Message from the IESL NSW Chapter Management Committee

Dear Member,

The Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka NSW Chapter Management Committee would like to assure our members that safety and wellbeing of our members, their families and the general public is our topmost priority, while carrying out Chapter activities. Committee took into consideration the Australian Federal Government advice on coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Global state of affairs regarding coronavirus and the public perception of the pandemic and decided to make the following changes to the upcoming Chapter's activities for the term 2019/2020.

1. Women in Engineering Day event scheduled to be held on 3 April 2020 will be postponed, until further notice, when the situation improves, and the risks associated with COVID-19 are insignificant in NSW.

2. The Public Lecture scheduled to be held on 15 April 2020 will be postponed, until further notice, subject to the condition specified in 1.

3. The Engineering Conference scheduled to be held on 20 May 2020 will be postponed, until further notice, subject to the condition specified in 1. The deadline for the submissions, for the Engineering Excellence Awards, will be extended from 9 April 2020 to 31 July 2020. Chapter encourages the members to submit their work and take part in this contest and make use of the opportunity to present their professional achievements to a wider audience.

4. The Engineering Gala Dinner scheduled to be held on 23 May 2020 will be postponed, until further notice, subject to the condition specified in 1. The IESL President and the IESL NSW Chapter are contemplating on holding the Engineering Convention in September or October 2020.

5. There are two Public Lectures scheduled to be held on 16 July 2020 and 14 October 2020. The decision of holding them on the schedule dates will be taken in due course.

6. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled to be held on 20 September 2020. The AGM will be postponed and will be held within 6 months after the close of the Chapter's financial year, which is a statutory requirement.

We encourage our members to send us your views on the above decisions and any suggestions to Chapter Secretary via e-mail to <u>chapter_secretary@ieslnsw.org</u>.

Best Regards,

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