

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Nationality: Sri Lankan.

- Current Positions: **Senior Visiting Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka;** Director, Commercial Bank of Ceylon Ltd.; Member, Board of Directors, Centre for Policy Analysis; Fellow, Marga Institute.

Date of Birth: 16th June, 1926

EDUCATION

- **B.A. (Hons)** University of Ceylon, 1946
- **D.Lit** University of Sri Jayawardenepura, 1992

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

1. Since retirement from the United Nations was called upon by the Government of Sri Lanka to serve as:

- Chairman Human Resources Development Council (1988-1993).
- Chairman, Presidential Administrative Reforms Committee (1986-1987)
- Chairman, Salaries and Cadres Committee (1987-1989)
- Chairman, Public Investment Management Board (1989-1990)
- Chairman, Presidential Taxation Commission (1989-1990)

2. Served with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific from 1971

To 1986 and held the positions of:

- Chief, Technical Co-operation Division.
- Chief, Operations Evaluation Unit.
- Special Advisor to the Executive Secretary on Technical Co-operation Matters.
- Special Technical Advisor on Regional Institutions and Special regional Projects
- Regional Advisor in Public Administration.

3. Was a member of the Sri Lanka Public service from 1946 to 1971 and held over 25 senior positions

Including:

- Director General of Public Administration.
- Director, Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration.
- Commissioner of Co-operative Development.
- Chairman, National Milk Board.
- Director, People's Bank.
- Director, Co-operative Wholesale Establishment.
- Director, Ceylon Transport Board.

- Head of Administrative Districts of Kurunegala and Vavuniya.
- Deputy Principal Collector of Customs.

4. Was Eisenhower Exchange Fellow from Sri Lanka in 1967.

Major Areas of Interest

- Governance
- Public Policy Management
- Administrative Reform
- Human Resources Development
- Education Policy

- Health Policy
- Public Enterprise Reform and Privatisation
- Political Institutions, Devolution and Decentralisation
- Poverty Alleviation Policies

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