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26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Attn: Officer In-Charge Foreign Training

Secretary to the President / Presidential Secretariat  
Secretary to the Prime Minister / Prime Minister's Office  
Secretary/ Office of the Cabinet of Ministers  
Secretary General/ Sri Lanka Parliament  
Heads/ All other Special Spending Units  
Secretaries / All Ministries  
Chief Secretaries / All Provincial Councils

**Long Term Scholarship for Master of Science Program in Microbiology (International Program)  
2 Years (June 2026 – May 2028)**

The Royal Thai Embassy of Thailand in Sri Lanka has invited nominations from eligible Government officials for the aforesaid **Master Degree Programme at the Faculty of Sciences (FS), Prince of Songkla University (PSU), Hat Yai Campus, Thailand**, under the Thailand International Postgraduate Programme (TIPP). This is a two year Master degree programme scheduled to commence in June 2026.

All relevant details of the programme, including eligibility criteria and application forms, are enclosed herewith as annexures for your reference. Further information is also available at the following link:

<https://tica-thaigov.mfa.go.th/en/page/tipp?menu=605b0f92b35be63952490dc3>

Accordingly, the Government of Sri Lanka has been invited to nominate **up to three (03) officials** to follow the above programme. We are of the view that this Master Degree Programme presents a valuable opportunity for your Ministry/Organization and the institutions under your purview to enhance the capacity and professional competencies of public sector officials. Participation in this programme would significantly contribute to individual career development as well as institutional objectives.

In this regard, we kindly request you to circulate this information among prospective candidates within your Ministry/Organization and its affiliated institutions whose duties are relevant to the programme, and to nominate one most eligible official from your Ministry/Organization to submit his/her application in accordance with the guidelines provided. Applicants are required to complete the online application form available on the TICA website via the following link: <https://forms.gle/zaVqIR2GvFY9qWLX8>

Candidates are strongly advised to carefully review the eligibility criteria and programme details prior to submitting their online applications.

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Upon completion of the online application, hard copies of the following documents (one original set and two sets of copies, unless otherwise specified) should reach this Department on or before 4.00 p.m. on 19<sup>th</sup> February, to enable onward transmission to the Royal Thai Embassy in Sri Lanka in accordance with the programme guidelines:

- i. Nomination Letter from the relevant Ministry
- ii. Duly completed Application Form with all documents requested by the University - One original and three (03) copies; Downloadable at:  
<https://tica-thaigov.mfa.go.th/en/page/75500-tipp-applicationform?menu=605b13dbb6f1b76ed31778b3>
- iii. Medical Report in the prescribed TICA Medical Report Form – One original and two copies
- iv. Transcript of Bachelor's Degree – One original and two copies
- v. Certificate of Bachelor's Degree – One original and two copies
- vi. Three (03) Recommendation Letters – One original and two copies
- vii. Certificates of English Language Proficiency Test Scores, as required by the academic institution (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS) – One original and two copies
- viii. Any other documents as specified by the University under the "Documents Required" section – One original and two copies
- ix. Duly completed ERD Form (downloadable from [www.erd.gov.lk](http://www.erd.gov.lk)) – One copy only

As only three nominees will be accepted for the degree programme, we kindly request you to nominate the most deserving and suitably qualified candidates whose current responsibilities are directly relevant to the course content and whose qualifications fully comply with the stipulated programme requirements. We look forward to receiving strong and well-considered nominations for this prestigious opportunity.

Please note that only duly completed applications, received by the Department of External Resources on or before the stipulated deadline and accompanied by all required documents, will be processed. The deadline will be strictly enforced. As only three nominations are permitted, the first three complete applications received will be forwarded to the Royal Thai Embassy for onward transmission to the Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA). Accordingly, candidates are encouraged to apply online and submit the required documents at the earliest. Applications received after the deadline, or incomplete applications, will not be accepted under any circumstances, even if the maximum number of nominations has not been reached. The final selection rests solely with the Government of Thailand.

It has come to our attention that there has been a recent trend of candidates withdrawing their applications after being selected for foreign training programmes. Such withdrawals adversely affect the country's reputation and result in the loss of valuable training opportunities allocated to Sri Lanka, while also depriving other deserving candidates. In order to minimize such occurrences, we kindly request both the candidates and the respective Ministries/Organizations to ensure that applications are submitted with a firm commitment. Once selected, candidates are expected to honor their acceptance. Withdrawal will be permitted only under circumstances that are exceptionally unforeseen and unavoidable, and may entail financial obligations to compensate any costs already incurred by the sponsoring or host organization.

Furthermore, your kind assistance in facilitating the grant of official leave to officers selected for participation in the programme would be highly appreciated.

We earnestly encourage all qualified officials to avail themselves of this excellent opportunity to enhance their academic qualifications and professional expertise.

Your prompt attention and cooperation in this regard are highly appreciated.



Upendra Wijerathna  
Director (Actg.)  
for Director General