

# Knowledge for Development :Challenges for Universities in Asia

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**‘all types of studies, training or training for research at the post-secondary level, provided by universities or other educational establishments that are approved as institutions of higher education by the competent State authorities’.**

'University displays the visible representation of humankind's immortality : the University is the institutional appearance of truth, the place where each age consciously and methodically hands down its highest intellectual formation to the coming ages'

There is mounting evidence that the quality of human resources, as measured by test scores, is directly related to individual earnings, productivity and economic growth.

“He who receives an idea from me receives instruction himself without lessening mine; as he lights his taper at mine receives light without darkening me”.

-Thomas Jefferson

- Know –what : or knowledge about facts, is nowadays diminishing in value;
- know-why: is knowledge about the natural world, society and the human kind ;
- know-who : refers to the world of social relations and is knowledge of who knows what and who can do what;

## Challenges faced.....

- Financing
- Equity of access into & during the course of studies
- Improved staff development
- Skills based training
- Enhancement & preservation of quality in teaching, research & services
- Relevance of programmes
- Employability of graduates

Adoption of quality control has been superficial and diluted by....

- Exercise of Academic freedom
- Lack of shared vision
- Lack of match between Quality management & educational process

# Sri Lankan initiatives...

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Establishment of a Standing Committee on Quality Assurance which in turn will be converted to the Quality Assurance Council with certain modification of its membership



**Thank you**