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LEADERSHIP FOR RECONCILIATION Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies

The objective of creating 'sisu diriya' harmony societies is to facilitate a reserve of social capital through enabling students to build relationships and network. A special focus is given to selecting and grooming students from the Ordinary and Advanced Level classes to become Social Agents who advocate peace and harmony. 'sisu diriya' harmony societies have also been instrumental in introducing students with special talents and abilities to zonal, provincial, national, and international levels through competitions organized by various institutions.

Schools in Trincomalee, Ampara, Madakalapuwa, Polonnaruwa, Anuradhapura, Mannar and Vavuniya currently host these societies and they have been very productive in terms of building leadership qualities and efficiency in students. 'sisu diriya' harmony societies also harness the administrative skills of students by giving them the opportunity to organize student exhibitions for the Sisu Diriya national programme. Moreover, creations of Sisu Diriya members are published in the 'Nena Guna' magazine, the official monthly publication of the project.

'sisu diriya' harmony societies also provide a means for students from less privileged schools to seek assistance from urban schools with a lot of facilities. For instance on 11th August 2006, a group of students from the district of Anuradhapura visited Ananda College, Colombo with the aim of linking schools in the North and the East with those in Colombo, Kandy and other cities in order to gain access to urban facilities like fine athletic training, highly trained teachers, and an overall better learning experience. Additionally, the students were able to arrange for donations of stationery and clothing.

The sharing of attitudes and values among 'sisu diriya' harmony societies is crucial in facilitating social integration, as well as laying the foundation for a more convivial social

base. These societies also serve the end of minimizing space for future conflicts by reducing economic gaps between different student communities and merging different cultures harmoniously through the various programmes they organize.

In terms of personality development, 'sisu diriya' harmony societies have provided innumerable opportunities for students test and challenge themselves by taking up leadership roles and fulfilling the duties of a leader. Students have also acquired a keen interest in discussing issues of social and political importance thanks to the active encouragement of lively dialogue in these societies, a tendency that will prove to be of much use in moulding a future citizenry that is politically aware and wise.

Establishing 'sisu diriya' harmony societies were took place under 2 stages in 2008, 4 stages in 2009, 2 stages in 2010 and 2 stages in 2011-2012. The O/L s and A/L/s students, teachers, parents, the members of Sri Lanka Foundation Institution and other distinguished people were participated at the Enhancing Knowledge and Virtues: Student Empowerment National Programme in 2008.

And it was also taken steps to encourage talented students for inter-school, provincial, district and national wide competitions.





Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies - From 2008 -2012

Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2008

1st Stage: Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2008 (May)

Date	District	Place
2008.05.05	Ampara	Divulana College
		Uhana College
		D.S. Senanayake College
		Bandaranayake College
		Sennal Sahira College
2008.05.06	Madakalapuwa	Al-Meera Muslim Girls' College
		Kaththankudi Central College
		Thal-Adi Muhathuwaram Wipulananda College
		Peoples College/ Hindu College
		Oddamawadi Fathima Girls' College
		Oddamavadi Central College
2008.05.07	Trincomalee	Thopur Al-Hamira Fathima Girls' College
		Nilaweli Tamil College
		Pulmudai Muslim College

2nd Stage: Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2008 (July)

Date	District	Place
2008.07.29	Polonnaruwa/ Dimbulagala	Sewanapitiya College
		Nelum Wewa College
2008.07.30	Polonnaruwa/ Dimbulagala	Nawagini Daman College
		Welikanda college
		Asela Pura College

Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2009

1st Stage: Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2009 (January)

Date	District	Place
2009.01.15	Anuradhapuraya	Weli-Oya Sampath Nuwara College
		Padawi Parakramapura College
		Budhdhamangala Central College
		Padawi Mahasen College
2009.01.16		Ruwanpura College
		Palugas Wanguwa College
		Pulmudai Muslim College

2nd Stage: Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2009 (September)

Date	District	Place
2009.09.22	Vavuniya	Tamil College
		Rambekulam College
2009.09.23		Settikulam College
		Al-Hamia Muslim College
		Weerapuram Maniwasagar College
2009.09.24		Etambagaskada College
		Pawatkulam Ganeshwara College
2009.09.25		Puwarasankulam College
		Nelukkulam Lalai Magal College

3rd Stage: Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2009 (October)

Date	District	Place
2009.10.13	Vavuniya	Periyakomarasankulam College
		Hindu College
2009.10.14		Madu Kanda National College
		Sri Dhamarathana Vidyayathana Pirivena
		Agrabodhi College
2009.10.15		Punthottam College
		Lanka Sabha Tamil Mix College
2009.10.16		Peraskum College
		Sayivapragasha Girls' College

4th Stage: Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2009 (November)

Date	District	Place
2009.11.04	Vavuniya	Al-Ameen Muslim College
		Al-Ikbal Muslim College
		Dharmapala College
2009.11.05		Alagalla College
		Kanthapuramvanni College
2009.11.06		Wipulananda College
		Vavuniya Muslim National College

Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2010

1st Stage: Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2010 (March)

Date	District	Place
2010.03.15	Mannar	Sithivinayakar Hindu College
		Al-Asgar Hindu College
2010.03.16		Sent. Saviors Girls' College
		Sent. Lucia College
2010.03.17		Nanaththan College
		Murunkan College
2010.03.18		Sent. Saviors Boys' College
		Punithavalanar Roman Catholic Tamil College

2nd Stage: Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2010 (May)

Date	District	Place
2010.06.02	Mannar	Fathima Central College
		Sent. Mary Girls' College
2010.06.03		Al-Meena College
		Puthhukudiruppu State Tamil Mix School
2010.06.04		Erukalpiddi Muslim Central College
		Thoddaweli Government Tamil Mix School

3rd Stage: Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2010 (July)*

Date	District	Place
2010.08.03	Mannar	Thalai Mannar State Tamil Mix School
		Sent. Lorenz Roman Catholic Tamil School
2010.08.04		Erukkalampiddi Mahalir College
		Sent. Anaa College
2010.08.05		Karisal Roman Catholic Tamil Mix College
		Eluthur Roman Catholic Tamil Mix School
2010.08.06		Parikkarikandal College
		Katkidanthakulam Roman Catholic Tamil Mix School

*The Program for July 2010 was held in August 2010.

4th Stage: Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2010 (October)

Date	District	Place
2010.10.27	Mannar	Uyilankulam Roman Catholic Tamil Mix School
		Uyirtharasankulam Roman Catholic Tamil Mix School
2010.10.28		Ilahadpiddi Roman Catholic Tamil School
		Moddaikadai Government School
2010.10.29		Arippu Roman Catholic Tamil College

Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2011 - 2012

1st Stage: Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2011 (December)

Date	District	Place
2011.12.30	Mullaittivu	Mullaittivu Maha Vidyalaya Vidyananda Vidyalaya Udeyarkattu Vidyalaya Bharathi Vidyalaya Kumulamunai Mha Vidyalaya

2nd Stage: Establishing Sisu Diriya Harmony Societies 2012 (September)

Date	District	Place
2012.09.12	Anuradhapura	Padavi Parakramapura Maha Vidyalaya
		Padaviya Mahasen Maha Vidyalaya
2012.09.13	Anuradhapura	Buddhangala central College
		Ruwanpura Maha Vidyalaya
2012.09.14	Mullaittivu	Sampathnuwara Maha Vidyalaya
		Ahatugaswewa Vidyalaya
		Athawetunuwewa Vidyalaya
		Kiriibbanwewa Vidyalaya
2012.09.15	Anuradhapura	Alivanguwa Vidyalaya





