



“Economic Insights Challenge” The Essay Competition -2023

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Theme: “Setting Sail on the Road to Renaissance: Sri Lanka’s Epic Journey”.

This theme invites you to dive into the fascinating tale of Sri Lanka's progress and resilience. Sri Lanka is a place with a rich history and culture, but it has faced its share of tough challenges. However, it's now on a path to economic recovery.

In your essays, we encourage you to explore how Sri Lanka has confronted difficulties and continued moving forward. Think of Sri Lanka as a place that's experiencing a fresh start, a bit like being born again, with a mix of its past, new ideas, and strong determination. Share the fascinating details of this remarkable journey, such as the valuable lessons learned, the achievements along the way, and the dreams it holds for the future. Let your creativity shine as you narrate the incredible story of this beautiful island nation.

Rules

1. The theme of the essay competition is: **“Setting Sail on the Road to Renaissance: Sri Lanka’s Epic Journey”**.
2. The competition is open to all undergraduates following either the Bachelor of Arts Honours degree program, the Bachelor of Arts Financial Economics degree program, or the Bachelor of Arts General Degree Program, including Economics as a subject.
3. The best essays will be selected by a panel of judges from the Department of Economics. The decision on the best essays taken by the panel of judges is final.
4. The essays will be judged according to the following criteria:
 - i) Originality
 - ii) Creativity of ideas
 - iii) Structure and presentation of the essay
 - iv) Depth of analysis and arguments
5. Only one entry per student is permitted.
6. Entries to the competition must be unique (i.e., not published elsewhere or submitted to another essay competition) and original in content. Entries found to contain plagiarism will be disqualified.
7. The essays should be accessible to a wide audience. They are not meant to be academic journal-style papers.

Guidelines

1. Maximum word limit: 500 words.
2. Medium: English/Sinhala
3. Font: Times New Roman/FM Abhaya

4. Font size: 12
5. Line spacing: 1.5
6. Deadline for submission: 6.00 pm on October 6, 2023.
7. Upload your document in **MS Word format** to <https://forms.gle/DkJ75t3dLwQgnxDcA>