



Advanced Leadership Seminar

Dates: August 12-15, 2018
Venue: St. John's College, Jaffna, Sri Lanka

Concept Note

Many higher education institutions in South Asia are struggling with a leadership crisis, and “Give Us Leaders” is a common cry in the South Asian context. The British education system did not have a provision to develop leadership skills, and most of the higher education institutions had foreigners as leaders long after achieving independence. Only in the 1960s did these institutions have local nationals as their principals.

The leader is at the centre of a group's power structure: he or she keeps the group together, infuses life into it, moves it towards its goals, and maintains its momentum. Leadership plays an important role in the colleges and universities, where the need for excellent leaders is acute. Yet when academicians rise into leadership positions, they often need training in different skills of leadership.

The United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia in collaboration with St. John's College, Jaffna is organizing an advanced leadership seminar for young leaders, potential leaders, and administrators of colleges in Sri Lanka (Jaffna, Kandy, and Batticalao). A few principals of colleges in South India also will participate in order to facilitate interaction between principals of colleges in Sri Lanka and principals from South India. This will provide an opportunity for them to create a network and support one another.

The three-day intensive workshop will be conducted at St. John's College Campus, Jaffna, Sri Lanka. Skill development sessions will focus on: Vision of Higher Education, Challenges of the Higher Education System, Communication Skills, Human Resource Management, Time Management, Styles of Leadership, Ethical Leadership, and Crisis Management.

Local Hospitality

The United Board will cover the costs of accommodation, food, and seminar materials. Participants will have to meet the travel cost from their place to the venue in Jaffna. The participants are expected to arrive on Sunday, 12 August before 6 pm.



Interested leaders may contact the principal of St. John's College, Jaffna – Fr. Jameson Gnanaponrajah.

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