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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICES FOR PUBLICATION IN THE WEEKLY "GAZETTE"

ATTENTION is drawn to the Notification appearing in the 1st week of every month, regarding the latest dates and times of acceptance of Notices for publication in the weekly *Gazettes*, at the end of every weekly *Gazette* of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

All Notices to be published in the weekly *Gazettes* shall close at 12.00 noon of each Friday, two weeks before the date of publication. All Government Departments, Corporations, Boards, etc. are hereby advised that Notifications fixing closing dates and times of applications in respect of Post-Vacancies, Examinations, Tender Notices and dates and times of Auction Sales, etc. should be prepared by giving adequate time both from the date of despatch of notices to Govt. Press and from the date of publication, thereby enabling those interested in the contents of such notices to actively and positively participate please note that inquiries and complaints made in respect of corrections pertaining to notification will not be entertained after **three months** from the date of publication.

All notices to be published in the weekly *Gazettes* should reach Government Press two weeks before the date of publication *i.e.* notices for publication in the weekly *Gazette* of 29th April, 2011 should reach Government Press on or before 12.00 noon on 15th April, 2011.

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Department of Government Printing, Colombo 08, January 01, 2011.

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DEPARTEMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Western Province Provincial Council

ONE YEAR VOCATIONAL COURSE OF TRAINING IN AGRICULTURE TO BE CONDUCTED AT THE DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTRES – HOMAGAMA (MALE) AND WALPITA (FEMALE) – 2011/2012

THE Provincial Director of Agriculture, Western Province, invites applications for the recruitment of students for the above course of training. The course will be conducted in the Sinhala medium. This course of training is targeted for those who intend either to engage in agriculture as a business or on the basis of self employment.

- 02. Certificates will be awarded to those who successfully complete this course, which will be in the form of a practical and theoretical training. The subjects of the course are as follows.
 - (i) Agricultural entrepreneurship and career guidance;
 - (ii) Principles of Agriculture and Development process;
 - (iii) Agricultural Crop Technology;
 - (iv) Management of Animal Production;
 - (v) Agric-engineering techniques;
 - (vi) Home Economics and Food technology.

In presenting this course of training through the aforesaid subjects, familiarization in the latest findings relating to the development of modern agricultural technology (*e. g.*– Post Harvest Technology, Tissue Culture Technology, Greenhouse Cultivation), self employment techniques (*e. g.*– Landscaping, Ornamental fish breeding, farm accounts, maintenance of farm equipment and training in tractor driving) and a training modern methods of processing of information (*e. g.*– operation of computers) will be provided to students. Development of English knowledge of rural students and an understanding of the contemporary agriculturel policy will also be provided.

03. Conducting of the Course of Training.— The course which is over a period of one year constist of three terms. Written and practical tests are conducted on all the subjects at the end of the first and second terms. Educational tours are organized within the second term. During the third term all students are required to follow a project study in the selected field, in conjunction with an external agricultural project/institution. Students are required to submit a project report at the end of the study. The final written and practical test will be held on conclusion and thereafter certificates will be awarded to the students who complete 85% attendance and are successful upon a continuous evaluation.

04. Scheme of Recruitment:

04.1 Educational qualifications:

1. Passes in six subjects including Sinhala Language (Language and Literature), Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and a Technical subject (Agriculture, Needlework, Home Gardening, Home Economics, Accounts and Commerce, Motor Mechanics) at the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination in not more than two sittings.

04.2 Other qualifications:

- (i) All applicants should be between the age of 17 and 25 years on the date of calling of applications;
- (ii) Applicants should be unmarried;
- (iii) Applicants should be in a physical condition suitable for practical agriculture (in proof whereof, a certificate obtained from a Government Medical Officer should be submitted at the commencement of the course);
- (iv) Eligible candidates will be called for an interview to be held by the Provincial Director of Agriculture and selection will be made on the results thereof;
- (v) Preference will be given to persons who are engaged in agriculture and are prepared to continue it as a vocation;
- (vi) Applicants should adduce proof of permanent residence within the Western Province for at least two years out of the three years immediately preceding the closing date of applications, with a certificate of residence obtained from the Divisional Secretary of the area.

In addition.

Where any persons who possess the educational and other qualifications and are not residents within the Western Province are desirous of following the course, they will also be afforded an opportunity. However, residents of the Western Province will be given priority in making selections. It has been decided to select applicants outside the Western Province through an interview if a sufficient number of application are not received within the province.

- 05. Incentive Allowance for the course if training:
 - (i) An incentive allowance of Two Hundred and Fifty Rupees (Rs. 250) for each day of attendance for training will be paid to each trainee during the period of training. This allowance will have to be utilized to meet the cost of meals;
 - (ii) All trainees will be provided with residential facilities during the period of training free of charge.
- 06. Procedure to be observed in participation in the course of training:
 - (i) A deposit of Rupees Two Hundred and Fifty (Rs. 250) should be furnished;
 - (ii) Basic facilities for engaging in agriculture after the completion of training should be available at least on a small scale;
 - (iii) It is specially emphasized that neighter the Western Province Provincial Council nor the Central Government is under any obligation to provide employment after the completion of training;
 - (iv) A written undertaking should be given agreeing to comply with general rules and regulations imposed by the Training Institute:
 - (v) The authorities will take action to cancel the studentship of those who engage in any act of indiscipline and any act in contravention of the rules and regulations, during the period of training.
- 07. Applications prepared on a sheet of paper 8 1/2 x 12(A4) using both sides and in accordance with the specimen form appended, should be sent under registered cover to reach the Provincial Director of Agriculture, Office of the Provincial Director of Agriculture, (Western), No. 61-1/1, Sri Sangaraja Mawatha, Colombo 10 on or before 15th of June, 2011. The words "Application for the Vocational course of Training in Agriculture 2011/2012" should be written on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the application.
 - (i) The decision of the Provincial Director of Agriculture of the Western Province, with regard to recruitment shall be final.
 - (ii) Any application which is incomplete or not in order will be rejected without notice. Only a limited number of selected applicants will be called for an interview.
 - (iii) Since only school-leavers will be considered for selection, it is compulsory for the school-leaving certificate to be produced at the interview.
 - (iv) Copies of two character certification, one from the school where the applicant was educated and another from a person of standing in the area and copies of educational and other qualifications should be annexed to the application.
 - (v) Original of the educational and other certificates together with the National Identity Card should be furnished at the interview.

R. P. MAHINDAPALA,
Provincial Director of Agirculture,
Western.

Office of the Provincial Director of Agriculture, (Western), No. 61-1/1, Sri Sangaraja Mawatha, Colombo 10. 29th March, 2011.

SPECIMEN APPLICATION FORM

Application for Recruitment of Students for the one year Vocational Course of Training in Agriculture at the District Agriculture Training Centres – Homagama (males) and Walpita (Females) for the Year 2011/2012

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02.	Name with initials:——.
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	(ii) District of Residence :
04.	Sex:

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