

FROM THE EDITOR....

The primary function of any profession would be to positively serve the society or more specifically, to serve the community within which the particular profession is being practiced. This is the reason why the Code of Ethics practiced by our apex body in Engineering, The Institution of Engineers, gives singular significance to public welfare and accountability.

Being a profession of complexity and diversity, the field of Engineering encompasses personnel of many trades and technical competencies. For the creation of an Engineered product for the benefit of the public, different contributions at several levels are necessary. Technically, all of these contributions are equally important though social and economic criteria categorize some trades preferable over the others. Based on the social norm that implies mental work as superior to physical work, a hierarchy has invariably been created in the field of Engineering. Due to the fact that different magnitudes of expertise, both mental and physical are needed to function at these various levels of the hierarchy, a well established regulatory mechanism in the practice of Engineering is essential, again in the name of the public.

It is to cater for the long procrastinated need of the time that regulation of Engineering profession was to be legally introduced in the form of Engineering Council Act. It has taken decades of careful modifications and adjustments to culminate in the present form through the hard work of many dedicated Engineers. It is our duty to see to it that this act becomes law. It is a national need.

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