

Global Astronomy Survey : Sri Lanka

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Professional (Research) Astronomy:

(i) Number of universities offering Astronomy (and their names)

There is no such a university offering as astronomy as a degree but in Colombo university and the University of Moratuwa has Astronomy as a credit to there course content

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* Colombo University-<http://www.cmb.ac.lk/>

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(ii) Number of universities offering Physics (and their names)

*Colombo University:- <http://www.cmb.ac.lk/>

*University of Kelaniya:- <http://www.kln.ac.lk/>

*University of Peradeniya: <http://www.pdn.ac.lk/>

*University of Sri JayawardanePura- <http://www.sjp.ac.lk/>

(iii) Number of academics who have been trained in Astronomy (ideally with their names and levels of qualification)

ACCMT:-Arthur C Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies

Dr .Saraj Gunesekkara: Saraj@accmt.ac.lk

Dr. Chandan Jayarathne: chanda@cmb.ac.lk

Research scientist Indika Madananagoda :I ndika@accmt.ac.lk

<http://www.accimt.ac.lk/courses/training> .

(iv) Number of astronomical facilities (observatories, telescopes, etc) and as much detail about each as possible (websites/contact details)

Colombo University



10 inch Cassegrain Reflecting Telescope

ACCMT

The division maintains the 45cm Cassegrain optical reflective telescope. Night sky observation sessions are organized and conducted by the division to popularize astronomy among school children and interested observers in Sri Lanka.



The Largest telescope in Sri Lanka at ACCMT

http://images.google.lk/imgres?imgurl=http://lightmillennium.org/3rd_april_03/image/accmt_engineer.jpg&imgrefurl=http://lightmillennium.org/3rd_april_03/bu_accmt_interview.html&usg=__sx931kDnqnii5mZKVDjJW9sFg7A=&h=285&w=308&sz=24&hl=en&start=2&tbnid=dCoUNMR_POaZhM:&tbnh=108&tbnw=117&prev=/images%3Fq%3Daccmt%26gbv%3D2%26hl%3Den%26sa%3DG

<http://www.accimt.ac.lk/spaceapp/solar.htm>

(v) Self evaluation (according to the different phases above, how would

you rate your country in terms of Professional Astronomy? Please include

any other relevant information to motivate your choice

2. Public Understanding of Astronomy:

(i) What governmental astronomy/science outreach programmes for the

public take place (co-ordinated either by government departments or

national facilities)

Sri Lanka Planetarium

Contact Director: Priyanka Kumuduni Koralagamage

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(ii) What non-governmental astronomy/science outreach programmes for the

public take place (NGO activities or international programmes that your

country is involved in)

(iii) Comment on the presence of astronomy in the media (TV, radio,

newspapers). Is it very prominent? Are there specific programmes on

astronomy? Is the media generally willing to publish news on astronomy?

(iv) Comment on the presence of astronomy/science in the general culture

of the people. Are there any specific challenges or setbacks? Is

astronomy a welcome subject of conversation?

Not actually...Every one is inn open mind and there curious to learn in Astronomy, I think government should change those who are in authorized in this matter and also should process with a plan. I can't see any plan they have made.

(v) Self evaluation (according to the different phases above, how would

you rate your country in terms of Public Understanding of Astronomy?

please includes any other relevant information to motivate your choice.)

Primary Level

3. Astronomy in Schools:

(i) What governmental astronomy/science education and outreach

programmes for schools take place (co-ordinated either by government

departments or national facilities) None From the governmental way

(ii) What non-governmental astronomy/science education and outreach

programmes for schools take place (NGO activities or international

programmes that your country is involved in):None

(iii) Comment on the presence of astronomy in the school curriculum. Is

it part of the school curriculum? Is it very prominent? What age groups? Age 13 to 15

(iv) Comment on the status of astronomy/science in schools. Are there

any specific challenges or setbacks? There is sufficient number of students

YES there are many students who would like to study on astronomy but the matter is about not enough resources studying maths and science? General interest in maths/science/astronomy in schools?

MAXIMUM

(v) Self evaluation (according to the different phases above, how would you rate your country in terms of Astronomy in Schools? Please include any other relevant information to motivate your choice.)

Can't say Intermediate but still in a primary Level

