

**MINUTES OF THE 70TH MEETING OF MAHAPOLA HIGHER EDUCATION
SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND**

DATE & TIME: 31ST AUGUST 2018 AT 4.30 P.M.

VENUE: THE LOUNGE, CHIEF JUSTICE'S OFFICE, 5TH FLOOR,
SUPREME COURT, COMPLEX, COLOMBO 12.

PRESENT:

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| 1. HIS LORDSHIP THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. W.P.G. DEP P.C. | EX.OFFICIO TRUSTEE |
| 2. HON. (DR) WIJEYADASA RAJAPAKSA, P.C. MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS | FOUNDER TRUSTEE |
| 3. MR. J.J. RATHNASIRI, SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS | EX.OFFICIO TRUSTEE |
| 4. MR. S.V.D. KESARRALAL GUNASEKARA 5. DR. D.K. DARREL MATHEW, MBBS, FCGP | APPOINTED TRUSTEE APPOINTED TRUSTEE |

EXCUSED

MR.S.S. HETTIARACHCHI
SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

EX.OFFICIO TRUSTEE

BY INVITATION

- (i) Mr. D.A.W. Wanigasooriya, Additional Secretary/Chief Accountant- Presidential Secretariat (Observer)
- (ii) Mr. M.P. Bandara, Director MTF
- (iii) Ms. R. Arulanandan, representing S S P Corporate Services (Private) Limited, Secretaries

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 69TH MEETING HELD ON 30TH JULY 2018

The Minutes of the 69th Meeting of the Mahapola Higher Education Trust Fund held on 30th July 2018 which had been circulated were approved by the Board subject to the following amendment:

Mr. M.P. Bandara pointed out that the name of Mr. D.C. Dissanayake, Secretary, Ministry of University Higher Education & Highways should be deleted from the list of attendees.

Thereafter proposed by Mr. J.J. Rathnasiri, Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs and seconded by Mr. S.V.D. Kesaralal Gunasekara, Appointed Trustee, the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

2.1 Proposal for winding up of two Subsidiaries of Mahapola Trust Fund NWCL and NWSL and appointment of Auditors to undertake Due Diligence Audit of both NWCL and NWSL

Hon (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapaksa, P.C. , Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs informed the Board that the Cabinet has approved the winding up of the two Subsidiaries of Mahapola Trust Fund i.e. NWCL and NWSL and the process is to be followed for liquidation.

Hon. (Dr.)Wijeyadasa Rajapaksa, P.C. requested Mr. M.P. Bandara, Director to prepare four files together with the pleadings for his reference and requested that a letter be sent to Dr. Harsha Cabral, P.C. in this connection.

Hon. (Dr.)Wijeyadasa Rajapaksa, P.C. stated that a Stay Order could be issued having considered the Place of Arbitration and Appointment of Arbitrator which was noted by the Board.

2.2 Approval for the Settlement of Legal Cases Trillion Securities (Pvt) Ltd Vs. Natwealth Securities Limited and Virtual Investment & Trading Lanka (Pvt) Ltd Vs. Natwealth Securities Limited in the Commercial High Court and MC Colombo

Mr. S.V.D. Kesaralal Gunasekara, Appointed Trustee informed the Board that the Case is up for submissions. He informed the Board that a discussion was held with Mr. Romesh De Silva, P.C. in connection with the above.

Mr. M.P. Bandara, Director provided a Case brief to the Hon.(Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapaksa, P.C. as requested by him. The Hon. Minister has requested for the pleadings file.

Mr. S.V.D. Kesarralal Gunasekara, Appointed Trustee stated that the Central Bank enquiry is to be held and reported that the matter is to be reported to the CID and a report submitted. He informed the Board that the above two matters should be adjudicated prior to the Court order.

The Board decided to take up the above item at the next meeting after the Hon. Minister has considered the pleadings.

3. BOARD PAPER NO.1

APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTORS FOR NATIONAL WEALTH CORPORATION LIMITED (NWCL)

The Board noted the contents of Board Paper No.1 from Mr. M.P. Bandara, Director, MTF on the above subject.

The Board having noted that Hon (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapaksha, P.C. has nominated the following persons to be appointed as Directors of National Wealth Corporation Limited and its subsidiary National Wealth Securities Limited which was ratified by the Board.

1. Mr. Neville Abeyrathne P.C.
2. Mr. S.V.D. Kesarralal Gunasekera – Trustee of MTF
3. Mr. Hennanayake Bandara – Ex Director of NCL/NWSL
4. Mr. D.R.R.L. Dissanayake – Attorney-at-Law

The Board was informed that since the approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC) is mandatory as per the guideline for investment managers (Section 25(1A) of the SEC Act No.36 of 1987 as amended) Mr. Gihan Jayatilleke CEO of NWSL, Director has submitted documents for clearance by the SEC.

4. BOARD PAPER NO.2

CABINET MEMORANDUM FOR RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF SLIIT AND NWCL AND NWSL

The Board noted the contents of Board Paper No.2 from Mr. M.P. Bandara, Director, MTF on the above subject.

The Board was informed that as per the decision taken at the 69th Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on 13th July 2018 the following draft Cabinet Papers on the re-organization of the activities of SLIIT and two subsidiary companies of MTF, NWCL and NWSL were prepared and submitted for the approval of the cabinet of ministers on 16th August 2018 (copies attached)

1. Reorganization of the Activities of Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT) – Malabe.
2. Notifying the Cabinet of Ministers on the Activities of National Wealth Corporation Limited (NWCL) and National Wealth Securities Limited (NWSL), subsidiary companies of Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund.
3. Amending to the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund Act No.66 of 1981.

The Board having noted the contents granted covering approval for the draft cabinet papers submitted for the approval of the cabinet of Ministers.

5. BOARD PAPER NO. 3

Re-commencement of Mahapola Lottery with DLB

The Board noted the contents of Board Paper No.3 from Mr. M.P. Bandara, Director, MTF on the above subject.

Mr. M.P. Bandara informed the Board that at the 68th Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on 13th July 2018 the Board granted approval to re-commence the Mahapola Lottery through DLB which is the only Paper lottery.

Mr. M.P. Bandara tabled the draft of the agreement to re-commence the Mahapola Lottery for the information of the Board.

The Board having noted the contents of the draft agreement to re-commence the Mahapola Lottery submitted by DLB approved same subject to the words “electronic lottery and” being removed from item A (a) in the said agreement.

6. BOARD PAPER NO.4

Recommencement of Mahapola Trade Fair and Exhibition with National Youth Services Council

The Board noted the contents of Board Paper No.4 from Mr. M.P. Bandara, Director, MTF on the above subject.

The Board was informed that approval was granted at the 68th Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on 13th July 2018 to re-commence the Mahapola Trade Fair & Exhibition from 2018 onwards.

The Board noted that as informed by Hon (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapaksha P.C. National Youth Services Council has agreed to give their infrastructure facilities and institutional support for the re-commencement of the Mahapola Trade Fair & Exhibition. The Hon. Minister stated that the premises of President’s College, Maharagama situated opposite the National Youth Service Council could also be used for the Trade Fair and Exhibition.

Mr. M.P. Bandara tabled a copy of the draft proposal with the cost estimate for the Mahapola Trade Fair & Exhibition prepared by the National Youth Services Council.

The Board having noted the proposal and the cost estimate of Rs.34 Mn for the Mahapola Trade Fair & Exhibition submitted by the National Youth Services Council approved same.

Hon (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapaksha, P.C. informed that the Mahapola Trade Fair and Exhibition should be a self financing operation. He stated that income could be obtained from the sale of Mahapola tickets and entrance tickets and all government organizations should be requested to pay for their stalls.

Referring to the management of the Trade Fair and Exhibition the Board decided to identify someone from the Mahapola office for this purpose rather than outsource same.

7. BOARD PAPER NO.5

Restructuring of Mahapola Monthly Scholarship installments in the Universities and other Higher Education Institutes

The Board noted the contents of Board Paper No.5 from Mr. M.P. Bandara, Director, MTF on the above subject.

Mr. M.P. Bandara informed that as per the decision taken at the 68th Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on 13th July 2018 for re-structuring of the monthly installment payments of the Universities and Higher Education Institutes a meeting was held at the University Grants Commission (UGC) with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary of the UGC, Trustee Mr. S.V.D. Kesarralal Gunasekera and Director of MTF.

The Board was informed that the Chairman of UGC agreed in principle to implement the new payment system and the UGC will get approval of the Commission and the Treasury concurrence in this regard.

A copy of the minutes of the above meeting was tabled for the information of the Board.

The Board having noted the above approved the implementation of the New Mahapola Scholarship installment Payment System in the Universities and Higher Education Institutes.

8. BOARD PAPER NO.6

Design and Construction of CMS WEB Site for Mahapola Trust Fund

The Board noted the contents of Board Paper No.6 from Mr. M.P. Bandara, Director, MTF on the above subject.

Mr. M.P. Bandara informed the Board that Board approval was granted at the Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on 21st November 2016 to construct a CMS web site for MTF.

The Board was informed that as per the recommendation of the Procurement Committee M/s Procons Info Tech (Pvt) Ltd was awarded the contract for the construction of the CMS web site for MTF at a cost of Rs.775,000/-.

The Board having noted the recommendation of Mr. M.P. Bandara approved the appointment of Mr. Nandika Rupasinghe as a MTF coordinator, until the completion of Website, for development of the web for MTF at a fee of Rs.4,000/- (for 3 hrs) per visit basis.

9. BOARD PAPER NO.7

Health Insurance Scheme for Mahapola Trust Fund Staff

The Board noted the contents of Board Paper No.7 from Mr. M.P. Bandara, Director, MTF on the above subject.

Mr. M.P. Bandara informed the Board that the Board of Trustees at a Meeting held on 19th March 2015 approved the commencement of a health insurance cover for MTF employees.

The Board having noted the contents of the Paper approved the recommendation to obtain the Health Insurance cover from Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation (SLIC) and pay Rs.25,000/- out of total annual premium payable for each employee with the balance annual premium to be borne by the employees. Accordingly the total cost to MTF in respect of 14 employees will be Rs.350,000/-.

10. BOARD PAPER NO.8

Proposal for purchasing of Quick Book Accounting Software

The Board noted the contents of the Board Paper No.8 from Mr. M.P. Bandara, Director, MTF on the above subject.

The Board having noted the detailed evaluation report and the recommendation of Mr. M.P. Bandara approved the procurement of accounting software (Quick Book) from AccSoft Solutions (Pvt) Ltd which was the 2nd lowest substantial bidder for the supply of QB accounting Software for MTF for Rs.69,000/- + 2 additional users at Rs.54,000/- each.

11. BOARD PAPER NO.9

Purchase of vehicle for Mahapola Trust Fund under the Duty Concessions

The Board noted the contents of the Board Paper No.9 from Mr. M.P. Bandara, Director, MTF on the above subject.

Mr. M.P. Bandara informed the Board that the Board of Trustees had approved the purchase of a vehicle on 21st November 2016.

The Board noted that as per the new National Budget Circular No. 03/2018 issued on 16th July 2018, Un-registered (Brand new) vehicles can be procured by government agencies. Accordingly, under this new circular it is intended to purchase a vehicle on outright purchase method for MTF.

The Board having noted that the MTF has only one rented vehicle at present approved the procurement of a vehicle for MTF on outright basis/finance lease.

The Board requested Mr. D.A.W. Wanigasooriya to check with the Customs on the possibility of obtaining a vehicle for the MTF.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

i. Ratifying Directors Appointment

Mr M.P. Bandara requested the ratification of Directors appointment through the Cabinet which was approved by the Board.

ii. Date of Next Meeting

The Board decided to convene the next meeting on Friday, 28th September 2018 at “The Lounge”, Chief Justice’s Office, 5th Floor, Supreme Court Complex, Colombo 12 at 4.30 p.m.

CONFIRMED TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN

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