

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRO-ECO- EDUCATIONAL TOURISM AT THE
PLANTATIONS OF RUBBER RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF SRI LANKA



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The Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka (RRISL) is the world's first rubber research institute dedicated to serving the rubber industry of Sri Lanka. It operates under the purview of the Ministry of Plantation Industries. The institute is situated within its own rubber plantation, which is located in Dartonfield, Agalawatta, Sri Lanka. This location offers a stunning and captivating landscape, as well as diverse climatic conditions. The RRISL includes a pioneering crepe rubber factory from the first generation, as well as research laboratories. These facilities are surrounded by a vibrant community of plantations. In addition to its main center, the institute has four substations located in different provinces across the country.

RRISL is delighted to announce an invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) from individuals or organizations to design and implement an Agro-Eco-Education Tourism project at our own plantations in Sri Lanka. The primary objective of this initiative is to promote Sri Lankan rubber in the global market while generating foreign exchange.

- ❖ The RRISL main center is located approximately 60 km south of the city. Its proximity to popular tourist attractions such as the Sinharaja rainforest and the significant archaeological site of Pahiyangala makes it an ideal location. Visitors to the RRISL center can take advantage of its convenient location to explore the nearby attractions, enjoy the stunning landscapes, and appreciate the diverse biodiversity of Sri Lanka.
- ❖ RRISL provides a distinctive experience in crepe rubber manufacturing and agronomic practices. Its well-equipped laboratories support these activities. The institute's old buildings exhibit captivating English architecture, and visitors can stay in colonial bungalows for an immersive experience.
- ❖ Eco-education tourism will be established at RRISL's Dartonfield premises and its substations in Polgahawela, Kuruwita, and Monaragala. The designs and implementation stages can be customized to meet specific requirements and create a unique experience at each location.
- ❖ The design, implementation, and operation of agro-eco-education tourism at RRISL plantations can be supported by globally recognized concepts and standards. These internationally recognized principles can guide the development of the project, ensuring alignment with sustainable practices and meets the highest standards in the industry.
- ❖ Agro-Eco- Educational Tourism will begin within six months after signing an agreement with the Rubber Research Board. The project can be implemented in multiple stages, as agreed upon by both parties.

We eagerly await your Proposals for establishment of Agro-Eco-Educational Tourism at RRISL plantations. Together, we can explore the opportunities and create a memorable experience that highlights the beauty and importance of Sri Lankan rubber.

Also, we encourage the submission of Proposals within two months (before 2.00 pm on 07.11.2023) of this publication date to receive priority consideration.

In case you need further information, please reach out to the e-mail address director@rrisl.gov.lk copying to rubberresearchsl@gmail.com or for further information and inquiries contact: Mr. Sankalpa through +94-34-2247383.

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