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Dear Prof. Hewagamage,

"Help to Code" Forum for Volunteer Identification

The Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA), the apex government body responsible for implementing the Government ICT policy and making recommendations required for ICT based development in Sri Lanka, is in the process of initiating computer coding programme for school children.

The Government has already taken steps to introduce IT education in schools and relevant subjects have been included in the national curriculum of the G.C.E. (O/L) and G.C.E. (A/L). Education being a key thrust area which facilitates transforming a society to the next stage of development, ICTA is working to improve the logical and creative thinking, persistence, collaboration and communication in children through introduction of coding.

A long term and a short term programme will be conducted to teach coding both to students and teachers. In the short term we hope to develop a pool of coding volunteers throughout the country and we would like to invite interested students from your University /Institution to join this programme. Volunteers are requested to register online and the date of the forum will be notified in November.

Whilst soliciting your assistance in this National Coding Initiative, annexed is a poster for display on the notice boards with relevant details for students to register as volunteers.

Yours sincerely,

ICT Agency of Sri Lanka

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Chairperson

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