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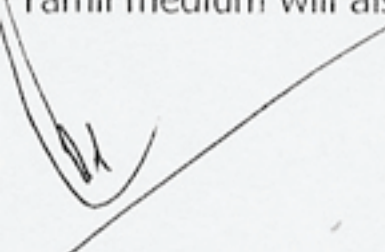
PRESS RELEASE

AMPARA STUDENT WINS THE ALL ISLAND TV QUIZ

Ganga Thilakarathna Kumari from the D S Sennayake National School, Ampara won the all island TV Quiz Programme conducted by the Financial Services Academy of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka which was held at the Independent Television Network (ITN) yesterday. She also won the Provincial contest and was selected for the finals representing the Eastern Province. Kasun Lahiru Karunanayake from Ananda College, Colombo and Suranga Rajasinghe from Bandaranaike Maha Vidyalaya, Kegalle won the second and third places respectively. The all island quiz was conducted with the consent of the Ministry of Education.

TV Quiz Programme was targeted at students with the intention of creating awareness and educating them and the general public on capital markets. Besides creating awareness, this initiative will generate wide-spread interest in shares, Unit Trusts and other capital market instruments. Enhancing the level of financial literacy among general public is also one of the objectives of the programme.

This quiz programme was held in three stages, the preliminary all Island selection examination, provincial semi finals and the Grand finals. All government schools throughout the country offering Advanced level Commerce in the Sinhala medium was invited to nominate one student to take part in this contest. The nominated students had to sit for a preliminary examination which was held in thirteen examination centers covering eight provinces. This examination was held under the auspices of Provincial Educational Directors. Six students were selected from each province to take part in the semi finals. The finalist of the Provincial contest proceeded to the grand finals. An all island TV Quiz in Tamil medium will also be held during this year.


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