

## **Launch of CIABOC Website**

Venue: The Kingsbury hotel  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
“The Victorian”

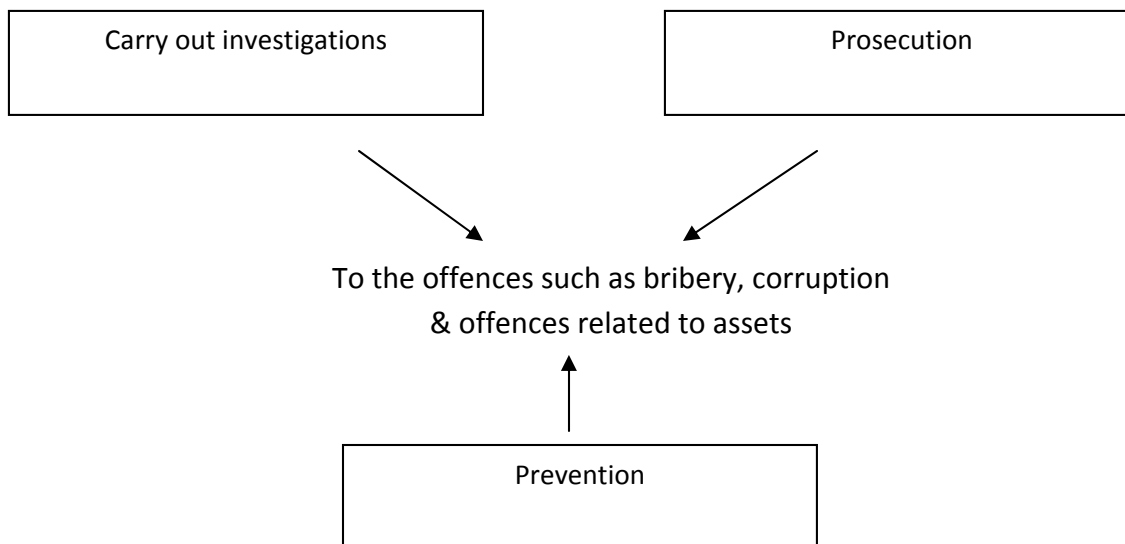
Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Time: 9.00am to 10.30 am

### **Introduction**

CIABOC is the key institution in Sri Lanka which establish for combat corruption.

Main Functions of CIABOC:



Our New Website

[www.ciaboc.gov.lk](http://www.ciaboc.gov.lk)

During the web launch the Director General of CIABOC, Mr Sarath Jayamanne , PC has described the special key functions consist in the new website.

### **Special Key Features of the Website**

- It consists with the options which enable even the persons with some disabilities (such as disabilities in vision, color blindness, hearing disabilities) to access to the website.
- Website fonts can be enlarged.
- It has introduced 8 methods to complain
  - Walk-in
  - Write-in
  - Hotline
  - Mobile
  - SMS
  - E mail
  - Fax
  - Online

(When a person make a complaint online there is a form provided in the website. People can fill the form online and thereby can make the complaint.)
- This website contained the details about the convictions achieved by the CIABOC in the every month and also about some details relating to investigations carried out by the CIABOC. (with out contracting to the sec 17)
- It is consisted with pubic corner which comprises with programmes aimed at children, youth and elders to acknowledge about bribery, corruption and the consequences of those.

### **Media Briefing**

At the commencement the Director General of the CIABOC has given a brief introduction about the manner that the CIABOC carries out investigations, about the secrecy clause stated under section 17 of the CIABOC Act, prevention programmes conducting by the CIABOC and ect.

There the Director General pointed out that the CIABOC has already taken steps to amend the Bribery Act and the Commission Act as there are some defects and the lacunas of those Acts.

Furthermore he has stated out that we are going to recruit 50 experts to conduct investigations by next year.

## **Questions and Answers raised at the Session**

Q – by the organization of the Professional Association

What are steps your institution has taken to establish the concept of integrity?

**DG** – it is a very important question. In other countries there are officers to be alert regarding situations where any corruption can be occurred. I think the concept of integrity have to start from school children.

### **Commissioner III**

Most of the public servants are compelled to do corruptions as their minds are not clean. The mission of our prevention programmes is to establish integrity among public officers. Apart from that we have introduced integrity clubs at schools to establish concept of integrity among school children.

A question was asked about the penalties given for non-declaration of assets and liabilities. A media personnel asked about the Rs.1000/- fine order for such accuse.

Director General stated that the law relating to declaration of assets and liabilities was enacted in 1975. Now we are in the process of amending those laws and introduce the penalties matching to the present.

Apart from the above discussion the Commissioner III has stated that there is a suggestion to decentralize the Commission.

CIABOC is currently functioning only in Colombo. Therefore sometimes the people from the outstations are reluctant to make complaints. Therefore there was a suggestion to decentralize the Commission and establish the branches in the areas like Kandy, Mathara and Anuradhapura.