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In the ‘Mahinda Chintana’ policy statement of my Government, which enjoys the endorsement of the people, we took cognisance of the importance of rapidly creating a knowledge society in Sri Lanka. To make the idea of the global village more meaningful to our people, we emphasised the importance of linking the villages and townships in all the provinces and districts of our country with the outside world of knowledge.

The best tool for creating this link has proved to be Information and Communication Technology (ICT) as evidenced by the countries in the world which have achieved great success by more fully availing themselves of the benefits of ICT.

We need to make use of ICT much more and we should adopt all the new methods for the wellbeing of the people. On the other hand people too have to understand the value of Information Technology, specially the digital contents, which can lift up their standard of life. ICT applications and more local e-contents will, in the long run, have a tremendous positive bearing on generations.

In this context, the ‘e-Swabhimani’ awards afford great opportunities for all the people including local software developers and content creators whether they be representing public or private sector institutions or form part of the general public including children, youth and veterans. My Government is very keen on rural sector development and various initiatives have been taken in this regard through the Ministries and Departments with the help of the private sector and in particular, donors and community based organisations.

Two Thousand and Nine (2009) is our country’s Year of English and IT. Coinciding with the liberation of our people from the clutches of terrorism which held its sway for more than three decades, this year will also be Sri Lanka’s Year of Peace, Year of Reconciliation, and Year of True Independence. It promises to be the year in which all our people - irrespective of caste, race, locality, language or religion, - begin to march together, as sons and daughters of Mother Lanka towards the common goal of development and prosperity.

I am confident that this national initiative set in motion by the Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka under its world renowned ‘e-Sri Lanka’ programme will draw generous support from the international community and immensely contribute to national development.

Mahinda Rajapaksa
President of Sri Lanka
The disparities in accessing information communication technologies which exist in our society today stem not only from inadequate infrastructure but also from the lack of content. While infrastructure development is being addressed through an expanding island wide Nenasala Network, there is an urgent need for focusing our efforts on e-content and applications which would benefit society at large. The design and development of good quality content and applications require creative imagination, engineering know-how as well as financial resources. Moreover since it is not likely to generate much profit, development of e-content for societal use will not be attractive for commercial developers.

By recognizing the efforts of local developers in this domain, we will incentivize content creation and will open up an opportunity of unearthing hidden local talent. I commend the organizers of e-Swabhimani 2009 for their timely intervention. I am confident that it will be an enlightening and memorable experience for everybody.

**Prof. P W Epasinghe**  
Acting Chairman  
Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka
In today’s global economy, Information Communication Technology (ICT) has not only played a pivotal role to spur economic growth, but also has transformed societies, industries and service delivery to previously unimaginable heights. If Sri Lanka aspires to be a player in the global economy, it cannot stand apart from this IT revolution. It needs to be a strong player in the World Information Society and show how a small country can be world class by developing a growth oriented ICT eco system. E-Sri Lanka has commenced this journey well, but needs to build on the past successes and cannot afford to rest on its laurels. The “e-march” forward needs the sustenance of a constant supply of creative, innovative, sustainable digital programs that can provide more equitable access to information, resources and services, and make knowledge the life blood of growth and inclusive development in Sri Lanka.

Thus the Swabhimani awards has come at an opportune time, giving recognition and pride to new ideas through the creation of a salubrious competitive atmosphere. It is my pleasure to congratulate the Government of Sri Lanka and the Information Communication Technology Agency for organizing this e-Swabhimani awards to recognize the best digital content produced in Sri Lanka.

**Naoko Ishii**  
World Bank Country Director for Sri Lanka and the Maldives.
Sri Lanka is a new entrant to the worldwide network of the World Summit Award and to the global movement of e-Content. However the speed and zeal of ICTA (Information Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka) as a South Asian member partner of WSA and our regional partner for Manthan Award South Asia has been highly proactive. ICTA has been instrumental in bringing forward the best practices from Sri Lanka to the WSA platform for global attention, and this year they have been also successful in instituting their own national award, e-Swabhimani. The overwhelming response to the national call for the e-content award is an indication that there is a lot that Sri Lanka can contribute to the global learning as far as ICTs role in development is concerned.

Osama Manzar
Board of Directors, World Summit Award, Austria
For the first time in Sri Lanka we are recognizing the creativity and skills of developers of digital content. The e-Swabhimani Award may be termed the coronation of digital content creators in Sri Lanka. The prime objective of this initiative is to promote quality content as a key element in the development of an information society. The response we have received to the e-Swabhimani has been most encouraging and demonstrates the vast potential of the digital revolution that can be harnessed for the benefit of our society. I am confident that e-Swabhimani will bring to the forefront the finest examples of e-content in the country and serve to showcase innovative projects that can impact on both the social, and the economic development of our country.

I congratulate not only the winners of this award but all those who have come forward with innovative e-content products and applications.

Reshan Dewapura
Chief Operating Officer
Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka
Empowering People @ the edge of information

For millions of people across villages in India and South Asia, who are living at the edge of information and economic prosperity, Digital Empowerment Foundation offers linkages, networks and solution platforms that bring forth local knowledge and wisdom to the market and economic prosperity to the villages, through innovative interventions of ICT tools and Digital Media.

Its main objectives are:

• To offer and facilitate seamless ICT and digital solutions linkages to the needs and demands from the diverse groups of rural areas.

• To sensitize and provide knowledge inroads to government and corporate to offer inclusive ICT solutions for the masses.

• To create Digital Media Platforms for masses
18 Districts
8 Categories

Registration per Category

- e- Government & Institutions: 14
- e- Health & Environment: 13
- e- Learning & Education: 41
- e- Entertainment & Games: 09
- e- Culture & Heritage: 15
- e- Science & Technology: 04
- e- Business & Commerce: 21
- e- Inclusion & Participation: 20

Total: 137
Delivering complete services in public administrations to individuals, businesses and organisations combined with organisational change in order to significantly improve services and democratic processes and strengthen support to public policies; fostering quality and efficiency of information exchange; empowering citizens and public services clients.
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

The Performance Monitoring System is provides means for monitoring the work output of Government Officers at activity level to monitor how long it has taken to complete a particular activity and map it with the relevant item in the Citizens’ Charter. In addition to the above, each individual officer’s attendance to management meetings are assessed and mapped with the relevant criterion in the Citizens’/Clients’ Charters. The objective of this Performance Monitoring System is to assist the Secretaries to Ministries, Heads of Government Departments / Statutory Bodies to institute a Citizens’ / Clients’ Charter as a written commitment in provision of quality, fast, efficient services tailored to meet the requirements of citizens.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

The Performance Monitoring System (PMS) application has a browser based client. It was developed leveraging on Free and Open Source Software. The development stack includes: GRAILS rapid application development framework and MySQL as the Database. Since this is an Internet browser based software network application, running in the Ministry Intranet, it has enabled all the users in Ministry to use this application without any constraints.

Even though, certain divisions or departments are equipped with computers with different operating systems such as MS 2000, MS XP, MS Vista and Ubuntu, since this application only requires an internet browser, there are no issues in accessibility to the PMS.

PRODUCER
Information and Communication Technology Agency

DISTRICT
Colombo

CONTACT
http://www.icta.lk,
http://www.pubad.gov.lk

LANGUAGE
Sinhala

MEDIA FORMAT
Web/Internet
(Web application within the Ministry Intranet)
WEB PORTAL OF SOUTHERN CO-OPERATIVES

PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

Dakshina Samupakara Antharjala Bihidhora (Web Portal of the Southern Cooperatives) seeks to enhance the functioning of the co-operative system and to raise awareness of its potential amongst the people in the South of Sri Lanka. It is an attempt at leveraging on new media technology for progress.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

The drive towards ensuring good governance in all organizations and government entities is reinforced by the creation of this web portal that provides information about the Cooperative movement in the South of Sri Lanka. Contributing towards greater transparency, the portal informs citizens of the obligations and services of the Cooperatives in Southern Sri Lanka. An inspiring initiative that has originated in rural Sri Lanka, it attempts to use ICT to improve the function and enhance the role of Cooperatives and Cooperative Committees in Sri Lanka, which have a significant impact on the lives and economies of rural populations.

PRODUCER
 Dept. of Co-Operative development - Southern Province

DISTRICT
 Galle

ORIGINAL TITLE
 බල්කය මහතා විශේෂිත කීප

LANGUAGE
 Sinhala

MEDIA FORMAT
 Web/ Internet

PRODUCT URL
 www.dakshinacoop.org
Category: e- Health & Environment

Developing a client-centered model of health care where stakeholders collaborate, utilizing ICT, including internet technologies to manage health issues as well as the health care system; meeting the needs of citizens, patients, healthcare professionals, healthcare providers, as well as policy makers.
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

Happy Life is a project that seeks to provide a solution to challenges faced in resolving issues related reproductive health in the context of today’s society. It recognizes that the problems of the younger generation are changing and that the preferred mode of communication is also changing. Happy Life provides an effective means of providing reliable and timely information through counseling services accessible through multiple channels - Interactive Voice Response (IVR), SMS, Web Chat and the Internet.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

Traditionally and culturally Sri Lankans adopt a very discrete approach to issues connected with sexuality in general and more so in matters related to reproductive health. Happy Life addresses the need for providing reliable information on these delicate subject areas with discretion. It provides direct access to information and personal counseling facilities (from anywhere) without the identity of the inquirer being exposed. In this manner it can very effectively bridge the information gap that exists in the area of reproductive health. By giving a wide range of the options for information access - phone call, SMS, Web portal, e-mail and an interactive Voice Response System with professional counseling on a one to one basis with the language of one’s choice, the application clearly demonstrates the innovative use of ICT to overcome socially sensitive issues.

PRODUCER
Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka

DISTRICT
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LANGUAGE
Sinhala/English/Tamil

MEDIA FORMAT
Cross Media

PRODUCT URL
www.happylife.lk
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

The goal of ‘Vidusuwa’ is to make specialized healthcare more accessible to the rural population of Sri Lanka by the development of a sustainable model for running specialized e-Clinics. This system provides an e-medical records dissemination system with mobile connectivity to link and e-consultation center at the base hospital with a e-clinic at a peripheral location. The project which started as a pilot for weekly surgical clinics has been expanded to dermatology clinics and is to be further expanded to the mental health clinic.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

Most developing nations suffer from a lack of a uniform level of specialist medical facilities across the country. It is no different in Sri Lanka. This project demonstrates a very viable option of using readily available ICT facilities to enable specialists at a base hospital to extend their services to peripheral hospitals or medical clinics at various rural locations. The unique process adopted in this project has provided an efficient platform in extending the medical facilities. The pilot implementation has brought successful results. This has made specialized consultancy services more accessible to the rural population could bring about reductions in healthcare expenditure in the long run while simultaneously bringing about social transformation and knowledge transfer between healthcare workers.

PRODUCER
University of Colombo School of Computing & Ministry of Health and Nutrition

DISTRICT
Puttalam

ORIGINAL TITLE

CONTACT
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LANGUAGE
English

MEDIA FORMAT
Online/Broad band

PRODUCT URL
www.vidusuwa.com
Serving the needs of learners to acquire knowledge and skills for a complex and globalizing world; transforming schools, universities and other educational institutions through interactive, personalized and distributed learning resources; creating active e-learning communities and target models and solutions for corporate training as well as life-long learning.
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

e-Curriculum Master is an easy to use interactive educational software for children sitting the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

The Grade 5 Scholarship Examination offers children of non-influential parents studying in poorly equipped schools an entry point to national schools and thereby an opportunity to socially advance through education. These children are doubly disadvantaged as their schools do not often have the human resources to provide them with courses that equip them to do well at the Grade 5 examination. The e-Curriculum Master software allows students to grasp the intricacies of the range of subjects constituting the Grade 5 examination taking them through the basic levels.

The application provides students with poor access to satisfactory classroom teaching, giving them the opportunity to test their knowledge and equip them to do well in the examination through an interactive question and answer model. It is entertaining enough to hold the attention of the student and simple enough to be used by students with little exposure to ICT.

PRODUCER
VICIT Innovative (Pvt) Ltd.

DISTRICT
Kaluthara

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LANGUAGE
Sinhala

MEDIA FORMAT
CD/DVD

PRODUCT URL
www.vsoft.lk
VIDU PIYASA
UCSC VIRTUAL CAMPUS FOR ICT EDUCATION

PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

Vidupiyaasa is an e-learning framework covering all academic courses in the Bachelor of Information Technology and providing supplementary learning resources to enhance the students' soft skills by integrating various online resources.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

The Sri Lankan University system has over the years been unable to meet the country’s demand for qualified ICT professionals as it can admit only a very small percentage of those who qualify for admission. As a strategy to rapidly increase the quantum of computer professionals, an external Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT) degree was launched by the University of Colombo. However the non-availability of suitable BIT courses except in the big towns, again a consequence of the scarcity in human resources induced the University to employ e-BIT, an e-Learning framework, to cater for less privileged low income students particularly from rural locations. The e-BIT programme has now been transformed through "Vidu Piyasa" into a virtual campus delivering ICT education.

The “Vidu Piyasa” application with its exceedingly competitive systematically developed e-learning content constitutes a compelling portrait of most modern educational paradigms. Interactive online learning materials of excellent quality developed according to the e-Learning standards such as SCORM enriched with a creative format and interface cover 28 courses of the six semesters of BIT. The simple and intuitive navigation offered by this system demonstrates the potential for extension of branded media.

Online forums, online quizzes and assignments, online examinations, animations which simplify complex theories enriched with audio-visual materials are features which enhance the e-learning system and provides a suitable environment for a paradigm shift from teaching to learning. Video lectures developed for selected courses are distributed through a local TV channel, CDs and an online TV called ‘Vidudahara’, which webcast programmes in all three languages. “Vidu Piyasa” VLE is equipped with an m-learning module to access some content, using a mobile phone browser.
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

The Agriculture Wikipedia alias Wikigoviya is a participatory and interactive web tool for agriculture development through active participation of the Agricultural Community. It is a meeting place for farmers, subject matter experts, academics, research officers, government departments, non-government organizations and private sector institutions involved in agriculture, students and even the general public.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

Rural agriculture which provides the large majority of people with meaningful occupation is rarely touched by ICT. Wikigoviya is an innovative project aimed at supporting rural agriculture on a mass scale through its website which consists of three major components, Wikipedia on Agriculture, Agricultural e-Learning and Agricultural Discussion Forum.

This web portal provides information related to agriculture in an aesthetically pleasing manner as a web based solution whose traditional flavor will enhance its ability to reach out to rural farmers. Learning material on the site is enriched with multimedia components such as video, audio, animation, pictures, illustrations and text in local languages as well as in English. The Wikigoviya Discussion Forum is open for collaborative documentation with features such as blog posts, forum posting, photo and video uploading with user comments, online chatting and friends. The forum allows users to enrich the site with their ideas and experience and post their opinions on current government policies and other issues. The local language functionality adds to its user friendliness.

The Wikigoviya is a free agricultural information provider allowing user engagement and learning. It is attractive, simple in its approach and has an easy navigation structure which encourages the user to delve deep into the website to learn more on areas of particular interest.

PRODUCER
Audio Visual Centre of the Department of Agriculture

DISTRICT
Kandy

LANGUAGE
Sinhala/English/Tamil

MEDIA FORMAT
Broadband/ Online

PRODUCT URL
www.goviya.lk
Category: e- Entertainment & Games

Ransara Radio

Toppigala/Jamis Banda

Supplying digitized entertainment products and services; entertaining the user in this world’s variety of languages and its cultural diversity; supporting movement from one-way to two-way, from single to multiple players, interactive entertainment and the synergy between analog and digital platforms.
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

Ransara Radio is a partnership between a rural telecenter, the Balangoda Nenasala, and an IT company, Microimage.

Ransara, using a commercial quality broadcasting studio in the Nenasala, uses broadcasting software - similar to that used by the major commercial channels in Sri Lanka - to broadcast the programme over the Internet. Announcers are drawn from the community and trained in broadcasting techniques and software usage. Time is provided for multiple district telecenters – an hour per week per center – to produce news and programmes from their districts.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

Many Sri Lankans, particularly those overseas for work, seek to remain connected with their communities. IP radio station provides a means to create a wider virtual community of common geographic origin.

As the production quality of the radio station meets commercial standards, the announcers trained also have a path to careers in commercial radio, providing the community with tangible benefits.

Most radio broadcasts are produced in the metropolitan capital and only issues of national importance are covered. By providing an aggregate means for people around the country to publicise news of importance to them, the richness of the country’s social dimension is also enhanced.

PRODUCER
Nenasala – Balangoda

DISTRICT
Ratnapura

ORIGINAL TITLE
రాంసార లిక్

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LANGUAGE
Sinhala

MEDIA FORMAT
Radio (Online)

PRODUCT URL
www.ransara.lk
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

PC Games is a series of locally developed three dimensional computer games - Jamis Banda, Colonel C and Mission Toppigala. It uses attractive graphic and a realistic environment contextualized to local situations while leveraging on the principles of Physics. Very realistic sound effects add to its character. The opening chapter of the games is in three dimensional video format and gives an introduction to the game. The voice over is available in both local languages - Sinhala/ Tamil.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

Who doesn’t like computer games? Games are an entertainment arena for people of all ages. However the creation of 3D games has largely been centric to developed countries. Possibly because starting from the drawing board it involves an array of technical capabilities and expertise - designing, 3D modeling, motion capturing, animations, sounds effects, dialog and programming. In this context creating three local games, set in local situations is a commendable effort.

Mission ‘Toppigala’ sets off from inside a bunker and moves into the Toppigala jungle. The 3D recreation of the scene of a crucial battle is quite well done and familiar to everybody given the attention the location attracted in recent times. ‘Jamis Banda’ is a spin off from the world famous ‘James Bond’. In this sense the developer has done well to indentify the games with well known scenes and capture the interest of potential gamers. While it may fall short of internationally reputed 3D games it has got the basics in place and uses and uses the industry leading gaming technologies such as DirectX. The games can be played even on a Pentium III computer with 128 MB RAM. The low resource system requirements can be attractive to the average person.

Quite often games are based on a movie or another appealing story line. Sri Lanka has plenty of such stories to tell and computer games can be a good method to do so.

PRODUCER
Game Core

DISTRICT
Puttalam

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LANGUAGE
Sinhala/Tamil/ English

MEDIA FORMAT
Games

PRODUCT URL
www.gameslk.com
Preserving and presenting cultural heritage in line with the challenges of the future; demonstrating valuable cultural assets clearly and informatively using state-of-the-art technology; developing the diversity of cultures and subcultures and the multilingual nature of societies.
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

Explore Sri Lanka is a great solution for increasing the level of tourism, both local and foreign. It allows the user to manage a tour to anywhere in Sri Lanka quickly and easily.

The user can select the basic information for his/her journey and the software organizes, manages and builds final & complete information which can be printed.

This software also contains detailed road maps, places of cultural / historical interest with photos / videos. Distance, time, fuel cost estimates and even a 3D tour simulator are included.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

Sri Lanka’s rich cultural and geographic diversity means that it is teeming with places to visit. However, most travelers – even Sri Lankans – only visit the major sites as the others are either not known or are difficult to find.

By compiling information into a database, Explore Sri Lanka makes it easy to create itineraries around the information. The system also provides driving directions and maps and this is very helpful to a traveler as Sri Lanka’s road network can be difficult to navigate without help.

Explore Sri Lanka expands the boundaries of Sri Lanka’s tourism possibilities and allows even the novice traveler to experience many of its sights. The product can serve to showcase the country better and be a boon to the tourism industry.

PRODUCER
Sumagasoft

DISTRICT
Kalutara

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LANGUAGE
English / Sinhala

MEDIA FORMAT
CD/DVD

PRODUCT URL
www.sumagasoft.com
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

This is a product from a Nenasala housed in one of the Country’s oldest temples. Miyugunaramaya in Kurunegala, uses the talent of young children to relate well known folk tales and historical legends in the form of animated cartoons.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

Sri Lanka has one of the richest collections of folk tales and historical traditions, dating back thousands of years. At a time when web based local language content development is at a nascent stage, the attempt by a village temple to harness the talent of children from the local community to develop a series of animated cartoon clips depicting stories passed down the generations is in itself commendable. The stories are told using ICTs very innovatively. The use of sound and voice over is also quite pleasing. This is probably the first animated locally produced cartoon of its kind. It can act as a catalyst and a source of inspiration to other interested parties to develop more content in this area. The application has been developed using freeware with very limited resources and is rich in content. The use of ICT as a new medium to propagate and preserve the past, is a prudent exercise, as it provides a means of drawing the attention of the younger generation to our history while serving as a medium to pass on the spirit and the wisdom of our forefathers.

PRODUCER
Sanka Foundation
(Nenasala Miyugunaramaya)

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Kurunegala

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LANGUAGE
Sinhala

MEDIA FORMAT
CD/DVD
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

Sivuseta is a Sinhala Language magazine series that explores art and culture in Sri Lanka and around the world. These programmes can be accessed through the web. The programme title is derived from the traditional Sinhalese cultural concept of the sixty-four artistic forms which was gifted when Buddhism was introduced to Sri Lanka by Emperor Asoka. These forms include dance, music, poetry, song, craft, drama, martial arts, paints, sculpture and culinary skills.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

As the name suggests, Sivuseta makes use of a broad palette covering both traditional and contemporary art. Content is not confined to Sri Lanka – stories are drawn from both national and international sources, to present a canvas that is both colourful and meaningful.

Programme themes include: Schools of traditional and innovative dance; Indigenous art forms; Street drama; Marriage ceremonies; Folk songs; Agricultural rituals; Ceremonial food and poetry. These programmes have been telecast though national and international television channels. World wide access is given though www.yawaves.com

PRODUCER
Young Asia Television (Pvt) Ltd.

DISTRICT
Colombo

ORIGINAL TITLE
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LANGUAGE
English / Sinhala

MEDIA FORMAT
CD/DVD

PRODUCT URL
http://www.yawaves.com/upload/vedioList.php?language=1
Fostering global collaboration in key areas of science, and the next generation of infrastructure that will enable it; providing measures to promote and demonstrate scientific processes and make them accessible to citizens; scientific projects articulated through new media.
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

Vidu Sayura is a virtual learning and training model for maritime education which allows simulating ship models under complicated environmental conditions. This system simulates six degrees of freedom ship motions (pitch, heave, roll, surge, sway, and yaw) with respect to rudder, throttle and environmental conditions.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

Ships are extremely expensive platforms and real training is expensive due to the high running costs. It is therefore desirable that initial training is provided through virtual reality applications. Experimental results show that Vidu Sayura is very effective environment for a virtual learning and training. It is scalable, comparable and configurable to meet industry standard simulators.

Although there are many ship stimulating systems with three and four degrees of freedom, the only six degrees of freedom ship simulating systems focusing on environmental disturbances such as waves, wind and currents are expensive proprietary systems which are complex to use. Vidu Sayura utilizes an innovative blend of technologies such as animations, high-end video content and real research output from computer studies and physics to simulate six degrees of freedom ship motions (pitch, heave, roll, surge, sway, and yaw) with respect to rudder, throttle and environmental conditions. The system is based on the free and open source rendering engine Ogre3D, C++, and the Microsoft Windows operating system but is extendable to free and open source operating systems.

The framework involves the extensive use of the principles of science and technology to enhance the range of virtual reality applications for maritime environments.

The system can simulate many different types of ships presently in use and provide training in the handling of a range of ships within a short period. Dissimilar harbors, restricted channels and risky situations where real world training is rarely possible can be simulated by the system. The project which meets high technical standards not only demonstrates Real-time Ship Motion Prediction System but also provides a virtual learning and training environment for marine education.

PRODUCER
University of Colombo School of Computing & Department of Electrical & Electronics, Sri Lanka

Navy

DISTRICT
Colombo

ORIGINAL TITLE

ENGLISH

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LANGUAGE
English

MEDIA FORMAT
Offline/stand-alone
Support and optimization of business processes; creation of new business models in e-commerce and m-commerce, business to business, business to consumers, internet security and other areas; supporting SMEs on the marketplace; using ICTs for buying and selling as well as servicing customers and collaborating with business partners.
E-COMMERCE FOR SMES

PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

Developed by the “Rajarata Nenasala”, located in Galenbindunuwewa in the District of Anuradhapura, e-commerce for SMEs is an attempt to increase market opportunities for local SMEs by enhancing their visibility both locally and internationally using the online catalog, OsCommerce. Utilizing its own resource and by leveraging on the Nenasala Network, Rajarata Nenasala is able to sign up SMEs onto the catalog.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

SMEs are an important component of Sri Lanka’s rural economy but many of these enterprises have difficulty in marketing their products. While they are often at the mercy of middle men in the domestic market, their exposure to the international market is very limited. Some of these businesses are therefore compelled to wind up operations after a few years due to poor sales.

This project provides SMEs with an opportunity of showcasing their products to a wide clientele and securing direct marketing opportunities at more realistic price.

PRODUCER
Rajarata Nenasala

DISTRICT
Anuradhapura

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LANGUAGE
English

MEDIA FORMAT
Web/Internet

PRODUCT URL
www.smallbizlanka.com
The Project e-Dairy seeks to establish and develop a mobile enabled network of livestock farmers who will be empowered and provided with technical assistance through multiple means of – data, voice and short message service.

**JURORS’ EVALUATION**

Sri Lanka’s livestock industry has many constraints both at the macro and micro level. The farmers are faced with many problems in terms of lack and quality of extension services and information - both technical and market. The application tries to bridge this by creating some ‘just-in-time’ services and market information to rural dairy farmers. One of the most interesting problems it tries to resolve is that of timely artificial insemination. A cow is in heat for only 12 hours in a month. Insemination should be done within that very short period and needs to be administered by a veterinary surgeon – in most cases only one exists for the entire area. The system enables a farmer to get the services of a veterinary surgeon via a short code SMS within the given time period. This can have a significant impact on milk production as well as improve the quality of the stock. Apart from this the application maintains a database of farmers, prices and scientific knowledge about the industry. The facilities are made available even in collecting centers via touch screen computers – thus the farmer need not be necessarily ICT literate to use this system. By empowering the rural farmers in terms of information sharing, market making and facilitating the very critical function of extension services, the application has shown innovative use of ICT to address some pressing needs of the dairy industry.

**PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION**

The Project e-Dairy seeks to establish and develop a mobile enabled network of livestock farmers who will be empowered and provided with technical assistance through multiple means of – data, voice and short message service.

**PRODUCER**

Dambadeniya Development Foundation

**DISTRICT**

Kurunegala

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**LANGUAGE**

Sinhala/Tamil/English

**MEDIA FORMAT**

Cross Media

**PRODUCT URL**

www.edairylanka.lk
http://edairylanka.blogspot.com
FarmerNet (www.farmer.lk) is a mobile - online trading platform to support small farmers in rural Sri Lanka which is entirely usable by SMS.

Farmers and traders can upload their selling or buying information via mobile phone SMS and, working as a ‘spot trading platform’, FarmerNet automatically checks the matching parties (i.e. sellers and buyers) and informs both parties via SMS messages to their mobile phones.

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[PRODUCER]

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[LANGUAGE]

Sinhala, Tamil, English

[MEDIA FORMAT]

Mobile SMS and online website

[PRODUCT URL]

www.farmer.lk,
http://www.flickr.com/photos/39690621@N05/
ICT for teaching the Hearing Impaired

Podcasting/Internet Radio /Tekkatha

Watch

Measures supporting integration of the global information society; bringing least developed countries into the knowledge society; reducing “digital divides” between technology-empowered and technology-excluded communities and groups such as rural areas and women; bridging society and strengthening social and political participation of individuals and groups through ICTs.
ICT FOR TEACHING THE HEARING IMPAIRED

PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

A multi media based interactive DVD and e-learning web site to teach sign language opens the doors to education and opportunities for a marginalized and vulnerable community.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

The disabled in Sri Lanka are among the most disadvantaged in the country. While those with means will have recourse to specialized products and services the average family will struggle to cope with the disability. ICT for Hearing Impaired leverages on ICT to improve access to education for aurally impaired children. This pioneering initiative uses multimedia, video, photos, animation, audio and text to teach sign language in Sinhala and Tamil to students, as well as their care givers and teachers. By facilitating the learning of sign language and paving the way for improved communication this project makes a sincere attempt to address the needs of an inclusive society. It will ensure that right to education and expression of the aurally impaired is better realized in the future.

PRODUCER
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Colombo

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ORIGINAL TITLE
ජී පොට්‍රිස්ටල් ඉංග්‍රීසි

LANGUAGE
Sinhala, Tamil

MEDIA FORMAT
Cross Media

PRODUCT URL
www.lankasign.lk
PRODUCE'S DESCRIPTION

TeckKatha is a local language, community driven, podcasted discussion about solutions to technical problems of day to day life, tech news, new inventions, etc.

People can ask questions from Techkatha via realtime web chat (during the weekly recording), Google Group, Skype, SMS, email or phone. Email, Twitter and SMS alerts are provided of upcoming shows after registration.

Techkatha has produced more than 32 episodes with more than 38 hours of audio. It has a listenership of over 1000 in just 8 months as well as a 600+ member Facebook group. Techkatha is a non-profit and provides the podcast and content under the Creative Commons License where anyone is allowed to use and share Techkatha created content.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

The Internet has provided wide and quick access to technical news, information and support for those who understand English.

A significant barrier to inclusion and participation is the lack of such information in local languages.

By providing an informal, non threatening environment – the podcast feels like a conversation between friends – the programme makes listeners who wish to learn more or have a problem resolved feel comfortable enough to ask questions or add comments. Also, the wide variety of access options means that any user from almost any background can access the podcast and join the discussion.

PRODUCER
TechKatha Group
DISTRICT
Kaluthara
ORIGINAL TITLE
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LANGUAGE
Sinhala
MEDIA FORMAT
Cross Media
PRODUCT URL
http://techkatha.com (PC/MAC)
http://m.techkatha.com (Mobile)
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

Project ‘Watch’ features specialized hardware and driver software to enable people with disabilities to use a computer and any software with a key pad with only 4 keys. Since only 4 input commands are needed to use a given software, it makes designing a wearable physical device for a disabled person easy. Most of the movable parts of the human body can be used as the commanding organ for this system. [Ex: a finger, leg(s), head, a hand, tongue, etc.] Therefore, this invention can be used by any kind of a physically disabled person. Unlike most of the products available in the market today, this system is totally customizable, depending on the user’s requirements. So it makes the user more comfortable and the product more reliable and practical.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

This project is a creation of a secondary school student mainly to make it easy for physically handicapped persons to use computer facilities. The unique and simple input mechanism can be used with little practice by any disabled or normal person to control the computer effectively and efficiently. The device design does not require any high cost electronic circuitry. The manufacturing cost is thus low making it suitable for developing countries like Sri Lanka. Several entertainment and educational applications are also provided to demonstrate performance and features of the device. This is project clearly demonstrates how ICT can be deployed to improve the lives of people disadvantaged through physical disabilities.

PRODUCER
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LANGUAGE
English

MEDIA FORMAT
Offline/Standalone
Special Mentions are accorded by the decision of the Grand Jury, giving due consideration to the necessity and the fairness to showcase not only the best in each category (taking into account the contribution to bridging the digital/content gap from the products received). The top ranked product(s) in each category (other than winners) was selected and honored by a special mention.
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

A comprehensive web portal that disseminates Government news about current events and development activities reaches out to all Sri Lankans, here and abroad, in English, Sinhala and Tamil Language.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

The Government is an increasingly important source of news and information for all Sri Lankans, here and abroad especially in the context of the recent war and post war developments. News.lk is a professional and technologically advanced attempt to gather all news and information and official announcements emanating from various Government sources, and make it available on a single site that is accessible in Sinhala, Tamil and English. It is up to date in terms of content and technological features, and provides the public with official news and information about the GOSL and its activities in the areas of politics and development.

PRODUCER

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LANGUAGE
English, Sinhala & Tamil

MEDIA FORMAT
Web/Internet

PRODUCT URL
www.news.lk
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

The Nenasakmana Mobile Library is an innovative solution to reach remote rural areas with poor infrastructure and no internet facilities. The so called “mobile library” - a small van-sized “buddy” lorry incorporating four laptop computers powered by a solar panel and with connectivity provided through a dongle is a fantastic solution!

In addition to affording internet facilities to remote areas where many have not even seen a computer, the mobile library is equipped with educational CDs, newspapers, agricultural CDs and games.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

While access to content relevant for the school syllabuses is made available through e-learning CDs, attractive programmes on CDs which improve creativity and knowledge motivate students especially in grades 4 & 5 to use these materials. Computer games and other appealing concepts help break the monotony of study and satisfy user requirements for entertainment. Basic computer knowledge is provided by the “mobile library” free of charge to people of all ages. Furthermore it provides links to government web portals, agricultural web sites and access to job opportunities and facilitates printing and scanning requirements of the village population.

PRODUCER
Nenasala – Sooriyawewa

DISTRICT
Hambantota

ORIGINAL TITLE
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LANGUAGE
Sinhala

MEDIA FORMAT
Mobile Van
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

Vidunena is an e-Learning solution in the most competitive area of the G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination - the Science Stream. It is a web based system designed and developed for the students of the G.C.E Advanced Level, Science Examination and covers the syllabuses of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Combined Mathematics. It facilitates self study and can be a boon in areas where good science teachers are scarce.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

The lesson flow and arrangement is very systematic and user friendly. Most of the materials is designed with animation and elaborate explanatory diagrams which include narration. Content is provided in the Sinhala Language which is the medium of instruction for the vast majority of students.

A question bank based on Multiple Choice questions is available for each subject and answers are corrected automatically by the system. Forums related to each subject allow students and teachers to conduct discussions online. There is also a general forum which permits users to socialize. A glossary facility is also available.
**PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION**

Dcache is a peer to peer web cache which increases the performance of web browsing without the help of any centralized caching system. Chat software shipped with Dcache enables users in the network to chat with each other without the help of any server.

**JURORS’ EVALUATION**

The performance of web browsing technology in rural areas often fall short of expectations because of the low bandwidth internet connection usually available in such locations. The only existing open source solution for web caching requires not only the use of separate computers but also some level of ICT expertise. Dcache is an innovative peer to peer web cache which increases the performance of web browsing without the help of a centralized caching system.

It increases the usability and the effective bandwidth utilization of low bandwidth internet connections used for web browsing while lowering costs by eliminating the need for dedicated centralized hardware/software and system administration. It is therefore an ideal technology for small rural communities and has been found effective in pilot studies in preventing the fallback to much slower GPRS modes often observed with HSPDA connections in rural communities with poor internet connections.

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**PRODUCER**
Lanka Software Foundation

**DISTRICT**
Colombo

**ORIGINAL TITLE**
Dcache

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**LANGUAGE**
Sinhala/English

**MEDIA FORMAT**
Web/Internet

**PRODUCT URL**
http://www.sourceforge.net/projects/dalesa
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

SMS News is a grassroots initiative which uses Information and Communication Technologies to empower rural communities and help improve their daily lives. The project empowers farmers by giving insights to the behavior of market prices, as well as information on new seeds varieties and fertilizers, enabling them to make informed decisions. Information of general interest to the community at large is also disseminated through this project - employment opportunities, vocational education courses and tips for good health & nutrition etc.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

In Sri Lanka as in many developing countries the farmer is exploited by the trader and the middle man. This is unavoidable given the huge chasm in market knowledge that exists between the farmer and the trader. This project serves to bridge that chasm through the most effective communication tool for rural communities – Short Message Service. SMS News disseminates via SMS timely information to farmers and youth in phonetic Sinhala (Sinhala words written in English alphabet). The service is provided free of charge but the project has been made sustainable by small advertisements which are tagged onto some of the SMSs.

The SMS News uses FOSS based bulk messaging facility. It requires only a computer and a standard mobile phone with SIM card. It provides a valuable service to a small community in the Matale District that has neither Internet nor personal computers.

PRODUCER
Digi.Divii.Foundation

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Matale

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LANGUAGE
Sinhala

MEDIA FORMAT
Mobile Content
www.srilankajobs.net is an online job bank which provides employment opportunities for rural communities in both the public and private sector jobs, as well as opportunities for vocational training and mutual job exchanges in the state sector. The site has a simple facility for online registration. Presently the site registers 3000 job seekers each month and is strengthened with bio data of over 120,000 job seekers.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

This web based local language job portal displays all the generic features of popular job portals. The user friendly and simple design of this site makes it a useful tool for the not-so sophisticated user in a developing country. By linking with the Samurdhi Authority and the Island wide infrastructure of the Nenasala Network the producer has ensured that the site effectively provides for low income groups. The posting of training opportunities on the site further enhances user attraction.
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

Although the computer is now a household item in Sri Lanka it is only a handful that can use it in the Sinhala Language. Even though there is a Sinhala version of Windows it is not being put to good use for this same reason. Akura is a simple application which can resolve this problem by facilitating training for Sinhala touch typing.

JURORS EVALUATION

For someone used to an old Sinhala typewriter with the ‘Wijesekara’ keyboard, it would not be a hassle to switch to using a computer in Sinhala. But unfortunately most computer users, youth in particular are not familiar with the old Sinhala typewriter. Typing in Sinhala has therefore become quite a challenge - the keyboard layout is different, the Sinhala alphabet has many accessories to most letters. Sinhala being the language used by the majority in the Country it is important that we have more and more Sinhala content in digital format as it will enable more youngsters to get into the world of IT even without being proficient in English.

‘Akura’ Sinhala typing tutor is a simple and effective solution to enable anyone to train on Sinhala touch typing. The application focuses on the three most important aspects in typing – accuracy, speed, and using the correct finger to press a key. Graphical representation of the application is appealing and responsive. ‘Akura’ can promote inclusiveness and facilitate computer use among the large majority of the Country’s population. Moreover it can serve to promote Sinhala Unicode as it has been designed based on the Wijesekara key board, the accepted standard for the Sinhala key board.

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LANGUAGE
Sinhala

MEDIA FORMAT
Offline

PRODUCT URL
www.sinhalatyping.com
PRODUCER’S DESCRIPTION

It is important that the extent, nature and root causes of violence against women are well-documented. By analyzing such information, concrete steps can be taken, both legal and charitable, to reduce the occurrence of such incidences of violence and reduce its effects. Moreover it provides a discreet mechanism for victims to report incidences.

JURORS’ EVALUATION

This project addresses a pressing need of modern day society. The database developed through this project enables comprehensive documentation of information on the victim, the perpetrator, intervening parties and source of information. A web portal has also been developed containing information both in English and Tamil, on the rights of women, legal recourse available to them, how to get help and descriptions of the various types of violence and abuse. The project has been successfully deployed through 5 centres in the Jaffna District under difficult circumstances. The field staff at the centres are trained to collect information on PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) software synchronized with the web portal database.

This project has been implemented under difficult circumstances – with limited Internet access. Moreover the security situation in the Jaffna Peninsula at the time hindered free mobility of women. Despite these difficulties, the outreach conducted as a part of the survey has resulted in better awareness of the legal support available to women who suffer from domestic abuse. The aggregate, anonymous information collected has been shared with other civil society and government organisations to help them better understand the extent of the issue.

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LANGUAGE
Tamil/ English

MEDIA FORMAT
Cross Media

PRODUCT URL
www.vawjaffna.org
The Grand Jury comprised an eminent group at experts chosen from relevant disciplines. In a 2 day judging process jurors evaluated a broad range of off-line, on-line, and mobile e-Content applications. The jury process was supported by a special evaluation and ranking software which was made available sponsored by the Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF)-India.
Osama Manzar is a convert social entrepreneur spearheading the mission to overcome the information barrier between India’s rural sector, and the so-called developed society, through Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF) – the not-for-profit organization founded to accomplish the mission; www.defindia.net. In 2003 he launched India’s first ever award for choosing the best e-content practices in India and South Asia. Osama is the chairman of the Manthan Award for Best e-Content for Development; www.manthanaward.org. He has authored titles like “e-Content: Voice from the Ground” (www.econtentworldwide.org) and “India’s Best e-Contents”. Manzar is e-Content Expert for India for World Summit Award (WSA), Grand Jury Member of Board of Directors. He has been a part of the Professional Social Entrepreneurship Program by Social Impact International; www.Socialimpact.org. Osama has worked through Computerworld as assistant editor, head of interactive media division of Hindustan Times and started a software company 4Cplus, for media publishers and quit the same to get into social entrepreneurship through DEF.

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Jaliya Jayawardena is presently a Director of Spinc International and has served as Project Manager for PricewaterHouse Coopers Sri Lanka on a rural ICT development programme. He has been involved in IT since 1988, spending 10 of those years doing programming/ERP consultancy and project management in New York, and the remainder in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He has helped over 30 companies in the New York metropolitan area to implement various business technology systems including Microsoft Dynamics GP ERP and Microsoft Dynamics CRM. Since returning to Sri Lanka in 2004, he has been working in the ICT4D space.
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Well into the 9th year in his IT career Wellington has over 6 years of experience in Microsoft tools & technologies. Currently he works as a Developer Evangelist at Microsoft Sri Lanka. In this capacity he is responsible for supporting universities, software companies and customers to adapt new tools & technologies support them on existing technologies, engage with universities on Microsoft development tools & technologies. He also is responsible for Microsoft Technical Communities in Sri Lanka.

He is a pioneer member in the Sri Lanka .NET Forum which was started in the in 2005 with few enthusiasts which has now grown up to over 5000 members. He has done many technical presentations reaching thousands of people in schools, universities, technical communities, other enthusiast groups and software development companies on various technologies.

As an appreciation for the contribution made to the IT community in the country he was awarded with the Most Valuable Professional (MVP) award by Microsoft in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Shriyananda Ratnayaka  
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