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Business

Ready-Made Garment Industry in Sri Lanka : Facing the Global Challenge / Edited by Saman Kelegama
Colombo : Institute of Policy Studies, c2004
xv, 267 p.; 23cm.
95508708-24-0
\$ 25.00

[The Sri Lanka garment industry has experienced phenomenal growth during the past twenty-five years and has emerged as a major sector of the economy in terms of its contribution to industrial production, foreign exchange earnings and employment generation. While the industry has been subject to much discussion and debate, there has not been any comprehensive publication regarding vital aspects of the industry. At a time when the garment industry is undergoing changes to face a challenging global environment particularly with the dismantling of the quota regime, this book highlights the key areas of the industry and fills the existing void in the literature.

The book consists of a selection of essays written in recent years by eminent specialists in the field. Supported by extensive statistical data, the book includes research papers that cover vital areas of policy issues and concerns in the context of the Sri Lanka garment industry such as productivity, forward and backward linkages, the effects of new WTO agreements, the emerging challenges of the global environment and possible impacts on the Sri Lankan garment industry.

The material in this book will be of vital interest and important not only to policy makers and the government but also to academics as well as to those actively engaged and working in the industry.]

Communication

Disaster Communication : A Resource Kit for Media / Amjad Bhatti, Madhavi Malalgoda Ariyabandu
Colombo : ITDC South Asia & [Journalists Resource Centre, Islamabad], c2002
260 p.; 22cm.
969-8702-00-8
\$ 18.00

[The media has an important role to play in protecting people from disasters, by educating the public about risks and hazards, transmitting forecasts and warnings, and challenging policy makers and disaster managers to improve their performance. There has been a great deal of criticism of the media's treatment of disasters – notably its focus on the consequences of disasters rather than their causes, and its stereotyped and erroneous portrayal of disaster – struck communities as passive victims.

This book aims to improve the South Asian Media's coverage of disasters. It attempts to do this in two ways: first, by providing the media with a better understanding of disasters and their causes; second, by showing how to adopt a more progressive approach to gathering and presenting news that could stimulate more effective action by policy makers and the public.]

History

The Matrilineal East Coast, Circa 1968 : Nostalgia and Post-Nostalgia in our troubled time / Gananath Obeyesekere

Colombo : International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 2004

32 p.; 22cm.

\$ 10.00

The Sinhalese have met the Modernists / Susan W. Gunasekera

Pannipitiya : Stamford Lake Publications, c2004

96 p.; 22cm.

Includes Bibliography.

955-8733-58-x

1. Sri Lanka – History

\$ 15.00

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Kings of Ceylon

Dutch Governors / British Governors

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Writing that Conquers : Re-reading Knox's An Historical Relation of the Island Ceylon / Sarojini Jayawickrama

Colombo : Social Scientists' Association, c2004

xix, 350 p.; 22cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

955-9102-71-0
\$ 20.00

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 Royal Colombo Golf Club : 1879-2004 - 125 Years / Compiled and Edited by
 Tita Nathanielsz
 Colombo : Royal Colombo Golf Club, 2004.
 v.; ill.; 30cm.
 \$ 65.00

Law

A Survey of Law of Parliamentary Privileges in Sri Lanka / D.M.Karunaratna
 2nd Revised Edition
 Ratmalana: Sarvodaya Vishva Lekha Publishers, c2003
 ix, 270 p.; 21cm
 Includes Index
 955-599-328-8
 \$ 20.00

[This is the first ever attempt made to study and analyze the Law relating to the Privileges of Parliament in Sri Lanka. The reference has been made to some other jurisdictions, where necessary, to set the subject in its comparative perspective. The study covers many aspects of the law including history, nature and scope of privileges, breach of privileges, and allied matters, punitive power of Parliament, power of the Supreme Court in the area of parliamentary privileges, conflict of jurisdiction and the areas where the reforms are needed. The language used is simple and lucid. The book can be useful not only for lawyers but also for those interested in the values of a democratic society.]

Constitutionalism : A Broader Perspective – A collection of Essays / Lakshman Marasinghe

Colombo : International Centre for Ethnic Studies, c2004
 vii, 323 p.; 22cm.
 955-580-089-8
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1. Sustainable Peace based on a sustainable constitution : Federalism
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 The Law Commission of Sri Lanka Commemorative Journal 2003

Ratmalana : Sarvodaya Vishva Lekha Publishers, 2003
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Animal Welfare Legislation in Sri Lanka / Senaka Weeraratna

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The Muslim Law of Marriage, Divorce and Maintenance in Sri Lanka / M.S. Jaldeen
Revised Second Edition [First Published 1990]

Colombo : Haji Omar Foundation for Peace, Education and Research, c2004

xxi, 275 p.; 22cm.

Includes Index.

955-9110-2-0

\$ 30.00

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Al-Ameen Law Report : Volume II – 2004 / Edited by A.H.G. Ameen

Colombo : Al-Ameen Publishers, 2004

VIII, 187 p.; 22cm.

955-8430-05-6

\$ 12.50

Linguistics

Knox's Words : A Study of the words of Sri Lankan origin or association first used in English literature by Robert Knox and recorded in the Oxford English Dictionary / Richard Boyle

Boralesgamuwa : Visidunu Prakashakayo (Pvt.) Ltd., c2004

viii, 389 p.; 22cm.

955-9170-67-8

\$ 35.00

[This study uncovers Knox's contribution to the language, which extends to words of English origin, as recorded in the OED. A comprehensive introduction provides the background to the subject, especially Knox's book. The main section traces the history of the Knox words of Sri Lankan origin from the publication of An Historical Relation of Ceylon (1681) to Michael Ondaatje's Anil's Ghost (2000). The author has consulted eighty – nine books published during this period, gathering some 650 quotations to illustrate thirty words. Chronological presentation of the quotations reveals the manner in which spelling evolved and how initial usage entailing careful definition gave way to more casual usage.

Knox's words is more than just a study in etymology and lexicography, however. The quotations expose Knox's influence on subsequent writers, prejudice towards local custom, and much fascinating incident information on Sri Lanka. This unusual

book is not only a ground breaking study but also a multi-faceted reference work of interest to a variety of readers.]

Literature

Fate of the Old Devil Dancer and Other Stories / Indira Perera
 Kelaniya : Indira Perera, 1995
 53 p.; 21cm.
 \$ 7.00

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1. Fate of the Old devil Dancer
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 9. Subarath Menike and her Lover
 10. The Disguised Spy
 11. Vengeance.]
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In My kingdom of the Sun and the Holy Peak [Being Three Stories of the Betrayal, the Redemption and the Last Phase of a land and its People] / Tissa Abeysekera
 Colombo : Vijitha Yapa Publications, c2004
 xi, 200 p.; 22cm.
 955-8095-73-7
 \$ 19.00

[The three stories in this book may not constitute a trilogy; they stand independent of each other. However, there is a temporal design which holds them together, in that each story is located at a crucial moment in the last two centuries of the country's history; the first covers the last years of the Kandyan kingdom; the second takes place on the eve of our regaining independence, and the last story tries to capture the social disintegration and the moral decay of the eighties.]

A Tale of a Son of the Buddha : The English Translation of Buddhaputrayakuge : De : Sana : Va / Orukmankulame Chandana [Translated by Kusum Disanayaka]
 [1st Sinhala Edition – 1995]
 Colombo : Godage International Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 2003
 xxvi, 158 p.; 21cm.
 955-20-6326-4
 \$ 15.00

[A Tale of a son of the Buddha is the story of a Sinhala Buddhist monk born and bred in a traditional village in the North Central province, once the home of a great civilization that lasted over two millennia. In these villages surrounded by the jungle and wild beasts, threatened by regular droughts and economic hardships, live men and women engaged in an eternal struggle for survival. Rev. Sudheera is a monk caught in a dilemma. Whether to live in his village temple insentive to the goings –

on in the environment, or to leave his robes and join the cycle of rebirths again and struggle as an ordinary mortal.]

Missing in Action / Punyakante Wijenaike – Sunset Years / Punyakante Wijenaike
 Colombo : Vijitha Yapa Publications, c2004
 v.; 20cm.
 955-8095-50-8
 2 Novels in One
 \$ 10.00

Politics

Defence, Technology and Cooperative Security in South Asia – Report on the Proceedings of the Tenth Summer Workshop
 Colombo : Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, [in Collaboration with the Centre for American studies, Fudan University, Shanghai], c2004
 83 p.; 22cm.
 955-8051-30-6
 \$ 10.00.

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 Nugegoda : L.M.H. Mendis, c2004
 ix, 375 p.; 30cm.
 955-97640-2-0

1. War – Sri Lanka
\$ 30.00

Women's Studies

Gender Dimensions in Disaster Management : A Guide for South Asia / Madhavi Malalgoda Ariyabandu, Maithree Wickramasinghe
Colombo : ITDG South Asia Publication, c2003
176 p.; ill.; 21cm
955-9417-16-9
\$ 18.00

[Gender Dimensions in Disaster Management aims to address the dearth of specific information on the subject of 'gender issues in disasters', particularly in the south asian countries. This book is targeted at policy makers and development practitioners in South Asia, whose contribution is vital for effective disaster management and sustainable development in the sub continent.

The discussion of the book is based on the fundamental arguments that : The risk posed by natural hazards is a variable, which has direct implications on development in general, and livelihoods in particular.

Disaster risk management is part of 'managing the livelihoods'.

The gender concerns experienced in the development context are applicable in the context of disasters- with an added weight.

The specific vulnerabilities and capacities of men and women, and the gender/ social dynamics of disaster situations are often not obviously visible. Detailed livelihood analysis however, exposes these often subtle but vital considerations. If ignored these concerns will impede development efforts from reaching their goals.

In this guide, ITDG and its network of partners in South Asia, present their firm conviction that incorporating disaster risk into development planning, and addressing gender considerations is an absolute must to reach the goals of sustainable development and effective disaster risk reduction.]

Negotiating Household Politics : Women's Strategies in Urban Sri Lanka / Sepali Kottegoda
Colombo : Social Scientists' Association, c2004
ii, 269 p.; 22cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
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