B K P Chandrakeerthi Recognized As ‘Integrity Icon Sri Lanka 2019’



B K P Chandrakeerthi with the award and certificate.

Integrity Icon Sri Lanka 2019 by Transparency International Sri Lanka was presented to B K P Chandrakeerthi, Director General, Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Manage□ment.

Intregrity Icon is a global campaign run by citizens in search of honest government officials. It aims to champion integrity in their personal and professional conduct.

Chandrakeerthi took the initiative in implementing the Department’s online approval systems. Having identified one-on-one interactions between clients as well as the department personnel leads to corruption, he deployed an online approval system to minimize such interactions and automate the approvals pro□cess. Throughout his career in public service, Chandrakeerthi has displayed a demonstrable commitment to honesty and integrity.

The Sri Lankan shoreline that extends over 1,700km with diverse coastal destinations and beautiful beaches, need to be protected. At current, around 1,500 unauthorized properties have been identified.

Therefore, the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management has taken stringent steps to bring into control of such ac□tivities. Most of the unauthor□ized development properties that have identified were: residential, hotel and housing projects.

The management has taken strict steps to help the environ□ment by rectifying such pro□jects in future and by ensuring that it will not be initiated further. This is a keen focus on eradicating pollution and soil erosion in the coastal areas.