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FOREWORD



It is my sincere pleasure to pen my thoughts once again for the Sri Lanka Navy Journal, the bi-annual publication comprised of scholarly writing by the officers in the Naval family. We were indeed able to embark on its third edition largely due to the positive response evoked from our readers as well as prospective writers. As I have reiterated over and over again, there are a number of advantages of sharpening one's reading / writing skills.

The SLN Journal writing topics are selective and open to all Naval officers with all levels of ability. Therefore this is a golden opportunity for you to explore your abilities in the field of writing. Those who wish to prosper in life, recognize the importance of writing to their future success and want the experience of an intensive writing. I am more than happy to notice that our officers, ranging from seniors to juniors, have shown much interest in engaging in some form of writing and raising the bar for a higher level.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Editorial Board for their untiring effort in accomplishing this task and all who contributed in numerous ways towards the realization of this valuable publication comprising a range of essays. Besides, I invite all officers to respond positively for this worthy cause by providing the Editorial Board with your writings that would surely enable us to progress into the future as confident individuals and knowledge-driven Navy.

Good writing skills are important in professional and personal lives. Do not let it be a thorn in your side. It is easy to achieve good writing skills if you set your mind to it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RC Wijegunaratne'.

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Vice Admiral
Commander of the Navy

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Gathering plenty of momentum from two previous publications, the bi-annual Sri Lanka Navy Journal had clearly come a long way and successfully published its third issues. Writing is the preliminary basis upon which we work, our learning and intellect will be judged at the academic institutes, workplace or in the community. In simple terms the standard of one's writing expresses who that man as a person is.

As social beings, humans depend on the ability to communicate in securing their needs, and assuring survival; written communications being the most critical, dependable and permanent form of communications. Armed forces personnel are not considered to be people with aesthetic appreciation mainly due to the role they perform. However it doesn't mean that there is a dearth of opportunity for the prospective authors in the military. Realizing the need of offering an ideal platform, especially to the SLN officers with the aim of honing their writing and research skills, the Sri Lanka Navy Journal came into being some time ago.

The writing skill which opens limitless avenues for knowledge is an integral part of any profession. Knowledge is a powerful component that can empower people to achieve many great heights. The more knowledge a person gains, the more powerful he becomes. In other words, knowledge is more powerful than physical strength and no great work can be done without knowledge. Further, knowledge plays a vital role in every sphere of human life and activity and help in the advancement and development of civilization and culture. The application of knowledge has led man to the path of progress.

The third edition of Sri Lanka Navy Journal encompasses the winning entries of the Admiral Clancy Fernando Essay Competition and other essays and research work precisely forwarded for this compilation. Besides, we are more than pleased to express our great debt of gratitude to the Commander of the Navy for being a pillar of great inspiration and helpful guidance for this worthy cause right from the beginning. Also, we make this an opportunity to encourage prospective authors of the Sri Lanka Navy inviting them to continue with their habit of writing which would surely lead the way to personal as well as career development.

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