C. A. Pushpakumara, Treasurer, Eng. Upali Liyanage, Vice Chairman, Eng. Tilak De Silva, IESL President, Eng. Anil Ranjith, Chairman, Eng. L. S. Sooriyabandara, Secretary, Eng. Lanka Ramanayaka, Editor, Eng. Anura Jayalath, committee member



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much interaction between the institution and its members irrespective of the geographical divide. Online payments, viewing video recordings of presentations and workshops held in Colombo, live streaming of lectures delivered from overseas, viewing digital versions of latest newsletter and journal even before it goes to print, archives of older publications to be viewed at leisure, etc are

some of the online services available on the website. The aim of the current presidency of the IESL under Eng. Tilak De Silva, who is himself an Electronics & Telecommunications Engineer, is for the institution (head office and provincial centres) to be fully connected to its membership in order to derive real time benefits of professional programs.

Eng. H.D. Anil Ranjith, BSc (Eng.) Hons (SL), MEng (SL), CEng, was elected as Hon. Chairman at the AGM and will steer the Centre during the new, 2012/2013, session. He has graduated

from the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, in 1991 with a Honours Degree in BSc. Engineering, specializing in the field of Electrical Engineering. He received Charter and was admitted to the class of Member in The Institution of Engineers – Sri Lanka, in Dec 2000.

Currently the Chief Engineer (Energy Management) of Southern Province in Ceylon Electricity Board, Eng. H.D. Anil Ranjith joined Ceylon Electricity Board in 1992 as an Electrical Engineer as an operation engineer in the pioneering hydro Power Station in Sri Lanka, Laxapana Power Station. Later, he worked as Maintenance Engineer, Instrumentation Engineer in the same power station and In-Charge Engineer of Polpitiya Power Station till year 2000. In 2000 he became the project Manager of Laxapana Rehabilitation Project Stage II. He was appointed as Chief Engineer (Operation & Maintenance) of Galle Region in 2003. He joined Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) in United Arab Emirates in 2008 as Senior Project Engineer in the Transmission Project Division.

Currently he engages in loss reduction projects in Southern Province such as Remote meter reading, meter testing and automation projects. Further he conducts energy conservation programmes in schools and industries to educate the school children and industrial people. He has already completed several energy conservation projects in tea factories, hotels and a super market.

Other office bearers elected at the AGM were Eng. Upali Liyanage as Vice Chairman, Eng. L. S. Sooriyabandara as Secretary, Eng. H. B. A. Nayananda as Assistant Secretary, Eng. L. C. A. Pushpakumara as Treasurer and Eng. Lanka Ramanayaka as Editor. Also elected were Eng. Kasun Sandagiri (CEB), Eng. K. G.N. Saman Kumara (NWS & DB), Eng. S. Diyunage (Univ. of Ruhuna), Eng. S. K. Jayasinghe (Airport Aviation), Eng. Anura Jayalath (CECB, Galle), Eng. N. Galapaththi (RN Construction), Eng. B.B.G.S.L.De Silva (Port Authority) and Eng. Anil P. Kumara (Telecom) as Committee Members.

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