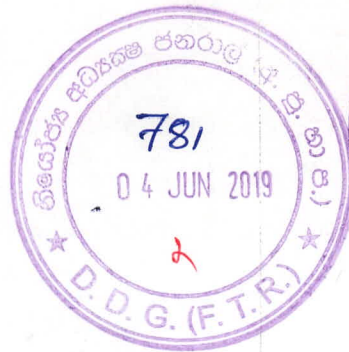


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29<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Secretary,

**Application for the Foresight and Innovation for Public Sector Excellence Programme**

I am writing to you with a request to kindly share this unique opportunity with relevant staff encouraging them to apply for the above mentioned programme.

This programme is co-developed and conducted as a joint project by the Ministry of Public Administration, the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA), and Citra, Sri Lanka's first Social Innovation Lab, to highlight and further empower innovative champions in the public sector.

The programme is open to officials with 05 to 20 years of experience in the public sector, with participants being chosen through an independent selection process, including an interview component.

The programme will be carried out in three stages. The first will be a week-long residential training in July 2019 where these officials will be equipped with skills and tools which will allow them to approach their work in innovative ways. The second phase of the programme is a mentorship stage, where these officials will return to their offices and try to embed these tools in their every day processes. After the three months, and for the third stage of this programme, the officials will be reconvened for a two-day recap session in October 2019 to share their experiences in trying to use these tools in real life.

In addition to gaining new skills and being exposed to global best practices, the programme also aims to change mindsets of the participants and inspire them to become champions of innovation through various initiatives. One such initiative is to facilitate an Experience Sharing session each day with the participation of notable public-sector officials, including honourable Ministers, Secretaries and other higher-level officials.

Accordingly, please find attached a few posters which could be shared and/or displayed around your Ministry premises. Your assistance in sharing this opportunity with interested officials is highly appreciated.

The application can be found by visiting [lk.undp.org](http://lk.undp.org), while more information can be received by emailing [innovations.lk@undp.org](mailto:innovations.lk@undp.org).

Yours sincerely,

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