

Centre for English Language Training (CELT) in Peradeniya



Scope of the Project: The India-Sri Lanka Centre for English Language Training was set up in Peradeniya, near Kandy to train English teachers and students. India and Sri Lanka signed an MoU on the establishment of CELT on 3 September, 2009. Under the MoU, the Government of India has appointed the English and Foreign Language University (EFLU), Hyderabad as the Technical Consultant for the Project and funded the deputation of two experts from EFLU for a period of two years to work at CELT. In addition, a digital language laboratory has also been set up with Government of India's assistance.

Earlier in 2008, Government of India had sent two batches of 40 English Language Master Teacher Trainees each from Sri Lanka for training at EFLU.

Project Cost: SLR 15.46 million

Project Status: Completed (06 months during 2009-10)

Implementing partners:

1. Presidential Secretariat, Government of Sri Lanka
2. Ministry of Education, Government of Sri Lanka
3. English and Foreign Language University (EFLU), Hyderabad

Modality of Implementation:

CELT has been set up as a permanent institution in Sri Lanka to serve as a focal point for the teaching of English language and is part of the Sri Lankan Presidential Initiative of developing "English as A Life Skill" in Sri Lanka. GoI set up the CELT with 41 computers with UPS for the trainees and the teacher along with sophisticated latest English learning software recommended by EFLU apart from a project, screen, photocopier, printers etc. The project was implemented under Small Development Projects.

Beneficiaries: English Teachers and the students of Sri Lanka

Impact: CELT is an initiative that aims at developing “tools of empowerment”.It takes the lead in upgrading the skills of the 400 strong cadre of English Language Master Trainers trained and developed under the Presidential Initiative to deliver Spoken English Teaching Skills to the 22,000 English teachers in government schools. CELT will also provide technical assistance to the Commissioner General of Examinations to develop Spoken English Testing Tools to be introduced at GCE Ordinary and AL examinations in 2011 and School Based Assessment Tools for evaluating Spoken English Skill from grade 6 onwards. Besides, it will provide technical assistance to the National Institute of Education in developing English Syllabi, Curricula, Course Books and Teacher Guides. Further, the new Centre will also assist the Education Publications Division of the Ministry in the publication of state-of-the-art course books on Spoken English for schools.