

Use of NHEMIS Information in Higher Education Planning



The Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE), The Planning Division of the Ministry together with the National Higher Education Management Information System (NHEMIS) team organized a workshop on the **“Use of NHEMIS Information in Higher Education Planning”** on the 15th of December 2009 at the University Of Colombo School Of Computing (UCSC).

The objective of the workshop was to promote the use of NHEMIS information in the Higher Education planning process. Dr. Peter Trapp, Higher Education Information System, Germany explained how the German Higher Education and the University Sector used the information in their planning process. Dr. Damitha Karunaratne, Senior Lecturer, UCSC explained the current data available in the system and how to use the data giving some examples regarding course and university preferences by school children applying for places in universities.

The Project Director, IRQUE, Prof. Lakshman Ratnayake emphasized the importance of the NHEMIS in the higher education planning process and the Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) Prof. M T M Jiffry mentioned that the NHEMIS is creating a network information system together with the HE sector stakeholders to achieve its goals in the development process. The Secretary, MoHE, Mrs. Malini Peiris appreciated the World Bank’s support in establishing NHEMIS at the Ministry and appreciated the usefulness of the NHEMIS applications.

Around 40 Representatives from the Central Bank, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Labour, UGC, Ministry of Education, Department of Examinations, Department of Census & Statistics, National Science Foundation, National Education Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Tertiary & Vocational Education Commission, Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE), Universities and several officials of the Ministry of Higher Education participated in the workshop.

Mr. Ajantha Ratnayake, MIS Manager of the IRQUE Project while thanking all the persons present for their participation and contributions also thanked the World Bank, especially Dr. Harsha Aturupane, Dr. Benoît Millot and Dr. Lianqin Wang for their guidance and support in establishing the NHEMIS in Sri Lanka.