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FOREWORD



It is with great pleasure I pen down the Foreword for the 5th edition of the 'Sri Lanka Navy Journal', the bi-annual professional publication. This initiative is indeed an opening for the embryonic writers of the Navy to become capable wordsmiths in the future with delicate penmanship. Thus, this is a golden opportunity to foster your abilities and it must be locked in a passionate embrace.

It is believed that writing is the primary basis upon which communication, history and art is begun and is the frame work of our communication. However, still we are encountered with writing every day of our lives at different levels, even if the advent of information technology has spread like wildfire across the globe.

The previous four compilations of 'Sri Lanka Navy Journal' bear testimony to the success of this endeavour and we could catch a glimpse of the penmanship of SLN officers who contributed previous editions. Therefore, I urge all naval personnel to tap into that creative vein of writing and be amazed by the riches it offers.

I would be failing in my duty if I did not recognize the diligent effort of the Editorial Board in careful selection of wide variety of writing, editing and compiling them into a single edition, bi-annually. While appreciating those who contributed the 5th edition of this bi-annual professional publication with a range of essays, it is reminded the rest that the arena is wide open to set your foot in and exhibit your writing talent being an exclusive member in a league of your own.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ranasinghe', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

SS Ranasinghe, WWV, RWP, USP, ndc, psc, AOWC
Vice Admiral
Commander Of the Navy

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Gathering plenty of momentum from for previous publications, the bi-annual Sri Lanka Navy Journal had clearly come a long way and successfully published its fifth 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 fifth 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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