For a professional to become a true professional, he should actively contribute towards training the future generations of his creed. In this context, sharing technical knowledge and gaining experience in ones general and specific areas of expertise, with upcoming players in the field, becomes an obligation rather than an altruistic act on the part of senior Engineers. In the good old days our Engineers took this very seriously indeed and applied themselves earnestly to ‘uplift’ the juniors. However, in this modern, and fastmoving world, this age old ethic has taken a back seat, displaced by personal glory and gain.

Though the economics of the times and the trends might not allow us to get involved in this training process in all earnest, at least we could devote a minute fraction of our time to share our diverse experiences with the Engineering fraternity. This type of commitment is quite evident in the ‘modus operandi’ of Engineering communities of some countries, we still look up to, such as Britain. Their publications contain detailed technical accounts on significant Engineering projects being carried out in the native country as well as around the world. Reading such accounts not only educate, but also motivate the budding Engineers to venture into unconventional areas which may lead to Engineering master pieces.

Many Engineering construction works are under way or have been completed recently in Sri Lanka. It is a pity that we Engineers do not know much about these. It is the solemn duty of the Engineers involved, to enlighten other fellow Engineers, at least on the technical aspects of these works.

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