

## From the Editor.....

Most of the time, development projects are subjects for much publicity and fanfare during initiation and execution, though few do not even see the light of the day as completed entities. A marked deviation from this convention had been the rehabilitation and development project of our sole international airport at Katunayaka. Though all could see that the impact of the development is substantial in terms of our international image as well as the efficient functioning of the airport, not much publicity was given to it during initiation and execution.

*For many Sri Lankans coming back to the country even after relatively short spells of absence from the country, the spectacular transformation of the airport had been a pleasant surprise. Though the security situation prevailing does not give room for much publicity or visitors for a project being executed at a strategically important venue such as the international airport of the country, at least our young Engineers would have benefited immensely from the possible knowledge and experience that could have been gained during the course of the project.*

We must thank the Engineers both local and expatriate, who were involved in this project for a work very well done and as the Editor of 'ENGINEER' I would like to request them to share their experiences in the form of technical papers or news articles aimed at our sister publication, Sri Lanka Engineering News.

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### **Editor's Note:**

*On the request of the author, the Editor wishes to correct the omission of the acknowledgement in the paper by Eng. D. A. R. Dolage titled "An Improved Laying Technique for Ceramic Floor Tiling", which appeared in the January 2005 issue. It should read thus:*

*"The author is extremely grateful to Mr. Garvin Abeweera for helping in collecting data as an undergraduate project under his supervision. Also the author is thankful to engineers, supervisors and tillers for their kind corporation at every stage of this research."*