

yet been conducted in Sri Lanka, findings of this research will be valuable for all the stakeholders of engineering.

Methodology

This research followed the qualitative survey approach for data collection. An online open ended question was given to final year engineering students of two major state universities in Sri Lanka to gather their opinions on the importance of Engineering Ethics, while paying attention to their previous industrial and business exposure during their industrial training. Those students were following Engineering Ethics module at the time of the data collection. Participant generated textual data from the survey were qualitatively analysed to identify their perception.

Results & Discussion

More than 300 responses were received for the given question. All the students who had responded to this question have positively expressed their perception as views and opinions on Engineering Ethics. No participant had given a negative comment for this question. Some excerpts from students' responses have been included in this section for better understanding.

*“To work and survive as Engineers, Engineering Ethics is important.
It helps to resolve the problems in engineering profession”*

It is not enough to graduate as an engineer. He or she should have the ability to work and survive as an engineer in the society (Unger, 2000). This student has identified the importance of Engineering Ethics as it resolves the problems in engineering profession and is the secret of long term survival.

“Ethics shine our professional engineering life”

Working according to engineering ethics, earns reputation for the professional engineers (Lynch & Kline, 2000). Unethical decisions and behaviours of engineers eventually tarnish the reputation and they will lose their social status. So, it is almost up to the relevant engineers to make their professional engineering lives shine by applying Engineering Ethics or not.

“In a year, we will be in a company with a job where we will face many problems. Engineering Ethics will help us to solve them in good manner in business environments”

Facing problems and finding solutions for them is not a new thing in personal life and also in professional life. Solving problems is a major duty of professional engineers. But, in that case engineers should ensure that their solutions have minimum negative impacts or harm to the relevant parties involved. Engineering Ethics guide engineers to solve problems in good manner or fair way.