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Judicial Service Commission Circular Letter No : 18/ 2023

To all Judges and Judicial Officers,


Follow-up Action on Meeting with Assistant Director General, Communication and Information at UNESCO

Judicial Service Commission having considered a letter (along with the annexure) dated 31.08.2023 by Ms. Krishanthi Meegahapola, Additional Secretary (Reforms), Ministry of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms, directed me to bring the said letter and the annexure to your attention.

02. Letter dated 31.08.2023 (along with the annexure) is attached hereto.

Under the command of the Judicial Service Commission,

H.S. Somaratne
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Secretary
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Follow-up Action on meeting with Assistant Director General, Communication and Information at UNESCO

This refers to the email dated 18 August 2023 addressed to the Secretary of this Ministry, sent by the First Secretary for Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO of the Embassy of Sri Lanka in France, regarding the above. A copy of the email is enclosed herewith as Annex 1 for your kind perusal.

2. Accordingly, I wish to draw your kind attention to the list of programs referred therein and it would be much appreciated if you could share the same with the relevant interested parties.

Your kind cooperation in this regard is highly appreciated.


Krishanthi Meegahapola
Additional Secretary (Reforms)

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Dear Sir/Madam,
Please find the attached message.
kind regards

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Follow-up Action on meeting with Assistant Director General, Communication and Information at UNESCO

On 25 July 2023, a meeting was held between H.E. Manisha Gunasekera, the Ambassador and Permanent Delegate, and Mr. Tawfik Jelassi, Assistant Director-General of Communication and Information (ADG/CI) at UNESCO, and in connection to the law and judiciary the following points were discussed;

- CI Sector has introduced new capacity building programmes for the Police on international standards for the Safety of Journalists, in addition to the existing programmes for Judges and prosecutors, which Sri Lanka has previously benefited from.
- If Sri Lanka initiates new law reforms related to digitalization, media, or any other CI sector-connected areas, UNESCO is willing to provide technical support for such national initiatives.

2. Further, the Mission would like to draw your attention to the below programmes of CI sector;

- I. UNESCO has published a Global toolkit for law enforcement agents: freedom of expression, access to Information and safety of journalists, which will be used to

develop training programmes and modules that will be incorporated into the standard curriculum for police academies.

Website : <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000383978>

- II. Under this CI sector is conducting programmes on **Training security forces and the judiciary on freedom of expression**

Website : <https://www.unesco.org/en/freedom-expression-rule-law/training-security-forces-judiciary/training-law-enforcement-agents>

- III. Additionally, the CI sector is conducting the Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) on;

- a) **Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists Online Courses:**

<https://www.unesco.org/en/freedom-expression-online-courses?hub=370>

- b) **Media and Information Literacy Massive Open Online Courses :**

<https://www.unesco.org/en/media-information-literacy/mil-moocs?hub=370>

- c) **Self-paced Online Course on Access to Information Laws and Policies and their Implementation :**

<https://www.unesco.org/en/access-information-laws/course-ati-laws?hub=370>

- IV. Further under Artificial Intelligence and UNESCO's Global Judges Initiative a global online course has been developed on **AI and the Rule of Law**, with the aim to engage judicial operators in a global and timely discussion around AI's application and impact on the rule of law.

More information : <https://www.unesco.org/en/artificial-intelligence/rule-law/mooc-judges>

- V. In connection with the AI and the Rule of Law a webinar was organized by UNESCO on the use of **Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) in Courts.**

The record of the webinar can be accessed by link : <https://youtu.be/U-SAsj8LEaA>

3. Appreciate if the Mission could be informed, if more information or technical support related to above-mentioned programmes is required. (Ends)