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EDUCATION FOR RECONCILIATION 'Sisu Diriya' Educational Servicers

The trauma of a protracted armed conflict, coupled with the severe scarcity of trained teachers in conflict affected areas did not paint a bright picture in terms of child education in North Eastern Sri Lanka. Most of these students have either lost their family members and/or have been physically injured and as a result of that their education has been punctuated by sustained periods of difficulty. They have not had the luxury of an uninterrupted education like their counterparts in capital cities. Hence Nena Guna Weduma: Sisu Diriya assumed the responsibility of empowering students in the North and East in order that their education may be successfully completed.

Nena Guna Weduma: Sisu Diriya educational programmes during the period of 2006 to 2015, provided students from war affected areas the means with which to face challenges head-on and claim a better life. Additionally, they

also contribute to foster feelings of affection, respect and honor for themselves, their family, village, country and their environment at large.

In accordance with World University Friend's vision of creating a country filled with knowledge and virtues (Nena Guna), this mission was launched with the invaluable contribution of a great number of university lecturers, professors, intellectuals and other professionals. The following is one of the events conducted in A/ Padavi-Parakramapura High School in 2007.

Sisu Diriya Educational Service at Padavi-Parakramapura in 2007

Date and Time	Lecture	Resource Provider/ Lecturer
9.00 AM: 08 July 2007	Sinhala	Mr. Aththanayake M. Herath, Senior Lecturer, University of Peradeniya
9.00 AM: 10 July 2007	Political Science	Mr. Wilbert Amarasinghe, Professional teacher for external degree programmes
9.00 AM: 11 July 2007	Buddhist Civilization	Mr B.A. Wimalasena, Senior Lecturer, Dambadeniya Teaching School and Lawyer
9.00 AM: 14 July 2007	Economics	Professor Sirimal Aberathne, Department of Economics in University of Colombo,
9.00 AM: 18 July 2007	Sinhala	Rev. Yahalegedara Sirisumana, Professional teacher for A/L exams
9.00 AM: 25 July 2007	Buddhist Civilization	Rev. Tricomalee Kachchayana, Professional teacher for A/L exams
9.00 AM: 26 July 2007	Economics	Dr. Ajith Dissanayake Senior Lecturer, Department of Department of Economics , University of Kalaniya
9.00 AM: 27 July 2007	Geography	Mr. Herath Samarakoon, Professional teacher for external degree programmes

