



## News Release

### **National Employment Sourcing & Delivery System**

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## **JobsNet sets up office in Batticaloa**

The JobsNet – The National Employment Delivery system is all set to begin its operations in Batticaloa under the auspices of Minister of Labor Relations and Foreign Employment, Athauda Senevirathne and Minister of District Rehabilitation and Development (Batticaloa), Ameer Ali Shihabdeen on 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

Batticaloa – JobsNet would be the third JobsNet centre setting up in the east since JobsNet inception in 2003, May. The other two centers in the eastern province are in Ampara and Trincomalee.

JobsNet the National Employment Sourcing and delivery system works as a referral system between Jobseekers and Employers in the private sector, promoting private sector employment table and viable option to the youth. At the same time it works closely with Training providers both public and private in facilitating skills enhancement to the jobseekers in order to make them more employable. Information, advice on employment, labor market, career Guidance and counseling are also an integral part of JobsNet operations.

“The Batticaloa centre would serve a long felt need in the war ravaged district and open up opportunities for the labor force in order to find gainful employment. Although it would be a daunting task to make an immediate impact in the district, where the local industry is yet to show significant revival, setting up office now, would pave the way for a better tomorrow for the youth of the district who are alienated from the development process of the nation by moving them closer to opportunities even outside the district.” stated the Project Director –Priantha Fernando.

The centre opening on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, 2005 at 10.00 am at Arunagiri Lane, Batticaloa is followed by a public gathering at the Devanayagam Hall attended by the Hon. Ministers of the Government, MP's of the Batticaloa District and other guests and officials from the Ministry of Labor Relations and Foreign Employment, Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment, International Labor Organization, Swedish Development Agency, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and the Batticaloa Chamber of Commerce. The Public is invited to attend the information seminar at the Devanayagam Hall, starting at 10.00 am, following that the Centre will begin routine operations on the first day itself and jobseekers could register at JobsNet by bringing necessary documentation (i.e. Birth Certificate, National Identity Card, Educational and Vocational education certificates and a set of photocopies)

JobsNet is the implementation of the 7<sup>th</sup> initiative of the National Employment Policy. It is a project of the Ministry of Labor Relations and Foreign Employment, managed by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce as a Private-Public Sector partnership. It is technically assisted by ILO and funded by Sida.