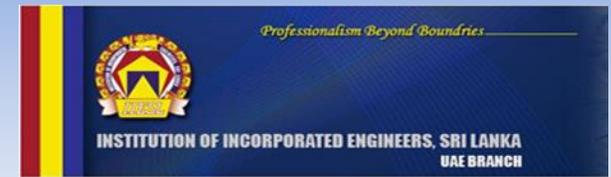


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IIESL-UAE Branch proudly presents its' 10th Annual Sessions, Annual General Meeting and the Get-together on 22nd October 2015 at the Avenue Hotel, Dubai

The UAE Branch of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers was established in 2006 and the inaugural General Meeting was held in the year 2006 when the branch had a total corporate membership of fifty eight. Before the AGM the steering committee appointed, had worked hard to recruit the minimum number of members required to form a Branch. The members had worked so hard that they could organize two professional review examinations and managed to bring the number of corporate members beyond 100. In achieving this great task we received the fullest corporation and support from the headquarters of the IIESL, especially from Eng. Namalie Siyabmalapitiya and Eng. Shantha Senarath.

With the regular increase of the number of members and the dedicated work of the Executive Committee of the UAE Branch it was possible to provide support to the professional community in the UAE to enhance their professional competencies and services to the Sri Lankan community at large.

With the fluctuations of the market in the world and particularly in the Gulf region the Branch had to go through a tough time but the commitments of the Excom and the members have provided the necessary strength to sustain and present this 10th glorious anniversary celebration.

IIESL-Qatar Branch – Annual Sessions 2015

Members of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka living in Qatar have established a branch of the IIESL in Qatar and its' inaugural sessions and the Professional Review interviews were conducted in October 2014. Representing the IIESL-UAE Branch, its' members participated in the inaugural general meeting and the PRE panels.

The first Annual General Meeting of the IIESL-Qatar Branch has been scheduled for 23rd October 2015 followed by the Annual Sessions of the IIESL-UAE Branch. The newly elected President of the IIESL, Eng. Jagath Arawwawala and members of the IIESL-UAE Branch will take part in this meeting and the PRE interviews.

Annual Sessions and AGM – 2015 of IIESL

Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka held its' 37th Annual Sessions, AGM and the Annual Get-together on 24th and 25th July 2015 at the BMICH, Colombo. HE the President of Sri Lanka, Maithripala Sirisena attended the event and graced the occasion.

The Technical Sessions were held on 24th July and five eminent speakers shared their experience, knowledge and proficiencies with the audience. During the AGM the new Committee of Management of the IIESL was elected and Eng. Jagath Arawwawala had been elected as the new President of the IIESL for the session 2015-2016.

Certificates for newly elected members of all categories were also awarded at this ceremony. The certificates for the members who were elected as Fellows of the IIESL were awarded by HE the President of Sri Lanka.

The newly elected Committee of Management is as follows;

IIESL Fellowship Awards - 2015



ENG. HEMANTHA JAYASREE RECEIVING HIS IIESL FELLOWSHIP AWARD FROM HE THE PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA

ENG. MANJU SRI RECEIVING HIS IIESL FELLOWSHIP AWARD FROM HE THE PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA

Let us congratulate to Eng. Hemantha Jayasree and Eng. Manju Sri received their awards from HE the

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Preparation for Successful Job Interviews

There are some tips and guidelines for preparation and being ready to anticipate job interview.

➤ **Prepare yourself**

- Obtain a copy of the job description if possible.
- Try to gather information about the organization using the employer website, handbooks, employer newsletters and etc.
- Conduct informational interviews with persons in similar positions to learn about the career field and how your skills may apply.
- Develop a list of appropriate questions that reflect your research.
- If the opportunity is in out of your current living country be sure to know about the culture of the country.

➤ **Know yourself**

- What are my skills and abilities?
- What are my strengths?
- How do my skills and experiences relate to the position and employers needs?
- Am I willing to relocate?
- How do my values compare to the philosophy of the organization?

➤ **Interview practice**

- Practice interview questions and answers. Schedule a mock interview with your friend or family to gain experience and feedback.

- Be aware of your body language what is your body language under pressure?
- Remember to smile.

➤ **Check list**

- Confirm date, time and place of interview.
- Pack several copies of your resume; a list of references, including names, titles, addresses and telephone numbers; writing samples if appropriate; and letters of recommendation.
- Dress appropriately.
- Be punctual. Plan to arrive early.

➤ **Research of the Occupation**

- Know the area in which you are interested.
- Inform yourself about future trends.
- Check if your interests and abilities compare to the requirements of the position.
- Find out the average income earned by people in the occupation.

➤ **Researching the Company**

- Before the job interview, you should research the company. It is easier to convince an employer that you would be of benefit to the company if you are knowledgeable about it. In addition, information obtained through research can help you decide whether you want to work for a specific company.

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WHY DO YOU NEED TO BE A MBA?

There is a bit of humor when someone asks, what stands for the three letters of M-B-A, and it is generally slanged as '**Married- But-Available**'; but on a serious note, the best interpretation I have recently found was; '**Mind- Before-Action**' which exactly describes the outcome of the results when someone gets equipped with a precious **Master of Business Administration** course.

Basically, the MBA is the right tool if you need to start your own business enterprise one day or in other words to become an 'Entrepreneur' in the modern world of business. That is when you think that one day, you need to be your own 'boss', rather continue working to an establishment earning a monthly wage, reporting to a so called 'Boss'. Any MBA course teaches you the various aspects of business modules and how to make 'profits', if one day you wish to set up your own business and become your own 'Boss' in your company.

There are various types of MBA programs offered by universities and recognized business schools all over the world. The course durations range from six months 'executive', fast track MBA's to much extensive two year full time or weekend classroom based courses. Many Universities now offer 'on line' interactive M-learning programs where the student has the freedom to do his/her learning from home via internet multimedia facilities and once monthly face -to-face classes and workshop relevant to each learning module. Since MBA courses involve a lot of references or literature reviews to be done through books in the libraries, the facility is again been set up in downloading e-books from a repository bank of books available in e-libraries.

Usually, the two-year MBA course might include about essential 15 different business related subjects (modules) by way of course work, research work and skill demonstrations. Generally, each of MBA course offered in the world requires a student to finish off putting into practice, his or her own research study encompassing all the theoretical learning he or she had done during the course. This is the testimony of your MBA skills which carries the highest marks. The research study will be needed to be published by the student generally in a hardbound book form, so that a copy of each of these research books will be placed in the respective university library for others to refer later and also scanned and kept in the repository e-bank to be download to be referred in literature reviews in M-learning platforms.

The pre-requisite for someone to embark on a MBA is generally is a general degree from a recognized university of any discipline , but a qualification like Engineering National Diploma's with more than ten years of experience is also considered equivalent. Bankers with a certain level of banking exams, accountants (CIMA/CAA), Quantity Surveyors with respective institute affiliations, company directors or CEO's without a pre-degree qualification but educated up to Advanced Level Certificate and professionals from various other fields whose career exams are on par with degree standards with years of experience are also considered to be eligible to follow an MBA from a recognized national or international level universities which offer part time/ Full Time MBAs. The advantage of having an MBA against your name, speaks a volume of recognition in the business world since the MBA holder understands the business language better when he or she gets exposed to world markets.

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