



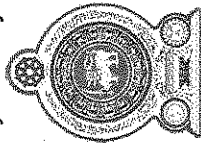
A Rising Enthusiasm “President’s Awards for Scientific Publication”

It is clear that publication of the research outcome of Sri Lankan scientists in Science Citation Index Expanded; SCIE journals, which are highly ranked internationally has been highly increased in recent years. The number of internationally ranked research articles were very minute in older years. In 1995 it was 282, while it was 310 in year 2000. After the inauguration of “President’s Awards for Scientific Publication”, it became 367 in 2002, 601 in 2003 and surprisingly increased to 1779 by the year 2015.

Furthermore, in the 2016-2017 edition of the Global Competitiveness Index released by the World Economic Forum, Sri Lanka has gained the 43rd place out of 138 countries, for the pillar ‘Innovation’ which one out of the 12 pillars for development.

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'Solar Asia 2018' International Conference Successful

Pradeep Piyathilake _____ and solar energy usages, organized by the National Institute of Fundamental Studies, Kandy was successfully held at the Kandy Symposium, on solar energy, solar cells from the 4th- 6th of January 2018.

In the near future, the solar power will be a major source of energy in tropical countries like Sri Lanka. Currently research on solar cells has become one of the fastest growing inter-field research groups in science and technology. In recent years, physicists, chemists, scientists in the field of matter, and various industrialists, have focused their attention on improving the efficiency of low cost solar cells and prophylactic equipment. An outstanding

contribution has been provided by the scientists and technologists of Asia in related research work and another significant factor is that Sri Lanka is amongst the top 10 countries in the field of color sensitive solar cells research. Research scientists and technology experts, from over 10 countries, attended for the three-day event. The honourable Minister of Science Technology & Research, Susil Premajayantha graced the occasion as the Chief Guest at the inauguration ceremony held on the 4th of January. This international convention was organized by a team of scientists including Professor Lakshman Dissanayake.

Prof. Chandana Jayaratne, for the General President Role of the Sri Lanka Association for Advancement of Science.



The Ministry of Science Technology & Research extends greetings for the new General President of the Sri Lanka Association for Advancement of Science, Prof. Chandana Jayaratne, to work vigorously for the betterment of the field of Science in the country.

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