



Deshamanya Prof. W D Lakshman



Former Governor (2019-2021)

Deshamanya Prof. W D Lakshman was the fifteenth Governor, assuming duties in December 2019 and vacating his duties in September 2021.

Professor W. D. Lakshman received his secondary education at Vidyaloka College in Galle and undergraduate education (B.A. and B.Sc. (Hons) in Economics) at the University of Ceylon in Peradeniya. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Economics with Second Class I honours. His doctoral studies were at the University of Oxford and obtained his D.Phil. in 1973. Currently he is Professor Emeritus, University of Colombo.

Professor Lakshman commenced his university teaching career in his alma mater, University of Ceylon in Peradeniya. He joined the University of Colombo in 1981 to take up the position of the Department's Founder Chair of Economics. He held this position for over 25 years before retirement as a Senior Professor in 2007.

In the University of Colombo Professor Lakshman held the positions of Head, Department of Economics, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies (1992-99) and Vice-Chancellor (1994-99).

As Professor Emeritus, he was honoured by the University of Colombo with an honorary Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.). He was also awarded Deshamanya honours in 2005.

Prof. Lakshman has been a prolific researcher. He has authored numerous research papers on a wide range of topics including Political Economy, Development of South Asia, Japanese Investments in South Asia and Socio Economic Impact of Structural Adjustment Policies in Sri Lanka. His book 'Economics written by Prof. Lakshman in Sinhala Medium has been used extensively by generations of Sri Lankan students. Two books edited by him, 'Dilemmas of Development: Fifty Years of Economic Change in Sri Lanka' published by Sri Lanka Association of Economists in 1997 and 'The Country's Development since Independence: Socio-Economic Perspectives and Analyses' published by Nova Science Publishers (New York) in 2000, are widely consulted.

At different times in his academic career, Professor Lakshman has served as a visiting professor in several foreign academic institutions in the United States, Japan, Yugoslavia and India.

Professor Lakshman has also served as a Member, Presidential Commission on Finance and Banking, 1990, the Senior Economic Advisor to Ministers of Finance and Planning (2008-09), Member, National Economic Council (2008-10), Chairman, Presidential Commission on Taxation (2009-10), Chairman, Institute of Studies (2010-15), Vice-Chancellor, Sanasa University Institute, Kegalle (2014-19) and the Chairman, Committee of Experts appointed by the President to review the Sri Lanka - Singapore Free Trade Agreement in 2018.

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