

Construction of Skill Development Centre, Faculty of Agriculture, Kilinochchi Campus, University of Jaffna



Scope of the Project: On a specific request from Government of Sri Lanka and recognizing need for assistance in the area of Higher Education, particularly in the field of Agriculture as a professional subject, Government of India agreed to assist in setting up of a Faculty of Agriculture at Kilinochchi. In the physical infrastructure, scope of the project included construction of “Centre for Skill Development”



which envisaged : 1. Conference Hall (including Lecture Hall), 2. Computer Lab, 3. Library and 4. Sports Complex. The Government of India provided infrastructure facilities including the building, vehicles and equipment for the Faculty of Agriculture. In addition, the Government of India has also agreed to provide assistance by way of institutional support for curriculum development, faculty exchanges, training and research.

Project Cost : SLR 300 Million

Duration : 2015-2017

Implementing partners:

1. Ministry of Higher Education, Government of Sri Lanka
- 2.. University of Jaffna, Jaffna
3. Department of External Resources, Ministry of Finance, Government of Sri Lanka

Modalities of Implementation: The project has been implemented under the Small Development Project (SDP) model. Memorandum of



Understanding between the two Governments was signed on 14 July 2014 in the presence of Mr. S.B. Dissanayake, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Government of Sri Lanka and Ms. Vasanthi Arasaratnam, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jaffna. The project remained under the continuous supervision of a Project Steering Committee co-chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, GoSL and Deputy High Commissioner of India. In a ceremony held on 30 June 2017, the Faculty has been dedicated by Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education and Highways Mr. Lakshman Kiriella, High Commissioner of India H. E. Mr. Taranjit Singh Sandhu and Hon'ble Governor of Northern Province Mr. Reginald Cooray. Government of India has also handed over a grant assistance package of vehicles, equipment, machinery, etc. meant for the Faculty of Agriculture at Kilinochchi in a ceremony held on 23 October 2017 at its campus.

Beneficiaries: The project will benefit students pursuing professional courses in Agriculture by providing them better facilities, access to advanced learning material and improved learning environment. It is also expected to contribute to the local development as the core faculty for agricultural development in the future.