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Intel Gears For Sri Lanka Science And Engineering Fair

The Sri Lanka Science and Engineering Fair (SLSEF), showcasing the country's most innovative science and research talent, was held recently at the Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL) auditorium. A collaborative effort of the Ministry of Education, the National Science Foundation, IESL, and Intel, SLSEF is affiliated to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) - the world's largest pre-college science competition.

The winners of this year's event will represent Sri Lanka at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) to be held in Reno, Nevada in USA in May 2009. Two of the local winners will compete at Intel ISEF while the other will participate as an observer. Sri Lanka was proudly represented at Intel ISEF 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia by the winners of the Sri Lanka Science and Exhibition Fair 2008.

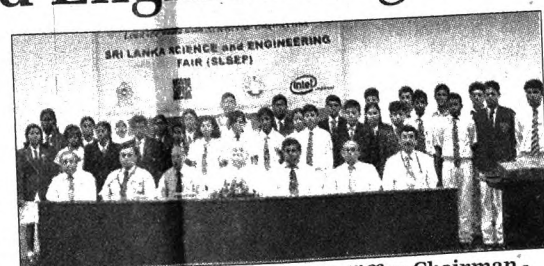
Indika de Zoysa, Country Manager, Intel EM Limited - Sri Lanka Liaison office said, "The Sri Lanka Science and Engineering Fair is the ideal forum for students to showcase their independent research in a competitive environment. Through its affiliation to ISEF the event also provides international exposure to a new generation of Sri Lankan innovators. I thank Ministry of Education, National Science Foundation, and the Institution of Engineers for their support. Our role in bringing this event to fruition is an expression of

Intel's sustained commitment - in collaboration with the government and educators - to help prepare students to succeed in a knowledge-based economy."

SLSEF 2009 featured the top ten projects of the Science Research Project Competition (SRPC) 2008 of the National Science Foundation and the IESL Junior Inventor of the Year 2008 competition. Encouraging scientific thinking and promoting scientific research, SRPC features student research projects under various disciplines in science, and is organized by the National Science Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.

Master Yasith Lokuge, a student of Ananda College Colombo and past SLSEF finalist who was present at the event said, "I'm delighted for the winners of today's event and wish them their very best for this year's ISEF. The SLSEF and ISEF have been wonderful platforms helping us, Sri Lankan students, exhibit our talent and interact with students and scholars from across the globe. I thank the Ministry of Education, National Science Foundation, Institution of Engineers and Intel for providing us the opportunity to take part in these events."

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Seated from left: Prof. M. T. M. Jiffry, Chairman - Advisory Board on Popularization of Science of the National Foundation, Mr. M. C. Dissanayake - Additional Secretary, Administration, Ministry of Science & Technology, Eng. D. P. Mallawaarachchi, President - Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka, Deshamanya Vidya Jyoti Dr. Ray Wijewardane, Eng. J. Meegoda, Chairperson - Junior Inventor of the Year Competition, Dr. M. C. N. Jayasuriya, Director - National Science Foundation, Mr. Priyantha Weerabahu, Intel Education Programme Manager and Student finalists in the background.

uity in the fields of maths and science. The Sri Lanka Science and Engineering Fair is a catalyst for inventive thinking, uplifting local education and motivating youthful innovators.