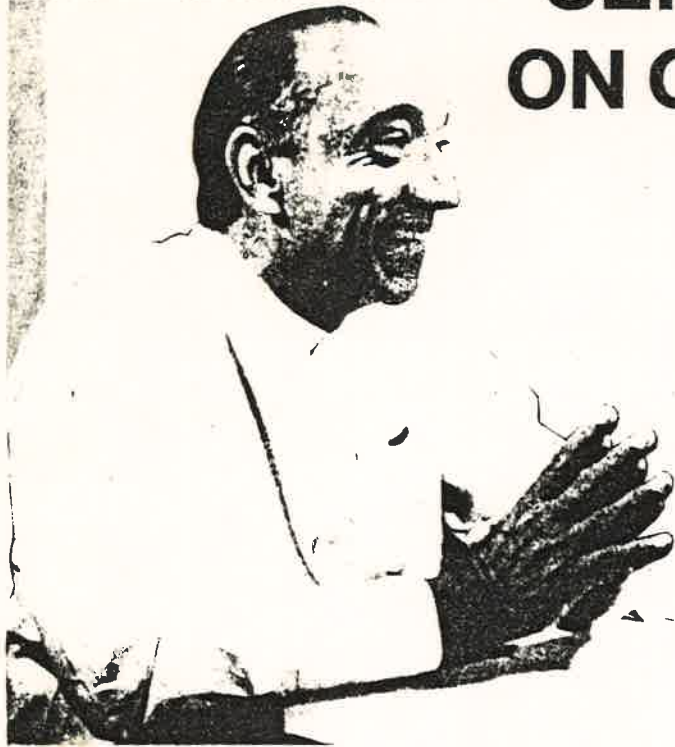


SENIOR EXECUTIVE SEMINAR ON COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR



To be inaugurated by the Hon. Dr. Anandatissa de Alwis,
Minister of State, at the BMICH on 26th April 1985.

“ *The microchip is today
a carrier of knowledge.
All over the island,
we have to give up old ideas
and go boldly into the
new technological era.
By this,
I mean the application
of science to
every phase of life:
to agriculture,
food processing,
communications, housing,
production of materials, mining of mineral deposits, and the
utilization of the resources of the land for the benefit of its people.* ”

From the speech of **His Excellency J. R. Jayewardene**, President of Sri Lanka and Hon. Minister in Charge of CINTEC, at the convocation ceremony of the University of Sri Jayawardhanapura, in February 1984.

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The Computer and Information Technology Council (CINTEC) extends a warm welcome to participants and guests attending the Senior Executive Seminar on Computer Applications in the Public Sector.

This seminar is particularly important because it brings together the cream of senior management in the Sri Lanka public sector, to study means of further improving their effectiveness through the use of computers. Given the vital and pervasive role of government institutions throughout our national economy, any improvements in efficiency will yield immediate and significant benefits to all sectors of society.

CINTEC, the apex body recently created to advise President Jayewardene in formulating, coordinating and implementing computer and informatics policy, is especially pleased to organize this seminar. While looking forward to the promise of the new technologies, we are constantly mindful of the old adage "Head in the clouds, but feet firmly on the ground". In this spirit, we seek the valuable cooperation of senior government executives in harnessing recent advances in microelectronics and computers to practically enhance our development efforts.

A good understanding of any new technology is an indispensable pre-requisite for effective application. At the same time, actions must match the rhetoric, if the technocratic leadership is to maintain its credibility. Computers must be applied widely to benefit all our citizens, especially the rural masses. Therefore, the importance of the enlightened and enthusiastic computer user cannot be over-emphasized. We sincerely hope that this gathering will help us in our



efforts to build confidence and self-reliance in the area of practical computer applications.

On behalf of CINTEC, I wish the seminar participants all success in their deliberations.

Professor Mohan Munasinghe
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