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Summary

He is a Biochemist turned Information and Communication Technology consultant with more than 20 years of experience. He had been responsible in setting up of some of the most the important government Web sites, and Government networks in Sri Lanka from 1996 to 2001 which includes www.news.lk (Official Government Information Department Website), www.priu.gov.lk (Sri Lanka President's Media Web site). He was also the very first Web master of www.lk, the country portal for Sri Lanka. During this period he actively promoted Internet in Sri Lanka for which he had been recognized as an Internet Pioneer in 2015.

From 2001 to 2010, He was involved in the development Unicode Sinhala where he played major role in the development in rendering and storage of Sinhala in Unicode. He was also involved in encoding of Sinhala numerals in Unicode after two year of extensive research. He has the distinct recognition as the last editor of Sri Lanka Standard (SLS) 1134 for input, rendering and storage in 2011 after it was initially carried out by Prof. Gihan Dias and the Local Language Working Group (LLWG) where he was also a member.

He was responsible for setting up of Software Development Unit (SDU) of University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC) which was responsible for carrying out almost hundred Software Development projects which includes the development of tabulating and dissemination Software for Election Commission of Sri Lanka for Parliamentary and Presidential elections since 1998 to 2015, Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) for Department of Police which had been recognized by Interpol as a unique project, Birth Marriage Death Issuance System of Registrar of Persons of Sri Lanka, University Selection Software and Registration System for University Grant Commission (UGC) and Agriculture Information Management System which was used for providing cash grants for Fertilizer

subsidy directly to Bank accounts of 1.8 million farmers etc. He was also responsible for setting up of several networks which includes LAN/WAN of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Information, Institute of Biochemistry Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (IBMBB) of University of Colombo, Veterinary Research Institute (VRI) of the Ministry of Livestock of Sri Lanka as well as for designing of JICA funded Multi-Media network of UCSC.

He presently works as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Technical Officer (COO/CTO) of Theekshana (www.theekshana.lk) and was responsible for setting up of a startup Amsoft Technologies (Pvt.) Ltd. (www.amsofttechno.com) which specializes in Internet of Things (IoT). He has been a member of board of Directors of LK Domain Registry of Sri Lanka from its inception and worked as a member of the initial board of directors of Lanka Gov. Infrastructure Interchange (LGII) under Information and Technology Agency (ICTA) of Sri Lanka. He was the founding President of Internet Society of Sri Lanka (ISOC-LK), and had been appointed as ICT Consultant to the 5th Executive President of Sri Lanka from 2010 to 2015, and was the ICT consultant to Telecommunication Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) from January 2014 to December 2014. He presently function as Co-chair of Sinhala Generation Panel of ICANN and had been ICT consultant to several large companies such as American Group of Companies since 1998 (<https://www.americanwater.lk/about.php>) where he fully automated the group by developing in house ERP to handle all functions. He was recently appointed as part time ICT consultant to Lanka Spice (Pvt.) Ltd. (www.mccurrie.net) where he has begun to fully automate their processes as well and he has created like at American group of Companies a nascent ICT Department where in American the ICT Department subsequently evolved into a Company on its own right.

(<http://www.ict-history.lk/harsha-wijayawardhana/>)

Key Appointments and Recognitions

June 2018- to date Buddhist Commissioner, Buddhist Right Commission appointed by All Ceylon Buddhist Congress (ACBC)

December 2017 -to date Co Char Sinhala Generation Panel of ICANN

November 2017 -to date ICT Consultant Lanka Spice (Pvt.) Ltd.

June 8 ,2015 Recognized as a ICT Pioneer by LK Domain Registry, ISOCLK and ICTA to mark 20 years of Internet in Sri Lanka

2007- to-date Director/CEO Amsoft Technologies (Pvt.) Ltd.

1998- to-date ICT Consultant American Group of Companies

January 2014 - to- 31st December 2014 IT Consultant Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL)

December 2011 - to- February 2015 Director Lanka Gov. Infrastructure Interchange (LGII)

government company under ICTA

December 2010 - 9th January 2015 ICT Consultant to the Presidential Secretariat and ICT Consultant to the 5th Executive President of Sri Lanka

2004–to-date Director Board of Management .LK Domain Registry

2002– to - date Head Software Development Unit of University of Colombo School of Computing

2002– to - date Consultant University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC)

March 2008- to-date Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Theekshana - The UCSC managed company.

2011 - to-January 2015 Chair National Committee on IPv6 hosted by Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL)

2010 – to – January 2015 Member National Broadband Consultative Committee (NBCC)

2010 – to – date Member Sri Lanka Standard Institutions Sectoral Committee on IT

2010 November – 2013 Founding President of Internet Society (ISOC) Sri Lanka Chapter

2010 June - to – 2010 November Interim President of Internet Society (ISOC) Sri Lanka Chapter

2010 – to – 2012 Project Lead Telecentre.Org Academy LMS Platform Hosting and Maintenance Project

2010 – to – date Member and Expert JTC1/IEC/SC2 WG2 committee of ISO

2005 – to - date Member ICTA Local Language Working Group (LLWG)

2006 – to – 2012 Member Steering Committee of National eLearning Project

2009 – to - 2012 Member Steering Committee of Telecentre.org Academy of Sri Lanka

2002 – to - date Consultant, University of Colombo School of Computing

2009 – Member eAsia Organization Committee and Paper Committee.

2009 – Track Chair eAsia 2009 for Telecentre track

2004 – 2007 Member Steering Committee V-Village Project(IDRC)

2004 – 2010 Deputy Coordinator Pan Localization Project

2003 – 2010 Member Architecture Team Pan Localization Project(IDRC)

2005 – to Feb 2007 Consultant to RADA through University of Colombo School of Computing

2001– 2002 Consultant to Policy, Research and Information Unit of Presidential Secretariat

2004 – Member Technical Committee RTN –ICTA

1999 – 2001 Visiting Lecturer, Institute of Computer Technology, University of Colombo

May 2000 to 2003 Team Leader MIS project of the Department of External Resources of the Ministry of Finance

2000-to-date IT Consultant, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Government of Sri Lanka

1999 Dec –2001 Consultant Policy Research Information Unit of Presidential Secretariat, The Government of Sri Lanka

1996-1999 IT Consultant, Department of Immigration & Emigration, Government of Sri Lanka

2000 to 2003 member Internet Committee CINTEC
1998 –2000 Web Master National Web site of Sri Lanka, www.lk
1997-1998 Acting System Administrator CINTEC
Member Core Group for Sinhala localization ICTA
Nov 2006 to March 2007 appointed as member of Security Review Team of Lak Gov Net (LGN)
Oct 2003 -2004 Consultant Government Printer through ICTA eSri Lanka Project
2002 -Member Standardization Committee of SLS 1134 for Unicode and committee on Unicode Compatible Sinhala Fonts.

Key Duties Performed

As the ICT Consultant to 5th Executive President of Sri Lanka, he was in charge and oversaw key ICT activities of the Presidential Secretariat. He supervised ICT staff of the Presidential Secretariat whom he made permanent during his tenure and admitted them to ICT Service of Sri Lanka. He refurbished networks of Presidential Secretariat and setup Server infrastructure using Virtual Server Concept using VMWare of the secretariat with latest Firewalls. He redesigned www.Presidentsoffice.gov.lk and Mail servers of the Secretariat. He was also responsible for setting up for Cyber security and new CCTV installations which were under the Director ICT of Presidential Secretariat for day to day management. He was also involved in national ICT policy formulation representing the secretary to H.E. the President of Sri Lanka.

As the ICT Consultant to TRC SL, He developed comprehensive ICT policy for TRCSL as well as he was involved in setting up of new fiber network, server setup, firewall configurations, and Web site www.trc.gov.lk. He was also involved in development of National IPV6 strategy for Sri Lanka, Broadband strategy, as well as National Cyber security aspects of Sri Lanka.

As COO/CTO of Theekshana a UCSC company where he was involved in setting up of Theekshana. At present, Theekshana handles several large projects which are important in the fields of eGovernance and Higher Education.

He was involved in setting up Amsoft Technologies Pvt. Ltd which specializes in Internet of Things (IoT). The company has also developed the ERP to handle activities of American Group of Companies.

As Head and Consultant of the Software Development Unit of University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC), he oversaw the development of hundred Government Projects in various Government Institutions.

He functioned as the Key researcher/Software Designer and Consultant for development of Automated Fingerprint Identification System for the Department of Police which was highly recognized by INTERPOL as well as Sri Lankan government

(<https://www.livemint.com/Politics/xKXezY2hhomNugQxRBn71O/Software-to-match-fingerprints-alters-investigations-in-Sri.html>)

He was also the Project Manager of some of the Software development and Networking projects which are undertaken by UCSC.

Networking consultant to Virtual Village Project funded by Canadian International Development Research Centre, joint project with Sarvodaya (2004 – 2007). He was also responsible for developing Project Concept with Dr. Harsha Liyanage of Sarvodaya.

As the Deputy Coordinator Language Research Lab (PAN localization project funded by IDRC), he was involved in some of the pioneering Natural Language Processing Work.

Network Administrator for BIT (Bachelor of Information Technology) network.

As COO /CTO of Theekshana, He was involved in nHemis (National Higher Education Information Management System) where he functioned as Chief Technology Officer.

Involvements

Name of Assignment: Automation of Police Garage Project year 2017 to 2018

Theekshana was awarded automating The Police garage which was developed with PHP/MySQL and Bootstrap Framework with Code Igniter (PHP Framework)

Name of Assignment: Automated Fingerprint Identification System for the Department of Police Year 2010 to to-date

Theekshana had researched and developed the pioneering Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) for Department of Police. Involved Technologies: Image Processing using C/C++, PHP and MySQL, JavaScript and AJAX technologies. This

project was initially funded Information and Technology Agency (ICTA) of Sri Lanka and is considered a landmark project.

Name of Assignment: Automation of University Grant Commission Selection Process and Registration System of University Grant Commission; Year 2010-2013, 2013- 2016, 2016 – to date

Theekshana has been awarded a contract to automate the University Grant Commission (UGC) selection process and University Students are selected through the above system. A rule based database has been developed at present using MS SQL Server 2008 and PHP.

Name of Assignment: Student Selection for Government Scholarship scheme for the private universities of Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) Contract year: 2017-18

Theekshana had been awarded contract to develop a comprehensive Web based system with rule based selection module. This was completed recently using Bootstrap and CodeIgniter Web Framework and MySQL with AJAX calls.

Name of Assignment: Information and Management System for the Ministry of Land for Land Acquisition branch of Ministry of Land Contract year 2018

SDU had been awarded a contract to develop Information Management System for Ministry of Land to Status monitoring system for correspondences and action take in relation to Land Acquisition. The system is developed with PHP/MYSQL with CodeIgniter Web framework.

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Name of Assignment: WHO Net code Monitoring and Nutrient Profiling. Contract year 2018

Theekshana had been awarded to develop two Mobile Web based application and web system is developed with CodeIgniter Web Framework as well as MySQL Database Management System. Android applications is being developed with Android Studio and Web Applications have been developed with Bootstrap, AJAX and latest version of Bootstrap.

Name of Assignment: Encoding of Sinhala numerals in ISO 10646

He represented Sri Lanka JTC1/IEC/ SC2 57th WG2 meeting of ISO. Sri Lanka had changed its status from Observer status to Participant status from 2010 onwards. And he have been appointed as Expert and Member representing Sri Lanka and successfully defended Sinhala numerals at WG2 meeting and it was unanimously decided to amend the ISO 10646 and Unicode to include Sinhala numerals in BMP and SMP of the Unicode.

Name of Assignment: Hosting and Maintaining of LMS for Telecentre.org Academy

Contract year 2010

In June 2010, Theekshana was awarded contract to host and maintain Learning Management System for Telecentre.org Academy. He was appointed as the Project lead of the project and organized a successful training program for Participants from five countries on LMS: India, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka will spearhead GUI translation of LMS and helped other countries translating initial 12 courses. He was one of the main authors of 12 courses which had been released in 2012.

Name of Assignment: Research on Archaic Sinhala Numerals; Contract Year 2007 – 2009

He was awarded a research project into carrying out preliminary research into Archaic Sinhala numerals by the Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA). Finding was published and presented at r National Archaeological Symposium on 18th of July 2009. This work has been published as a book. The title of book was “Numerations in the Sinhala Language”

Name of Assignment: Introduction to eLearning to Royal University of Bhutan

Contract Year November 2009 – To- 2011

As COO/CTO of Theekshana, he became a member recently concluded study for the introduction of eLearning to Bhutan. This is one of the largest International Project which had been awarded to Theekshana. The Team is headed by Prof. K.P Hewagamage, who was the head eLearning Centre at the time, UCSC.

Name of Assignment: Presidential and Parliamentary Elections for the Government of Sri Lanka. Contract Year: 1998 - 2010

Description of Project: UCSC and its predecessors have been involved in Elections from 1982 onwards. his involvement had been since 1998. He initially involved in developing WEB based applications for results delivery but later he was given task of developing a secure Intranet which linked up 7 media institutions with the office of the Election

Commissioner. In 2004, he lead the development team of application becoming chief architect of application as well as Network team of the UCSC.

Name of Assignment: Document Management System for the Government of Sri Lanka

Year: August 2007 to date

Description: The very first project which was awarded to Theekshana, company of UCSC. His research led to a development of an application which can be easily customizable by the user for addition of attributes and workflow steps without contacting developers. The system allows also amalgamating data through Lak Gov Netv(LGN), the government of Network Sri Lanka.

- The application has been developed to capture Birth, Marriage and Death Certificate throughout Sri Lanka, and it has been first implemented in Puttlam Divisional Secretariat.
- Using this application, Birth Certificates can be issued in 2 minutes
- In the process of designing Data encryption for Government
- The system has been developed to issue copies of Birth, Marriage and Death certificates from anywhere in the country.

Technology

MySQL is used Relational Database Management System

- VB.net and C# client based applications
- For Linux as well as Mac, PHP and JAVA based applications were developed.

Name of Assignment: Overall computerization of Passenger Transport Authority of the Western Province

Contract Year: Latter part of 2006 – 2008

Status: On-going

Description: Under his leadership, Transport Authority of Western Provincial Council is being automated. Some of the applications are developed:

- Route Permit Issuance system (already implemented)
- Human resource and salary System (in Beta)
- Overall accounting System (being developed)
- Project Management System (implemented)
- Inventory Management System (being developed)
- Seven offices are being network at present

Name of Assignment: Development of Workflow System for Julius and Creasy
Contract Year: November 2005 to 2006
Client Julius and Creasy
Position: Team Leader and Consultant

This is one of the very first large contracts awarded to UCSC from a private party to build series of software. At present, workflow of the patent and Trademark application division of Julius & Creasy is being computerized building an MIS and auditing system. In this project, UCSC built an Intranet for clients of Julius & Creasy where their International clients can check their statuses through the web. In this application, Microsoft Technology was combined with Open Source is used. PHP web based application talks to MS SQL SERVER 2000 through TDS drivers. There are three major applications for Registration, Document processing and finally monitoring. The MIS produces almost all of the documents which will be filed with Registrar of Companies. Since this process takes a fairly longer time, user profiles can be set with monitoring. Reminders are sent automatically through email and alarms can be set in various stages of process through user profiles.

Name of Assignment: Designed and implemented the WAN/LAN network of the Kothmale Internet Community Project, which had won several awards for bridging the gap of the digital divide.
Year : Dec 1998 – Jan 2000
Location : Kothmale
Position Held: Head of technical team from Institute of Computer Technology

Activities Performed:

- . Bringing Internet to the Rural Communities
- . Connects to the rest of the Internet through 2mbps RF link from which 64 kbps dedicated link has been provided to the station
- . Created the initial web site for the Kothmale Community Internet project (www.kirana.lk).

This project was Landmark project in Internet in Sri Lanka. He used this project to migrate from Static IP to Dynamic IP in the Last Mile.

Name of Assignment: Technology Provider for Human Rights Consortium funded by Asia Foundation. Software Development Unit has been providing technical Assistance to Human rights Consortium since 2005. As a result of this relationship, the SDU of UCSC has developed a special tools and software for capture and analysis of Human Right Data. In addition, an Intranet has been designed by UCSC for Human Right Consortium.

Year: August 2005 – to-2008

Client: Asia Foundation
Position: Team Leader and overall ICT consultant.

Activities Performed:

- Recovery of Data for Asia Foundation by recovering passwords for Linux Systems as well as Postgres Database
- Trained Human Right Consortium Staff in Database Handling
- Designed and implemented the network for Human Right Consortium
- SQL scripts were designed for analysis
- Designed and implemented a new Software Human Right Data and it will be released internationally as a product (This product was implemented in six weeks)
- Developed algorithms for Record Linkage with International Experts.

Name of Assignment : The network and Web Site of the Policy Research Information Unit of the Presidential Secretariat

Year: 1999

Client: Presidential Secretariat

Location: Colombo, Sri Lanka

Activities Performed

- Designed and Implemented WAN/LAN of PRIU
- Designed and helped them to develop www.priu.gov.lk
- Designed and implemented secure network.

Name of Assignment : Consultant to Water board on “Enterprise Wide IT Solution” for National Water Supply and Drainage Board

NWSDB had awarded a contract for Rs: 300 Million for IT solution encompassing whole Information and Communication sector of Water board. The contract is awarded to CoOption of Hyderabad India. I act as the consultant to overall project through UCSC and the following duties are performed:

Acts as external reviewer of overall project

- verification of deliverables of project
- verification of network designs
- Verification of System study as well technology appraisal.

Education

B.Sc., Majoring in Biochemistry and Chemistry and Minor in Mathematics in 1989
University of Miami, USA



Fellow of the British Computer Society

Other Projects:

He was the consultant to the following clients, Rupavihini, ITN (Major Television networks in the Country), Sri Lankan Air Lines, The Prime Minister's office of Sri Lanka, Plantation Development Trust (IP/VPN network of the PHDT is one of the very first Intranets in the Plantation Sector in Sri Lanka) through UCSC. He has acted as a consultant to Immigration and Emigration, Criminal Investigation Department of Sri Lankan Police. He is one of the pioneers in introducing Digital Forensics in Sri Lanka. He was involved in the capacity building of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) with ICTA in Digital Forensics. CID uses the Case Handling System which he was involved in developing between 1998 and 2000.

He acted as a consultant to CINTEC to introduce new systems as a solution for Year 2000 bug and was a key member of Year 2000 Bug monitoring team which ran the incident reporting and monitoring of key installations such as Hydropower stations in Sri Lanka between 30th of December 1999 and 2nd of January 2000 at CINTEC.

He was Involved in formation and capacity building of Telecentres since 1996 in Sri Lanka under the leadership of the late Prof. V. K. Samaranayake, former director and founder of UCSC. He provided technical know-how to Sarvodaya to set-up their first Telecentres. Later he was involved in setting up of Kothmale Internet Project as well as other telecentres nationwide. He was involved in coordinating the efforts of the formation of Telecentre.org Academy of Sri Lanka nationally.

Teaching:

He conducted lectures in Database Design & Management using MSSQL, Visual Basic, Web programming using ASP, PHP, JSP at the Institute of Computer Technology, University of Colombo. He was also the course coordinator of Rapid Application Development (RAD) for BIT and he developed the main syllabus for RAD between 2001 and 2010. He was also a resource person for Third Country Technical Corporation program conducted by the Sri Lankan Government with the technical Corporation by Government of Japan between 1998 and 2004 and had played a major role of DIAMN, third country for Network training for the region.

Platforms:

He is conversant with LINUX, and other UNIX flavours and Windows flavors including Windows 2000 server and Windows 2010 family. He configures CISCO routers, Some of the protocols used are RIP, OSPF etc.

He has been working with sensor technology using Arduino, Raspberry Pi Boards and was involved in developing from ground up GPS Tracking System of the Amsoft Technologies (Pvt.) Ltd. At present, several companies use the above platform for tracking their logistic fleets. A major food chain uses this system for monitoring of Temperature of their delivery trucks remotely. His main work now centered on IoT and Blockchain technology and Bogawanthalawa PLC had signed an MOU with Theekshana to explore Blockchain technologies to maintain records of their Organic tea manufacturing processes. Hayleys Advantis has been working with Amsoft Technologies Pvt Ltd. develop container Tracking system using IoTs and GPS tracking systems.

Languages:

JAVA, C/C++, PERL, PHP, FORTRAN, Javascript/AJAX, NodeJS VB.NET, and C# PYTHON RUBY, etc.

He is very conversant in DB2, Informix, all versions of MS SQL Server Oracle, MySQL and Postgres. I have developed various applications for major Database Management Systems.

Research

He became one of the main investigators of use of WIFI for Telecentre program in Sri Lanka. UCSC and Sarvodaya were awarded funding by Canadian IDRC for Virtual Village project where he set up two Wi-Fi hotspots in Gampha and Hatton.

He have carried out extensively research into Software Engineering using RAD. As a result. Software Development Unit has produced Application Development Framework which had been used for the development of many Applications

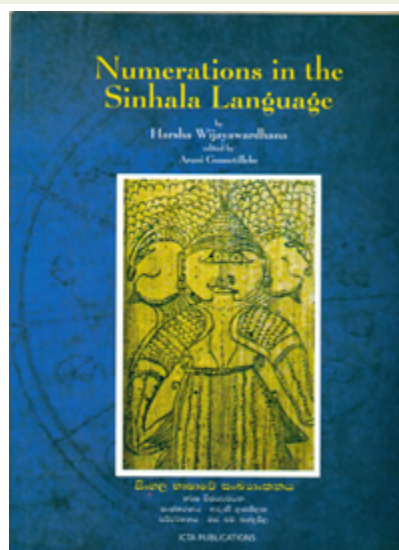
Since he is a trained Biochemist, He had been involved with Bioinformatics. During his spare time, He have been working with Institute of Molecular Biology of University of Colombo in Bioinformatics.

The SDU under his leadership developed www.fonts.lk and he have played a major role in understanding of how to develop Unicode Sinhala Fonts. He had developed two Unicode Sinhala fonts one of which had been released in the public domain.

He was involved in the development of Optical Character Recognition (OCR) in Sinhala and at present, He has trained Tesseract Engine for Sinhala OCR and worked on PHP based front end for OCR engine.

Publications:

“Numerations in the Sinhala Language” published on 23rd of November 2009. Published by ICTA ISBN: 978-955-1199-05-0



"Guide to Creating Sinhala and Tamil Unicode" This book guide you to create your own Unicode Font from Sinhala and Tamil



Scientific paper Publications:

He has several publications at International conferences in Sri Lanka and abroad including INET. Some of the papers are listed below:

Advantages as well as technical and logical issues in database applications when data is stored in Sinhala and Tamil Unicode, Conference on Localized Systems and Applications 2010, held in September 2010.

Sinhala Numerals; SOSAA3rd-International Congress University of Kelaniya
Archaic Numerals in the Sinhala Language – National Archaeology Symposium, July 2009.

Implementation of Internet Domain Names in Sinhala, Asanka Wasala, Chamila Liyanage, Harsha Wijayawardhana and Ruvan Weerasinghe, 2008.

- Rendering of Unicode Sinhala Characters – Harsha Wijayawardhana(url : [http://www.fonts.lk/pdf/workshop-unicodesinhala-harsha\(1\).pdf](http://www.fonts.lk/pdf/workshop-unicodesinhala-harsha(1).pdf))
- The Status of Information and Communication Technologies in Sri Lanka with special reference to the Networked World
- Benefits of Sri Lankan Rural Communities: a Sri Lankan initiative Based on inexpensive solutions
- Implementation of Internet technologies for rural communities in The third world: Kothmale Community Internet Radio Project

Virtual Village Project : Last mile connectivity options for Rural Telecentres in Sri Lanka (http://www.v-village.lk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=86&Itemid=83)

(This was published by Virtual Village project as a Research Publication) Noise at Last Mile published by Fusion of Sarvodaya

The status of Open Source in Sri Lanka, AOSS, Hanoi, Vietnam

http://www.asia-oss.org/march2004/hanoi_presentation/present/poster/13SriLanka_poster.pdf

Sri Lankan Experiences in Government Computerization using Collaborative Model, eAsia 2007 KL, Malaysia <http://www.egovonline.net/egovasia/2007/review/view-contents.asp?id=egovAsia07/ABS/122>

Proposals

Proposal to Encode Sinhala numerals and Numbers, 57th WG2 meeting Buson Korea, Document Number N3888 October 2010.

Concept paper on eVisa submitted to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of Sri Lanka

Awards:

Theekshana and SDU had won many accolades and awards for some of the key projects which were carried out by Theekshana and SDU and won eSwabhimani twice for best eGov Application in 2011 for Birth Marriage Death Issuance System and in 2014 for AFIS and it was nominated for Manthan award as well.

<http://www.theekshana.lk/e-swabhimani-2014/>