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Eng. S.B. Wijekoon, takes over presidency of IESL

The ceremonial inauguration of the 108th Annual Sessions of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL) was held at the SBMEC Auditorium BMICH on Friday.



10TH October, 2014 from 9.00 am onwards.

Dr. P.B. Jayasundera, Secretary to the Ministry of Finance and Planning was the Chief Guest while Eng. (Prof.) Mohan Munasinghe, A Founder Chairman of Munasinghe Institute of Development (MIND), Colombo and Vice Chair of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC-AR4) that shared the 2007 Nobel Prize for Peace was the Guest of Honour for the event. A large gathering of distinguished invitees, Past Presidents and members of the IESL attended the event.

The event, held in October of each year, symbolizes the beginning of a new one-year-period under a new Council and President of the IESL and the simultaneous concluding of business of the previous Council and presidency. At this year's event Eng. S.B. Wijekoon was inducted as the President of the IESL for its 2014 / 2015 sessions.

Eng. Wijekoon is a Senior Lecturer of the Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya and is currently serving as the Director, Engineering Design Centre of the Faculty.

He is a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka, and an International Professional Engineer, a Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, London, and a Fellow of the Institute of Project Managers, Sri Lanka, and a Member of the Geotechnical Society of Sri Lanka

A product of Menikdiwela Primary School and Dharmaraja College Kandy, Eng. Wijekoon holds a B.Sc (Hons) degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Peradeniya. He also holds a Masters of Engineering in Construction Management earned from the University of Moratuwa and a Master of Business Administration in Technology Management from Deakin University, Australia. He is also a Diploma Holder in Commercial Arbitration.

An expert in Bridge Construction, Construction Management & Administration and Project Management, he has served in the industry as well as an academic both within and outside the country. Eng. Wijekoon served the Council of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka representing Members in 1989 and later on served the Council as a Representative of Fellows, as a Vice President and finally as the President Elect. He has conducted for the benefit of fellow Engineers, several Continuing Professional Development Programmes related to these subject areas. He has published few technical papers on construction management related areas in international conferences and in the Transactions of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka.