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Vice Chancellors of the Universities/ Heads of Departments

Dear Sir / Madam

**Pre-launch Meeting on Setting up Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) in Sri Lanka**  
**30, 31 July and 01 August at Hotel Taj Samudra**

We are pleased to inform you that the National Intellectual Property Office (NIPO) of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is organizing the above follow up event on 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> of August at Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo 03 ahead of the launching of this project.

#### **Background**

The first meeting of the above event was held in September 2013 with an aim to establish Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) in Sri Lanka. The objective of this project is to stimulate Innovation and Economic growth by facilitating access to technological information including access to Patent and Non Patent databases and capacity building to enhance the user skills to effectively exploit such information. (A copy of the WIPO Implementation Guide on TISC is attached – Annexure 01)

#### **Progress of the Project**

The above mentioned first meeting, a 3 day program, Round Table discussion, Seminar and a Training of Trainers workshop was conducted with the participation of potential Stake holder institutes which are functioning under the purview of the Ministry of Technology & Research, Ministry of Higher Education and the Ministry of Industry & Commerce, the line ministry of NIPO.

We take this opportunity to thank Secretaries of the relevant Ministries and the Heads of the Institutions for the support extended for this project. A Project document was prepared consequently in consultation with WIPO (A copy attached Annexure 02) and a Service Level Agreement was signed between NIPO and WIPO clarifying and determining the roles and responsibilities of the two parties with respect to establishing and developing TISCs in Sri Lanka, with the approval of the Secretary, Ministry of Industry & Commerce.

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**Current Position**

As we have identified your University / Institute / Organization as a potential host institution to setup a TISC, you are kindly requested to peruse the attached documents and express your willingness to accept our proposal. If agreeable, you are kindly requested to make arrangements and facilities to appoint a dedicated officer from the relevant background to operate as a TISC / Desk at your Institute together with a Computer with Internet facility enabling access to Technological & Patent information. Training and Technical expertise will be provided to the TISC staff through this Project. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed between NIPO and your institute to establish TISCs as set forth in the Project Document.

You are also kindly invited to participate or nominate a Senior official to participate in all 3 days of this event (The Provisional Program is attached – Annexure 03). Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

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It is appreciated if the nominations can be forwarded to reach us by 24<sup>th</sup>, July 2014 with the contact details of the participants.

We shall be grateful to you if your esteemed Organization would join hands with NIPO to create synergy together to strengthen and uplift the creativity and innovation in Sri Lanka.

Your co-operation is highly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,



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Director General of Intellectual Property

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