

THEMATIC COMPILATION OF RELEVANT INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY SRI LANKA

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AWARENESS-RAISING MEASURES AND EDUCATION

SRI LANKA (EIGHTH MEETING)

Information requested from States parties in relation to education in schools and universities on anti-corruption (art. 13, para. 1 (c))

- *Although many laws have been imposed locally and internationally against corruption, the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption- Sri Lanka has identified that the mere law enforcement would not sufficient to combat corruption.*
- *Accordingly, a three year plan under the concept of “Seven Steps to Zero Tolerance” was introduced on 09th December 2015 to march towards a bribery and corruption free culture. Therefore, the necessary arrangements are being taken by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption- Sri Lanka to implement the main divisions of the plan; i.e. the “law enforcement” and “prevention” to establish zero opportunity for bribery and corruption.*
- *The necessity of establishing an attitude and behavioral change in the society to impede opportunities for bribery and corruption has been identified under the “prevention” of the above plan.*
- *One of the Seven Steps to Zero Tolerance can be identified as the “**Change and Build – Educate the next generation**”. Educating future generation to foster values of honesty and integrity in children and young persons has been identified as a requirement to generate a society against bribery and corruption.*
- *Having identified the necessity of maintaining a strong collaboration with the Ministry of Education Under the stage of “Change and Build – Educate the next generation” of the three year plan, the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption- Sri Lanka has taken initiatives from 05.01.2016 accordingly.*

- *A discussion in this regard was held on 18.02.2016 between Director General of Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption and Hon. Minister of Education at the Ministry of Education to educate children to lineup against bribery and corruption. Subsequently, several round of discussions were held between officials of the Bribery Commission and the Ministry of Education.*
- *During the discussion, several suggestions were tabled and ultimately came up with the proposal of long term and short term programmes to be implemented in schools.*

Short-term proposals:

1. *Introducing programmes under 03 categories based on age limits of the children.*
2. *Grade 01 to 05 – raising awareness in the children through paintings, posters and cartoons*
3. *Grade 06 to 09 – conducting general knowledge competitions and introducing bribery and corruption as in the school curriculum*
4. *Grade 10 to 13 – raising awareness in the children through interact societies and art and posters competitions*

Long-term Proposals:

1. *Introducing bribery and corruption as school subject upon discussion with National Institute of Education*
2. *Naming the month of October of each year as Anti – Corruption Month of each school*
3. *Creating facebook page against bribery or corruption and facilitate to post comments and raise awareness*
4. *Conducting seminars by the Commission in all schools to raise awareness among the children*
5. *Educating children and general public through television programmes (as a joint effort of the Commission and the Ministry of Education)*
6. *Raising awareness in students and communities through paintings and slogans depicted on school walls*
7. *Broadcasting a short video via “Nenasa” programme to raise awareness in school children*

8. *Creating Integrity Clubs in schools to raise awareness in school children and school community*
9. *Conducting annual art and poster competitions between children*
10. *Creating hand-books and manuals for the usage of teachers and students*

Following steps have been already launched in year 2016

- *CIABOC has already taken measures and initiated discussions with the National Institute of Education (NIE) to incorporate education related to fighting bribery and corruption into the school curriculum.*
- *CIABOC and the Ministry of Education have commenced several long term and short-term projects to educate the next generation.*
- *Month of October declared as the anti-corruption month in all schools,*
- *Conducted creative competitions in 7 segments, includes art, poem, song, Drama script, essays, slogan and cartoons*
- *Drafted teacher's hand-books and manuals for the usage of teachers and students*
- *Created manual for Integrity clubs*
- *Established Integrity clubs in schools.*
- *Introduced regulations to curb corruption in the school administration.*
- *Included anti-corruption measures & concepts into to the related school's subjects, Eg Civic etc....*
- *Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption- Sri Lanka (CIABOC) conducted several awareness campaigns for school teachers, principals higher officers of the Ministry of Education*
- *Currently, CIABOC has submitted a cabinet paper to create a Prevention Unit, sub division named Education will be created under prevention unit.*

- *Furthermore, Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption- Sri Lanka (CIABOC) conducts regular public awareness campaigns at different levels in different geographies.*

