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All Island School Inventors' Competition-2024

(In concurrence with the 80th Annual Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science - SLAAS)

11th – 12th December 2024 at the Faculty of Science, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Organized by the SLAAS in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission

Closing date for accepting application forms: 20th November 2024

In concurrence with the 80th Annual Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) scheduled from 08th December – 13th December 2024, it is planned to hold the above exhibition mainly for the benefit of School children who offer and will offer Science subjects at the secondary level of Education. Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) is the premier scientific body in Sri Lanka incorporated by an act of Parliament (No. 11 of 1966). At present, the membership of SLAAS exceeds 10,000 scientists. SLAAS organizes this event in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission.

This competition is an annual event and in this year it will be held at the Faculty of Science, University of Colombo, Colombo-07, Sri Lanka, from 11th Wednesday to 12th Thursday (from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.), December 2024. Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals and merit awards will be given to the best inventors selected separately under four different categories namely: Grades 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. As such, students from grades 6 to 13 can participate at this competition. Apart from the awards, all participants will receive a certificate of participation.

The application form is attached. It can be downloaded too from our website <http://www.slaas.lk>.

The duly completed application form should be sent by post (with a stamped self-addressed envelope) on or before 20th November 2024 to:

All Island School Inventors' Competition, Sri Lanka Association for The Advancement of Science, 120/10, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo-07. Tel/Fax: (011)2688740/2691681

- For any clarifications call Prof. Chandana Jayaratne - The Chairman – School Inventors' Competition Committee on 0714800800 (preferably between 12.00-1.00 p.m. or 9.00-10.00 p.m.).
- Inventions selected for display at the competition will be informed to the applicants via mail/email by 30th November 2024. If no reply is received by that date please phone the SLAAS office from 5th - 6th December 2024 to verify.

Refreshments (morning and evening tea) will be provided free from 11th and 12th December 2024 by us. Please note that NO travel costs will be provided by the SLAAS. Lunch also will NOT be provided in this year due to the non-receiving of sufficient grants. (You can bring your own lunch packet or, we can arrange for you to purchase lunch from the university canteen for a nominal fee). Night-time accommodation too will NOT be provided in this year.

Those who have excelled in this competition in 2024 will have the added advantage of attending the Sahsasak Nimayum National Inventors' competition in 2025 and Presidential Awards competitions without going through the regional level competitions, and also the guidance to obtain a patent for their inventions through the Sri Lanka Inventors' Commission of the Ministry of Education.

Prof. K. P. S. Chandana Jayaratne

Chairman/School Inventors' Competition Committee/SLAAS

Past General President/SLAAS

(Head of the Department of Physics and Director, Astronomy & Space Science Unit, University of Colombo)