



# SRI LANKA ACCREDITATION BOARD

20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVASARY CELEBRATION



## ISLANDWIDE ESSAY COMPETITION

**Sri Lanka Accreditation Board (SLAB), established in 2005 celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025.**

During the last 20 years, Sri Lanka Accreditation Board has played a vital role in enhancing the quality of the country being a key pillar institute in the National Quality Infrastructure. SLAB is recognized by international accreditation organizations (ILAC & IAF) for accreditation of Testing laboratories, Calibration bodies, Certification bodies, inspection bodies and many other schemes.

The world celebrated accreditation day on 09<sup>th</sup> June of every year and the theme for this year is: Accreditation: Empowering small and medium enterprises (SMEs). SLAB wishes to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the World accreditation day in the purpose of increasing the awareness of School children and General public on the accreditation and role of accreditation in enhancing the quality of the country.

### ESSAY TOPIC

English: Accreditation: Empowering small and medium enterprises (SMEs)

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### ESSAY COMPETITION

Rules for applicants:

- The competition will be held for two categories:
  - Category 01: School children above grade 10
  - Category 02: Open
- Medium: Sinhala & English
- One participant will be permitted to submit only one essay in one language. The essay must be written in clear handwriting or typewritten. Essays written in illegible handwriting would be rejected.
- The essay should contain not less than 750 words and not more than 1000 words.
- The essay shall be an original piece of work by the participant and has not entitled to the winning categories of any other competition.

### AWARDS

- Winners for each category will be selected and awarded as follows:
  - 01<sup>st</sup> Place – Rs. 20,000.00 with a certificate
  - 02<sup>nd</sup> Place – Rs. 15,000.00 with a certificate
  - 03<sup>rd</sup> Place – Rs. 10,000.00 with a certificate
  - 10 Merit prices – Gift with a certificate
- Winners of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places of each category will be awarded certificates and cash prizes at the World Accreditation Day Celebration of Sri Lanka Accreditation Board. Invitations for the event will be sent to the winners. A student category winner may accompany one adult (parent/teacher) in participation for the event.
- The prize-winning essays and the photographs of the authors will be displayed at the SLAB e-Newsletter and SLAB Website
- The decision of the SLAB Judge panel regarding winners would be final.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Essay with completed application form with the (a scanned copy is sufficient in case of electronic submissions) shall be reached to Sri Lanka Accreditation via:

Post: Sri Lanka Accreditation Board, No.44, Dedicated Economic Center, Kirimandala Mawatha, Narahenpita ((The top left-hand corner of the envelope should indicate "SLAB Essay Competition") or

E-mail: [tharanga@slab.lk](mailto:tharanga@slab.lk) with c.c.to [natasha@slab.lk](mailto:natasha@slab.lk)

For student category: The principal / Head of the school must certify that the applicant is a student of his / her school and that the essay was written by the student. For open category: Head of an Institute / Justice of Peace must certify that the essay was written by the participant. Application forms and essays should reach the above address before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

\*Children of officials and members of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board and other committees of SLAB would not be eligible to participate.

For inquiries: Tharanga Wanigasundara (Whats-app - 0702605971) or [tharanga@slab.lk](mailto:tharanga@slab.lk)



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**Application Form for School Category**

- 1 Full name of Student : .....
- 2 Age of student : .....
- 3 Grade of the student : .....
- 4 Contact number of Student : .....
- 5 Postal address of the student : .....
- 6 E-mail address (optional) : .....
- 7 Name of School : .....
- 8 Address of school : .....
- 9 Province to which the school belong : .....
- 10 Contact number of School : .....

I wish to enroll in the Essay competition conducted by the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board (SLAB). I also undertake to abide by the rules laid down by the SLAB for this competition. Herewith I enclose my completed application form for the Essay competition and my Essay. I declare that the Essay was compiled originally by me and was not entitled to the winning categories of any other competition.

Signature of the student: .....

Date: .....

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**Endorsement of Principal/equivalent of the school.**

I certify that ..... is a student in Grade ..... of my school and that the essay was written by the applicant.

Name of Principal : .....

Name of School : .....

Educational Province : .....

Signature of Principal (Please place the seal of the school): .....



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**ISLANWIDE ESSAY COMPETITION**

**Application Form for Open Category**

- 1 Full name of Participant : .....
- 2 Contact number of Participant : .....
- 3 Postal address of the Participant : .....
- 4 E-mail address (optional) : .....
- 5 National Identity Card Number : .....

I wish to enroll in the Essay competition conducted by the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board (SLAB). I also undertake to abide by the rules laid down by the SLAB for this competition. Herewith I enclose my completed application form for the Essay competition and my Essay. I declare that the Essay was compiled originally by me and was not entitled to the winning categories of any other competition.

Signature of the participant: .....

Date: .....

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**Endorsement of Principal/equivalent of the school.**

I certify that I personally know ..... hold ID number: ..... and that the essay was written by the applicant.

Name of Head of an Institute / Justice of Peace : .....

Name of Institute (If applicable) : .....

Signature of Head of an Institute / Justice of Peace (Please place the seal): .....