

## 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. 03.

Ms. Dilhani 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. Lihini Weerasinghe – University of Col / Sc.  
 Ms. Dilshani 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. Shakthi Vibodha De Silva – University of Col / Arts  
 Mr. Kanishka Werawella – University of Col / Arts  
 Ms. Samangi Abeyrathne / University of Col / Law  
 Mr. Viraj Sameera / University of Ruhuna  
 Mr. Chamode Wijayasekera / University of Moratuwa  
 Ms. Harshani Edirisinghe / University of Moratuwa  
 Mr. Sanira Rimal Waas – University of J’Pura  
 Mr. Devjith Hettiarachchi – University of J’Pura  
 Mr. Kevin Jansz – University of J’Pura



**Graduating Scholars batch from 2017/2018**



**New Scholars batch from 2018/2019**

## 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 Munasinghe 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 Munasinghe 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.presidentsoffice.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

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S2352550915000445>

Tea – Sri Lanka

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

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S2352550917300246>

Palm oil – Brazil

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

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352550918300265>

## Sustainable Development in Practice

Cambridge University Press

Books are one of the key tool MIND uses to raise awareness all over the world. Professor Mohan Munasinghe outlined the first ideas about sustainomics from 1990 onwards, aiming for a more holistic and practical synthesis that would help to make development more sustainable.

We are excited to share the news that the University of Cambridge Press is releasing his latest book on sustainomics entitled “Sustainability in the 21<sup>st</sup> century” in February 2019. We will inform you once we receive copies.

3rd edition of the book

“Making Development More Sustainable”

from MIND press was released in April 2018, and copies are available at the MIND office

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