

A Remarkable Contribution to the Field of Knowledge



Long before the concept of Corporate Social Responsibility gained currency in Sri Lanka, the People's Bank initiated a community service project in 1975 with a view to making a contribution towards the enhancement of knowledge. The Economic Review, a tri-lingual publication was launched that year to "promote knowledge and interest in the economy and economic development process by a many sided presentation of views and reportage, facts and debates".

In a historical perspective, Economic Review was launched at a time when most of the third world countries had begun to assert their rightful place at various international fora. In this context it provided a forum to record and document the new voices being raised in Sri Lanka and other third world countries for genuine change and development. It also provided an opportunity to the discerning Sri Lankan readers, who were yearning for serious reading material, to access discourses taking place in national and international gatherings.

Materials published in this journal were often quoted in Parliament for their authenticity and indepth coverage. Cover stories, features, articles and columns published in this journal were extensively reproduced in newspapers and journals published in Sri Lanka.

This path breaking publication made history in its formative years by publishing cover stories on new but highly relevant themes of the period such as Black Gold (Oil Boom), Confrontation at UNCTAD, Elections, Economics of Marriage and Artificial Intelligence to name a few.

Eminent scholars, leading economists, sociologists, development thinkers and various other professionals who were attempting new experiments in their chosen fields made use of the pages of Economic Review to put across their point of view to the readers. The unique contribution made by this journal by presenting vivid analysis of emerging trends in the Sri Lankan economy in a large number of cover stories will be gratefully remembered by postgraduate students and researchers for a long time to come. Foreign and local researchers often visit the Research Department of the People's Bank to refer the back issues of this journal for their professional work. Thanks to the concerted efforts made by the editors of this journal towards enriching the contents with indepth analysis of the emerging trends in the economy and society of post-independent Sri Lanka, the People's Bank came to be known in other countries as the 'Publisher of Economic Review'. The prestigious subscribers list of this journal includes New York Public Library, Oxford University, World Bank, CIDA – Canada and other reputed international universities and research institutions.

On the eve of the 30th anniversary of Economic Review, People's Bank rededicated itself to continue this publication in all its three editions as a much needed contribution towards upliftment of higher education in this country. In order to augment the services rendered by this publication we implemented various other scholarship programmes targeting the student population.