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All District Secretaries

Australian Awards Scholarships (AAS) – Intake for Academic Year 2016

The Department of External Resources (ERD) has invited nominations from eligible Government Officials for the Australian Awards Scholarships (AAS) for the Academic Year 2016.

Australian Award Scholarship Program (AusAid) will focus on Sustainable Economic Development, Education and Governance & Public Administration which reflect the development needs of Sri Lanka. The basic requirements for the above program are as follows.

- Have a Bachelor Degree or Equivalent.
- Must have at least 3 years post qualification experience in the public sector with 2 years in a field relevant to the proposed course of study and be confirmed in their current positions.
- English Language Proficiency:
 - * A minimum IELTS (Academic) overall score of at least 6.5 with no band less than 6.0 or
 - * A TOEFL paper-based test score of at least 580, with a minimum of 4.5 in the test of written English or
 - * An internet-based TOEFL score of at least 92, with a minimum of 21 in all subtests or
 - * A Person Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) overall score of 58, with no communicative skill score less than 50.
 - * All the above scores must be valid at 01st January 2016.
- Applicants born in Northern, Eastern, Sabaragamuwa or Uva Province and applicants with a disability or working in the disability area will be considered with an overall IELTS band score of at least 6.0 with no band less than 5.0 (or equivalent TOEFL or PTE score)

Accordingly, you are kindly informed to circulate this information among all suitable confirmed managerial level officers coming under this Ministry in your District. Further, please advise all nominees to visit <https://oasis.ausaid.gov.au> and fill the application and submit online. Hard copy of their applications along with the completed ERD Form No 02 should be submitted to this Ministry with your recommendation on or before **20th April 2015**. Please make sure to nominate officers who have fulfilled all the requirements to avoid rejections.

For more information, please refer <http://aid.dfat.gov.au/australiaawards/Pages/default.aspx> , <http://aid.dfat.gov.au/Publications/Pages/scholarhandbook.aspx> and www.australiaawards.gov.au

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the South Asia Scholarship Programme (SASP) Sri Lanka Office to register for an information session and for any clarification on the application process. (Website: www.australiaawardssrilanka.org Ph: 0112369415 / 0773638958, 0773939038)

If you need further information in this regard do not hesitate to contact me. (T.P.-011 2688124)

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