

Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)
“International Green University Village” Project
Under the Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund

1. Description:-

Expressions of Interest are called for the **establishment of a International Green University Village** on the concept lines of “Eco-friendly Higher Education Zone”, in the 99 year leased land situated in the Western Province of Sri Lanka which is in the extent of 123 acres in Millewa area owned by the Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund (LAMHESTF)

2. Background:-

Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund (LAMHESTF) was incorporated under the Parliamentary Act No.66 of 1981. In terms of section 5 of the Act, the said fund was established, amongst other objectives, to provide higher educational facilities to youth and to set up and assist in the management and conduct of schools, institutes, foundation and similar institutions engaged in the furtherance of education. To achieve the above objective, a land owned by the LAMHESTF in Horana, Millewa area, in the extent of 123 acres plan to be allocated to develop Eco-friendly Higher Education Zone with convenient road accessibility and other facilities.

This picturesque property which is in close proximity to Colombo and a highway entrance, to be established as a well-planned education zone consisting of common facilities including internal road systems, uni lodges, sports and utility areas and other common amenities that can be readily used by the selected higher education institutes.

3. The key objectives of establishing this International Green University Village are as follows

- A. To support country’s vision as a future education hub of the region.
- B. To augment the “Fund” of the Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust which facilitates the defray of monthly scholarship payments to undergraduates of National Universities and other higher education institutes and to contribute to the development of Education in Sri Lanka.
- C. To create a zone wherein which a cluster of local and foreign higher education institutes offering degrees and other higher educational qualifications to local and international students.
- D. To create opportunities for local and foreign students to locally obtain relevant and current qualifications through renowned higher education institutes that are locally and globally recognized.
- E. To offer an opportunity to the students who are eligible for higher education but are unable to enter state universities, to obtain recognized degrees and other tertiary educational qualifications at a reasonable cost.
- F. To create knowledgeable, Educated and trained employable youth in order to cater the growing demand in local and global job market.
- G. To develop a metropolitan outskirts to a calm and quiet, nature friendly Educational hub in order to relieve pressure in the metropolis while ensuring sustainable development in the area.

4. Target group of institutions for the project:-

- A. Degree awarding universities and higher education institutes recognized by the Ministry of Education.
- B. BOI registered foreign degree awarding institutions that are willing to further expand their facilities in Sri Lanka.
- C. Recognized foreign universities that are willing to establish their offshore campuses in Sri Lanka.
- D. Research organizations which are hoping to extend and share their knowledge and experience by way expanding their capabilities towards university/ higher education institutes.
- E. Investors and Entrepreneurs who are looking forward to invest in higher education business in Sri Lanka, with or without foreign collaboration.

5. The interested parties should:-

- A. Be able to make the total investment on physical, infrastructural and academic development of the proposed higher education project.
- B. Have expectation and the capability to offer degrees and higher education qualifications under the green university village concept.
- C. Be willing to join hands with LAMHESTF to develop and operate degree and higher education qualification awarding institute in an Eco-friendly **International Green University Village**, sharing common facilities with other universities and institutions operating in the **International Green University Village**.

6. The preferred educational paths are:-

- A. Technical (Biological system technology/Science for Technology or Engineering for technology)
- B. Information Technology
- C. Engineering Science
- D. Nursing and healthcare administration
- E. Physical Science
- F. Delivery Technology and Hospitality management.
- G. Any other Degree programs which could add value to the economy and to produce competent graduates in different capacities to cater the fast growing demand in industry and commercial sectors in Sri Lanka and the world.

7. The expression of interest should be submitted to LAMHESTF as per the guidelines provided by LAMHESTF.

After evaluating the Expression of Interest (EOI) by an expert panel appointed by LAMHEST, the eligible candidates who are shortlisted would be officially notified about the preliminary selection. The shortlisted parties would then be provided with TOR to prepare the final proposals.

The submitted proposals would finally be evaluated by the final evaluation committee and provide opportunities for negotiation with LAMHESTF before the finalization of selected proponents.

The prospective applicants may download the EOI application (in English), from the given link of the official web site of the Ministry of Trade or the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund. (<https://www.trade.gov.lk/downloads/ministry-notifications-or-rb.gy/gmjfwx>)

Properly sealed EOI application should be sent by courier or registered post with the top left-hand corner of the envelope marked “International Green University Village” and addressed to the **Add.Secretary (Development) / Project Director, International Green University Village Project, Ministry of Trade, No.492, R.A.De Mel Mawatha, Colombo-03 on or before 30.04.2022.**

EOI applications will be opened on 2nd May, 2022 at 1515 Hrs. (standard local time) at the Secretary’s Office 4th Floor, Ministry of Trade, No.492, R.A. De Mel Mawatha, Colombo 03. Any applicant / or his authorized representative could participate at the opening of the EOI.

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