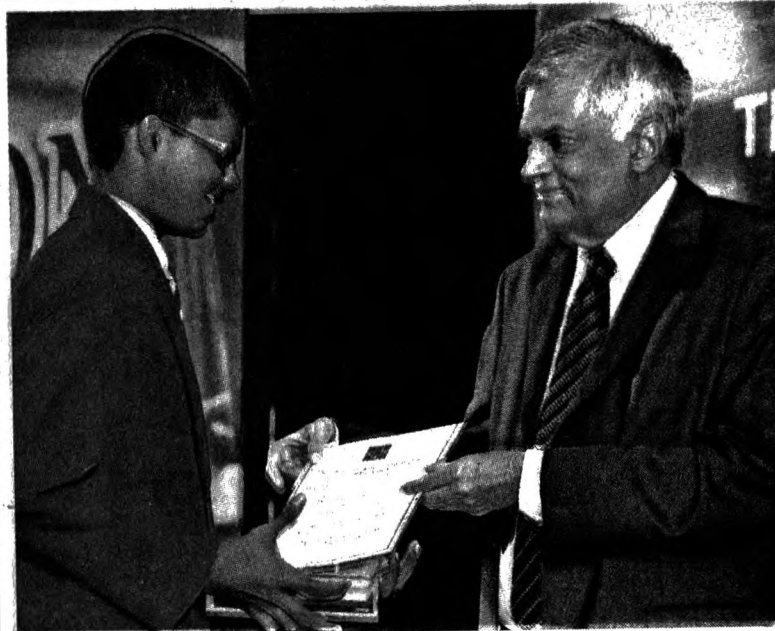




The 110th Annual Sessions of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka was held last week at the Main Hall, BMICH. Prime Minister, Ranil Wickremesinghe who was the chief guest presenting a special certificate of recognition to student T.D. Chaminda at the event. *Picture by Gayan Pushpika.*
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More exporters needed to achieve US\$ 20 bn by 2020 target - NIOE Chairman

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The National Institute of Exports (NIOE) called upon countrywide school leavers, job seekers and prospective entrepreneurs to start up their own enterprises and become small and medium scale exporters by acquiring the necessary professional qualification and training given by the NIOE in international trade.

In an interview with Daily News Business (National Institute of Exports (NIOE) Chairman, **Dr. Jagath Peiris** said Sri Lanka needs more exporters in the future in order to swell the country's economy and achieve the Government's exports target of US\$ 20 billion by year 2020.

He said the NIOE has already commenced profes-

sional courses to encourage people in this field and the new intake to follow the three main courses, the Certificate Level courses, Advanced Certificate Level courses and Diploma Level Programmes in International Trade Management will be registered during late October this year.

Speaking further on the importance of creating new exporters and also entrepreneurs in the country Eng. (Dr.) Jagath Peiris who is also CEO / Executive Secretary of the Institution of Engineers of Sri Lanka (IESL) highlighted that the main objective of the NIOE is to facilitate the knowledge transfer and ensure career development prospects of those who are already engaged in the export field



as employees in various capacities.

He said even the National Chamber of Exporters has identified that many exporters and entrepreneurs in the country do not have adequate knowledge or the skills to explore several of the opportunities available to them in the global markets.

"Therefore, we take the opportunity to create more entrepreneurs to embark on exports and give all exporters the required knowledge to grab the available opportunities in the international market,".

He said participants who follow courses in international trade from the NIOE could gain adequate knowledge of technical subjects related to International Trade.

"In addition, persons who complete all three levels of study programmes and with experience gain from an export related organization could also claim membership of the NIOE which will be considered as a professional qualification in International trade", he added.