



Mr. E.A.Samarasinghe and Prof. P.Ranasinghe lighting the oil lamp at the inauguration.



Ms. Moira Fraser



Mr. Michael Dowling



Mr. Michael Dowling, Mr.D.P.Hettiarachi, Prof.P.Ranasinghe, Mr.J.Dallage, Ms.P.Gamage



Mr. M.M.K.Weerasinghe - Director General, NLSDB, lighting the Oli Lamp

## Workshop to train Library Association Leaders and Professionals in South Asian Countries on Library Advocacy and Policy Development

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) in collaboration with the National Library and Documentation Services Board of Sri Lanka (NLSDB) organized a workshop on the 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009, at Hotel Renuka, Colombo to train Library Association Leaders and professionals of REFSALA on Library Advocacy and Policy Development.

The Chief Guest at the inaugural session was Mr. J. Dadallage, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration & Home Affairs. Mr. D.P. Hettiarachi, Additional Secretary Ministry of Local Government, Mr. E.A. Samarasinghe, Chairman of the NLSDB, Mr.M.M.K. Weerasinghe, Director General of NLSDB, Mr.U. Amarasiri, Director, National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS), Prof. P. Ranasinghe, President SLLA and Dr. Leel Gunsekara welkonwn retired CAS Officer, were among the other distinguished guests who were at the inaugural session. Welcome address was delivered by Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, President, SLLA and Vote of Thanks was delivered by Mr. K.G.G.Wijeweera, General Secretary, SLLA.

This workshop was organized with the objective of training LIS leaders, especially Public Librarians, educators and activists to gain the requisite skills in policy development and implementation; developing government relations platforms, monitoring government proposals; effective advocacy campaigns and public relations.

It was fully funded by the Action for Development through Libraries (ALP) programme of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). The Resource persons were Ms. Moira Fraser Parliament Librarian, New Zealand and Mr. Michael Dowling, Director, American Library Association.

The Workshop was very successful one which brought together people in the Library and Information field, Community development, and the Local Government, for a lively two day discussion on LIS advocacy and policy development, both on and off the sessions. The Workshop sessions included Introductory sessions and Country Presentations Group discussions and presentations, and a framework for an Action Plan for Advocacy.

There were 63 Participants representing Public Libraries, National Library and Archives, University Libraries, Government Libraries, Special Libraries, Community Development Officers, Teacher Librarians, School Libraries and Local Government establishments such as Provincial, Divisional and Municipal Councils.

The participants from the Local Government and Municipal Councils commended this programme and said that it was a real encouragement for their work. More of this kind of workshops was requested by them. Since such libraries do not get much attention they could work their way through, with the hepl of above deliberations.

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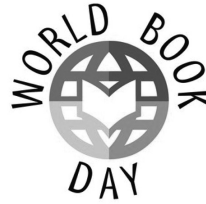
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## World Book and Copyright Day - April 23



By celebrating this Day throughout the world, UNESCO seeks to promote reading, publishing and the protection of intellectual property through copyright.

## 49th Annual General Meeting

The 49th AGM of the Sri Lanka Library Association is scheduled to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June (Friday) 2009 at the Hotel Janaki, Colombo 05.

The inaugural session will be held in the morning followed by the Annual General Meeting in the afternoon. At the inaugural session the presentation of awards and certificates will take place.

## Sri Lanka Library Review 2009

Sri Lanka Library Review, the Journal of the SLLA is published once a year. Suitable articles on Library and Information Science are published in this Journal. The Publication Committee wishes to receive articles from the members for publication in the next issue due in June 2009.

Please check the SLLA web site for guidelines on submitting articles. You may submit articles written in Sinhala, English or Tamil language. Please send your manuscripts to the Publication Officer of the SLLA.

### SLLA

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) was incorporated by Law No. 20 of 1974 of the National State Assembly and amended by Act No. 7 of 2004. The SLLA is a founding and executive member of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA) of Sri Lanka. It holds membership of the Commonwealth Library Association (COMLA) and the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA).

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# National Conference on Library & Information Science- NACLIS-2009

**Theme: Access to knowledge (A2K) through Library & Information Management**

The Sri Lanka Library Association proudly presents its 8th National Conference, scheduled to be held in Colombo, on 25th June, 2009 on the day preceding the AGM. The event is expected to be an exceptionally successful one with papers of immense value to our profession being presented at this conference.

Papers are expected to be presented on different aspects of the profession by well known LIS specialists and few Indian researchers.

**Proposed areas for presenters to consider are:**

- Information & Knowledge provision
- Access strategies (manual & electronic)
- Freedom of access
- Governance systems
- User studies
- System studies (manual & electronic)
- Information & knowledge management
- Knowledge regimes
- Building up knowledge/Information bases for easy access
- Freedom of Information
- Intellectual Property Rights

**Registration fee:**

* SLLA Members	: Rs.1500.00	Non-Members	: Rs.2000.00
* Foreign participants	: SAARC Countries: USD 50.00	Other Countries	: USD 100.00
* Students	: Rs. 750.00		

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කෙටි කලක් ලේක් හවුස් ආයතනයේ විශේෂාංග කාර්යාලයෙකු ලෙස කටයුතු කළ එතුමා පසු කාලීනව ගුරු වෘත්තියට සම්ප්‍රාප්ත වී විද්‍යාලකාර පිරිවෙන, කැලණිය ගුරුකුල විද්‍යාලය හා හොරණ විද්‍යාරතන විද්‍යාලය යන ආයතනයන්හි සේවය කර ඇත.

පානදුර ශ්‍රී සුමංගල විද්‍යාලයේ ගුරු මහත්මියක ලෙස සේවය කළ ඊ. කමලාවතී මෙනවිය සමඟ 1957 සැප්තැම්බර් 27 දින විවාහ වූ පියසේන මහතා 1959 මැයි 1 වන දින ශ්‍රී ලංකා විද්‍යාලකාර විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ ඉතිහාස අංශයේ අධ්‍යයන කාර්ය මණ්ඩලයේ පත්වීමක් ලද්දේය. ඉන් අනතුරුව එම විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේම සහකාර ප්‍රසික්කාලයාධිපතිවරයෙකු ලෙස පත්වීමක් ලද පියසේන මහතා 1964-1967 වකවානුව තුළ ලන්ඩන් විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ ප්‍රසික්කාල විද්‍යාව පිළිබඳව පශ්චාත් උපාධි ඩිප්ලෝමා අධ්‍යයන කටයුතු වල නිරත වී එම එම විභාගය සමත් විය. ඒ කාලය තුළ දී ඒ මහතා ගුවන්විදුලි සේවයේ සංදේශය වැඩ සටහනට ද දායක වී ඇත.

කැලණිය විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ සහකාර ප්‍රසික්කාලයාධිපතිවරයෙකු ලෙස සිටි සේවයෙන් විශ්‍රාම ගත් පියසේන මහතා සමුද්‍රී අරාබියේ පිහිටි ඇරුම්කෝ තෙල් සමාගමේ ප්‍රසික්කාලයාධිපතිවරයෙකු ලෙස 1982 සිට 1986 කාලය අතර සේවය කළේය. ඉන් අනතුරුව සියරට සම්ප්‍රාප්ත වූ පියසේන මහතා පුරාවිද්‍යා පශ්චාත් උපාධි ආයතනයේත්, පාලි හා බෞද්ධ අධ්‍යයන පශ්චාත් උපාධි ආයතනයේත් ප්‍රසික්කාල කටයුතු පිළිබඳ උපදේශකවරයෙකු ලෙස සේවය කර ඇත. තවද, සුවිකරණ විෂය පිළිබඳ බාහිර කටයුතු සඳහා සේවය කළ දශක තුනකට අධික කාලයක් ඒ මහතාගේ සේවය කැලණිය විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ ප්‍රසික්කාල හා විද්‍යාපන විද්‍යා අධ්‍යයන අංශයටත් ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රසික්කාල සංගමයටත් ලබා දී ඇත. ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රසික්කාල සංගමයේ අධ්‍යයනලබ්ධි තනතුර මෙන්ම පාලක සභාවේ සාමාජික ධුරයද දීරය. එමෙන්ම බාහිර කටයුතු සඳහා දුරමින් සිසුන්ගේ මනන් පැසසුමටද ලකවී සිටියේය.

උද්යෝගිමත් පුද්ගලයෙකු ලෙස කටයුතු කරමින් නිරතයාකාර මඳ සිතනවකින් නිරතුරුව සැරසී සිටි පියසේන මහතා විසින් ස්වකීය පීචනයේ විශාල කාල පරිච්ඡේදයක් ප්‍රසික්කාල වෘත්තියෙකු ලෙස ද පශ්චාත් සමය ප්‍රසික්කාල විද්‍යා ආචාර්යවරයෙකු ලෙස ද ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ප්‍රසික්කාල වෘත්තියේ අතිවර්ධනය උදෙසා මහඟු මෙහෙයක් ඉටුකර ඇත. 2009 ජනවාරි 29 වනදින අනාවස්තුවේදී පී.ඒ. පියසේන මහතාට නිවන් සුව ප්‍රාර්ථනා කරමු.

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## LIS Conferences which are going to be held across the globe in year 2009

- International Conference on Academic Libraries, October 5-8, 2009, University of Delhi, Organizers: University of Delhi Library <http://library.du.ac.in/ocs/index.php/ical/index>
- International Congress on Medical Librarianship, 31 Aug-4 Sep 2009, Brisbane, Australia <http://www.icml2009.com/>
- IFLA World Congress, 2009, August 23-27, 2009, Milan, Italy <http://www.aib.it/aib/ifla2009/ifla-e.htm3>
- SLA-2009 Annual Conference, June 14-17, 2009, Washington DC, USA <http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conferenc e/ac2009/index.cfm>
- ISSI-2009: 12th International Conference on Scientometrics and Informetrics, July 28-31, 2009, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil <http://www.issi2009.org/php/index.php>  
Regards, Miss Charu Mathur. Delhi.
- INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR DIGITAL LIBRARIES AND THE SEMANTIC WEB 2009 (ICSD 2009) <http://www.icsd-conference.org>  
(ICSD2009) will take place from September 8-11 at the University of Trento.
- 5<sup>th</sup> International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference, 29 Jun-3 Jul 2009 EBLIP 5, Stockholm, Sweden, Lotta Haglund, [lotta.haglund@ki.se.nospam](mailto:lotta.haglund@ki.se.nospam).
- Internet Librarian 2009  
Monterey Conference Center, 1 Portola Plaza, Monterey, CA 93940,  
October 26 - 28, 2009  
Pre-conference workshops Saturday, October 24 - Sunday, October 25

# Achievements

## Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe – Award Winner of the Most outstanding Promoter of International Relations

Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya has been selected for the **Vice Chancellor's award on Most outstanding Promoter of International Relations**, on behalf of the Research Centre for Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya.

Prof. Ranasinghe, in addition to the post of Head of the Department, holds the post of President of the Sri Lanka Library Association. Also, he represents Sri Lanka in the International Federation of Library Associations, the apex body of world library and information activities.



He also serves as a Board Member of the National Library and Documentation Board of Sri Lanka and National Institute of Library and Information Sciences, University of Colombo. He is an outstanding scholar in the Library and Information Sciences field in Sri Lanka and

he has authored a number of books and many articles which have been well accepted locally as well as internationally. He has served as a resource person in many national and international conferences, seminars and workshop.

Prof. Ranasinghe has been the Coordinator of the First International Conference on Social Sciences, 2008, the first ever International Conference held in the University of Kelaniya. The Conference was organized by the Research Centre for Social Sciences under the Chairmanship of the Dean of the Faculty and assisted by Heads of the Departments of the Faculty as well as other members of the organizing committee. The Vice Chancellor of the University was the chief advisor of the Conference.

The Conference was attended by delegates from 16 countries. The number of foreign scholars was 60 and the number of local participants was 250. The Conference was a mammoth event. It has greatly contributed to the establishment of international relations with foreign universities, especially with India and Japan. As the Coordinator of the Conference, Prof. Ranasinghe together with other colleagues did a yeomen service which made the conference a success bringing honour to the University.

The Vice Chancellor on behalf of the Research Centre for Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya conferred the award on Most outstanding Promoter of International Relations, to Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe.

### IFLA-ALP Scholarship 2008- Winner's Report Ms. Namali Suraweera,

Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya

Ms. Namali Suraweera was awarded the **IFLA – ALP scholarship to attend short course on Information Literacy (IL) and Information Technology (IT) in Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand** from 17<sup>th</sup> November to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008. Six countries namely, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Malaysia, Philippine, Solomon Island and Pakistan Participated in the programme. During the course she has been exposed to many aspects of IL and IT such as context of information literacy, basic IL skills, student learning styles, critical thinking and independent learning, planning a search strategy, rationale for an IL



programme, technologies for distance learning in IL, citing information resources and ethical use of information, forms of assessment for the IL programme, managing and marketing an IL program among others., She has also learned the methodology of producing and publishing good teaching aids through web using web technologies, which is an important area.. The title of her project has been "Library and Information Science Subject Gateways" which she has presented through the web. The presentation has been well accepted by the review panel and it has won the best presenter award.

Apart from the presentation, this course has given an opportunity for her to come into contact with a number of senior leaders from various countries and she had a good opportunity to learn and share information and experience on information literacy and IT. This exposure will help the Department of Library and Information Science to commence a new Diploma Course on Information Literacy and IT in the near future.

She wishes to thank the IFLA – ALP, Sri Lanka Library Association and Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya for giving her an exceptional opportunity and believes that all the benefits she gained from this training will help to further the advancement of Librarianship in Sri Lanka.

## Congratulations - ISO Certification for Central Bank Library

Library & Information Centre (LIC) of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) received ISO 9001: 2000 standards certification for quality management systems from Sri Lanka Standards Institution recently. The certification was presented for providing library facilities and information services to the internal and external customers.



This achievement is a clear reflection on the high standard of services

provided by the Library & Information Centre of the CBSL. Today this library has a collection of more than 22,000 books, 14,000 reports, 1,100 CDs and two online databases relevant to banking sector.

It maintains the EbanklibnetSL Network Group very efficiently with 22 members. LIC is also a member of the Central Bank Librarians' Network, of which 58 Central Bank libraries in the world are members. Though the Central Bank Library lost its all reading materials, other resources and 04 senior members of the staff with the bomb blast in January 1996, it has been able to resurrect. This is the second library in Sri Lanka to receive ISO 9001 : 2000 certification with the Information Service Centre of the Industrial Technology Institute (formally CISIR) obtaining ISO 9001:2000 certification in 2006. The staff presently working at LIC and worked during the past 12 years including former Chief Librarians Dr. Mrs. Wathmanel Seneviratne and Mrs. Nalani Wijenayake, Mr. K.G.G. Wijewera, Librarian and the management of the CBSL should be honoured for achieving this prestigious award.

### USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES

- <http://www.pppst.com/library.html>
- <http://www.longmeadow.k12.ma.us/ws/dewey/>
- <http://languagearts.pppst.com/deweydecimals.html>
- <http://www.sri-lanka-almanac.com/index.html>
- <http://www.thrall.org/dewey/>
- <http://www.qlock.com/time> - Amazing World Clock
- <http://www.icsd-conference.org>
- <http://slla.srilankeeya.net> - Photos and Presentations of the REFSALA Workshop can be obtained from the Workshop Web Site



**Inauguration of the Concert & Art Exhibition**



**Children Performing at the Concert**

## Andaragasyaya Primary School Project -2008

On the 21st of December 2008, a concert and an exhibition of Art by students of the Andaragasyaya Primary school was held at the Auditorium of the Debaraweve Madya Maha Vidyalaya in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Library Association.

Children of the Andaragasyaya Primary School performed at the Concert and the items included singing and dancing organised by Ms. Premila Gamage (SLLA) and the Library Staff of the Andaragasyaya Primary school.

The principal Mr. Kingsly Jayaratne, Zonal Deputy Director-Education Mr. D.B. Ariyasena and officials of the Education Department, Tissamaharama, School staff, students, their parents of Andaragasyaya Primary school, officials of the Regional Education Department and Mrs. Dolitha Andardi, Mrs. Swarna Jayatillake, and Ms. Priyani Balasuriya of the Sri Lanka Library Association participated. A DVD has been prepared on the concert and other activities.

SLLA and its Tsunami activities, 14 minutes

Website : <http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/rising-rubble>

In addition to this event in 2008 three (3) Art Workshops and one(1) Literacy workshop for teachers and parents have been organized. Art Workshops have been conducted by prominent artists such as Colvin Settinayake, Shantha Herath and Shyamala Vidanagama. Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Uditha Alahakoon, and Ven. Mawarala Baddiya served as resource Persons at the Literacy workshop.

## Workshop on Information Security Awareness For Librarians & Information Officers held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009

The Special Librarians group of the Sri Lanka Library Association organized a workshop on Information Security Awareness. The target groups of this workshop were Librarians and other personnel engaged in handling information. This one day workshop was held at the Samudra Hotel of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management, No 78, Galle Road, Colombo 03.on January 16<sup>th</sup> 2009.



### Highlights of the Workshop:

The topics discussed at his workshop included: Introduction to Information Security, Information Security Best Practices; Intellectual Property Rights and Computer Crimes Act of Sri Lanka and an Introduction to ISO 27001 Standard and experiences. The lectures were followed by Group work on Information Classification. At the end of the sessions, a quiz competition also was organized. Ms. Purnima Jayasingha of ITI won the title of Information Security Quiz Champion.



The Resource Persons were highly qualified professionals attached to the Information Security Division of Sri Lanka Telecom (SLT).

The Chief Guest was Prof Piyadasa Ranasingha, President of SLLA, guests of honor being Mr.G.M.P.Gallaba President elect of SLLA and Mrs. Hema Dharmawardane Senior Assistant Secretary of Ministry of Tourism.

It is gratifying to note that 57 working librarians and a considerable number of personnel engaged in handling information also participated in this one day workshop.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### PROMOTIONS TO ELEVEN Grade I LIBRARIANS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

The Service Minute of the Government Librarians which was approved on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1997 did not offer any promotional prospects to senior Librarians in Grade I. At the time there were 17 librarians in Grade I of which 13 sought redress from the court. The rest did not join hands with them considering personal benefits.

Court ordered to fill the existing vacancies. In the meantime a senior librarian died while another had to retire after reaching 60 years. After elongated period of time applications were called from qualified librarians in the year 2005. An interview was held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2006 by an Interview board approved by the Public Service Commission and the candidates were evaluated based on a marking scheme. This is the first time that such a procedure was followed for the selection of Librarians to Supra Grade.

**Accordingly Eleven Grade I librarians in the Government Service were promoted to Supra Grade with Effect from 01.08.1997. At present only Two out of this eleven are in service.**

All these librarians more or less possessed the qualifications specified in the marking system. Promotions to Supra Grade will be done as per this marking scheme in Future and the PSC has already given approval to promote the next batch in Grade I to the Supra Grade.

#### The marking scheme is as follows-

* Seniority (5 marks for each year not exceeding 50 marks)	- 50	* Presentations	- 10
* Post Graduate Diploma/ Masters/ Chartered Librarian	- 20	* Publications	- 10
* IT related to Librarianship (160 hours duration)	- 10		

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## SLLA EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

### Workshop on Training of Trainers (TOT) For SLLA Lecturers at all Levels

Training of Trainers (TOT) Workshop on 'Effective Teaching and Guiding Methods in LIS Education for the SLLA Lecturers of the Diploma programmes at all levels (I, II and III), was held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in collaboration with National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) and Sri Lanka Library Association at the Auditorium of the National Library and Documentation Services Board in Colombo.



**Dr. W.A. Weerasuriya  
addressing the Participants**

The workshop was totally reserved for SLLA Lecturers and conducted by the Education Officer and Assistant Education Officer. Prof.P. Ranasinghe. President SLLA delivered the welcome speech and briefed the participants about the importance of the programme and Dr. W.A.Weerasuriya EO introduced the resource persons to the participants. At the same time he explained the objectives of the workshop.

President SLLA , Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Prof. Ms .D.Lekamge, Dean, Faculty of Education, Open University, Emeritus Prof. Ms. C. Gunawardena Formerly of Open University, served as resource persons. Problems/issues faced by SLLA lecturers were discussed also during the workshop.

Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, President SLLA delivered a Lecture on "Responsibilities of SLLA Lecturers in safeguarding the quality and standards of SLLA education programme" . Prof. Ms. D.Lekamge, Dean, Faculty of Education, Open University gave a lecture on Andragogy (Teaching Adults) effective teaching and guiding the students and Prof. Ms. C. Gunawardena Emeritus Prof. of Education, Open University, gave a Lecture on "Planning Lectures: Learning outcomes, interactive teaching and evaluation" and held a discussion with the participants. Subject areas covered were Preparation of training programmes, Quality and standards of SLLA education programme, Andragogy (Teaching Adults) effective teaching and guiding the students, Methodologies and techniques, Lesson planning, Lesson learning outcomes and evaluation, Training Evaluation etc. Around 45 lecturers of the Sri Lanka Library Association participated in the workshop which gave them an opportunity to meet each other. A travelling allowance an honorarium was also paid to each participant. At the end of the day's work session Mr. Lionel Amarakoon, Assistant Education Officer delivered the Vote of Thanks.

#### From cover page Workshop to train Library .....

The apparent essential need of advocacy and policy development was felt by the participants, and they also gained the practical knowledge of initiating and working out such plans. The award of certificates was done by jointly by Resource persons and other officials.

Prof. P. Ranasinghe, President SLLA, thanked the resource persons for imparting their knowledge and experience and for conducting a successful programme, before presenting them with a token of appreciation for rendering a valuable service to the librarians of Sri Lanka.

The President thanked the participants, Ms. Premila Gamage, the Committee who worked to make this event a success, and the staff of the SLLA.

## Awareness Program on Drug Prevention

January 29, 2009 - the SLLA NGO group in collaboration with the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board (NDDCB) and American Center conducted an awareness program on Drug Prevention at the American Center Auditorium which linked with the American Corner in Male, Republic of Maldives via Digital Video Conference.

Two counselors from the NDDCB made presentations on "Classification of prevalent abusing drugs; Factors affecting the attraction of drugs and prevention strategies" and discussed the issues with participants. Representatives from Non-Governmental Organizations working actively in drug prevention activities in both countries attended the program. There were about 25 participants from Sri Lanka and 10 from Maldives. Mrs. Deepali Thalagala, the Convener of the NGO Libraries, organized the seminar.

## Examinations and DEPLIS Courses

- DIPLIS Level 1 and Level 11 part 1, Level 11 part 2 (repeat) examinations were held at the Technical College, Maradana on the 20th, 21st and 27th of December 2008.
- Inauguration of the Diploma in Library and Information Science Level 1, (DIPLIS) online, and postal Courses 2009/2010

The Ceremonial Inauguration of the above course was held at the Auditorium of the National Library Board on the 07th of March 2009. Senior Prof. Daya Edirisinghe of the Kelaniya University was the Chief Guest. The president, Education Officer, and other lecturers participated in introducing the education programmes of the SLLA. Students of Colombo and Kandy Centres participated. Level one course commenced on the 15th of March in Colombo, Kandy and Badulla. Courses in Jaffna and Batticaloa did not start yet.

## DIPLIS level 1 Course in Badulla

The inauguration session of the Badulla Centre was held at the Auditorium of the Uva Provincial Library Services Board on the 07th of March. The President Elect Mr. G. M. P. Gallaba, Mr. G. D. Amarasiri Director, NLSDB, Chairperson Rev. Keselwaththe Wimalatissa, Mr. K. P. Nimalasena, Director Uva Provincial Library Services Board, Mr. R.M.Gunasekara, Chief librarian Badulla Public Library, Mr. Mano Ratnayaka SAL Sabaragamuwa University, Ms. Rowini Prasadini and Ms. Manjula Rajapaksa all from Uva Wellassa University, Ms. Pramila Gunasinghe, Librarian,

Uva Provincial Management Training Centre and students of the course participated. Chairperson and staff of the Uva Provincial Library Services Board has extended their fullest support to the programme.

## Teaching Library at Badulla Centre.

A Teaching Library for the use of the Library personal in Uva Province and library science students was opened at Uva Provincial library, Race Course Road, Badulla. NLSDB SLLA sponsored the project. Mr. G.M.P. Gallaba and Dr. W. A. Weerasuriya EO, donated some books on Library and Information Science. The Library was opened on 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2009. This was the first opportunity that we had to introduce library and Information Science to Uva province and the SLLA, the President and the Council highly appreciate the dedication and hard work done by Chair Person, Director Uva Provincial Library Services Board, Education Committee, and SLLA office staff in this regard.

## Other activities of SLLA

- SLLA has organized to print 500 copies of Cataloguing Workbook which is sufficient for 02 years. Additional 500 copies to be printed if first 500 copies are sold out.
- EO's Fund - Education officer Dr. W. A. Weerasuriya has donated Rs.6000 from his monthly honorarium to purchase LIS related books to the libraries in the Centers of Kandy, and Badulla.
- Subject Coordinators - Six Subject coordinators have been appointed to safeguard the quality, standards, and to facilitate the improvement of DEPLIS Course.
- Activities of the School library committee - Convener of the School library Committee Ms. Priyani Balasuriya and her team are planning -
  - (1) To hold a poster competition on World Children's Book Day.
  - (2) To conduct a workshop for school librarians and library staff with the help of the Ministry of Education.

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Participants at the ALP workshop



Dr. Leel Gunsekara with Chairman NLDSB and Prof. J. Lankage



Participants - from India and Nepal



Dr. Ruwan Gamage expressing his views



Awarding Certificates



SLLA Gen. Secretary,  
Mr. K.G.G. Wijewera, delivering Vote of Thanks



Inauguration of Badulla Center



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