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### MoU WAS SIGNED BETWEEN NLDSB AND SLT

Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the National Library and Documentation Services Board and the Sri Lanka Telecom on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 at the Sri Lanka Telecom

The main objective of the MoU is to develop an Online Book Portal under URL [www.kiyawamu.lk](http://www.kiyawamu.lk) that allows the users to search and purchase books online. The MoU was signed by Mr. W. Sunil, Director General, NLDSB and Mr. Ajantha Senaviratne, Chief Marketing Officer, SLT.



### DR. W. A. ABEYSINGHE APPOINTED NEW CHAIRMAN OF NLDSB



Dr. W. A. Abeysinghe was appointed as the new Chairman of the National Library and Documentation Services Board with effect from 04th September 2015. Dr. W. A. Abeysinghe previously served as Chairman of the National Library and Documentation Services Board from year

2004 to 2006. Dr. Abeysinghe is a reputed poet, lyricist, translator, prose writer and literary critics in Sri Lanka. He started his career as a teacher of English. He then took to Journalism, Free lance broadcasting,

advertising and law. Dr. Abeysinghe is a author of a large number of books.

### FREE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

To mark the National Reading Month, National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) has decided to offer one-year free membership of the National Library to the Sri Lankan readers during the National Reading Month in October 2015. Many university academics, researchers, journalists, university students and many more made use of this opportunity. This is a good opportunity for academics, researchers, university students, journalists and general information seekers to obtain one year free membership.

Opening hours of the National Library:

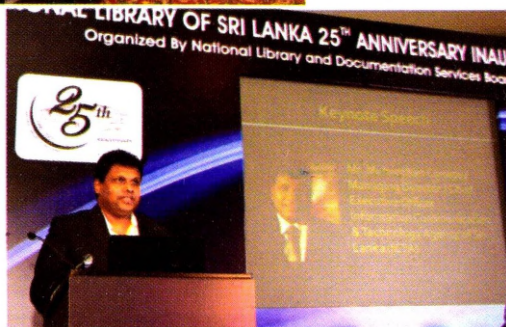
Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30 am to 6.15 pm.  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 8.30 am to 4.15 pm. (Closed on Sundays and other public holidays)

For more details:

Tel. 0112698847 - Ext. 251 , 236, 237

## NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SRI LANKA 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY INAUGURATION CEREMONY

The inauguration ceremony of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Library of Sri Lanka was held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo. Chief guest on the occasion was Mr. Upali Marasinghe, Secretary, Ministry of Education.



A large number of guests in different fields participated the ceremony. Issue of a commemorative stamp and a first day cover, nomination of the National Library of Sri Lanka as a IFLA PAC centre in the Asian region by the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), launching the commemorative volume, presentation of awards to the officers of the National Library who have completed 25 years service also took place in the inauguration ceremony. The Keynote speech of the inauguration ceremony was delivered by Mr. Muhunthan Canagey, Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer of Information Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA).

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STRENGTHENING CO-OPERATION AMONG NATIONAL LIBRARIES IN SOUTH ASIA



National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) organized an International Conference on Strengthening Co-operation among National Libraries

in South Asia on 06<sup>th</sup> August 2015 to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Library of Sri Lanka.



Delegates from India, Pakistan, Maldives, Nepal, Thailand and a large number of local library professionals participated the conference. The key note speeches were delivered by Ms. Ngian Lek Choh, Member, IFLA Governing Board and Consultant, National Library Board, Singapore and Mr. Upali Amarasiri, former Director General of the National Library and Documentation Services Board.

The conference consisted of three sessions and sessions were chaired by Mr. Upali Amarasiri, Prof. Russel Bowden and Mr. Prasanna Ranaweera respectively.

### **FREE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

National Library and Documentation Services Board launched a programme to provide free membership of the national library for senior citizens to mark the National Reading Month – October. Under this programme citizen of Sri Lanka over sixty years of age can obtain free membership of the National Library. Objective of this programme is to provide a benefit to senior citizens of Sri Lanka as an important segment of the population.

### **NATIONAL LIBRARY FRIENDS ORGANIZED A SEMINAR**

National Library Friends, an affiliated organization of the National Library and Documentation Services Board organised a workshop to make aware the school children of selected schools in Colombo education zone about the resources and services of the National Library of Sri Lanka on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015



### **NATIONAL LIBRARY RECEIVED THE ISSN AWARD 2015**

National Library and Documentation Services Board which is also functioning as the national center for International Standards Serial Numbering Project (ISSN) won the ISSN award 2015.



Mrs. Senani Bandara, Director, National Library and Documentation Services Board participated for a training in the ISSN international centre in Paris from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015. She has received the award in this training programme.



Government, Southern Province organized a seminar on the survey of public libraries in the Southern Province carried out by the Research Division of NLDSB. Public Librarians, community development officers and secretaries of local government institutions in Southern Province participated the seminar. Mr. H. M. Gunarathna Banda, former Assistant Director General, National Institute of Education, Mr. W. Sunil, Director General, NLDSB, Mr. G. D. Amarasiri, Director, NLDSB served as resource persons.

### **MR. M. S. U. AMARASIRI WAS PRESENTED ASIAN LIBRARY LEADERS LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**



Mr. M. S. U. Amarasiri former Director General of the National Library and Documentation Services Board was presented the Asian Library Leaders Lifetime Achievement Award of Satija Research Foundation in India. The Award was presented in the International Conference on Strengthening Co-operation among National Libraries in South Asia organised by the National Library and Documentation Services Board on 06<sup>th</sup> August 2015 to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Library of Sri Lanka.

### **SEMINAR ON SOUTHERN PROVINCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SURVEY**

The Library Research Division of the National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) in collaboration with the Department of Local

### **SEMINAR ON LIBRARY RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**



The Library Research Division of the NLDSB conducted a two day seminar on research methodology for librarians from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at the National Library and Documentation Services Board. The objective of the seminar was to improve the knowledge of librarians about the research methodology. The areas covered by the seminar are data collecting techniques, data analysis, literature survey compilation of research reports etc.

Mr. H. M. Gunarathna Banda, former Assistant Director General, National Institute of Education, Dr. Wathmanel Senevirathne, Librarian, Open University of Sri Lanka, Dr. Swarna Ukwatta, Senior Lecturer, Department of Demography, University of Colombo, Prof. Yasanjalee Devika Jayathilaka, Department of Sociology, University of Sri Jayewardenapura and Dr. Ruwan Gamage, Senior Lecturer, National Institute of Library and Information Sciences served as resource persons.

### WORKSHOP ON DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION

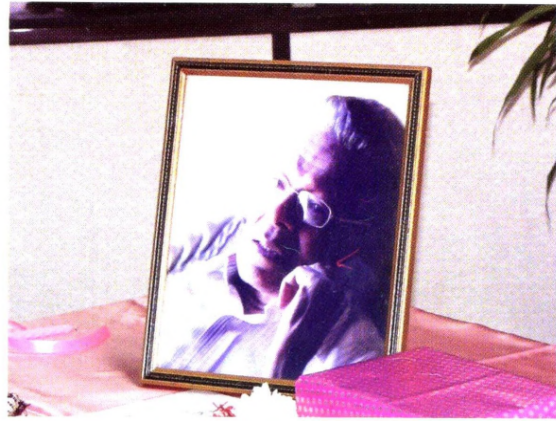


National Library and Documentation Services Board organized a one day seminar on Dewey Decimal Classification for librarians on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at the National Library and Documentation Services Board.



This workshop consisted of a theoretical part as well as a practical part on the Dewey Decimal Classification scheme. Prof. M. P. Satija of the Department of Library and Information Science, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, India and Mr. U. P. Alahakoon Senior Assistant Librarian, National Institute of Library and Information Science served as resource persons.

### JAYASENA JAYAKODY COLLECTION WAS OPENED IN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY



The collection of books written by veteran author Jayasena Jayakody was handed over to the National Library. The collection was opened by Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at the National Library and Documentation Services Board.

### NATIONAL READING MONTH AWARD CEREMONY 2015

The National Reading Month October 2015 award ceremony was conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at the auditorium of the Department of National Archives. The libraries which implemented successful reading promotion programmes in 2014 were presented

awards in this ceremony. Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education was the chief guest on the occasion. Special lectures on the importance of reading were delivered by Prof. Kusuma Karunaratna and Prof. S. J. Yogarajah of University of Kelaniya.

and about 'IFLA's Ethics statement and related Issues". In her visit, she inspected the IFLA PAC centre of the National Library which was established in the National Library 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015.



### VISIT OF THE IFLA SECRETARY GENERAL



Ms. Jennefer Nicholson, Secretary General of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) visited Sri Lanka in end of December 2015 and she visited National Library on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2015. She delivered a lecture on "IFLA, then on some of its key initiatives and the trend report,

### FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON KNOWLEDGE AND SMART TECHNOLOGY

Duration : 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Venue : Thailand

URL : [kst.buu.ac.th/2016](http://kst.buu.ac.th/2016)

Tel : +66(0)3810-3061

Fax : +66(0)3839-3245

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE  
MANAGEMENT**

Duration : 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
Venue : Barcelona, Spain  
URL : [www.waset.org/conference](http://www.waset.org/conference)

**2<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION  
TECHNOLOGIES FOR AGEING WELL AND  
E-HEALTH**

Duration : 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016  
Venue : Rome, Italy  
URL : [www.ict4ageingwell.org/](http://www.ict4ageingwell.org/)

**7<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
INFORMATION VISUALIZATION THEORY  
AND APPLICATION**

Duration : 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
Venue : Rome, Italy  
URL : [www.ivapp.visigrapp.org/](http://www.ivapp.visigrapp.org/)  
E-mail : [ivapp.secretariate@insticc.org](mailto:ivapp.secretariate@insticc.org)  
Tel : +351265520184  
Fax : +351265520186

**1<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
COMPLEX INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

Duration : 22<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
Venue : Rome, Italy  
E-mail : [complexis.secretariat@insticc.org](mailto:complexis.secretariat@insticc.org)  
Tel : +351265520184

**8<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
INFORMATION PROCESS AND  
KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT**

Duration : 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
Venue : Venice  
URL : [www.dans.knaw.nl/](http://www.dans.knaw.nl/)  
E-mail : [info@dans.knaw.nl](mailto:info@dans.knaw.nl)  
Tel : +31703494450

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BIG  
DATA AND KNOWLEDGE DISCOVERY**

Duration : 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
Venue : Bangalore  
URL : <http://drtc.isibang.ac.in>

**CONFERENCE ON DIRECTORS OF  
NATIONAL LIBRARIES - ASIA AND OCEANIA**

Duration : 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
Venue : Wellington, New Zealand  
URL : [www.natlib.govt.nz](http://www.natlib.govt.nz)  
E-mail : [winston.roberts@dia.govt.nz](mailto:winston.roberts@dia.govt.nz)  
Tel : +6444743009

**6<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL M-LIBRARIES  
CONFERENCE**

Duration : 18<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
Venue : United Kingdom  
Theme : Smart libraries : Re-inventing  
libraries for a changing world  
URL : [www.m-libraries.org/](http://www.m-libraries.org/)  
E-mail : [m-libraries-conference@open.ac.uk](mailto:m-libraries-conference@open.ac.uk)

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