

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
The Ministry of Education  
and  
The Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption  
for the National Programme to Combat Bribery and Corruption**

**1. Introduction**

**National prevention programme to combat bribery and corruption**

It has been identified for a necessity of an educational programme to increase the awareness of the school children to resist bribery and corruption to combat bribery and corruption in Sri Lanka by the year 2030. Accordingly, focusing the World's Children's Day on 01<sup>st</sup> October 2022 the following Memorandum of Understanding will be entered by the Ministry of Education and the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption (CIABOC) on 01<sup>st</sup> October 2022 to receive the maximum contribution for the programmes expected to create integrity to combat bribery and corruption and to build attitudes of school children from the childhood. This agreement will be in effect till the end of 2030.

**2. Objectives**

- 2.1 Providing clean and upright educational approach in Sri Lanka through value-based education and community engagement which is the second proposed strategy of the National Action Plan to combat bribery and corruption.
- 2.2 Socializing the message of integrity, creating awareness, empowering and creating a generation of students with integrity by the participation of the staff officers in the field of education, teachers, non-academic officers, apprentice teachers and students with the collaboration of CIABOC, Ministry of Education and Higher Education, National Education Commission and the National Institute of Education.
- 2.3 Minimizing chances of bribery and corruption from the future society and promoting an anti-corruption culture both within and outside the educational system by developing upright attitudes within children from the childhood to create a bribery and corruption free society.

- 2.4 Creating awareness of the school community through students to build a clean society system and a generation of students who can lead and act against bribery and corruption.
- 2.5 Realizing the students, the value of being an honored citizen and to secure the resources of the country through installing positive values such as mutual respect, pettiness and self-discipline.
- 2.6 Developing integrity concepts in school community through value-based education and community engagement and spreading decent message to the society through the resistance for the actions of bribery and corruption.

To achieve the objectives, it is expected to minimize and combat bribery and corruption existing in the society by realizing social, economic and mental and personal impact of bribery and corruption through various activities to the students, teachers, parents and principals, other officials in the education system. Accordingly, CIABOC will engaged with the Ministry of Education to conduct following activities.

### **3. Activities expected to be executed (2022-2030)**

- 3.1 Conducting awareness and empowerment programmes for the Co-curricular Division of the Ministry of Education, National Colleges of Education, Teachers Training Colleges, principals, vice principals, prefects, Student Councils and parents.
- 3.2 Conducting programmes for raising awareness on social policies of integrity for the officers serving in the Ministry of Education, Provincial Ministries of Education and Zonal Educational Offices.
- 3.3 Comprising consequences of bribery and corruption in to the school syllabus after conducting discussions with the Ministry of Education, National Education Commission and the National Institute of Education.
- 3.4 Introducing integrity and anti-corruption concepts in to the primary, secondary and high school syllabus. (It is expected to comprise the module on integrity to the syllabus of Citizenship Education).

- 3.5 Training principals and vice principals on establishing and empowering integrity clubs in schools covering all the schools across the Island and conducting training programmes on empowerment.
- 3.6 Establishing integrity clubs in schools. (Through the methods such as indigenous literary works, religion and history to create behavioral changes)
- 3.7 Creating awareness and introducing the national policy of anti-corruption and integrity to the teachers studying at the National Colleges of Education and teachers appointed by the Ministry of Education.
- 3.8 Conducting workshops targeting the prefects in schools to develop knowledge, attitudes and skills to buildup future leaders with the qualities of integrity.
- 3.9 Conducting programmes on integrity to raising awareness of parents to combat bribery and corruption.
- 3.10 Creating a combination between the Ministry of Education and the Investigation Divisions of CIABOC.
- 3.11 Updating the circular on Integrity Clubs.
- 3.12 Contributing resources of CIABOC to comprise the criteria in a way that minimizes the chances of being exposed to bribery and corruption when updating the circulars on grade one admissions and admissions for intermediate grades.
- 3.13 Contributing resources of CIABOC in a way that minimizes the chances of being exposed to bribery and corruption when updating the circulars related to the School Development Associations and Old Pupils Associations.
- 3.14 Conducting speech contests, debating competitions, drawing competitions, literature competitions and quiz competitions using various technical methods to raising awareness of students and officers related to educational sector.
- 3.15 Organizing and conducting an Integrity Symposium to the students and to the officers in educational sector.

#### **4. Contribution of the Ministry of Education**

- 4.1 Conducting programmes to raising awareness of students, teachers, vice principals, principals, staff officers and the other staff with the support of the Provincial Secretaries of Education and Directors of Education.
- 4.2 Creating criteria to combat bribery and corruption. (Prepare circulars for grade 01 admissions, prepare circulars for admissions for intermediate grades, prepare circulars related to the activities of School Development Associations and Old Pupil's Associations).
- 4.3 Providing convenience to create a combination between the Ministry of Education and the Investigation Divisions of CIABOC.
- 4.4 Preparing necessary criteria to introduce consequences of bribery and corruption, integrity and anti-corruption concepts to the school syllabus.
- 4.5 Facilitating and providing necessary contribution to conduct Integrity Symposium.

#### **5. Contribution of CIABOC**

- 5.1 Contributing resources to conduct awareness programmes on preventing bribery and corruption.
- 5.2 Contributing resources and support of the CIABOC to revise circulars. (Prepare circulars for grade 01 admissions, prepare circulars for admissions for intermediate grades, prepare circulars related to the activities of School Development Associations and Old Pupil's Associations).
- 5.3 Contributing resources to introduce consequences of bribery and corruption, integrity and anti-corruption concept to the school syllabus.
- 5.4 Printing certificates, providing gifts necessary for the competitions and the Integrity Symposium organized with the collaboration of Ministry of Education and CIABOC and sponsoring the national event. (The certificates for the winners will be signed by the

Secretary of Ministry of Education on behalf of the ministry and the Director General of CIABOC on behalf of CIABOC.

5.5 Providing convenience to create a combination between the Ministry of Education and the Investigation Divisions of CIABOC.

6. This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified by consent of the parties. Further, the Sinhala version will be effective if there is any discrepancy in interpretation when translated to another language while the original copy of this MOU is written in Sinhala language and signed.

An officer authorized under the direction of the Secretary of Ministry of Education ..... , an officer authorized under the direction of the Director General of CIABOC will attend for the coordination of this programme.

This Memorandum of Understanding is made by the both parties on this ..... day of October 2022 in Colombo.

On behalf of the Ministry of Education

On behalf of CIABOC

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Secretary  
Ministry of Education

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Director General  
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