

# **Modern Montessori International Donates Mobile Library To Jaffna**



MMI Group has contributed USD 50,000 towards the setting up of a mobile library to promote reading among the youth in Jaffna Peninsular. Besides the mobile unit, 10,000 books were also donated to the Jaffna National Library. More than 3,000 school children from 38 schools are expected to benefit from this initiative.

Dr T Chandroo, Chairman/CEO - MMI Group said, "we are confident that this project will go a long way in providing greater access to books and learning opportunities among the less privileged children. We strongly believe in giving back to society in a meaningful way and that no child should be deprived of learning irrespective of his or her social background."

During a previous visit to Jaffna, K Shanmugam, Singapore Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law, had received requests from locals for education aid for their children. Dr Chandroo has gladly agreed to contribute when he was made aware of the requests. Together with Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Singapore National Library (NLB), Singapore Ceylon Tamils Association (SCTA), Singapore International Foundation (SIF) and other donors, the project was made possible and it was formally launched by K Shanmugam. Many distinguished guests witnessed the ceremony.

Staying true to its Corporate Mission, "To maintain the rich Montessori tradition by providing the most up-to-date and comprehensive courses and child development services based on the Montessori Method of Education," MMI extended its services to students and children in Sri Lanka through MMI Sri Lanka, a joint venture between MMI and American National College (ANC).

"If we are not comfortable with our partners, then we do not franchise MMI. However, we are very happy with our partnership with ANC. They are wonderful people to work with. I see great opportunities to grow the pre-school business," said Dr Chandroo.

Launched in 2008, MMI Sri Lanka is currently marking a milestone by enrolling 270 students. Equipped with teacher training facilities, MMI Sri Lanka is looking at the possibility of expanding their centres to other parts of the country as well.