



SRI LANKA ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION (SLEA) Annual International Conference - 2024



It is undeniable that the economic recovery in Sri Lanka hinges on two crucial areas: macroeconomic stabilization and development. While macroeconomic stabilization has been a major focus, there is a need for more attention on economic development, particularly in agriculture, industries, and services. This calls for serious policy-relevant research to identify the pathways for transforming the real economy and ensuring rapid recovery and development. In response to this need, the SLEA International Conference 2024 has chosen the theme "**Transforming Industries for Economic Revival in Sri Lanka**". The sub-themes are to be the focused at the conference to make a significant platform for addressing the economic challenges in Sri Lanka.

The Theme: **Transforming Industries for Economic Revival**

1: Macroeconomics of Industrial Transformation

Areas to be discussed: Creating a Favourable Macroeconomic Environment for Rapid Industrial Growth, Financial Development and Industrialization, Creating Conducive Investment Climate, and Macroeconomic Reforms for Promoting Industries

2: Industrial Policy Issues, Industrial Growth and Structural Change

Areas to be discussed: Impact of Economic Crisis on the Industrial Sector in Sri Lanka, Evolution of Industrial Policies in Sri Lanka, Industrialization and Economic Growth in Sri Lanka and Structural Change in the Industrial Sector

3: Sectoral Dimensions of Industries

Areas to be discussed: Transforming Traditional Industries, Manufacturing Growth and Diversification, Potential for High Tech Mineral-based industries and Agro-based Industries

4: Trade and Investment Promotion

Areas to be discussed: Export Promotion Industrialization in Sri Lanka, Promoting Foreign Investment, Doing Business Environment and Bilateralism, Regionalism and Multilateralism in Industrial Trade Promotion

5: Manpower Needs, Technology Change and Productivity Growth

Areas to be discussed: Labour Market and Industrial Transformation, Building at the Technological Frontier for Industrialization, Creating New Knowledge for Industrialization: R&D and Universities, Entrepreneurship Policy: Learning to build new businesses and Innovations, Productivity Growth and Industrialization in Sri Lanka

6: Spatial Dynamics of Industrial Growth

Areas to be discussed: Spatial Distribution of Industries, Regional Development and Industries, Rural Development and Industries, Industrialization and Urbanization and Industrialization for Alleviating Rural and Urban Poverty

7: Analysis of the Development Potential of Emerging Industries

Areas to be discussed: Technology Adaptation, Electronics and Industrial Machinery, Automotive and Electrical Equipment, Creative Imitations and Agricultural Machinery, Medical Devices and Pharmaceuticals and IT-based Industries

8: Challenges for Industrialization

Areas to be discussed: Challenges and Constraints for Industrialization in Sri Lanka, Meeting the Energy Demand and Alternative Energies, SOEs and Industrialization, Political Economy of Industrialization and Connecting with the Global Value Chain

Submit your Abstract on or before 30 October 2024 to the mail - sleajournal@gmail.com

Publish your article in peer reviewed indexed Journal, Sri Lanka Economic Journal (SLEJ)

THE CONFERENCE IS ON HYBRID MODE (IN-PERSON AND ZOOM)

Important Dates:

Abstract Submission Deadline: 30 October 2024

Notification of Acceptance: 15 November 2024

Registration to the Conference: 18 November 2024

Submission of Camera-ready copy: 25 November 2024

Conference date: 6th and 7th December 2024

Registration Fee:-

-Local Participant: LKR 5,000.00

-Local Undergrad. and postgrad. Students: LKR 2,000.00

-Foreign Participant: USD 100.00

-Foreign Undergrad. and postgrad. Students: USD 50.00

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Lanka