

# Ceylinco Life Crowns 150 Future Leaders With Pranama Scholarships

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A total of 150 potential future leaders received financial and moral support for their endeavours from Ceylinco Life at the ninth annual 'Pranama' Scholarship Awards. The value of the scholarships awarded exceeded Rs 3.6 million.

Speaking at the event, R Renganathan, Deputy Chairman, Ceylinco Life said that obtaining good education is the right of every child but unfortunately most parents are unable to provide their children with the appropriate education due to cost factors. "The state is not able to provide for all educational needs in the country and it is vital that corporate sector entities support the education of future generations," he said. Anura Edirisinghe, Examinations Commissioner General who was the Guest of Honour at the event said, "It is the responsibility of semi government and private entities to contribute a portion of their profits towards the improvement of welfare, health and education systems in the country

and Ceylinco Life is a fine example of that.”

Pranama Scholarship recipients included 25 students who excelled at the Year 5 scholarship examination in 2009. Each of them will receive Rs 90,000 in installments over five years. Twenty five students who excelled at the GCE (O/L) in 2008 were awarded Rs 72,000 each, payable monthly over two years.

Another 22 students placed first in their districts at the GCE (A/L) received scholarships worth Rs 126,000 each, payable over a three year period, while 64 students placed second, third and fourth in their districts at this exam were awarded Rs 10,000 each. Eleven national merit award recipients who had excelled at the national level in sports, aesthetics, invention and creativity received Rs 35,000 each. The Derana Little Star - under 8 category winner Himasha Manupriya was among these winners.

Cash awards of Rs 25,000 were presented to each of the students who achieved the highest marks islandwide in mathematics, biology, commerce and arts at the 2008 GCE (A/L) examinations.