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A one-day Workshop in Sinhala on “Productivity Improvement Techniques for Manufacturing and Engineering Industries”

(Sinhala Medium) will be held on August 21st from 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at the National Chamber Auditorium.

The facilitator will be Sunil G Wijesinha, a recognised Corporate Trainer on Productivity.

Wijesinha started his career in Industrial Engineering and has followed many programs in Japan in Industrial and Systems Engineering and Japanese productivity techniques. He is the pioneer in introducing Quality Circles and 5S into Sri Lanka. He has lectured and conducted seminars in many Asian countries and has been a resource person for the Asian Productivity Organisation (APO).

He has also been awarded the APO Regional Award for his contribution in promoting productivity in the Asia Pacific Region by APO, and he has also been awarded the National Productivity Award by APO for promoting productivity in Sri Lanka.

The program will touch on the following:

- Productivity concepts and misconceptions and Competitiveness
- Calculating productivity
- Explanation of Single factor, Multi factor and Total factor Productivity
- Types of Single Factor Productivity; Labour, Material, Energy, and Capital Productivity
- Basic strategies for improving productivity and the better management approach
- Numerator based and denominator based productivity
- Evaluating through cross sectional and trend analysis
- Efficiency and Effectiveness
- Techniques of improving labour productivity
- Measuring non value adding time through Activity Sampling
- Basics of Ergonomics
- Creating a composite productivity measure for service areas
- Prioritising the productivity effort
- There is much scope for enterprise level productivity improvement in an average Sri Lankan enterprise.
- Simple productivity techniques can greatly enhance productivity. Japanese enterprises improved productivity
- by teaching the simple techniques to their entire workforce, thereby enabling managers, supervisors, and the
- Floor level workers to make simple improvements in productivity.
- In a fiercely competitive global marketplace, being able to reduce production costs, particularly labour costs,
- Has become imperative. At the end of this workshop, participants will be able to analyse and determine the
- Focus areas for productivity improvement, measure productivity, and use industrial engineering techniques to improve methods.

A certificate of participation will be offered for the participants at the end of the program.