An "Open Parliament" Workshop to include citizen engagement in the Parliamentary process held in Kandy

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An Open Parliament Workshop to include citizen engagement in the Parliamentary process organized by the Open Parliament Caucus and the Department of Communications to initiate an Open Parliament concept was held in Kandy for 03 days.

Through this workshop, various citizen groups were educated regarding the concept of democracy, the role of Parliament and its process, the role of public representatives via the concept of an Open Parliament and its objective was to create a sustaining confidence and motivation among the public regarding representative democracy.

This workshop was held for three days, July 15th, 16th, 17th respectively at the Oak Ray Regency Hotel premises in Kandy. On the 15th, youth service officers, youth parliamentary representatives and youth club members participated in this programme.

On the 16th, the business community, former members of the provincial council and Kandy district civic organization activists participated, and together with the established civil organization activists of Kandy district, a discussion was held on the role of the Parliament of Sri Lanka under the open Parliament initiative, the adoption of Bills, and the Committee process.

On the 17th, a workshop was held with a selected number of students representing the student Parliament of Kandy district. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake, Member of Parliament, Chair of the Open Parliament Caucus, in representation of all three days of this workshop, joined and shared his views with the parties present.

State Minister Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, Members of Parliament Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala, Hon. Professor Ranjith Bandara, Hon. Asanka Navaratne, Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda, Hon. Rohana Bandara, Hon. Dilan Perera, Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera and Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha were present at the programme held.

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Secretary General of Parliament, Director Legislative Services and Acting Director Communications Mr. H.E. Janakantha Silva and the Assistant Secretary General Hansa Abeyratne were also present in representation of the Parliament at the programme held.