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CSSL PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I as the CSSL President write this message with a great sense of satisfaction, because in April we were able to launch CSSL Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct.

The Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct is like the backbone of a professional association. Once members are inducted into the association recognizing them as professionals, their professional work is guided by having a professional framework in place which is termed as Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct. This gives a further assurance to the industry as well as for those who receive services of IT professionals that their behaviour is professional and ethical. Therefore, this is one of the major milestones to have strongly established for CSSL in its rich history of 42 years.

We continue to be relevant to the industry. For example, when the social media was banned in Sri Lanka, the CSSL came forward and organised a forum with all relevant stakeholders to discuss the future in relation to proper use of social media. Today, it has grown to be a broad multi-stakeholder ongoing working group. The CSSL still facilitates it, I Chair the group, however the working group functions as an independent group.

Other regular activities also run well such as CSSL Tech Talks. Our Tech Startup initiative also has seen success. The National IT Conference planning is also happening at speed. I am confident that we at CSSL are delivering services you expect as members.

I look forward to your continuous support and please reach out to me if you want to discuss any relevant matter.

Yasas Vishuddhi Abeywickrama

President
Computer Society of Sri Lanka

CSSL LAUNCHES CODE OF ETHICS AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ICT PROFESSIONALS

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) recently launched its Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct with an intention to formalise the process among its members and professionals in the Information Technology (IT) sector.

The CSSL President Yasas V. Abeywickrama believed that the launch was an important milestone for the entire industry and the launch is indeed a much-needed intervention in time for the future of IT professionals of the country.

"With these codes, now the IT industry in Sri Lanka has a comprehensive professional framework in place. This should ensure high level of professionalism in our industry" said CSSL President Yasas V. Abeywickrama during the launch.

CSSL's Code of Conduct bounds itself to rules that are within the core values of the Society's Code of Ethics. These include professionalism, professional development, added value to Sri Lanka, Honesty and Competence.

The keynote address for the launch was Dr Prathiba Mahanamahewa a senior lecturer on Commercial Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.

"The launch of the CSSL Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct is a great start for us. While there is no mandatory national policy for the industry just as yet, this framework will set the groundwork towards protecting the industry and the people directly or indirectly involved in the industry, especially the future recruits. The CSSL Codes are very much on par with many other international Codes of Ethics and Conduct and we appreciate the significant effort of CSSL to develop this framework" said Dr Prathiba Mahanamahewa.

Through the launch of CSSL's Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct, the Society not only has contributed to the industry by fulfilling a needed requirement but will also hopefully inspire similar professional societies in both the industry and otherwise to also take into consideration the importance of the launch and thereby start similar initiatives on their own.

CSSL President further added that his organisation has a rich history of over four decades and this strong comprehensive professional framework is an evolution of the work the organisation has done over a long period of time and establishing this framework is one of the golden historical achievements of CSSL as well as of the entire IT industry in Sri Lanka.

The launch event was attended by CSSL Past Presidents, Members and industry and academia representatives including UCSC Director Professor K P Hewagamage and FITIS Chairman Dr Kithsiri Manchanayake.

CODE OF ETHICS AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR IT PROFESSIONALS IN SRI LANKA

The CSSL adopted and launched its Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct on 25th of April in Colombo.This formulates the broad professional framework for all IT professionals in Sri Lanka.

Now onwards, all CSSL members are abiding by these guidelines. To uplift the professionalism of the Sri Lankan IT industry, we would like to kindly request the following;

From all corporates/organisations - To share the attached Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct with all your staff, and also for all new recruits handover a copy of it as the national professional framework for IT professionals.

From Academia - To share this with all IT students and also discuss it under relevant subject/s such as 'Professional Issues in IT'.

We thank you for the support you give to uplift the professionalism in our industry.

CSSL Code of Ethics

Every CSSL member is expected to uphold and respect the dignity, honour and value of being a professional. CSSL stresses that every professional should act as a responsible Sri Lankan first and foremost before he/she can become a successful professional. CSSL, at all instances, expects the conformance of all individuals involved to have as per the following CSSL Code of Ethics:

1. Professionalism

That you will work to improve the value and virtue of the society and respect all its members while protecting the safety, welfare and health of the community.

2. Professional Development

You will always work in your professional interests to develop your career while also enhancing the professional development of your colleagues and fellow staff.

3. Added Value to Sri Lanka

You will work diligently to strive to enhance the value of Sri Lanka and its citizens in any possible way and place the interests of your country above those of personal sectional interests.

4. Honesty

Maintain honesty in all dealings and in your representation of knowledge, skill and services. In addition to that, you are required to strive in order to protect the public from misinformation and misinterpretation.

5. Competence

You will pay meticulous and diligent attention to work competently for your stakeholders and perform services only in areas of competence.

CSSL Code of Conduct

As members of CSSL, we identify the value of our technologies and the role it plays in the development of Sri Lanka in addition to how it can affect the quality of life, both in Sri Lanka and across the world. We acknowledge our profession and as members of CSSL, we are obligated to commit ourselves to working with the highest standards of responsibility, integrity and professional and ethical conduct.

We hereby agree to be bound to the rules mentioned herewith which are as per the core values set in the CSSL Code of Ethics:

1. Professionalism

a) To protect all confidential information belonging to CSSL and any personal information of CSSL employees, members, clients and other stakeholders.

b) Not conforming with competing individuals to fix rates or reduce price competition through the allocation of markets or customers and not manipulating bids in any process of bidding or partaking in activities that will lead to restricting trade.

c) To not infringe or misuse any intellectual property.

d) Unfailing promise to treat all people with fairness

e) Not engaging in harassment of any nature, be it sexual harassment, bullying or cyberbullying, in person, via technology or otherwise.

f) Not being discriminatory in any aspect irrespective of age, colour, disability, ancestry, origin, race, religion, gender, appearance, political affiliation, marital status, etc)

g) Being respectful to everyone, inclusive of CSSL members and behaving in a professional manner.

h) Respectful to the privacy of all individuals and protecting their personal data and information.

2. Professional Development

Being well informed about new technological trends, standards and practices that are of relevance to your work. You will be expected to offer your skills and advice and therefore, knowledge in this field should be up to standard and you should encourage the same for your colleagues and staff.

Ensure that the knowledge and experience that you have acquired are shared in such as way that the recipient can enhance his/her skills and effectiveness in work and show more keenness to shoulder additional responsibilities. As per the above values, you are expected to:

a) Work towards upgrading your knowledge and skills

b) Being aware if any issue has a subsequent effect on the profession and on public relationships

c) Support training, professional and educational development in the ICT sector of Sri Lanka to accommodate the varied requirements of employees, students and colleagues to pursue their profession

d) You should pay diligent attention to enhance the image, reputation and status of the ICT field and that of the profession.

3. Added value to Sri Lanka

No matter what professional activity we engage in, one underlying objective all CSSL members uphold is to add value to our country - Sri Lanka.

Building our nation together and taking it to greater heights will always be the sole interest of all CSSL members.

Every CSSL member will look for ways in which they can contribute to the development of the country with their professional expertise.

4. Honesty

At all times, do not breach the trust the public has in the profession and neither the specific trust of your stakeholders. Utmost honesty and integrity should be the underlying factor in all your professional actions and decisions.

Undoubtedly, many circumstances will arise during the course of your professional career where it can be advantageous for you to be deceptive in some way or the other. In any event, this type of behaviour and professional conduct will not be acceptable.

In accordance with this value you will:

a) Strongly reject bribery of any form.

b) Avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest whenever possible and disclosing it to the affected parties, should they exist.

c) Avoid knowingly misleading a client or potential with regards to the sustainability of a product or service.

d) Be clear with distinguishing between your professional and personal opinions and advice.

e) Always give realistic estimates for any projects under your control.

f) Give credit for the work done by others wherever credit is due.

g) Recognize professional opinions which you know are based on limited knowledge and experience.

h) Avoid attempting to augment your own reputation at the expense of another's.

5. Maintain competence

Only accept such work which you believe you are competent and able to perform. Do not hesitate to enlist additional expertise from appropriately qualified individuals when deemed advisable. You should always be well aware of your own limitations and never knowingly imply that you have the competence you do not possess. This does not hold true for accepting a task that calls for additional expertise other than your own for its successful completion. You are not expected to be knowledgeable in all facets of ICT but you are expected to be cognizant of when you require additional expertise and information.

In accordance with this value you will:

a) Make sure at all times to provide products and services which are in accordance to the operational and functional requirements of your stakeholders.

b) Avoid misinterpreting your skills and knowledge.

c) Respect and protect your stakeholders' proprietary interests.

d) Be continuously updated and aware of relevant standards and legislations and act accordingly.

e) Accept full responsibility for your work.

f) Advice your stakeholders when you genuinely believe a proposed project, product or service is not in their best interest.

g) Respect and whenever necessary, seek the professional expertise of colleagues in their areas of competence.

h) You are required to have a passion and willingness to develop skills, knowledge and competence in the field of ICT.

GOVERN IT TO SUPPORT BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

- Many organizations are investing considerable funds in Information Technology with the expectation of business improvements.

- All enterprise governance expects a clear visible return on IT investment though it may not realize in many instances.

- IT professionals are facing the problem of convincing the outcomes of IT investments to the first level executives /board of governance

- In many cases IT solutions are not selected based on enterprise objectives, affordability and acceptable level of risk

Developed countries in the west have adopted IT Governance frameworks as an answer for this issue.

Speaker Profile

Lionel Jayasinghe (MBA, PMP, MBCS, MCSSL, CISA, COBIT, ACS, Dip in Bus. Admin)

Mr. Lionel Jayasinghe is an IS Consultant with thirty five years of experience in the ICT field. He is well experienced in IT Governance, IT strategy development and modelling business information systems. His knowledge and experience in IT audit, Project Management and Software engineering has excel in 'IT Governance' based on COBIT and other frameworks. He has been involved in implementing IT Governance framework in financial institutions in overseas. He managed first project of implementation of CMMI level 4 in Sri Lanka. He has conducted many public lectures and presentations in IT Audit, IT Project Management, Software Quality assurance and Information Security in national and International conferences. Mr. Jayasinghe is a past president of ISACA Sri Lanka Chapter. He is currently a board member of several institutions. He obtained his Master degree in Business Administration, specializing in Data Warehousing and IS Audit. He has a postgraduate diploma in Business administration). Mr. Jayasinghe is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and COBIT5. Mr. Jayasinghe is a member of CSSL, ISACA, PMI and BCS.

Date 16th May 2018

Focused Audience
Enterprise governance (Board directors), CEOs, IT professionals

Time 5. 45 pm

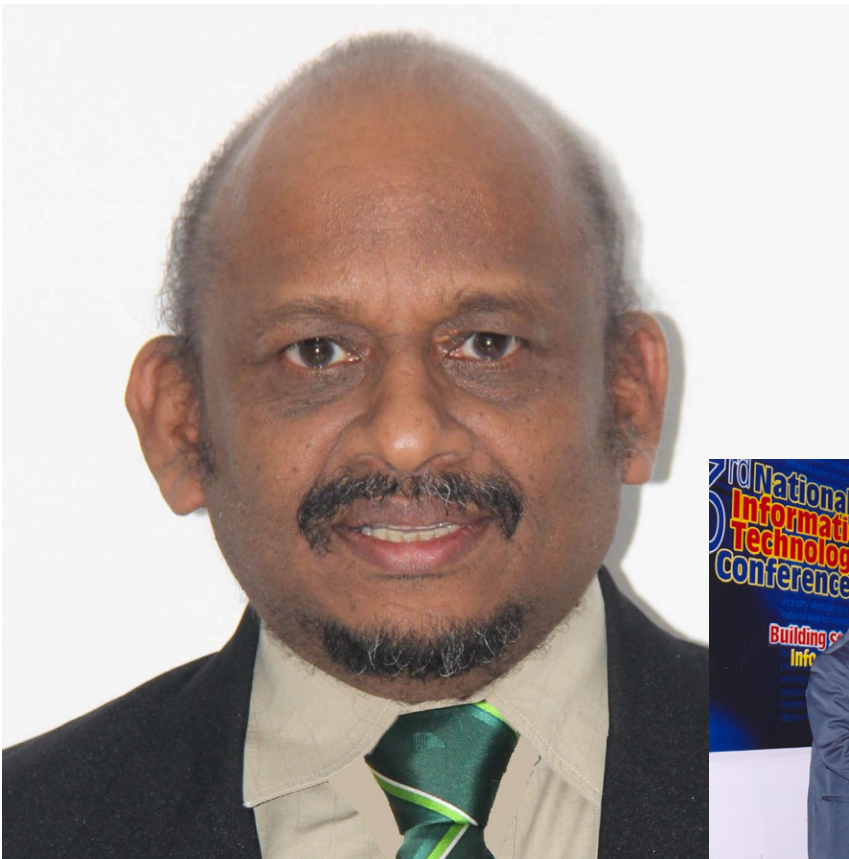**Venue** Royal College Union Skills Center
Royal College Union, Rajakeeya Mawatha, Colombo – 00700.

Free for CSSL members and Rs. 500 for others, Followed by a Networking session
Payment must be made before the event (Terms and Conditions Apply)

CSSL
COMPUTER SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

To confirm participation latest by
14th May 2018

By email to **membership@cssl.lk**
by telephone number 011 4 71 3290

In January this year, Sri Lanka lost Prof Gihan Wickremanayake one of the leading academics in the IT sector, and a close associate of CSSL. The CSSL wishes to appreciate his untiring efforts to develop the local IT sector and also the great contributions made to CSSL.

Prof. Gihan joined the Computer Society of Sri Lanka in September 1991. Since then he has closely associated with the activities of CSSL. In 1995, he presented a paper titled "Evolving and Migrating Relational Legacy Data Bases" at the SEARCC International IT Conference organized and hosted by CSSL in September 1995. At that time he was reading for his Ph.D. at University of Wales College of Cardiff.

Thereafter he has presented papers many times at the National IT Conferences (NITC) organized by CSSL and has served as a Session Chair on several occasions at NITC. He has also served as a member in the Conference Proceedings Committee of NITC. He was a person who understood the importance and the value of the NITC, and he always encouraged his students to present papers to NITC.

In 2006 he held the position of Students Councilor in CSSL Executive Council and he chaired the National Competition Committee. In 2006 the International Schools' Software Competition (ISSC) organized by CSSL was held in Colombo with the participation of 13 teams representing 11 countries. Again Prof. Gihan provided the leadership for this mega event by chairing the ISSC Committee.

One must appreciate his enthusiasm to develop IT skills among young students in Sri Lanka. He continued to support CSSL by making arrangements to provide computer lab facilities at University of Colombo School of Computing to conduct NSSC competitions and also to train the students for competitions. He further encouraged the students who performed well at the NSSC to take part in International Olympiad of Informatics, popularly known as Computer Olympiad. He has also served as a judge in the IT Mastermind, the TV quiz program.

May God bless his soul and May he rest in peace.

CSSL PRESIDENT YASAS VISHUDDHI ABEYWICKRAMA PRESENTING THE CSSL DR R B EKANAYAKE AWARD TO A HIGH PERFORMING MASTERS STUDENT, AT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED SLIIT CONVOCATION 2018.

CSSL ATTENDS SEARCC EXCO MEETING IN JAPAN

The CSSL President Yasas Vishuddhi Abeywickrama represented CSSL and Sri Lanka at the SEARCC (South East Asian Regional Computer Confederation) ExCo meeting held in April 2018 in Tokyo Japan.

In Addition to the ExCo meeting, the delegates were taken on an industry visit to witness the cutting edge technological advancements and research developments in Japan.

Computer Society of Sri Lanka President Yasas Vishuddhi Abeywickrama meeting with Prof Hironori Kasahara, President - IEEE Computer Society and Director - Advanced Multicore Processor Research Institute in Japan in 2018 April.

After SEARCC ExCo Meeting with in-Person and Virtually Partcipating Member Countries

IT Industry Visit in Japan

At Waseda University in Japan, visiting Academia and Research Sectors

CSSL FACILITATES PROGRAM TO STOP ABUSE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Due to the recent civil unrest, the Government had to ban social media in Sri Lanka. While appreciating the Government's quick response and various measures taken to avoid spreading violence across the country, the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) requested the Government to restore the normalcy for the social media use once the situation became under control.

However, as responsible professionals the CSSL is facilitating a program to identify how such situations can be better managed in the future, and what processes can be implemented to have a more conducive and peaceful digital environment. In this context, CSSL gathered the technical experts to formulate ways of better managing social media whilst ensuring freedom of speech. All relevant stakeholders were brought onto one platform on 23 March.

As a result of the all stakeholder platform the CSSL created on stopping misusing of social media, a Working Group was born with multi-stakeholder representation. The Working Group met on 29 March for the first time with CSSL President Yasas V. Abeywickrama as the Chair of the Working Group. The Working Group identified areas of their work, and will be meeting regularly to review the progress, and take the strategies forward. It is expected that this group will develop a multitude of strategies to promote better use of social media.

Social Media Working Group of Sri Lanka

Terms of Reference

Due to the recent civil unrest, the government had to ban social media in Sri Lanka. While appreciating government's quick response and various measures taken to avoid spreading violence across the country, the IT fraternity requested the government to restore the normalcy for the social media use once the situation became under control. However, as responsible professionals the CSSL is facilitating a programme to identify how such situations can be better managed in the future, and what processes can be implemented to have a more conducive and peaceful digital environment. In this context, all relevant stakeholders and experts gathered to formulate ways of better managing social media whilst ensuring freedom of speech on 23rd of March 2018.

As a result of the all stakeholder platform, a Working Group was born with multi-stakeholder representation with CSSL President Yasas V Abeywickrama as the Chair of the Working Group.

The members of the Working Group are -

Mr. Yasas V. Abeywickrama – Convener of the Working Group (SMWG)

Mr. Buddhika Senasekera - CSSL

Prof. Gihan Dias - UOM/Tech Cert/FITIS

Mr. Roshan Chandraguptha - SL Cert

Dr. Ajantha Atukorale - UCSC / CSSL

Mr. Heshan Karunaratne – CSSL /

Mr. Nalaka Gunawardene -Activist / Secretary

Mr. Viraj Abayarathna - CSSL Member and ISOC

Mr. Niranjan Meegammana - CSSL Member & Activist

Mr. Maheeshwara Kirindigoda – ISOC Representative

Ms. Sagarika Wickramasekara - LKNOG VP & President ISOC

Mr. Samath Fernando - SLASSCOM

Ms. Poornima Meegammana – Shilpa Sayura Foundation / ISOC Member / Youth Activist

Mr. .Udana Wickramasinghe –CSSL Member/Director- ICT, Sri Lanka Tourism

Mr. Sithira Wanniarachchi -ISACA Sri Lanka Chapter

Capt. Duminda Munasinghe - CSSL Member /SL Army-ICT Advisor

Mr. Sanjiva Weerawarana – WSO2

Any other suitable member/s can be invited/join and this will be done with the understanding of the Working Group Members.

The group will meet regularly at CSSL premises. There should be at least 1 meeting a month.

The scope of this working group will be -

- Promoting/Educating on professional and ethical use of social media
- Promoting peaceful digital environment
- Research Social Media use to derive future strategies
- Promoting Technological Advancements/Innovations such as sentimental analysis
- Working with Social Media companies such as Facebook to improve the platform/s and the operation/s to suit Sri Lanka
- Develop the relevant knowledge and content, so that it can be given to authorities where necessary and enable engagement with relevant stakeholders

The working group will not take political views about the matters within or outside the above scope in relation to the work it carries out.

The working group will not take positions where any outside party can use the position/s of the working group as a way of justifying social media ban, unethical monitoring of social media or restriction of free use of internet.

The CSSL will facilitate the work of the working group where possible with its facilities and resources, however it will continue to be a multi-stakeholder group.

CSSL EXTENDS THEIR THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO THE LONG STANDING ACTIVE MEMBERS FOR THEIR LOYALTY AND DEDICATION TO CSSL AND FOR CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS UNTIL 2018

27 Years

M 231
Dr. Dileepa de Silva
IT Consultant

27 Years

M 216
Mr. H. S. P. De Silva
Retired Senior Manager of the People's Bank

26 Years

M 250
Mr. B. K. J. P. Rodrigo
Managing Director,
Melsta Technologies (Pvt) Ltd

26 Years

M 244
Mrs. H. M. C. M. Maldeni
Assistant Director IT (Application Systems),
Bank of Ceylon

25 Years

M 267
Mr. Denver De Zylva
Vice President
Virtusa Corporation (NASDAQ VRTU)

24 Years

M 293
Mr. Lionel Jayasinghe
Director HDFC,
Board Member ICT Skill Council

Call For Papers

it CHANGES EVERYTHING NITC 2018

36th National Information Technology Conference

The 36th National Information Technology Conference (NITC 2018) themed *"it changes everything"* organized by the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) will be held on 2nd – 4th October 2018 at Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka. This key annual Information and Communication Technology Conference is intended to provide a forum for industry professionals and academia, to keep up to date with current and future technology trends, interact with industry experts and network with peers. CSSL is pleased to invite papers from the authors to be presented at the conference. The conference will engage in a dialogue that examines a broad range of topics with the spirit of its theme. The papers shall be submitted in the following areas but not limited to the suggested list below:

- Adaptive Security
- Agile Software Development
- Artificial Intelligence
- Big Data and Analytics
- Blockchain based Technologies
- Broadband for Digital Prosperity
- Business Process Re-engineering
- Child Safety and Security
- Cloud Computing and Cloud Security
- Computer Forensics
- Deep Learning
- DevOps
- Digital Cities
- Digital Ecosystems
- Digital inclusion of differently abled

- Digital Twin
- E-Education
- E-Healthcare and Health Informatics
- Energy Harvesting
- Entrepreneurship in the ICT sector
- E-Tourism
- FinTech
- Green IT
- Human Computer Interaction
- ICT Capacity Building
- Information Security
- IOT / IOE
- IT Governance and Assurance
- ML (Machine Learning)
- Mobile App Disruption

- NLU (Natural Language Understanding)
- Open Source for Digital Inclusion
- OTT Broadcasting
- Professionalism in ICT
- Public Service Innovation through ICT
- Quality Assurance
- Robotic Process Automation (RPA)
- Sensor Fusion
- Service Availability Management
- Smart Payments
- Social Networks and Communities
- Software Defined Infrastructure
- Virtual & Augmented Reality

EXTENDED TILL MAY 15TH

All submitted papers will be reviewed by a panel of highly qualified reviewers. Accepted papers will be published in the printed copy and the CD versions of the proceedings. The proceedings will also be available in the IEEE Xplore digital library. The authors are requested to submit papers with a short biography of the author/s and their contact details.

Paper submission deadline	15th May 2018
Notification of acceptance	30th June 2018
Camera ready paper submission	31st July 2018

The author guidelines will be available at **www.cssl.lk**
Authors are requested to send papers via **info@cssl.lk**

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CSSL ACCREDITATION BOARD

The CSSL recently formed its accreditation board.

The accreditation policy of CSSL on Computing and IT related degrees is laid down by the Council of CSSL on the recommendation of the Accreditation Board.

The implementation of the policy and any amendments to the policy is the responsibility of CSSL. The CSSL has appointed an Accreditation Board Chaired by Prof Gihan Dias.

In appointing members to the Accreditation Board, CSSL maintains a reasonable spread of various areas of expertise across different branches of Computer/Computing and IT related areas. Both the industry and academia are represented.

Dr. Malitha Wijesundara leads this portfolio on behalf of the CSSL Council. Currently the group is actively working on getting itself globally recognized through Seoul Accord.

Accreditation Board Members

1. Professor Gihan Dias - Chairman
2. Dr. Malitha Wijesundara - Member and Convener
3. Dr. Ruwan Wickramaarachchi - Member
4. Dr.Dayan Rjapakse - Member
5. Mr. Chandane Weerasinghe - Member
6. Dr.Sankalpa Gamawarige - Member
7. Prof.Nihal Kodikara -Member
8. Dr. Shaluka Kodituwakku - Member
9. Dr. Ajantha Athukorala - Member
10. Mr. Yasas Abewickrama - Member
11. Professor Koliya Pulasinghe - Member
12. Professor Samantha Thelijjagoda - Member
13. Dr. Prasad Samarasinghe -Member
14. Mr. Ajith Salgado. -Member
15. Mr. Mahesh Perera -Member
16. Dr. Prasanna Lokuge -Member

Prof. Gihan V. Dias

Prof. Dias graduated from the University of Moratuwa in 1985 and was awarded a doctorate in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from The University of California, Davis in 1992.
In addition to being a Professor in Computer Science and Engineering and Director, International Relations at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka he serves as the Domain Registrar of the LK Domain Registry and as an advisor to TechCERT, Sri Lanka's premier information security body. He has been active in several areas of computing, including computer networking, language technologies, e-learning, security, Internet identity and personal cloud. He has assisted many public and private organisations to build, secure, and make best use of their computer systems. He served as a Trustee of the Internet Society from 2014 to 2017. He was inducted to the Internet Hall of Fame in 2013 and received the SEARCC ICT Professional of the year award in 2017.

CSSL CALLS FOR REVIEW OF FTA SIGNED WITH SINGAPORE

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) as the representative body of the IT professionals in Sri Lanka have been taking part in the dialogues with regard to the signing of several Free Trade Agreements (FTA) between Sri Lanka and countries including Singapore, India and China towards developing our nation. CSSL Executive Council and membership have always been optimistic about the outcomes of the FTAs and have updated at the meetings about the safeguard of our own Sri Lankan IT professionals, especially with regard to the Mode 4 of the proposed FTAs, around presence of natural persons.

However, after reviewing the signed FTA between Sri Lanka and Singapore which has been signed in January, the CSSL council is having some concerns over the liberalization of IT profession compared to Legal, Engineering and Architecture professions, ((752) & (CPC 84)) where it states horizontal commitments and horizontal conditions.

Therefore, we earnestly request the government to discuss this matter with CSSL and other IT industry stakeholders before the agreement is put into action. While we appreciate FTAs to broaden our trade and make Sri Lanka a hub in the region, we need to carefully evaluate the impact on the IT community in Sri Lanka and the economy before these things are rushed into action. We believe we need to have our internal rules properly placed before business is widely opened this way to the world especially in the areas where it could impact job opportunities of Sri Lankans.

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NITC 2018

02nd, 03rd, & 04th October 2018 | Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo

Distinguished Panel of Speakers

Carey **Furze**

Jeremiah **Palmerston**

Gihan **Dias**

Moinul **Zaber**

Tom **Worthington**

Registration Fee

Local	LKR
2 Day Conference	18,000
2 Day Conference + Inauguration	22,500
1 Day Conference	10,000
Inauguration only	7,500

Foreign	$
2 Day Conference + Inauguration	200
1 Day Conference	100

20% - CSSL members
15% - other professional members
10% - non members

Early Bird Registration Before
30th June 2018

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Dear Member,

Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) is the proud supporting organisation of ConnecTechAsia, and would like to extend an invitation to you to attend #ConnecTechAsia Summit which is held alongside ConnecTechAsia Exhibition from 26 – 28 June 2018.

In today's hyper converged business landscape, it is vital to forge new alliances, secure partnerships and initiate collaborations with partners who share the same passion and drive. #ConnecTechAsia Summit 2018 will stage this platform for you to meet like-minded professionals who will share their views and ideas at the topical sessions and plenary stages.

So take advantage of our **15% discount** for all ticket categories while saving more when you meet these leading giants, industry players and key stakeholders at Asia's largest tech event? Offer ends on **25th May 2018.**

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CSSL OFFERS SUPPORT FOR TECH STARTUPS TO EMPOWER SRI LANKA'S ICT INDUSTRY

Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) has announced that that they are offering support and resources for Tech Startups as a new initiative. The Resource Center which is within their existing office in Colombo 7 will help to uplift Sri Lanka's IT Tech Startup arena to greater heights and offer talented and interested individuals the resources they need in order to pursue their new business ideas.

Established in 1976 by a group of dedicated professionals, CSSL was established to promote information and communications technology and throughout the course of over four decades in the industry, CSSL has risen as a stalwart pillar in the information and communication technology fraternity in Sri Lanka.

The resource center is particularly aimed at ICT tech startups and CSSL has put forward this initiative to make Sri Lanka a strong platform for tech startups and for technology talent. Speaking more on this, Mr. Yasas V. Abeywickrama, the President of CSSL explained, "While there is a lot of talent in our country, Sri Lanka is unfortunately lagging behind in the race of innovation while other countries have played to their advantages. This is why we want to provide the platform and set the stage to uplift Sri Lanka's IT industry to greater heights and unleash the potential of our talented young people".

CSSL's Tech Startup Resource Center will provide facilities such as the board room to conduct meetings, facilities to interview staff, well equipped training centers, facilities for distinguished client meetings, and workstation space. Added benefits at the center include refreshment services, washrooms and parking space.

The CSSL will also connect experts from its membership with IT entrepreneurs where requested for expert guidance on technology related matters.

Speaking more on the initiative, Mr. Yasas Vishuddhi Abeywickrama stated, "This new center resonates CSSL's passion for driving development of the IT industry in Sri Lanka. We understand that great ideas and talents come from collaborative work and we are confident that this new center as well as expert guidance from our membership will push the boundaries and open up a world of possibilities for the next generation technology and services".

With the establishment of this new IT resource center, more IT professionals will gain access to resources that are essential when starting a new technology business.

The focus of CSSL with this initiative is to make Sri Lanka a world leader for technology innovation and while it's early days as yet, Mr. Abeywickrama believes that this resource center can set the foundation to build a strong tech companies in the long run. "We are in desperate need for innovative business that can go to global level but we feel that those young entrepreneurs do not have access to basic facilities and resources at affordable prices. This is why we believe that CSSL's Tech Startup Resource Center could be the stepping-stone for their success and we eagerly look forward to the prospects this initiative will offer to both, the IT industry in Sri Lanka and to all members who are involved in it, both presently and also in the future", he concluded.

The CSSL can be contacted at membership@cssl.lk for further information.

Little Drops of Water

We have formed a new subcommittee supporting social services through ICT. An IT system for better management of water and irrigation infrastructure, IT related panel discussions on empowering rural communities with IT, Women empowering with IT, guidance for parents for monitoring social media usage of children etc., are considered. This area will develop to be the social service arm of CSSL over time. Although we may not be able to do big things, we will do little things hence we agreed to call it the "Little Drops of Water " Initiative of CSSL.

We invite the CSSL Members to get in touch with us with any ideas around the above concept, any social service needs related to IT or any social service projects that we could support as IT professionals.

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