Course Number and Name

HISE 101    History of Sri Lanka up to A.D. 1500

Intended Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, the students will be able to explain the political, economic and socio-cultural developments of Sri Lanka from the earliest times up to the sixteenth century A.D. the geographic and geopolitical factors which influenced the history of the Island and assess the main trends in the history of pre-modern Sri Lanka in a broader Asian historical context.

Course Contents

Sources for the study of Sri Lankan history; geo-climatic factors and natural resources; pre and proto history; early settlements and demographic expansion; development of kingship and state; water management system and irrigation technology; agriculture and land tenure; trade and commerce; Buddhism and Buddhist culture; multi-religious and multi cultural developments; social organization; caste system and ethnic groups; art and architecture; decline and collapse of the hydraulic civilization; rise of the south-west kingdoms; rise of the Jaffna kingdom and its impact on southern parts of Sri Lanka; arrival of the Portuguese.

Assessment Strategy

i. Time of Assessment    - End of the Year
   ii. Assessment Method    - Written examination

Assigned percentage of marks for each component - 100%

Recommended References


Note: The text is in Sinhala, translated to English for better understanding.

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මුරායෙල, මහඬූපු (1970), මැංකාඹ මායිම් පෙරමුඳු, ආයතන: මැංකාඹ මායිම් පෙරමුඳුපාලනය.

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