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President's Message

I am delighted to give this message for the 35th volume of the SLLA Newsletter. SLLA's contributions in Library and Information Science Education and Training, Research and publication and the major issues in the LIS field are well-known. While there have been many important achievements over the past year, many constraints and challenges persist. In spite of this, I can proudly say SLLA achieved some remarkable targets which I assured to complete during my first address in 2017 after elected as a president.

The accomplishments over the past year and the work ahead depend on the ongoing commitment, dedication, support and contributions of our Council, Ex-Co and the staff. You are all leaders in this field, and I am fully confident that your knowledge, experience and expertise will provide important insights on strengthening SLLA in future.

As the President of SLLA, I pledge to continue the quest for greater support, better programs, and enhanced capacity on behalf of every member of the society. I hope that in the coming year we can promote a greater awareness of this Association and encourage more members to join with us. Extensive revision of DIPLIS syllabus made by the education committee to match with SLQF structure is ready for implementation from 2019. We will make a huge effort to implement the revised curriculum of DIPLIS during our tenure.

Library corners will be established with a collection of Library Science Books close to all SLLA Study Centers during this year. These Corners for each study centers can fulfill the reference needs of the SLLA students. We plan to implement a number of projects under the strategic plan of Sri Lanka Library Association with the support of relevant groups and committees. We anticipate a high level of achievement in the coming year with the support of you all.

I would like to thank all the people working with me in SLLA for their determination and great sincerity in the service of LIS profession of this nation.

Mrs. S. Arulanantham
President / SLLA

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SLLA COUNCIL MEMBERS 2018/2019

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Mr. W. Sunil

Nominated Ex-Co Members:

Dr. Ruwan Gamage

Mr.P.B. Gallaba

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/17 AND 2017/18

S.C. Blok Memorial Scholarships

Diploma in Library and Information Science Level I – 2017/2018

Sinhala Medium - Ms. M.Shamila

English Medium - Ms. D.R.Bamunuarachchi

Tamil Medium - Ms. K.Tharsana

Diploma in Library and Information Science Level II – 2016/2017

Sinhala Medium - Ms. W.A.D.T.Wijesinghe

Tamil Medium - Ms. Darshani Vijayanathan

S Arulanantham Award for Best Performance – 2017/2018

Sinhala Medium - Panditharathna Mudiyansele

Chamarika Eradi Pathiraja

Tamil Medium - Not Awarded

Gold Medal for Best Achievement Diploma in Library and Information Science Level II – 2016/2017 (Final Examination)



**Panditharathna Mudiyansele Chamarika Eradi
Pathiraja**

Vijita De Silva Research Award-2018

SLLA Vijita De Silva Research Award was jointly presented to **Mr G R Padmasiri**, Librarian, University of the Visual and Performing Arts, for the research "Management of Indigenous Knowledge in Sri Lanka, with Special reference to indigenous medicine" and **Dr Nayana Wijayasundara**, Librarian, University of Sri Jayewardenepura for the study "Library Space Planning Framework of University of Sri Jayewardenepura" The awardees were presented with a Certificate of Award and a cash award of Rs. 25,000.00 each at the SLLA AGM, 2018.



Fellowship of SLLA 2018



At the AGM,

- Dr. R D Ananda Tissa (Senior Assistant Librarian - Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute) &
 - Mrs. Padma Bandaranayake (Senior Librarian of British School, Colombo)
- were awarded the fellowship of the Sri Lanka Library Association.



Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Sri Lanka Library Association

The 58th Annual General Meeting of Sri Lanka Library Association was successfully held at Grand Orient Hotel, Colombo on 28th June 2018. After the impressive ceremonial procession the AGM was inaugurated by the Chef Guest Prof. Sudharshana Seneviratne, and the Guest of Honour Dr. Krishanthi Rondon-Fuentes, Ms S. Arulanandhan, President, SLLA Dr. (Mrs) Nayana Wijesundara President-Elect, SLLA and Dr. (Mrs) Pradeepa Wijetunge Immediate Past President, SLLA. Two valuable discourses were made by the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour which were followed by presentations of awards. Here are some of the photographic highlights of the event.



Inauguration Ceremony



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Scholarships & Awards



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Diploma in Library and Information Science 2016/2017 Batch Photograph

Fourteenth National Conference on Library and Information Science (NACLIS) 2018 was held at Grand Oriental Hotel, Colombo on 28th June 2018 on the theme on **“Make it happen: Transformation of library services for next generation”**. NACLIS is an annual event aimed promoting professional and academic experiences among librarians and information professionals of Sri Lanka. Chief Guest Prof. W. I. Siriweera, Chairman of National Education Commission and Keynote Speaker Mrs. Madubashini Dissanayaka Rathnayake, Senior Lecturer, Department of English Language Teaching, University of Sri Jayawardenepura addressed the gathering. The keynote speech was on "The Keepers of Magic". The president of the SLLA Mrs. S. Arulanantham welcomed the guests. Dr. (Mrs) Nayana Wijesundara, Convener NACLIS gave an introduction to the NACLIS. Ms. Lilamani Amarasekera, General Secretary of SLLA delivered vote of thanks. Fourteen (14) papers were presented by Library professionals at the conference.



Papers Presented at the National Conference on Library and Information Science (NACLIS) 2018

1. State of Public Libraries in Sri Lanka: Results of a pilot Survey
Ruwan Gamage, Nishara Fernando, R. D Ananda Tissa, W. Sunil, Sriyananda Rathnayake
2. ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ආයුර්වේද වෛද්‍ය සම්ප්‍රදාය පරිරක්ෂණය උදෙසා ආචාර්ය මුණ්ඩිය භාවිතය පිළිබඳ පර්යේෂණාත්මක අධ්‍යයනයක්/ ආර්. ඩී. ආනන්ද තිස්ස
3. Open access repositories: a global perspective with an Emphasis on Library and Information Science Subject
Thivya Janen, Kupeshan Rathinakumar
4. දේශපාලන සමාජානුයෝජනය සඳහා සමාජ ජාල වෙබ් අඩවිවල බලපෑම/ඩබ්. එම්. සරසි ජායා බණ්ඩාර
5. Introduction of four factors for smooth running of the Next Generation Library in Sri Lanka: A concept paper
N. M. Karannagoda
6. මහජන පුස්තකාලවල මුද්‍රිත ග්‍රන්ථ එකතුව සංවර්ධනයේදී අනුගමනය කරන ක්‍රියාමාර්ග පිළිබඳ තුලනාත්මක අධ්‍යයනයක්
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7. Job Satisfaction of library Information Assistants of University Libraries in Sri Lanka/ W. Punyawardena
8. Challenge of identifying and preserving library resources with historical value in the library, University of Sri Jayawardenapura/ H. D. Menaka Nishanthi
9. Issues of Meeting Information Needs of G. C. E.(A/L) Student in Rural and Suburban Schools: a case study of Ambalantota Educational Division/ J. G. Chandani
10. The Impact of Library Profession on the Effectiveness of Teacher Performance in Early Childhood Development Center/ K. R. N. Harshani
11. Influencing now and future: voice of final year research students towards information literacy instructions at the University of Sri Jayawardenapura/ P. G. R. Samarawickrama, G. D. M. N. Samaradiwakara
12. The trends in participating in literary competitions among Dhamma School children: a case study of Sri Shylanthayathana Dhamma School, Habarakada, Homagama/ Hasitha Koralage
13. A case study on awareness of interlibrary cooperation among users of Sri Lankan University Libraries/
H. U. C. S. Kumara, U. P. N. N. Pathirana
14. Citation Analysis of Postgraduate Theses in the Field of Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing/
P. C. B. Alahakoon, A. J. P. Samarawickrama, A. M. S. Angamma



SLLA Corner at Colombo Public Library

'SLLA Corner' with publications of Sri Lanka Library Association and other publications in Library and Information Science, has been ceremoniously inaugurated at the Colombo Public Library on the 10th June 2018. Ms S. Arulanantham, President/SLLA and Mrs Varuni Gangabadaarachchi, Chief Librarian, Colombo Public Library, Mrs K R N Harshani, Education Officer/SLLA and students of SLLA DIPLIS programme attended the inauguration ceremony. In her address President/SLLA thanked the Colombo Municipal Council and the Colombo Public Library for the kind gesture of allowing to establish the SLLA Corner which will be immensely beneficial for the LIS students as well as other users of the library. Chief Librarian Colombo Public Library thanked the SLLA for gifting the collection of valuable library material which will improve the collection and services of the library. SLLA Education Officer Mrs K R N Harshani also spoke at the event.



International Symposium – LibSym 2018

The Library Network of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka stepped into a new mile stone in the history of Sri Lankan University Libraries by organizing the first ever International Symposium on 'Emerging Trends in Education and Library & Information Science' which revolved around the theme of 'Re-Engineering Libraries to Align with Transitioning Educational and Technological Paradigms' on the 9th and 10th of August, 2018 at Hotel East Lagoon, Batticaloa, Sri Lanka. Dr.K.E.Karunakaran, the Acting Vice Chancellor graced the occasion as the Head of the Institution. Prof. Dr. W. A. Weerasooriya, Professor in Library & Information Science, University of Kelaniya was the Chief Guest of the Conference, and Prof. Dr. W. K. M. M. K. Weerasinghe, Professor in Library & Information Science, University of Kelaniya and Dr. R. Balasubramani, Asst. Professor in Library & Information Science, Bharathidasan University, Trichi, India were the Guests of Honour. Prof. Chutima Sacchanand, Professor in Library & Information Science, Sukhothai Thammathirat



Open University, Thailand and President, Thai Library Association, Thailand delivered the Keynote Speech on 'Transforming the Roles of Libraries and Librarians in the Digital Learning Environment'. Further two invited speeches were delivered by Dr. Pradeepa Wijetunge, the Librarian of the University of Colombo on 'Uncertainty encountered by the Humanities and Social Science undergraduates in their information seeking behaviour' and Dr. Wathmanel Seneviretne, the Librarian of the Open University of Sri Lanka on 'Transforming academic librarians' skills and competencies to facilitate millennial learners effectively'. The conference featured presenters of selected high quality submissions of research papers from Australia, India, Thailand and Sri Lanka and after the inspiring presentations and fruitful discussions, the Scientific Panel Dialogue on 'Challenges and Opportunities in re-



Engineering Libraries in the Developing Countries' led by Dr.Pradeepa Wijetunge from Sri Lanka, consisting of panel members; Prof. Chutima Sacchanand from Thailand, Prof. W.A.Weerasooriya from Sri Lanka, Prof. William Dharma Raja from India, Dr. Nayana Wijayasundara (President-Elect, Sri Lanka Library Association) from Sri Lanka, Dr. R.Balasubramani from India, Mr.G.R.Gamini De Silva from Sri Lanka and Ms.Derani Nathasha Dissanayake from Australia was conducted. The Valedictory Session was led by Mrs. Srikanthaluxmy Arulanantham, the President of the Sri Lanka Library Association. The Conference Proceedings was released on the first day of the Symposium and the participants issued a declaration, containing the most important issues raised at the conference, and formulated possible guidelines for future development.

Special Discussion Mrs.Srikanthaluxmy Arulanantham (President of the SLLA), Dr.Nayana Wijayasundara (President-Elect, SLLA), Dr. Pradeepa Wijetunge(Former President, SLLA) with Prof. Chutima Sacchanand (Professor in Library & Information Science), Mrs. Sukhothai Thammathir (Open University, Thailand and President, Thai Library Association)



Inauguration Ceremony of Diploma in Library and Information Science

The inauguration ceremony of Diploma in Library and information Science offered by the Department of Library and Information Science of the University of Kelaniya was held on the 3rd of June 2018 at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Social Sciences. This ceremony was held with the objective of introducing the course units and the academic staff to newly enrolled students. The keynote speech of the ceremony was delivered by Advocate Dr. Harischandra Wijayatunga, a language expert and a compiler of Sinhala Dictionaries whereas Prof. A.H.M.H. Abayarathne, Dean, Faculty of Social Science participated as the Chief Guest. The event was graced by Senior Lecturer Ven. Legumdeniye Piyarathana Thero, Head of Department of Library and Information Science, Prof. M.K. Weerasinghe, Coordinator of Diploma in Library and Information Science, Prof. W.A. Weerasooriya and the Academic Staff members of the Department. This is the 36th batch of Diploma in Library and Information Science and the batch comprises more than 200 students.



3rd phase of implementation of Strategic Plan 2018-2019: The deadline for receiving project proposals for the first stage of phase 3 will be 15th October 2018. COMAISP decided to give special emphasis on the projects which address the significant issues of different LIS sectors in Sri Lanka including formulation or revisions of library legislations, statutes, standards, manuals, service minutes, collection development strategies, projects related to new trends in library architecture, interior designs, using ICT for improving library services, translations of valuable LIS literature to vernacular languages, improving the vitality of SLLA and extending Library and Information services to new areas. According to Convener/COMAISP by end of September 2018 about 31 project proposals have been received. A one day workshop to ascertain the new projects is scheduled for late October 2018. While senior members of SLLA are doing their fair share of the projects of the Strategic Plan, the emergence of a new generation of LIS leaders through majority of the projects is clearly noticeable, which is excellent news for the future of SLLA and the LIS field in Sri Lanka. The bulk of the 36 projects related to the phases 1 and 2 is expected to be completed during the current year. COMAISP thanks both local and overseas colleagues who sent commendations and appreciations for largely completed projects of the Strategic Plan posted on the SLLA website. As we are planning to finalize those projects shortly and submit to the relevant authorities to implement them, all are reminded to send their comments to improve the projects.

Establishing Special Interest Groups: COMAISP has appointed a Committee to study and make recommendations to implement a proposal of the Strategic Plan on formulation of Special Interest Groups at SLLA. (SLLA Strategic Plan, 5.1 KA1-Organizational Excellence, 5.1.3 Strategies X). SLLA past President Mrs Shivanthi Weerasinghe is the Convener of the Committee. The findings and recommendations of the committee will be submitted to the SLLA Council for necessary action. The Convener has requested the SLLA Membership to submit their proposals on the subject through the SLLA Office.

Orientation Programme: COMAISP conducted an Orientation Programme for the new office bearers of SLLA on 18.08.2018. The programme consisted of the following five themes. 1. Responsibility of Council Members towards SLLA, 2. Benefits of being a quality Council member, 3. Competencies required for Council Members, 4. Avoiding common mistakes/blunders and 5. Project planning for the year 2018/2019. In the evaluation of the programme, participants rated it as highly successful and urged the council to conduct it annually with a follow up session in the middle of the year. Past SLLA Presidents Mr Upali Amarasiri, Mrs Dilmani Warnasuriya and Mrs Shivanthi Weerasinghe acted as resource persons.



COMAISP 2018/19: Mr Upali Amarasiri (Convener), Mrs Shivanthi Weerasinghe, (Project Coordinator), Mrs Dilmani Warnasuriya, (Project Coordinator), Ms. S. Arulanantham, Mr W. Sunil, Dr (Mrs) Nayana Wijesundara and Dr (Mrs) Pradeepa Wijetunge.

Bachelor of Art Honours in Library and Information Studies - 2018

The Open University of Sri Lanka ceremonially launched the Bachelor of Arts Honours in Library and Information Studies (BALIS) on the 18th August 2018 at the Conference Hall of the University. The degree programme has been launched by the OUSL as a professional undergraduate degree to enroll non-degree holding librarians who are professionally qualified with 3 year Diploma in Library Science. The Sri Lanka Library Association had initially requested the OUSL to open an avenue for its LIS Diplomates to obtain a degree qualification to pursue their higher studies and to go ahead in their profession. BALIS course has been designed by the senior staff of the OUSL library. The entrants to the programme will be able to obtain an Honours Degree in LIS after completing necessary credits after minimum of two years. The degree programme is conducted by the Information Studies Unit (ISU) of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) of the OUSL. The Vice-Chancellor of the OUSL, Senior Prof. S. A. Ariadurai, Chairman, Standing Committee of the Library and Information Sciences (SCOLIS) Dr. Ruvaiz Haniffa, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Senior Professor Kamal Bandara Gunaherath, President, Sri Lanka Library Association Mrs. S. Arulanantham, Librarian, Programme Adviser Dr. (Mrs) W. Seneviratne, Course Coordinator (ISU) Mrs. Damayanthi Gunasekera and many other prominent personalities in the Library and Information Sciences (LIS) field had graced the occasion.



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84 වන ඉල්ලා සමුළුව මෙවර අගෝස්තු 24 සිට 29 යන දිනනිදි මැලේෂියාවේ ක්වලාලම්පුර්හිදී පවත්වන ලද අතර එහි තේමාව වූයේ “Transform libraries, Transform societies” යන්නය. පුස්තකාල සංගමයේ සාමාජිකයින් කිහිප දෙනෙක් මෙම සමුළුව සඳහා සහභාගි වූහ. ආචාර්ය ප්‍රමීලා ගමගේ මහත්මිය සහ ආචාර්ය වත්මානෙල් සෙනෙවිරත්න මහත්මී අසියානු හා ඕෂේනියා කලාපීය සංවිධානයේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා නියෝජිතවරියන් ලෙස කටයුතු කරන ලදී. ආචාර්ය වත්මානෙල් සෙනෙවිරත්න (විවෘත විශ්වවිද්‍යාලය), ශිවන්ති වීරසිංහ (භිටපු සභාපති - ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමය) හර්ෂනී දිසානායක, (ජේරාදෙණිය විශ්වවිද්‍යාලය) රවිකුමාර මුතුරාජ්, (නැගෙනහිර විශ්වවිද්‍යාලය) හසිත කෝරළගේ, (ANC Education) සාවිත්‍රී වීරකෝන් (DFFC බැංකුව) ප්‍රියානි බාලසූරිය, (ශ්‍රී ලංකා සංවර්ධන පරිපාලන ආයතනය) රසිකා ප්‍රබෝධනි (ලංකා බැංකුව) හා ප්‍රියන්ති දිසානායක (සිවිල් ගුවන්සේවා අධිකාරිය) යන පුස්තකාලයාධිපතිවරු මීට සහභාගි වූහ. එහිදී ආචාර්ය වත්මානෙල් සෙනෙවිරත්න, (හර්ෂ බාලසූරිය සහ දමයන්තිගුණසේකර), එම්. එන් රවිකුමාර් (උදය කබිරාල් සහ ටී. ආර්. රමණන්) විසින් පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා සහ හර්ෂනී දිසානායක enlightening talk ඉදිරිපත් කරන ලද අතර හසිත කෝරළගේ විසින් පෝස්ටරයක් ඉදිරිපත් කරන ලදී. ඉල්ලා සමුළුව 2019 දී ශ්‍රීසියේ ඇතැන්ස්හි ද 2020 දී නවසීලන්තයේ ඕක්ලන්ඩ්හි ද පැවැත්වීමට නියමිතය. ඉල්ලා සමුළුව සඳහා සහභාගිවීම තුළින් ලොව වෙනත් රටවල පුස්තකාල ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ අත්පත් කරගෙන ඇති ජයග්‍රහණ සහ නව සොයාගැනීම් පිළිබඳව තොරතුරු හුවමාරු කරගත හැකි වන අතර සමුළුවට සමගාමීව පවත්වන ප්‍රදර්ශනය හා පුස්තකාල වාරිකා ආදිය තුළින් විශාල අත්දැකීම් ප්‍රමාණයක් ලබාගත හැකිය. වැඩිදුර තොරතුරු සඳහා www.ifla.org වෙබ් අඩවිය බලන්න. ප්‍රියානි බාලසූරිය (තොරතුරු හා මහජන සම්බන්ධතා නිලධාරී - ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමය)



ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ මහාචාර්ය පියදාස රණසිංහ අනුස්මරණය



ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ පුස්තකාල සේවාව වෙනුවෙන් අමීල මෙහෙවරක් සිදු කල ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ මහාචාර්ය පියදාස රණසිංහයන් අනුස්මරණ කරනු වස් එතුමා උපන් තබ්බේව ග්‍රාමයේ පිහිටි කරුවලගස්වැව ප්‍රාදේශීය සභා පුස්තකාලයට පොත් පරිත්‍යාග කිරීමේ උත්සවයක් සංවිධානය කර ඇත. එතුමන්ගේ උපන් දිනය යෙදෙන ඔක්තෝබර් මස 10 වන දින පැවැත්වෙන මෙම උත්සවය වයඹ පළාතේ පළාත් පාලන කොමසාරිස් කාර්යාලය, ජාතික පුස්තකාල හා ප්‍රලේඛන සේවා මණ්ඩලය, කැලණිය විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ පුස්තකාල හා විද්‍යාපන විද්‍යා අධ්‍යයන අංශය, කොළඹ විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ ජාතික පුස්තකාල හා විද්‍යාපන විද්‍යා ආයතනය හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමය, කරුවලගස්වැව ප්‍රාදේශීය සභාවේ සභාපතිතුමා ඇතුළු සියලු මන්ත්‍රීන්වරුන් හා සමස්ත කාර්යමණ්ඩලයේ සහභාගිත්වයෙන් පවත්වනු ලබන අතර ඒ සඳහා පොත් පත් පරිත්‍යාග කිරීමෙන් ඔබටද දායක විය හැකිය.

පුත්තලම, තබ්බේව ගොවි ජනපදයේ ජීවත් වූ රණසිංහ ආරච්චිගේ වාර්ලිස් පෙරේරා හා එම මැතිණියගේ පවුලේ බාලයා වූ පියදාස රණසිංහයන් ඉපදී ඇත්තේ වර්ෂ 1949 ඔක්තෝබර් මස 10 දින පුත්තලම මූලික රෝහලේ දී ය. ප්‍රාථමික අධ්‍යාපනය සඳහා 1953 සැප්තැම්බර් මස තම නිවසට ආසන්නව පැවති තබ්බේව තම්බපත්ති විද්‍යාලයට ඇතුළත්ව සාමාන්‍ය පෙළ විභාගය ඉතා පහසුවෙන් සමත් වී උසස් පෙළ අධ්‍යයන කටයුතු සඳහා දෙල්ගොඩ කළායාණ ප්‍රදීප විශ්වවිද්‍යාල පිරිවෙනට ඇතුළත් විය.

උසස් පෙළ විභාගය ඉතා ඉහළින් සමත්ව විද්‍යාලංකාර විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයෙන් සිංහල ශාස්ත්‍රවේදී විශේෂ උපාධිය දෙවන පෙළ සාමර්ථයක් සහිතව සමත් වී, සිංහල අධ්‍යයන අංශයේ තාවකාලික සහකාර කලීකාචාර්යවරයෙකු වශයෙන් සිය වෘත්තීය ජීවිතය ආරම්භ කෙළේය. එතුමන් පුස්තකාල වෘත්තියට පිවිසියේ 1979 දී ශ්‍රී ජයවර්ධනපුර විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ කණ්ණික සහකාර පුස්තකාලාධිපති තනතුරට පත්වීමත් සමග ය. පියදාස රණසිංහ මහතා මෙරට පුස්තකාල හා විද්‍යාපන විද්‍යා ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ පළමුවන මහාචාර්යවරයා වශයෙන් ද, පළමුවන ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ මහාචාර්යවරයා වශයෙන් ද ගෞරවාදරයට හා සම්භාවනාවට ලක් වී ඇත. හෙතෙම මහාචාර්යවරයකු, පුස්තකාලාධිපතිවරයකු, මානව සම්පත් ප්‍රවර්ධකයකු, පරිපාලන නිලධාරියකු, ග්‍රන්ථ කතුවරයකු හා පුවත්පත් කලාවේදියකු වශයෙන් විවිධ ඉසව්ව නියෝජනය වන පරිදි සිය උපරිම සේවාව ශ්‍රී ලාංකීය සමාජයේ උන්නතිය සඳහා ලබා දී ඇත. ආර්. ඩී. ආනන්ද තිස්ස (උප සභාපති - ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමය)



Obituary; Dr K D G Wimalaratne (1942-2018)

Dr K D G Wimalaratne, former Director, Dept. of National Archives (1990-2004) has passed away on 14.09.2018. Dr Wimalaratne, graduated from University of Ceylon, Peradeniya in 1966 and later joined the Department of National Archives and became the Director of National Archives. He received his postgraduate training in Archival Science from Paduwa University, Italy. He authored many books and professional articles. Dr Wimalaratne served as a visiting lecturer in the Department of Library and Information science, University of Keleniya, NILIS, University of Colombo and at the SLLA. May he attain supreme bliss of Nibbana.



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