

## **Press Release**

### **“Connect A School Connect A Community”**

#### **ITU Assistance Project 2011**

#### **Distribution of ICT Equipment to Schools, Akuressa Education Zone, Matara**

**May 3, 2011**

A constructive proposal made by Mr. S.H.S. Maduranga, an undergraduate of the University of Sri Jayawardenapura, to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), while attending an ITU Telecom Asia 2008 held in Bangkok, Thailand in 2008 as a recipient of ITU Youth Forum Fellowship, will be realized shortly at a function to be held on May 3, 2011 at the Akuressa Sisara Reception Hall.

ITU encouraged the ITU Telecom Youth Forum Alumini to undertake projects for promoting usage of ICT in schools and communities rural and remote areas of Sri Lanka in collaboration with its national representative organization in Sri Lanka i.e. Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRCSL).

Under the proposal conceived by Mr. S.H.S Maduranga and now being implemented via a project assisted by ITU, 25 sets of PCs, Printers and UPSs to the value of Rs. 2,700,000/= will be provided to 25 schools located in the Akuressa Education Zone, Matara District. Computer Tables and Chairs will be donated by the S L S Sunil Development Foundation and the Kamburupitiya Kodithuwakku Development Foundation. Two Licensed operators, Mobitel (Pvt) Ltd and Dialog Axiata have undertaken to supply Internet facilities for the schools at concessionary rates.

With the assistance of the Ministry of Education and Intel EM Limited Sri Lanka, an ICT Teachers “Intel Teach” training programme will be inaugurated in the afternoon of May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the aforesaid venue. The “Intel Teach” Program is intended to help teachers to become more effective by training them to develop skills relating to the integration of technology into their lessons, promotion of problem solving, critical thinking and collaboration between students.

The distribution of the aforesaid equipment will take place on 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 at the Akuressa Sisara Reception Hall at a function organized by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka and the Akuressa Zonal Education Office under the distinguished patronage of Hon Chandima Rasaputra, Minister of Education Southern Province, Mr. H G Sirisena , Former Chief Minister of the Southern Province, Dr. Eun Ju Kim, Director, Regional Office, International Telecommunications Union, Mr. Sameer Sharma, Senior Advisor, International Telecommunications Union, Mr. S Sahabandu, President Counsellor, Member of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, Mr. Dammika Weerasekera, Director of Akuressa Education Zone, Chairman of the S L S Sunil Development Foundation, Chairman of the Kamburupitiya Kodithuwakku Development Foundation, Mr. Indika De Zoyza, Country Manager, Intel EM Limited Sri Lanka and other distinguished invitees.

The following schools will receive ITU assistance and ‘Intel Teach’ Training Program facilities:

01. Matara / Bobagoda, Sugeeswara Maha Vidyalaya
02. Matara / Nimalawa Kaitu Vidyalaya
03. Matara / Diyalape Kaitu Vidyalaya
04. Matara / Dediagala Kaitu Vidyalaya
05. Matara /Ihala Maliduwa Kaitu Vidyalaya
06. Matara /Dolamawatha Kaitu Vidyalaya
07. Matara / Kohogoda Kaitu Vidyalaya
08. Matara / Ganhela Kaitu Vidyalaya
09. Matara Kanahelagama Kaitu Vidyalaya
10. Matara /Thalahagama Kaitu Vidyalaya
11. Matara /Maliduwa Kaitu Vidyalaya
12. Matara /Maramba Kaitu Vidyalaya
13. Matara /Thalahagama Primary School
14. Matara /Bopagoda Kaitu Vidyalaya
15. Matara /Akurugoda Senani Kaitu Vidyalaya
16. Matara /Weliketiya Kaitu Vidyalaya

17. Matara /Denipitiya Model Kanitu Vidyalaya
  18. Matara /Dampella Kanitu Vidyalaya
  19. Matara /Sulthanagoda Kanitu Vidyalaya
  20. Matara /Sulthanagoda Maha Vidyalaya
  21. Matara /Horagoda Alhudha Kanitu Vidyalaya
  22. Matara /Penetiyana Saddhatissa Kanitu Vidyalaya
  23. Matara /Makuluwalahena Kanitu Vidyalaya
  24. Matara /Galpamuna Kanitu Vidyalaya
  25. Matara /Yahamulla Kanitu Vidyalaya
  26. Matara/Hulandawa Tamil Vidyalaya
  27. Matara/ Poraba Kanitu Vidyalaya
  28. Matara /Godapitiya Sadath Maha Vidyalaya
  29. Matara /Porathota Sri Medankara Maha Vidyalaya
  30. Matara /Paraduwa Adarsha Kanitu Vidyalaya
  31. Matara/ Lenama Kanitu Vidyalaya
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