

Introduction

Alhamdulillah we are pleased to present the Ramadan Edition of the SSF newsletter and

As you are aware the primary objective of the fund is to provide assistance to students who are capable of pursuing and completing their studies, but who are unable to do so due to financial constraints. What better time to help them than in this blessed month of Fasting.

Sri Lanka's Muslim community has been passing through a period of awakening in the field of education in the recent past. Statistics clearly show that we are far behind from a desired position academically, economically, and socially. Poverty and financial constraints force many bright Muslim students to abandon their studies.

Further, the number of deserving students seeking assistance is far greater than the number that we are supporting.

We need to relentlessly pursue this cause to uplift our community.

Please give generously, knowing that Sadaqah taken from a property never decreases it, and that Allah will bless charitable deeds with manifold increase. We pray that Allah will reward you greatly for your kindness and generosity.

Who is he that will Loan to Allah a beautiful loan? for (Allah) will increase it manifold to his credit, and he will have (besides) a liberal Reward. (Qur'an 57:11)

In this blessed month of Ramadan, SSF has been working on behalf of the Muslim community to bring happiness and joy to poor and needy people around the Island

SSF INTERVIEWS AND CAREER GUIDANCE SESSION-2008

SSF published an advertisement to accept applications from deserving and talented students. We have received 1275 applications for scholarships from different parts of the island. 286 were short listed for interviews.

G C E Advanced Level - 135

Shariah - 44

University - 45

Miscellaneous - 45

Quantity Surveying - 17

Interview for students commenced from 8.30am on the 10th August 2008 at MICH hall, 7, Lilly Avenue, Colombo -06. There were 37 interview panels consisting of two members each. All of them are well qualified experienced people in the field of education and all most all of them were social workers. The interview process was lasted till 11.00am.

And from 11.00 to 2.00pm career guidance session was held. The aim of this career guidance was to motivate the participants, direct them on how to select their

fields and how to prepare for the exams etc.,

Judge of the Supreme Court



Hon. Justice Saleem Marsoof graced the occasion as the Chief Guest while Sheik Agar Mohammed, deputy director of Jamiah Naleemia delivered the key note



address. Chariman of SIRD Moulavi A.L.M. Ibrahim also addressed the students.

We are thankful to our Chief Guest, Guest Speaker, Panel members; volunteers and whom ever supported and assisted us towards the success of this event.