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Empowering Communities with AI: Tools and Strategies for Sustainable Development

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Dear Sir / Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that Thailand International Cooperation (TICA) in Sri Lanka office has invited nominations for the above-mentioned Training Programme. Please find attached the invitation letter and details and other relevant documents herewith for your kind reference.

Kindly note that only duly completed applications received by the Department of External Resources, together with the line Ministry's covering letter and all other relevant documents, will be processed.

Thank you for your kind cooperation

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Secretary / Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education
Secretary / Ministry of Health and Mass Media

**Empowering Communities with AI: Tools and Strategies for Sustainable Development
From 03rd August to 21st August 2026, In Thailand**

The Royal Thai Embassy in Sri Lanka has invited nominations from eligible Government officials for the above mentioned training programme, which will be conducted at the College of Industrial Technology, King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok, in Thailand.

The training programme aims to build foundational understanding of AI and its role in sustainable development, explore real-world case studies of AI used in agriculture, education, healthcare, and public services and train participants to use AI tools (without coding) for local problem-solving. The programme details are enclosed herewith for your reference.

Accordingly, the Government of Sri Lanka has been invited to nominate officials to participate in the above programme. This is considered a valuable opportunity for Ministries/Institutions under your purview, particularly in strengthening technical and institutional capacities in the relevant field. In this regard, I would be grateful if you could kindly instruct the relevant authorities to circulate this information among the departments, divisions, and institutions under your purview and forward the most suitable nominations to the Department of External Resources (ERD) as follows:

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation	- 01 Nomination
Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government	- 01 Nomination
Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education	- 01 Nomination
Ministry of Health and Mass Media	- 01 Nomination

Further, you are kindly requested to nominate suitably qualified candidates, in accordance with the criteria stipulated in the information letter and in compliance with TA Circular 2013/2014 (ii) dated 24th October 2013 issued by the Ministry of Finance and Planning.

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Applicants are required to complete the online application form available on the website of the Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA) and submit two (02) sets of the duly completed application forms along with the required supporting documents to the Department of External Resources (ERD).

- Nomination Letter with the recommendation of the respective Ministry
- Duly filled ERD Form (which can be downloaded from www.erd.gov.lk)
- A copy of the bio-data page of the passport


Please note that any discrepancies in the names of nominees across different documents may lead to administrative issues and complications in processing the applications. Therefore, nominees are kindly advised to ensure that their names are indicated exactly as they appear in their passports in all documentation related to the programme.

Kindly note that only duly completed applications received by ERD on or before **2.00 p.m. on 25th May 2026**, together with all required documents as stipulated above, will be processed. The final selection will be made by the Government of Thailand.

Once selected, candidates are expected to honor their acceptance and refrain from withdrawing their candidature except under exceptional and unavoidable circumstances. This training opportunity is extended for the benefit of the country, and withdrawals after selection not only tarnish the image of Sri Lanka but also result in the loss of valuable training slots allocated to the nation. Moreover, such actions deprive other deserving candidates of the opportunity. In order to avoid such inconveniences, both the nominees and the respective Ministries/organizations are kindly requested to ensure that applications are submitted with a firm commitment to participate.

You are kindly requested to nominate the most suitable and qualified candidates whose current responsibilities are directly related to the subject matter of the training programme. We look forward to receiving strong nominations for this valuable opportunity.

Your prompt response and cooperation in this regard would be highly appreciated.



Upendra Wijerathna
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