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Sri Lanka – Country Facts





Land Area: 65,610 Sq. Km Population: *21,130,000* GDP: US\$ 30 Billion GDP/cap: *US\$ 1500* Currency: Sri Lankan Rupee Time Zone: GMT +5:30 Capital: Colombo (Commercial) Sri Jayawardenepura (A) Languages: Sinhala, Tamil, English People: Sri Lankan (Sinhalese, Tamil, Muslim, Burgher) Exports: Garments, Tea, Gems, Rubber, Tourism, IT/BPO Administr'n: 9 Provinces, 25 Districts, 25 Divisional Secretariats







Information & Communication Technology (ICT)

Where does Sri Lanka stand?







Network Readiness Index (NRI)

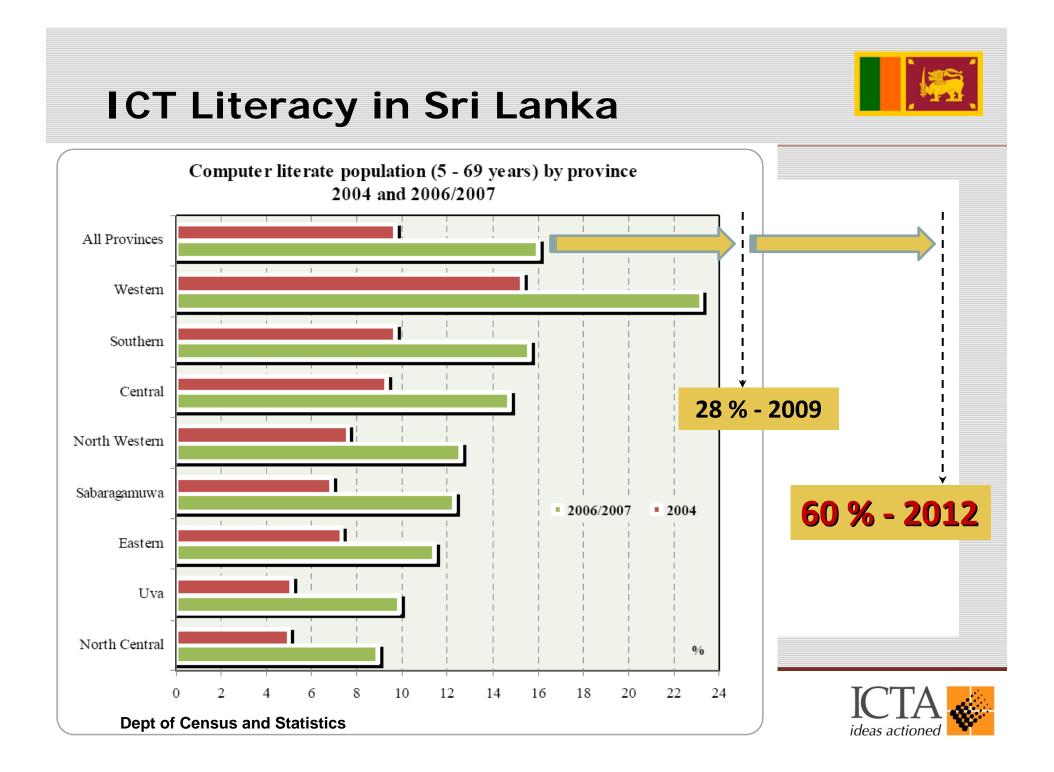


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Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Countries	82	102	104	115	122	127	134
Sri Lanka	54	66	71	83	86	79	72
SL – Percentile Ranking	66 %	65 %	68 %	72 %	70 %	62 %	54 %
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Government – NRI Rankings for SL

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
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Government prioritization of ICT	47	40	84	53	47	34
Government procurement of advanced technology products	65	62	75	66	53	51
Importance of ICT to govt. vision of the future			84	64	54	38
Government success in ICT promotion	44	56	75	69	59	41
Availability of online services	68	72	104	82	71	67
ICT use and government efficiency			93	88	74	55
Presence of ICT in Government offices					82	49







Government – Achievements



- Information on any Government Process, Service or Application just a phone call away Government Information Centre (GIC)
- Civil Registration (Birth, Marriage, Death certificates etc.) documents in hand within a matter of minutes – BMD Project
- Drive-in Vehicle / Revenue License Registration
- Government Organizational Machinery (Ministries, Departments, District & Divisional Secretariats, etc.) connected, on-line and secure. – Lanka Government Network (LGN)
- □ 300+ Government organization on the Web
- Single-window, multi-channel access to any e-service in Sri Lanka (very soon) Lanka Gate









'Education - Achievements

equipped with computer labs (6000 by 2011) – SEMP

ucation Learning Centers set-up, offering 35 online graduate DEMP

industry unified to form a strong single voice – SLASSCOM

bs created in the IT/BPO sector since 2005 (Source: WFS)

es the 5th largest foreign exchange earner for the country – on in 2008 (EDB – Export Value Survey 2008)

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