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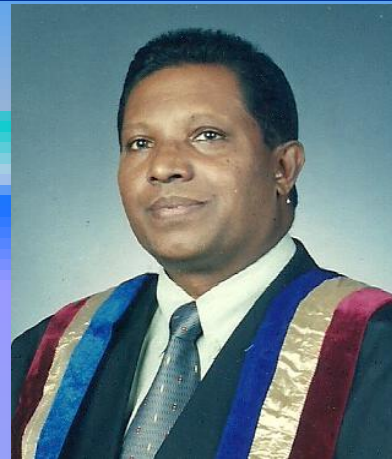
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Eng. K.M.S.B. Rekogama entered the Institute of Higher Technology Katubedda in August 1970 and passed out as an Engineering Diplomat completing successfully NDT in Mech- Auto Engineering in 1972 from the University of Moratuwa. Underwent the In-plant training in 1973 at CTB.

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**Eng. K.M.S.B. Rekogama  
(1970 Batch )**

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He has served in the Govt. and semi Govt. Institutions in the capacities of Mechanical Superintendent, Engineer, Chief Engineer, General Manager.

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He has made a tremendous contribution to keep the flag of NDT holders in Sri Lanka flying very high. He was a fore runner in recognition of the Institute of Engineering Diplomates(IEDSL) formerly ACEDA(All Ceylon Engineering Diplomates Association) by an act of Parliament which now stands tall as IIESL (Institution of Incorporated Engineers Sri Lanka).

Engineer Rekogama is a well recognized Past President of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers Sri Lanka (IIESL).

-He was also the Chairman of the Past Presidents' Forum of IIESL in the silver Jubilee year in 2003.

*"I think if you do something and it turns out pretty good, then you should go do something else wonderful, not dwell on it for too long. Just figure out what's next."*

A product of Maliyadeva College, Kurunegala

Cont..

**Fellow** of the Institution of Incorporated Engineers Sri Lanka,  
**Graduate member** of the City & Guilds London  
**Member** of the Institute of Automotive Engineers Sri Lanka

### High positions held:

He was the **Chairman** of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation (SPMC) from 2002-2004. As the 1<sup>st</sup> Technical person to be the Chairman SPMC, he proved the capabilities and paved the way for Engineers to Chair the SPMC Board in the successive terms.

He was also the **Executive Director** of the Janatha Estate Development Board of Sri Lanka year 2010/2011

He is also involved in other social and professional activities as well

-Member of the Engineers Guild Sri Lanka,

-Centre member of the OPA (Organization of Professionals Associations).

-As a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs over a period of 25 years He climbed the ladder to a very prestigious position- the **District Governor**.

- He was also the Lions Multiple Council Secretary 2008/2009.

His spouse Menaka is presently an executive Officer at Janashakthi Insurance,

They are blessed with a Son and a daughter . Son Ruwan has completed the University degree in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering with a 1<sup>st</sup> Class Distinction , Daughter Venuri is a student at Musaeus College Colombo studying for Advanced level .

Presently He is the Deputy Chairman of M/s Kanrich Finance Co. Ltd. And the Managing Director of M/s Pearl Lanka Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd.

. Along with the NDT Alumni Association I congratulate you ! – Bosco Silva

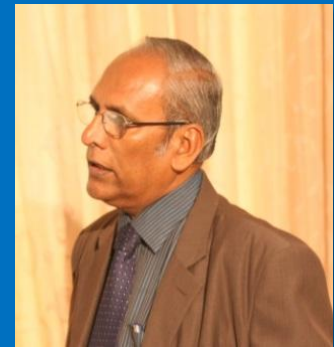
## Brief History of Junior Technical Officers (JTO) Programme (Part-I)

### 1. Ceylon Technical College (CTC) Maradana

The history of popular Junior Technical Officers (JTO) Programme could be traced back to the last decade of the nineteenth century, specifically to the year 1893, when the Ceylon Technical School was established at Maradana in the City of Colombo. This institution was renamed the Ceylon Technical College (CTC) in 1906, Maradana, was the founder institution for all engineering education in the country

The year 1942 marked an important and an eventful year for the engineering education in Ceylon. The government took action to reorganize CTC by elevating it to that of a government department, separate from the Department of Education to implement the following.

- ❖ “The College to be developed to become the centre for technological instruction in the island”;
- ❖ “The College to offer courses leading to the London University degree in Engineering and to Associate Membership of the Chartered Institution of Engineers London”;
- ❖ “Day and evening courses to be provided for the training of sub-professional or sub-technical grades and such as foreman, overseers, signalers, inspectors and draughtsman”.



**By Mr. J.K. Lankatilake**  
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During this period Professor R.H Paul Professor of Electrical Engineering was appointed as Director of CTC. This was the beginning of technical education in Ceylon, which brought us to this modern era of development by training and educating technical professionals. The CTC provided technical education in Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering fields even before the establishment of the University College Colombo, affiliated to the University of London, in 1921. A Junior Technical Officers (JTO) course was inaugurated at the CTC in the late 1940's.

By June 1950 the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Ceylon was established. Prof. R H Paul retired from the post of Director of CTC to accept the Chair of Electrical Engineering of the University. During this period CTC comprised of Dr S L de Silva as Director, Mr. V J Rasiah -Head of Electrical Engineering, Mr. Rangunathan-Head of Mechanical Engineering, Mr. L H Sumanadasa-Head of Civil Engineering, Mr. Narrendranathan- Head of Physics, Mr. B J P Alles-Head of Chemistry, Mr. Kidnapillai-Head of Mathematics and Mr. Manikkasingham who functioned as the Registrar.

The laboratories, workshops, lecture rooms and drawing offices of the CTC were available for the JTO programme. The laboratories available were listed below:

Civil Engineering	- Hydraulic Laboratory
	- Strength of Material Laboratory
	- Surveying and Leveling Laboratory
Electrical Engineering	- Electrical Measurement Laboratory
	- Electronics Laboratory
	- Electrical Machines Laboratory
Mechanical Engineering	- Heat Engines Laboratory
	- Boiler Room
Workshops	- Fitting Workshop
	- Machine Workshop
	- Carpentry Workshop
	- Foundry
Science Laboratory	- Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
	- Physics Laboratory

- *To be continued ..*



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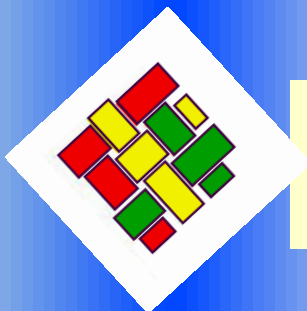
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