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18th June 2026

Attn: Officer In-Charge Foreign Training

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Heads/ Other Special Spending Units
Secretaries / All Ministries
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Call for Nominations - 2027 KOICA CIAT Scholarship Program to Sri Lanka

- **"AI Digital Innovation", Doctoral Degree Level Fellowship Programme, Seoul University**

The Department of External Resources wishes to inform you that the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) has invited nominations from public officials of the Government of Sri Lanka for its fully funded fellowship programme titled "AI Digital Innovation" to be conducted at Seoul University in the Republic of Korea during the forthcoming two year programme cycle.

The programme guidelines, including details relating to eligibility criteria, scholarship coverage, selection procedures, and the programme schedule, are enclosed herewith for your reference. The information is also available on the Department's website, www.erd.gov.lk and KOICA CIAT website www.koica.go.kr/ciat/index.do

In this regard, you are kindly requested to disseminate this information among the relevant officials of your Ministry and all institutions coming under your purview. To facilitate a fair and efficient nomination process, it is requested that each Ministry submit **one or a maximum of two applications** for consideration.

As stipulated by KOICA, only **four (04) nominations** may be submitted by Sri Lanka for this programme. Accordingly, the Department will consider and accept the first four applications received that fully satisfy the eligibility requirements specified in the programme guidelines and comply with the provisions of Treasury Circular No. 2013/14(ii) dated 24 October 2013 issued by the Ministry of Finance and Planning.

Please note that, given the limited nomination quota allocated to Sri Lanka, applications received from your Ministry may not be accepted if the Department has already received and accepted four eligible applications from other institutions on a first-come, first-served basis.

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It is also important to emphasize that acceptance of a nomination by the Department does not constitute selection for the programme. All nominations accepted by the Department will be subject to the final selection process conducted by KOICA/ the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Sri Lanka, and the respective host university. Ministries are therefore encouraged to forward only the most suitable and competitive candidates for consideration. In view of the limited nomination allocation, prospective applicants are strongly advised to submit their applications at the earliest opportunity rather than waiting until the closing date.

Applicants are further requested to carefully review the programme guidelines and eligibility requirements prior to submission.

The nomination(s), together with the following documents, should reach the Department of External Resources on or before **2.00 p.m. on 06th July 2026**:

- Nomination/ approval letter from the Line Ministry
- Completed application form and all supporting documents required under the programme guidelines
- Copy of the relevant pages of the passport
- Duly completed ERD Application Form (available at www.erd.gov.lk)

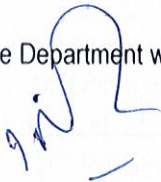
You are kindly informed that the above deadline will be strictly observed and that applications received after the stipulated closing time will not be considered. For the avoidance of doubt, applications will be considered in the order in which complete application dossiers are received by the Department. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the purpose of allocating the limited nomination slots until all required documents have been submitted.

However, once the Department receives and accepts four eligible nominations, the programme will be indicated as **"Closed for Applications"** on the Department's website.

Please also note that all original application documents received by the Department will be forwarded to KOICA, and no copies will be retained by the Department. Applicants are therefore strongly advised to maintain copies of all submitted documents for their future reference.

Once selected, candidates are expected to honour their acceptance of the award and refrain from withdrawing their candidature except under exceptional and unavoidable circumstances. This training opportunity is extended for the benefit of the country, and withdrawals after selection not only adversely affect Sri Lanka's standing with the donor agency but may also result in the loss of valuable training opportunities allocated to the country. Furthermore, such withdrawals deprive other deserving officers of the opportunity to benefit from the programme. Accordingly, Ministries and nominating organizations are kindly requested to ensure that applications are submitted only after confirming the nominee's firm commitment and availability to participate in the programme, if selected.

The Department would greatly appreciate your kind cooperation and prompt action in this regard.



Tharanga Liyanage
Additional Director General
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Enclosure:/ 2027 KOICA Scholarship Programme – Application Guideline