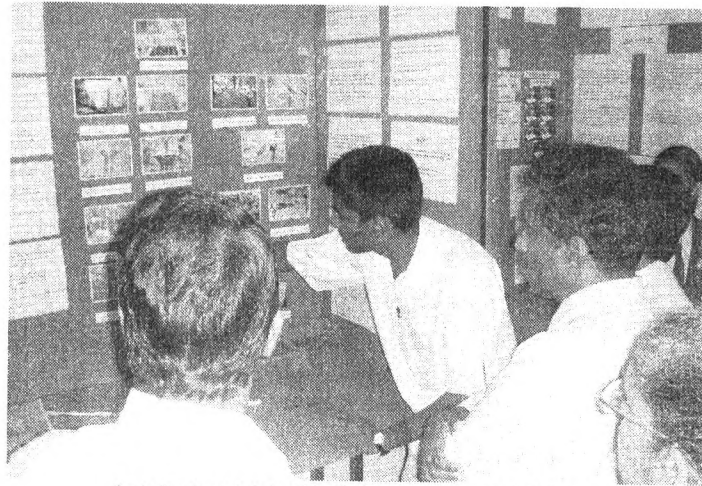


Novice inventors in limelight

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Sri Lanka Science and Engineering Fair (SLSEF) was held on January 20, 2009 at Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL) auditorium with the participation of 20 competitors exhibiting their findings. With the collaboration of the National Science Foundation (NSF), Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL), Ministry of Education and Intel, the multinational computer company.

The competitions was of two parts - i.e. the Science Research Project Competition (SRPC) conducted by NSF and the Junior Inventor



A student explaining his findings to the panel of Judges

of the Year (JIY) conducted by the IESL where ten projects were selected for each competition. Out of the total 20 projects, winners of the first, second and third places will attend the Intel International Science and

Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF), Nevada in USA held in May 2009.

Winners of the first and second places will compete with other competitors from other countries while winner of the third place

will attend the fair as an observer.

Intel ISEF is the world's largest pre-collegiate celebration of Science, held annually in May. Intel ISEF brings together more than 1,200 students from over 40 nations to compete for over 900 prizes. There is US\$ 2 million to be won including scholarships, tuition grants, internships, scientific field trips and the grand prize: a trip to attend the Nobel Prize Ceremony in Stockholm, Sweden. Science Service founded the ISEF in 1950 and Intel is the title sponsor of this prestigious international competition. (HP)

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