

# Second IT Workforce Survey Report Launched



The Sri Lanka ICT Association (SLICTA) carried out the National IT Workforce Survey

2007 with technical and financial assistance from USAID-funded ‘The Competitiveness Program’ and the ICT Agency (ICTA) of Sri Lanka. The first report geared for growth was launched in February 2005.

According to the survey implemented by MG Consultants, the IT workforce grew by nearly 10,000 in the two years from 2004. The survey was completed at the end of 2006 and the projected demand shows an increasing trend with a total of 7,672 IT vacancies expected in 2007 alone. Over 50% of this demand is in the IT industry while non-IT organisations require approximately 3,000 professionals.

Taking into consideration the demand for information on the IT industry in Sri Lanka the IT workforce survey was carried out for the second time in 2006. Sanjeevani Seneviratne, attorney-at-law and journalist assisted with the writing of the report along with Nalina Wijesundara. The second report was launched recently at the Ceylon Continental Hotel under the patronage of Prof. Tissa Witharana and Prof. Samaranayake.

Reshan Dewapura, Chief Operating Officer, ICTA said: “This is another initiative aimed at bridging the information gap about the demand and supply of the ICT workforce in the country. The report will be an excellence resource in helping training organisations understand the ICT workforce requirements and also for organisations to strategise accordingly.”