Cost of corruption

Corruption undermines democracy and the rule of law. It leads to situations of human rights violations. It undermines public trust in government. Corruption destroys the economy, by forcing public services to operate in ways that reduce their efficiency and effectiveness. Corruption leads to widespread poverty and inequality. It undermines good governance and undermines the idea that government is there to serve the people. It is a major factor in the lack of democratic engagement, and impedes the development of strong democracies. It undermines the rule of law and human rights and is therefore detrimental to the promotion of freedom, democracy and human rights.

Position Paper on 18th Amendment released

In the annual Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2010, Sri Lanka has ranked around 91 (among 178 countries). The CPI Index, though perceptional, has been accepted as the most recognized and often compared corruption index worldwide.

The 18th Amendment is seen as a major step forward in the right direction, but also a step backwards in the sense that it leaves the door open for corruption by allowing the President to appoint a five-member statutory authority to act as a DCE instead of an independent CEC. It is also perceived as reducing the accountability of the new DCE to the public service. The new 18th Amendment is also perceived as weakening the anti-corruption provisions in the 17th Amendment.

Information: Democracy is owned by the people

An internationally acclaimed writer and director of Global Witness, Richard Boucher, is one of the principal speakers at this year’s Global Integrity Award ceremony held in Bangkok on 12 November 2010 at the International Anti-Corruption Conference.

The message is clear: laws are not enough. The anti-corruption community must work to push for a world free of corruption through this award ceremony held in Bangkok on 12 November 2010 at the International Anti-Corruption Conference.

The conference was officially opened by Her Majesty the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej. Her Majesty the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej was also the founder of Transparency International (TI) and President of TI’s Royal Thai Chapter.

The first Srilankan to be elected to this prestigious award was Poddala Jayantha who could not attend this year’s Global Integrity Award ceremony held in Bangkok on 12 November 2010 at the International Anti-Corruption Conference.

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Poddala wins Global Integrity Award

Urgent call for greater enforcement of anti-corruption laws and citizen mobilisation