

New Arrivals for December 2010

Economic situation

Title: Strategic Asia 2010-11: Asia's rising power and America's continued purpose
Editors: Tellis, Ashley J.; Marble, Andrew M.; Tanner, Travis
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Co-edited and introduced by Ashley Tellis, with chapters by leading Asia specialists, this book, the tenth volume in NBR's *Strategic Asia* series, takes stock of the Strategic Asia region by providing an integrated perspective on the major issues that influence stability in the region. In this volume, leading experts examine Asia's performance in nine key functional areas to provide a continent-wide net assessment of the core trends and issues affecting the region.

Environment

Title: To develop or to conserve? the case of the Diyawanna Oya wetlands in Sri Lanka
Author: Marawila, Thusitha Dilhani; Thibbotuwawa, Manoj
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The Diyawanna Oya wetland ecosystem has proven to be an important recreational site in the greater Colombo area in the face of the growing demand for urban recreational amenities. It provides a wide spectrum of use- and non-use benefits, including production, hydrological, and ecological values. However, the wetland suffers from both inadequate recognition of these benefits and poor representation in the national protected area network. This study evaluates the recreation related social welfare benefits that visitors derive from the Diyawanna Oya wetlands. The study employs the Individual Travel Cost Method in order to estimate the welfare gains from recreation as well as changes in consumer surplus if authorities were to convert parts of the wetland to other development uses. The study also assesses the present value of non-market benefits from preserving the site. The findings indicate that the Diyawanna Oya wetlands generate an annual consumer surplus of LKR 3,890 million (or USD 35 million) to people who use the area for

recreation. The welfare loss from converting the natural wetland area to development projects is LKR.19.45 million (or USD 173,107) per hectare. Our study also shows that imposing an entry fee (the equivalent of LKR.50) will increase government revenue by LKR 5.4 million (or USD 48,055)

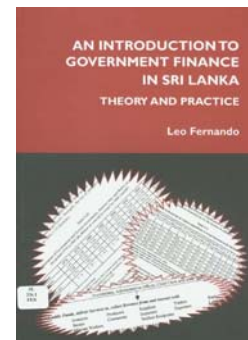
Title: Valuing the environment: economics for a sustainable future
Author: Glover, David
Publisher: Ottawa: International Development Research Centre, 2010
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Vast numbers of people in developing countries depend on the natural environment for their livelihoods — on farmland or forests, wetlands or coastal areas. For these people, the environment is much more than a source of recreation — it is the basis of the economy. But poorly functioning markets, incomplete property rights, and misguided policies can drive people’s behavior in ways that are rational in the short term or from an individual’s point of view, but harmful to the environment and future generations. Economics has much to offer in understanding and influencing this behavior. It also provides tools for decision-makers faced with difficult choices. How can we compare the value of environmental benefits to the costs of safeguarding them? How can we assess the impacts of environmental action (or inaction) on the poor? How should we share the costs of improvements? This book shows how researchers from four of IDRC’s regional environmental economics networks have dealt with questions like these in a wide variety of situations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. It brings together insights from more than 15 years of research and assesses their impact on policy and the research community. It concludes by looking at the future of environmental economics in the developing regions of the world.

Finance

Title: An introduction to government finance in Sri Lanka: theory and practice
Author: Fernando, Leo
Publisher: Baththaramulla: Author, 2010
Description: xiii, 205p; 28 cm
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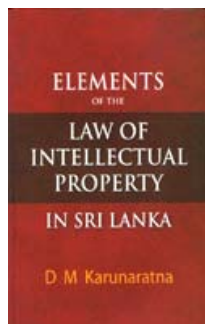
Industry

Title: Science, technology and innovation policy review:
Mauritania
Publisher: New York: United Nations, 2010
Description: xiii, 133p; 30 cm
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Law

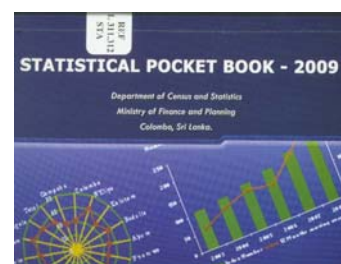
Title: Elements of the law of intellectual property in Sri Lanka
Author: Karunaratna, D.M.
Publisher: Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers, 2010
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Location: SL 347.77 KAR



Intellectual Property Law relates to human creativity. It primarily attempts to foster human creativity by safeguarding the results of creative efforts. Perhaps, the most valuable asset of the human family is the productions of creativity that contribute to the social and economic development.

Statistics

Title: Statistical pocket book 2009: Sri Lanka
Publisher: Colombo: Department of Census and Statistics, 2009
Description: viii, 92p; 16 cm
ISBN: 978-955-577-687-5
Location: SL 311.312 STA



Trade

Title: Voluntary peer review of competition policy:
Armenia
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Series: UNCTAD/DITC/CLP/2010/1
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