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Research and Innovation
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Vice Chancellor, University of Wayamba
20. Dr. J.L. Ratnasekera Esquire
Acting Vice Chancellor, Uva Wellassa University
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Director General, National Institute of Education
30. B. Sanath Pujitha Esquire
Commissioner General of Examinations
31. P.N. Ailapperuma Esquire
Director (Information Technology), Ministry of Education

Greetings !

As you have been appointed as members of the Task Force on Sri Lanka's Education Affairs, established by the Presidential Directive dated 31st March, 2020 exercising the powers vested in me by Article 33 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,

And whereas, N.H.M. Chithrananda Esquire has been appointed as Secretary to the State Ministry of Home Affairs and Ms. Deepa Liyanage, who served as the Secretary of this Presidential Task Force has been appointed as Secretary to the State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation.

And whereas, Dr. J.L. Ratnasekera, Acting Vice Chancellor of Uva Wellassa University has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of the University,

Also, whereas, new Vice Chancellors have been appointed to the Universities of Peradeniya, Open University of Sri Lanka, South Eastern, Sabaragamuwa and Visual & Performing Arts and,

And, whereas, considering the facts that information technology occupies a pride of place in the context of the current academic trends,

I, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, in the exercise of powers vested in me by Article 33 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, appoint the below-mentioned members in place of the members referred to at 2, 8, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 21 and additionally a new member, to the Task Force on Sri Lanka's Education Affairs, established in terms of the aforesaid Presidential Directive, having reposing great trust, and confidence in their prudence, ability and fidelity.

1. Ms. Deepa Liyanage
Secretary, State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education,
Research and Innovation
2. Prof. M.D. Lamawansa Esquire
Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya
3. Prof. P.M.C. Thilakarathne Esquire
Vice Chancellor, Open University of Sri Lanka
4. Prof. A. Rameez Esquire
Vice Chancellor, University of South Eastern
5. Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Rathnayake Esquire
Vice Chancellor, University of Sabaragamuwa
6. Dr. J.L. Ratnasekera Esquire
Vice Chancellor, University of Uva Wellassa
7. Senior Prof. R.P. Mahaliyanaarachchi Esquire
Vice Chancellor, University of Visual & Performing Arts
8. Mr. Oshada Senanayake
Chairman, Information and Communication Technology Agency

And, I further appoint Mr. Ravindra Pathmapriya, Additional Secretary, State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation, as Secretary to the said Task Force.

Given at Colombo under the Seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the 18th day of August, Two Thousand and Twenty One.

By His Excellency's Command,

P. B. JAYASUNDERA,
Secretary to the President.