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FOREWORD



I was truly delighted when I received an invitation from the Editorial Board to pen down a brief foreword for the sixth edition of the Sri Lanka Navy bi-annual journal. I highly admire the incredible progress made by this journal during the past couple of years. Both the fledgling writers and Editorial Board put in a praiseworthy effort for bringing the standard of this bi-annual publication to the next level, along the way.

Published in two issues per year, the Sri Lanka Navy Journal (SLNJ) is the principal magazine of the Sri Lanka Navy, which provides prospective wordsmiths of the Sri Lanka Navy an opportunity to circulate their research articles, book reviews and other academic articles within the naval family. As such, the latest publication is inclusive of compilations written on a wide range of themes such as; world maritime security affairs, international affairs and professional attributes.

Not only does writing help in the professional world, but it is also good for you as an individual. Writing is a method of self-exploration as well as a means of observing the universe. Gliding a pen tip across a piece of paper is freedom, freedom to write whatever your heart and mind desire. It is in this backdrop, I would like to invite you to enjoy the reading of this edition of SLNJ which includes eight compilations of budding writers of the Sri Lanka Navy and offer a word of appreciation to the prospective writers, encouraging them to be engaged in continuous writing.

I am sure that the SLNJ is a fruition of months of hard work when it comes to editing, compiling, designing and printing the final publication. Therefore, I would like to place on record the commendable job done by the Editorial Board headed by the Chief Editor. In short, the SLNJ is yet another invaluable opportunity for you to express yourself whilst imparting knowledge to the rest of the naval family. I sincerely believe that this impressive effort will continue many more years, with even greater intensity.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD

In today's wired world information is available at the click of the button, courtesy to the Internet. Navy Journal gives the audience larger than that of any subscription-based journal in the maritime field, no matter how prestigious or popular, and probably widens the wisdom and impact of rational thinking. Further, we believe that it gives barrier-free access to the literature for research and increases convenience and retrieval power.

Driven by wide-spread adoption of smart phones, tablets and other wireless devices, mobile computing and communication systems have proliferated every aspect of human activity, creating a new era of pervasive writing and reading aspects among audience.

There are trade-offs for everything in life, but reading a lot on creative writing is not dangerous. The hunger for wisdom seems to be the only desire that we can satiate. There is not a risk of overindulgence. After enough reading, we become charged with good ideas and courage to go out and explore the world. Once we get fueled up on enough wisdom, we become inspired to embark on our next hero and heroine's journey. This means we are guaranteed to get direct experience in the real world without some technological filter.

We consume much more than we create, we read much more than we think, and it should be the other way around. We have to make sure we consume the things that truly matter to us, but only so that we have time to create something that matters to someone else. Either you will be a loser that always relies on inspiration from others to get to work, or you will rule over yourself and do what you set out to do. If you are going to write, rule over yourself. Nobody is perfect at it, but the writers who are even modestly successful at ruling over themselves are the ones that dominate the contemporary writing.

The sixth edition of Sri Lanka Navy Journal comprehends with both articles and research of Naval personnel interested on various fields and the winning entries of the Admiral Clancy Fernando Essay Competition 2017 which will make an avenue to encourage creative writers of the Sri Lanka Navy to persist with their habit of writing which would undoubtedly beneficial for personal and career development as well. Further, we are much grateful of the thoughtful guidance and the inspiration given by the Commander of the Navy in continuing this worthy cause.

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