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National Conference on

“IMPROVING SCHOOL PERFORMANCE THROUGH EDUCATIONAL DECENTRALIZATION”

organized by

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in collaboration with

**The National Institute of Education (NIE) and
Poverty and Economic Policy Research Network (PEP)**

**NIE Auditorium, Maharagama
14 November, 2008**

Agenda

8:40-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:05	Introductory Remarks <i>Dr. Nisha Arunatilake, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)</i>
9:05- 9:15	Opening Remarks <i>Prof. Lal Perera, National Institute of Education (NIE)</i>
9:15-9:35	Educational Decentralization – Experiences and Concepts <i>Mr. Wilfred Perera, National Institute of Education (NIE)</i>
9:35-11:00	Education Decentralization – the Sri Lankan Experience <i>Chairperson: Mr. Ashoka Gunewardena, Finance Commission</i>
	<i>Presentations:</i>
	“Formula Based Funding and Decentralized Management of Schools – Lessons From the Education Quality Inputs Programme” <i>Dr. Nisha Arunatilake, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)</i>
	“Baseline Survey on the PSI Programme” <i>Ms. Sarojini Dias, National Institute of Education (NIE)</i>
	<i>Discussants:</i>
	<i>Dr. Jayanthi Gunasekara, National Institute of Education (NIE)</i>
	<i>Mr. Ashoka Gunewardena, Finance Commission</i>
	Open Discussion (25 minutes)
11:00-11:20	Coffee/Tea break
11:20-13:00	Break-A-Way Sessions: Participants will break into 10 person groups and have discussions on the question: “Improving School Performance Under Educational Decentralization – What More Needs to be Done?” Discussions: (60 minutes) <i>Chairperson: Mr. Wilfred Perera, National Institute of Education (NIE)</i> presentations: (10 minutes each) <i>Wrap-up – Mr. Wilfred Perera, National Institute of Education (NIE) (10 minutes)</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch