Greetings for the New Year!

As it has always done, MIND will work tirelessly to make development more sustainable in 2019 and beyond.

This past decade has been very important to push sustainable development in Sri Lanka. MIND is committed to bring people together, foster reconciliation, facilitate application, promote innovation to foster sustainable development and challenge traditional growth dominated development, which we call mal-development.

Despite many issues with regard to unsustainable development going on currently in Sri Lanka and the world, we are optimistic about the future as we can see the commitment of like-minded young people.

Creating Ambassadors of Sustainable Development

In October 2018, an extremely talented and creative batch of MIND scholars graduated and new batch came in, who are now proud ambassadors of sustainable development! The Convocation was held at the Renuka City Hotel, Colombo.

Ms. Dihhani Sakunika a 2017 Awardee spoke on how she benefitted from this scholarship not only on a monetary aspect but how it adds sparkle to their resume. Scholars feel honoured and proud to be Ambassadors of Sustainable Development.

Mr. Kevin Jansz a 2018 Awardee hopes to use this fund to pursue his professional studies and also use it for extra curricular activities and entertainment. He also echoed the same sentiments – about how this scholarship adds value to his professional life.

Batch from 2017/2018
Ms. Rashindrie Perera – University of Moratuwa
Mr. Kusal Hettiarachchi – University of Moratuwa
Ms. Akushla Kulatunga – University of J’Pura
Mr. Harshana Madubasha – University of J’Pura
Ms. Nilmini Rathnayake - University of J’Pura
Ms. Sureka Singarajan – University of J’Pura
Ms. Shagana Kukendran – University of Col./Sc.
Ms. Ashwini Dantanarayana – University of Col./Sc.
Ms. Lihiini Weerasinghe – University of Col./Sc.
Ms. Dihhani Sakunika – University of Col./Arts
Mr. Mahesh Ekanayake – University of Col./Arts
Ms. Champika Herath – University of Col./Arts

Batch from 2018/2019
Ms. Chiranthi Senanayake – University of Col./Arts
Ms. Ruchirani Perera – University of Col./Arts
Mr. Shakhthi Vibodha De Silva – University of Col./Arts
Mr. Kanihka Werawella – University of Col./Arts
Ms. Samangi Abeyratne / University of Col./Law
Mr. Viraje Sameera / University of Ruhuna
Mr. Chamoda Wijayasekera / University of Moratuwa
Ms. Harshani Edirisinghe / University of Moratuwa
Mr. Sanira Rumal Waas – University of J’Pura
Mr. Devjith Hettiarachchi – University of J’Pura
Mr. Kevin Jansz – University of J’Pura

MIND is always innovating – DATA ANALYTICS

We always take innovative steps to bring the sustainability agenda to a wider audience. In April 2018, MIND launched MINDAM (MIND Analytics and Management) (Pvt) Ltd (http://www.mind-am.org/), as the latest member of the MIND Group. MIND AM specializes in Data Analytics, Business Intelligence, Management Consulting and Quantitative Research, to help improve application of data analytics research and big data on sustainability issues.
MIND WORKS WITH WORLD LEADERS

Prof. Munasinghe & President Obama at Global Climate Leadership Summit to Launch Porto Protocol

We continue to raise awareness on sustainable development among business leaders in the world. In July 2018, founding chair of MIND, Professor Munsinghe shared a podium with Barak Obama when he addressed the Global Climate Change Leadership Summit in Porto, Portugal, with 3500 top business leaders in attendance. Together, they launched the Porto Protocol, and advised the audience on the urgency and importance of promoting sustainable Development.

MIND INFLUENCES GOVERNMENT POLICY

Presidential Expert Committee (PEC) Report on Sustainable Sri Lanka 2030 Vision handed over

Our efforts to push sustainable development policy at the national level continues with Professor Munsinghe chairing the Presidential Expert Committee on Sustainable Development Strategy 2030 for Sri Lanka. The report was handed over to HE President Sirisena in August 2018, and opened for comments from the general public. Comments received are being incorporated into the report.

Website - http://www.presidentoffice.gov.lk/?p=6236

LATEST RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

MIND is one of the main research institutes in Sri Lanka that continue to produce advanced scientific research on Sustainable Production and Consumption (SPC), a key area of sustainable development. All sustainability issues of today are directly or indirectly linked to SPC but with limited scientific research.

During last couple of years MIND researchers published three peer reviewed research papers in Journal of Sustainable Production and Consumption, the journal of the Institution of Chemical Engineers of UK.

All three publications look at issues and challenges in converting traditional product life cycles to sustainable life cycles.

Garment – Sri Lanka
Supply/value chain analysis of carbon and energy footprint of garment manufacturing in Sri Lanka

Tea – Sri Lanka
Economic, social and environmental impacts and overall sustainability of the tea sector in Sri Lanka

Palm oil – Brazil
Value–Supply Chain Analysis (VSCA) of crude palm oil production in Brazil, focusing on economic, environmental and social sustainability.