Activity 1.1

How is everyday communication different from technical communication? Give some examples.

Everyday communication	Technical communication
 Some words can describes wider range of things in life and the meanings can be various, for example "significant". Focus more on opinions and thoughts. Do not necessarily need evidence to prove beliefs. Expressions tends to be informal and casual. Pronouns like I and you are used more often. 	 Some adjectives have precise meaning related to technical terms and can not be randomly used. (e.g. significant) Focus on facts and evidence rather than beliefs and opinions. Expressions tends to be formal and precise. Pronouns that are subjective rarely appear. Pronouns like it and they appear more often.

Activity 1.2

What are some of the characteristics of engineering (technical) communication?

Accuracy 1

Audience, purpose3 and context

Clarity and effectiveness

4 channel of communication

Activity 1.3

Summarise the important points made by Associate Professor Alfred Tok Ling Yoong and Associate Professor Lee Yong Tsui.

Professor Alfred Tok Ling Yoong	Professor Lee Yong Tsui
 Message and communication must be precise and accurate in case any terrible consequences occur. Bridges and building might fall down as the worst case. Technical communications in writing is very important. 	 In order to get new ideas accepted and sell your own ideas, communication is necessary. This involves communication with bosses, clients and public at large. Writing good technical essay requires good grammar and good use of words. Verbal communication is also important.

Activity 1.4

Highlight some points mentioned in the interviews with professors that you think are important.

- 1. The idea of proper verbal communication is important when you want to sell your ideas and make them accepted. You need to formulate your ideas to make others understand effectively.
- 2. For technical Students, accurate writing is so important that if anything goes wrong, the whole project would fail and bad consequences can happen.