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A student cuts the ribbon during the opening ceremony at LAcNet’s new IT Center in Polonnaruwa.
(1) Call for Volunteers & Donations

We are in the process of creating a new LAcNET website and adding to our growing list of LAcNet projects. Please review following projects. If would like to participate, we would love to have you on board. Please volunteer!

We also need your financial support. Please send your tax deductible donations to:

The Lanka Academic Network
9603 Avenel Road
Silver Spring, MD 20903-2311
USA

Projects for which we are seeking volunteers are as follows:

1. New LAcNet Website!

Do you want to have a hand in shaping our new image? We need your skills to design and operate our new website on our brand new server. Contact us to be part of this exciting project!

2. Project Development

We are always looking for new projects to develop and fund. Give us your ideas for new IT centers, Tsunami relief projects, online publications, or anything else you have in mind.

3. Fundraising Events

Members of the board of directors will begin discussing new methods of raising funds for our projects this month. You can help us by volunteering to host fundraising events such as dinners, concerts, dance recitals, bake sales, etc.

4. Gutenberg Project Distributed Proofreaders

Add books to the Gutenberg Project and participate in distributed proofreading of books on Sri Lanka that are now in public domain:
(http://www.pgdp.net/c/stats/teams/tdetail.php?tid=292)
(2) News and Announcements

1. Wired Group Project Manager Hired!

This month, LAcNet hired its first project manager for Wired Group projects in Sri Lanka. Thushara Dharmawickrama accepted the position for an interim period of six months. We are very enthusiastic about Thushara and are confident that his contribution will help LAcNet to greatly expand its presence in Sri Lanka.

2. First World Bank Project IT Center Established!

This month, Thushara successfully extracted a shipment of over two hundred computers and monitors and set up an IT center at ALWW in Polonnaruwa--our first IT center associated with the shipment! Please visit the LAcNet website for more details and pictures.

3. LAcNet Funds a New Tsunami Project

LAcNet has donated $12,500.00 to a project led by the Columbus, Ohio Sri Lankans. This funding will be used to provide long term educational support to 12 children who lost at least one parent in the Tsunami disaster.

4. Two New Children Benefit from Sudheera Daruwo Project

Two new children from Batticaloa who lost parents in the Tsunami disaster have been selected to benefit from the Sudheera Daruwo project. N. Gauthami is sixteen years old and is studying in Grade 11 at a school in Batticaloa. J. Abhinaya is nine years old and studies in Grade 4 at Perryaneelavanai Vishnu Maha Vidyalaya.

5. TLA and LAcNET split for administrative and accounting purposes

As many of you already know, the board of directors voted to separate the accounts of the Lanka Academic Network and The Lanka Academic (TLA) newspaper. This split is designed to address the administrative concerns of the two organizations and will not, in any way, affect the relationship or spirit of cooperation between TLA and LAcNet.

6. Resignations

Tilak, our long-time member and volunteer-par-excellence has resigned from the Wired project Coordinator position. We thank Tilak for his work in the projects and appreciate his support.

LAcNet President, Vicum Perera, has resigned from LAcNet. We appreciate Vicum’s efforts to move LAcNet forward and will miss his contribution to the organization.
(3) Meetings and Minutes

Each month, the board of directors holds a regularly scheduled meeting. Occasionally, the board also deals with urgent matters by calling emergency meetings. The following is a summary of the meetings that occurred during the month of July.

1. Monthly Meeting

Directors present at meeting: Manny, Vicum, Kavan, Daya, Thrishantha, Gihan, Nishantha, and Thilaka.

Motion 1  Whether TLA should exist separate from LAcNet as a legal and accounting entity but maintain an informal affiliation to LAcNet.

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Outcome

The motion to separate the accounts of The Lanka Academic web-based newspaper from those of the Lanka Academic Network passes with a vote of seven in favor and one opposed. From this date forward, The Lanka Academic newspaper will cease to function as a formally affiliated subsidiary of the Lanka Academic Network and will, therefore, no longer be subject to Article 7 or any other provision of the Lanka Academic Network’s bylaws. Members of the Lanka Academic Network who perform services for the benefit of The Lanka Academic newspaper will do so independently and not for the benefit or at the behest of the Lanka Academic Network. The Lanka Academic Network and its members bear no responsibility for the finances or content of The Lanka Academic newspaper.

Pursuant to this motion, the Lanka Academic Network and The Lanka Academic newspaper will set up and maintain independent bank accounts, and The Lanka Academic newspaper will select its own treasurer.

The Lanka Academic Network and The Lanka Academic newspaper reserve the right to maintain a mutually advantageous informal relationship that may include, but will not be limited to, the sharing of funds via monetary transfers. Such a relationship shall in no way alter the separate legal and accounting status of the Lanka Academic Network and The Lanka Academic newspaper established by this motion.

Motion 2  Whether members of the BOD should be granted shell access (not root access) to do specific tasks on the server (namely update webpages ONLY). All other work on the server will be reserved for sysadmin, mailadmin, and security folks as determined by the policy outlined by Jagath.

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Outcome

This motion passes with a vote of six in favor, one opposed, and one abstention.
2. Emergency meeting called to order on July 22, 2005

Motion To send $600.00 to Thushara Dharmawickrama for costs associated with the transport of computers donated by the World Bank.

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