

FROM THE EDITOR.....

Achieving a landmark is always an accomplishment and when the achievement comes along with progress, the accomplishment becomes noteworthy. "ENGINEER", The Journal of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka has indeed achieved a venerable landmark of fulfilling forty years of publication. It came this long way while being in the forefront of technical publications in Engineering of this country. In fact, it is not inaccurate to say that "ENGINEER" is the premier Engineering journal in Sri Lanka today as well as during these forty long years.

Inaugurated in 1973 as a Quarterly Journal for the publication of technical papers in Engineering, this journal has, almost single headedly, endeavoured to disseminate Engineering knowledge in Sri Lanka. Editors and editorial staff who shouldered the responsibility of producing this journal have always worked untiringly to maintain high quality in the publication. As the incumbent Editor I take this opportunity to thank all the past Editors and other staff members for their valuable contributions.

From end of the year 2004, when I took the responsibility as the Editor, we have endeavoured to upgrade the Journal by soliciting quality articles, improving the refereeing process, timely publication and working to get the journal cited in international indices. We have managed to achieve many of the targets and others are in our sights as challenges to be fulfilled.

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