

FROM THE EDITOR.

Energy, or rather, the lack or abundance of it, is the key to economic growth in present day context. For a planet devouring on its steadily dwindling fossil fuel supplies, while pushing itself towards unthinkable environmental calamities, the by-word has to be 'renewable' and 'green' energy and not just energy.

However, harnessing and utilizing such energy is still an inconvenience, an unwarranted trouble and a downright 'pain in the neck' for a society, which got used to gobble energy with impunity for its selfish comfort, during the past couple of decades. We have in fact become the 'spoiled brats' in the history of human race. Though awareness had been stirring and building up for quite some time now, it has still not impacted on the common man, let alone the policy maker.

For a country entirely dependent on foreign imports for fossil fuels and price of fuel impacting on every aspect of economy down to the grass root levels, Sri Lanka has to be proactive in the arena of 'green' energy with the added qualifier 'indigenous'. Needless to say that the responsibility for this fairly and squarely rest on the Engineers of this country. To this end, research and development on developing 'green' energy and reducing energy consumption is a must and should become a part of day to day activities and duties of Engineers in all areas of specialization.

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