

#### We will be starting shortly...



What is this meeting about?

To honour the request from:

the President of IESL (Institute Engineers Sri Lanka)

for:

#### LSF (Lak Saviya Foundation)

to provide assistance in:

forming an IESL chapter in Australia





The president and few other executive members of IESL

happened to know a few LSF members

who had been part of IESL whilst in Sri Lanka

# WHAT IS LSF?

LSF is a charity organisation as well as an NGO in Sri Lanka.

LSF is engaged in many projects in Sri Lanka in the areas of:

- Education
- > Health
- Environment & Sustainable Development
- Information Technology

LSF do these with the specific objective of helping the destitute and the needy.

# WE HAVE COMMON GROUND!

In executing these projects:

We had the opportunity and the privilege to work in co-operation with many Engineers in Sri Lanka.

IESL and LSF have a mutual respect for we both Share common ground in education, environment and infrastructure

# WHAT IS LSF'S AGREED ROLE IN OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE?

LSF being an established Organisation in NSW Australia, having substantial links with Sri Lanka:

LSF is in a reasonable position and has the capacity to help establish an IESL chapter in Australia.

# WE MAYBE OF ASSISTANCE IN THE FOLLOWING

- Act as an advertising and networking medium to Engineers, primarily in NSW and possibly in other states
- > Help create the initial member base
- Organising meetings.... like today's!
- Giving administrative/secretarial and limited financial support until the stable running of an IESL chapter in Australia.
- In the future (if necessary) to assist in the expansion of the established IESL chapter in NSW to other states
- If necessary, further support after the establishment of an IESL chapter in Australia, by mutual agreement



#### Foreseeable benefits and advantages

#### To exchange information and knowledge

Earlier this year one of our colleagues, Kapila Nanayakkara, from Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation (SMEC) delivered the Vimalasurendra lecture at IESL Sri Lanka.

Similarly many of our engineers have taken part in discussion or delivered lectures in Sri Lanka.





Support for Migrating Engineers from Sri Lanka

Vehicle for a migrating engineer from SL to get the support for relocation and employment

- Most of us have helped and/or been helped by, our fellow engineers in this crucial step.
- With an IESL chapter in Australia, an opportunity arises to do this in a more organised manner.





**Support for Engineering Students** 

Help and support for student from Sri Lanka who have come to study Engineering in Australia.





#### Networking: Expand IESL member base

Aiding IESL in forming a branch in Australia....

in turn help our country of birth by expanding their (IESL) member base

Who knows what the limit is?

Possibility to expand to other parts of the world where Sri Lankan Engineering expatriates are working.



**Engineering Prudence** 

# Positively influence Sri Lanka on matters relating to engineering prudence



Water fuelled car .....?! .....?!



#### Accessibility to Information and People

Potential help to SL in engineering related business development, primarily by way of:

accessibility to information and the right people (network).

There maybe others I didn't foresee... maybe you see more!

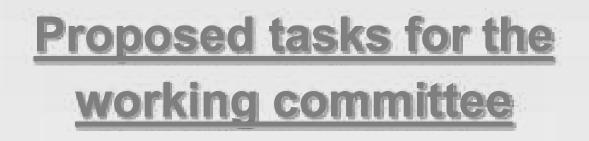
## WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TODAY?

### This is open to discussion

#### Our proposals are to:

Establish a potential member database Form a working committee Possible agenda

- Signing of the membership register
- Proposals for working committee (President, secretary and membership)
- Possible LSF liaison/representative
- Agreement for next meeting day and time
- > Any other related business
- Record minutes; a copy to IESL



- Brainstorming ideas
- Forming the IESL chapter in NSW
- Formation of a working guide line
- Definition of membership
- Representation of different member groups, etc...
- > Any further suggestions?



# Any Questions?

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