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CEYLON NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES BOARD
REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN
20th JULY 1970 TO 30th SEPTEMBER 1970

The Ceylon National Library Services Board Act, No.17 of 1970, was assented to by the Governor General on 24th March 1970 and was gazetted on the 10th April 1970. The Honourable Minister of Education by Gazette notification of 27th April 1970, fixed the appointed date on which the Act was to come into operation as 1st May 1970. A Library Board was appointed by him according to section 2(1) of the Act. The Board was reconstituted on June 23rd 1970 and held its inaugural meeting on 20th July 1970.

The Board had two meetings during this period of two months and ten days at which meetings the Chairman was authorised to rent out suitable premises, to equip such premises, to appoint necessary staff and to advertise the post of Director of Ceylon National Library Services and Secretary of the Ceylon National Library Services Board, and to open a Bank account in the People's Bank, Park Street, Colombo 7. To This account No.7396 a sum of Rs.150,000/- granted by the Government was deposited.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN
1st OCTOBER 1970 TO 31st DECEMBER 1970

Two full meetings of the Board and a meeting of the committee of the Board were held during this period.

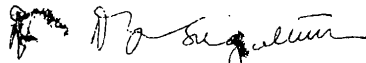
At the meeting held on 11th December 1970, the applicants who responded to the Gazette notification No.14,932 of 12.11.1970, for the post of Director of Ceylon National Library Services and Secretary of the Ceylon National Library Services Board were interviewed and by a unanimous vote the Director was selected. Subsequently on receipt of the approval of the Honourable Minister of Education, the selected candidate was appointed with effect from 15th January, 1971.

A sum of US \$ 2,000. was received as a grant from UNESCO for the purpose of training rural librarians, training college librarians and school librarians. The course for the rural librarians was held at the Udasiya Pattu Village Council Library, Bandarapola, Alwatte, Matale District, for the training of college librarians at the Uyanwatte Training College and for the school librarians at the Bandaranayaka Maha Vidyalaya, Gampaha.

Miss E.J.A. Evans, UNESCO Expert in Library Organisation, who was working with the Board, left the Island in December 1970 after the expiry of her term.

Miss Evans assisted the National Library Services Advisory Committee which drew up guidelines on which to base the legislation for the establishment of the Ceylon National Library Services Board. She conducted preliminary surveys in the Kandy, Matale and Anuradhapura districts, with a view to establish a model regional public library project as contemplated by UNESCO, and organised training classes for rural, school and training college librarians. The Board records its appreciation of the valuable services of Miss Evans throughout her period of work with the Board.

10th January, 1971.
Ceylon National Library Services Board
No.10, Chelsea Gardens, Colombo 3.


D.G. Sugathadasa
Chairman, CNLSB.

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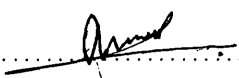
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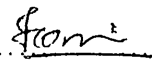
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