

The Board of Directors of the India-Sri Lanka Foundation headed by the High Commissioners of India and Sri Lanka and two members each nominated by the governments of India and Sri Lanka met recently to consider about 60 new project proposals that were submitted by both individuals and institutions of the two countries, seeking financial assistance for projects/events.

The Board approved full or partial funding support for several new projects including the following:

- Students from Montfort School, New Delhi to perform in a cultural show being organized at Richmond College, Galle, Sri Lanka.
- Teams of musicians to participate in music festivals scheduled to be held next year in both the countries.
- Organizing a photo-exhibition on Sri Lanka in India by an eminent Indian photographer
- The compilation of a Hindi-Sinhala-English dictionary.
- Site visits to Sri Lanka by the students of the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University who follow the recently launched new course on the “State, Society and Religion in Sri Lanka, 3rd Century BCE – 13th Century CE.

The India-Sri Lanka Foundation is a trust set up and funded by the Governments of Sri Lanka and India to enhance close cooperation between the two countries in various fields including people to people contacts. The Members of the Board also met with two beneficiaries from India, whose projects have been funded by the Foundation, to learn about the success of their projects supported by the Foundation.

The next board meeting of the Foundation will be held in March 2013 in Colombo. The two Secretariats of the Foundation based in the respective High Commissions in New Delhi and Colombo, will be receiving proposals for projects to be considered at the next board meeting.

Sri Lanka High Commission, India

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