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NEWS BULLETIN

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DEVELOPMENT AND PRIMARY EDUCATION

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Official opening of the Department of Early Childhood Development and Primary Education

Primary Education was strengthened as the Department of Early Childhood Development and Primary Education was declared open by Hon. Susil Premajayantha, the Minister of Education, on 08th of September 2008. Earlier there was only a Unit for Primary Education.



The director of the newly established department explaining the long term dedication of the department, to the Hon. Minister of Education, witnessed by the director general and former directors.



Hon Minister of Education marking the official opening on the visitor's book.

Awareness programmers for provincial resource persons



Mr. Sarathchandra is explaining the aims and objectives of primary education.

The department completed training of provincial resource teams, on revised grade 5 curriculum and TIMs. Subject directors and ISAs in Sinhala and Tamil mediums were trained in all provinces.

Home Based Learning Materials



Home based learning materials for children in war affected area were prepared in collaboration with UNICEF and Ministry of Education. Learning guides were designed for first language and mathematics.

Prof. Thilainaden, a veteran educationist, guiding a team of different stake holders in education, in the processes.

Diploma Course in Early Childhood development - first batch



First batch completed. Two groups of Sinhala and Tamil medium students successfully completed the diploma course conducted by the department.

Diploma Course on Early Childhood Education 2009 – second batch



Started the new program for the academic year 2008/2009 on 2008.11.21

New comers are received by student in 2007/2008 batch

New enrolments for 2009 in the Center of Early Childhood Development



Thirty Students were enrolled to the center, on the 16th January 2009

Children enjoying a traditional meal in their first day

A beginning for the life



Officers witnessed the identification of children at the entry to the grade one program in the schools island wide, and guided teachers to get the maximum benefit of it. Information collected in regard to this would be for future development.

Joyful start for grade three



New teacher, new group of children, experiencing the program

At the very beginning of the School year, grade 3 teachers implemented the program *Joyful Start*

Foreign Trainings for the officers.

Mr. M.R.W. Madduma (CPO) participated three-week training programme in Thailand on Child friendly schools.

Dr.Suranimala Lekamge, Director of the department, participated two weeks study programme in Bangkok on management training, organized for the directors in the NIE.

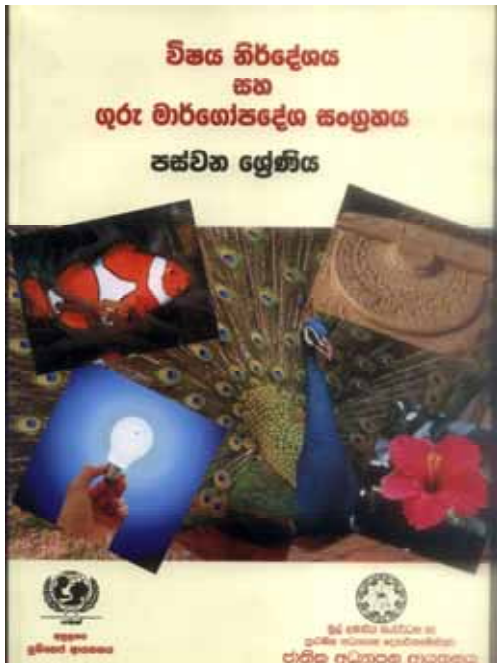
Ms. Jayasinghe retires the department

Mrs. Jayasinghe retires the position, CPO attached to the Early Childhood and Primary Education Department, from 29th of January 2009. We wish her a healthy retired life.

Ms. D.M.W. Munasinghe C. P. O. Left NIE

Mrs. D.M.W. Munasinghe, C.P.O., leaving NIE to join the academic staff of Open University of Sri Lanka as a Senior Lecturer- Early Childhood Education. We wish all success for her academic future.

Grade 5 Teachers Instructional Manuals (TIMs)



Grade 5 teachers instructional manuals in Sinhala and Tamil mediums are now available. Teachers in Schools can collect those from Provincial or Zonal Education Offices. Those are available even in the NIE website. www.nie.lk

**Are you trying to be a
good person?
Yes, it is good**

**Are you trying to be a
skilled person?
Yes, it is better**

**Are you trying to be a
you yourself?
Yes, it is the best.**