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Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs.**

**Department of National Museums
Annual Report - 2015**



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Department of National Museums

Vision

Towards glorious future through preservation, promotion and propagation of National Heritage.

Mission

Is the protection of cultural and natural heritage resources scientifically and systematically and their presentation for the evaluation, education and entertainment of the public.

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Performance Appraisal report of the Director National Museums for the year 2015

01. Introduction

The main intension of the Department of National Museums is to provide a perfect service to the nation. In this connection, the department has to go for various types of process and to select the most suitable method.

The policy planning which is related to this selection requires various resources that are useful for the department and also considered the country's need.

These policies are implemented by the Department of National Museums mainly through its Colombo National Museum which has possessed a wide range of collection that represent the whole Country. In addition, other regional museums such as Colombo Natural History Museum, Kandy National Museum, Ratnapura National Museum, Galle Natural Museum, Galle Maritime Museum, Dutch Museum at Fort, Anuradhapura Folk Museum, Independence Memorial Museum and Ruhunu Heritage Museum at Magampura are administered by the Department of National Museums. The duty of those Museums is to show the cultural and natural history heritage features which are specific to those areas. Further the scope of the Service of this department becomes broader with the mobile museum service. Accordingly, the duties of the Department of National Museums could be analyzed as follows.

- I. Collection Registration and Protection of objects and models relevant to the subject areas such as Prehistory, Ethnology, Anthropology, Zoology, Entomology, Geology, Botany and Paleontology.
- II. Conducting researches in the aforesaid fields.
- III. Publishing of Spolia Zeilanica (Collection of research publication) and other magazines and subject related publications for the benefit of the diplomats and apprentices
- IV. Conducting of educational programmes such as Lectures, Exhibitions and Seminars for the propagation of knowledge relevant to the History of the country, Art and Sculptures and Natural Sciences.

02. Financial Provisions.

a) Recurrent expenditure.

	Allocated Provision	Expenditure as at 31.12.2015	Financial Progress
General Administration	Rs. 28,695,000	Rs. 27,503,302	96%
Museum Education	Rs. 40,481,000	Rs. 36,713,000	91%
Museum Services	Rs. 92,260,000	Rs. 85,636,921	93%
Total	Rs. 161,436,000	Rs. 149,853,805	93%

b) Capital Expenditure

	Allocated Provision	Expenditure as at 31.12.2015	Financial Progress
General Administration	Rs. 6,470,000	Rs. 5,908,502	91%
Museum Education	Rs. 11,250,000	Rs. 11,133,000	99%
Museum Services	Rs. 130,140,000	Rs. 101,349,216	78%
Total Capital Expenditure	Rs. 147,860,000	Rs. 118,391,280	80%
Total	Rs. 309,296,000	Rs. 268,245,085	87%

c) Items Purchased by the Department of National Museums in the year 2015.

Vote Number 2102 - Furniture and office equipments

Project	Expenditure
General Administration	Rs. 784,745.00
Museum Education	Rs. 799,431.00
Museum Services	Rs. 4,199,999.84

Vote no - 2103 - Machinery Equipments.

Project	Expenditure
General Administration	Rs. 1,149,940.00
Museum Education	Rs. 194,865.00
Museum Services	Rs. 914,936.36

d) Main projects of the Department of National Museums in the year 2015.

	Project	Allocated provision for the year 2015 Rs. Millions	Financial progress as at 31.12.2015	Physical progress as at 31.12.2015	
01	Conservational rehabilitation of the Colombo National Museum	57.7	59%	67%	
02	Construction of the Osteology gallery in the Natural History Museum	10	87%	Building Constructions	100%
				Exhibition Arrangements	60%
03	Construction of the Biodiversity Park in the Ratnapura National Museum	6.5	99%	100%	
04	Advancement activities in the divisional Museums	28	99%	90%	
05	Construction of the Magampura Ruhunu Heritage Museum.	13	94%	100%	

03. Establishment Affairs

- a) Approved cadre of the Department of National Museum is four hundred (400).
b) Approved cadre of the Department of National Museum and the Actual Cadre.

Designation	Service	Salary code	Approved Cadre	Actual Cadre	Vacancies
Director General**	Sri Lanka Scientific service special Grade	SL 3	01	0	01
Additional Director General**	Sri Lanka Administrative Service	SL 1	01	0	01
Additional Director General**	Sri Lanka Scientific Service 1	SL 1	01	0	01
Chief Accountant**	Sri Lanka Accountancy Service 1	SL 1	01	0	01
Chief Internal Auditor**	Sri Lankan Accountancy Service 1	SL 1	01	0	01
Director*	Sri Lanka Scientific Service 1	SL 1	01	01	0
Director (Science)**	Sri Lanka Scientific Service 1	SL 1	01	0	01
Director (Cultural)**	Sri Lanka Scientific Service 1	SL 1	01	0	01
Deputy Director / Assistant Director	Sri Lanka Administrative Service III/II	SL 1	01	01	0
Deputy Director / Assistant Director (Ethnology)	Sri Lanka Scientific Service III/II	SL 1	01	01	0
Deputy Director / Assistant Director (Anthropology)	Sri Lanka Scientific Service III/II	SL 1	01	0	01
Deputy Director / Assistant Director (Botany)	Sri Lanka Scientific Service III/II	SL 1	01	0	01
Deputy Director / Assistant Director (Zoology)	Sri Lanka Scientific Service III/II	SL 1	01	01	0
Deputy Director / Assistant Director (Entomology)	Sri Lanka Scientific Service III/II	SL 1	01	01	0
Deputy Director / Assistant Director (Museum Services)	Sri Lanka Scientific Service III/II	SL 1	01	0	01
Accountant	Sri Lanka Accountancy	SL 1	01	01	0

	Service III/II				
Administrative Officer	State Management Assistant Service (Supra Grade)	MN 7	01	01	0
Librarian	Sri Lanka Public Librarian Service (Supra Grade)	MN 7	01	0	01
Translator	Translator Service II/I	MN 6	02	0	02
Museum Superintendent	Departmental	MN 4	05	05	0
Traditional Art Assistant	Departmental	MN 4	01	01	0
Exhibition Planning Officer	Departmental	MN 4	01	0	01
Budget Assistant	Allied Services III/II/I	MN 4	01	01	0
Conservation Officer	Allied Services III/II/I	MN 4	02	02	0
Purchasing Officer	Allied Services III/II/I	MN 4	01	01	0
Research Assistant	Allied Services III/II/I	MN 4	08	08	0
Research Assistant	Departmental	MN 4	06	01	05
Education Promotion Officer	Allied Services	MN 4	18	17	1
Information Technology Assistant	Allied Services	MN 4	01	01	0
Information and Communication Technology Assistant	Information and Communication Technology Services III/II/I	MT 1	01	0	01
Programme Assistant	Allied Services III/II/I	MN 4	01	01	0
Development Assistant	Allied Services III/II/I	MN 4	02	02	0
Development Officer	Development Officer Service III/II/I	MN 4	13	07	06
Development officer (Tamil)	Development Officer Service III/II/I	MN 4	07	0	07
Chief Security Officer	Departmental	MN 4	01	0	01
Museum Curator	Departmental	MN 3	10	04	06
Entomology Assistant	Sri Lanka Technical Service III/II/I	MN 3	02	0	02
Botanical Assistant	Sri Lanka Technical Service III/II/I	MN 3	01	0	01
Geology Assistant	Sri Lanka Technical Service III/II/I	MN 3	01	01	0

Anthropology Assistant	Sri Lanka Technical Service III/II/I	MN 3	01	0	01
Zoology Assistant	Sri Lanka Technical Service III/II/I	MN 3	01	0	01
Conservation Assistant	Sri Lanka Technical Service III/II/I	MN 3	01	0	01
Technical Officer	Sri Lanka Technical Service III/II/I	MN 3	02	0	02
Librarian	Public Librarian Service III/II/I	MN 3	04	02	02
Photographer	Departmental	MT 3	01	01	0
State Management Assistant	State Management Assistant Service III/II/I	MN 2	20	12	08
Dermatologist	Departmental	MN 1	01	01	0
Artist Modler	Departmental	MN 1	03	02	01
Curator Assistant	Departmental	MN 1	05	0	05
Museum Receptionist	Departmental	MN 1	01	0	01
Driver	Combined Service III/II/I	PL 3	08	05	03
Document Reprographer	Departmental	PL 2	09	07	02
Curator (Landscaping)	Departmental	PL 2	02	01	01
Electrician	Departmental	PL 2	01	01	0
Carpenter	Departmental	PL 2	02	01	01
Painter	Departmental	PL 2	01	01	0
Mason	Departmental	PL 2	01	01	0
Audio Visual Assistant	Departmental	PL 2	01	01	0
Library Assistant	Departmental	PL 1	02	02	0
Museum Assistant	Departmental	PL 1	179	129	50
Inspector of Watchers	Departmental	PL 1	1	1	0
Assistant Inspector of Watchers	Departmental	PL 1	1	1	0
Museum Keeper	Departmental	PL 1	50	38	12

* Effective until the New Ordinance gets approved

** Posts approved under the Departmental upgrading. Effective after the new ordinance gets approved

c) Officers appointed during the year 2015

Serial No	Name	Designation	Date
01	Mr. PKDG Dayarathna	Driver Grade IIII	16/02/2015
02	Ms. A Briyatriss	State Management Assistant III	12/10/2015
03	Ms. RAA Priyangani	State Management Assistant III	12/10/2015
04	Ms. DKC Ishara	State Management Assistant III	12/10/2015

d) Officer Promoted in the year 2015

Primary (Non Technical) Grade I Promotions

Name	Designation	Effective Date of the promotion
Mrs. Jenett Sriyani	Library Assistant	15/02/2015
Mr. A Dayananda	Gallery Attendant	25/07/2015

e) Newly Created Carders in the year 2015

Designation	Approved Cadres
Director General **	01
Additional Director General **	02
Chief Accountant **	01
Chief Internal Auditor **	01
Director (Science) **	01
Director (Cultural)**	01
Information and Communication Technology Assistant	01
Museum Curator	03
State Management Assistant	04
Curator Assistant	02
Museum Receptionist	01
Driver	01
Museum Assistant	38

** Carders approved by the Department upgrading. Not effective until the new Museum Ordinance gets approved.

f) Retirements in the year 2015

Serial No	Name	Designation	Date of Retirement
01	Mr. T.W. Piyadasa	Anthropology Assistant	08/04/2015
02	Mr. K.P.S. Bandara	Gallery Attendant	07/06/2015
03	Mr. S.M.S.K. Silva	Gallery Attendan	10/09/2015
04	Mr. K.M.T. Bandara	Gallery Attendant	13/10/2015
05	Mr. E.G.D. Gunasekara	Conservation Assistant	23/12/2015

g) Officers joined with the Transfers

Serial No	Name	Designation	Date of Assumption of Duties
1	Mr. D.P.N.M. Sampath	Driver Grade III	16/03/2015
2	Mr. K. Siriwardena	State Management Assistant III	06/07/2015
3	Mr. R.L.R. Jayasekara	Accountant - Class I	08/11/2015

h) Officers left with the transfers

Serial No	Name	Designation	Date
01	Mrs. E.H.B.B. Sujeewa	Development Officer III	22/05/2015
02	Mrs. T.K.M.K. Samarasinghe	State Management Assistant III	30/06/2015
03	Mrs. A.S.D. Aluthge	Sri Lanka Accountancy Service I	04/09/2015
04	Mrs. T. Chandradevi	State Management Assistant I	14/09/2015
05	Mrs. A. Geetha Ranjani	State Management Assistant I	12/10/2015

i) Overseas Conference and Training Programmes

Serial No	Participant	Country	Date	Programme
01	Mrs. Sanuja Kasthuriarachchi Director (Acting)	Singapore	25/11/2015 - 27/11/2015	Asian Museum Association Conference
02	Mrs. Sanuja Kasthuriarachchi Director (Acting)	France	30/05/2015 - 04/06/2015	International Museum Conference
03	Mrs. M.R.M.P.N. Gunathilaka Assistant Director (Anthropology)	China	12/04/2015 - 22/04/2015	Icom international Trainings Centre of museum Studies
04	Mr. T.D.H. Fernando Assistant Director (Administration)	China	09/10/2015 - 31/10/2015	Seminar on public Administration for Civil Servants in Asian Countries
05	Mrs. N.M. Neththasinghe	India	05/05/2015 - 11/05/2015	Eight International Conference on the Inclusive Museum
06	Mrs. R.P. Madavee Latha Education Promotion Officer	China	07/06/2015 - 17/06/2015	Management of the Museum as a nonprofit Organization
07	Mr. W.D. Abeysinghe Geology Assistant	China	07/06/2015 - 17/06/2015	Management of the Museum as a nonprofit organization
08	Mr. P.L.A.H.S. Senadheera Electrician	China	04/11/2015 - 27/11/2015	Maintenance of facilities for Technicians of Sri Lanka Art Theatre 2015

04. Special Duties of the Department of National Museums in the Year 2015

- "The glory of Ruhuna for the Future Generation" was a dream which came true with the opening of the Magampura Ruhunu Heritage Museum after finishing all its activities by his Excellency the President Maithreepala Sirisena on 08.05.2015. This was established to educate the general public on the national heritage inherited to the Southern area.
- National Museum day celebrate on "Museums for a sustainable Society" was held at Kiriibbanwewa Vidyalaya in Welioya on 15th May 2015
- Providing consultancy Service for the plans of the National Telecommunication Museum established in Padukka by Sri Lanka Telecom.
- Providing necessary instructions on the exhibition techniques for the exhibition "Opening the beauty of the president's house for the general public"

05. Information on Museum Visitors.

The Statistics on the Visitors who visited museum maintained by the Department of National Museums in the year 2015.

Name of the Museum	Local		Foreign		School		Free	Total
	Adults	Children	Adults	Children	Teachers	Students		
Colombo National Museum	52489	14650	39640	1476	8451	86697	1450	204853
National Natural History Museum	10324	4064	2218	155	2322	27446	234	46793
Dutch Museum	4212	333	3149	153	49	773	-	8669
Rathnapura National Museum	8398	2540	137	03	828	10593	60	22489
Kandy National Museum	Temporarily Closed for the Renovation Activities							
Galle National Museum	8792	2966	4722	236	1015	14199	534	32464
Maritime Museum (Galle)	11643	4342	3806	336	1371	19835	-	41333
Folk Museum (Anuradhapura)	2609	821	178	02	458	1895	1296	7259
Independence Memorial Museum	11023	3503	459	29	789	8716	18	24567
Ruhunu Heritage Museum (Magampura)	945	232	18	-	43	633	125	1996
Total	110345	33451	56327	2420	15326	170787	3747	390403

06. Activities in Miscellaneous Subject Related Divisions.

A) Cultural Division

The cultural Division of the Department of National Museums consist of the two sections as Ethnology section and Anthropology section. The main duties of this division are collection objects, exhibition, storage, conservation, registration, learning and education etc...

1. Ethnology Section

a) Collection and registration

Collection and registration done by the Ethnology section during the year 2015 are as follows

	Object	Registration Number	Details of the doner and the date	Method on which the object was acquired
01	Fighting Sword	2015.08.01	Mr. H.R. Bandara No. 235, Colombo Rd, Wnduragala, Kurunegala 2015.06.15	Gift
02	New issuance of five specimen of Syrian Bank Notes	2015.11.01 2015.11.02 2015.11.03 2015.11.04 2015.11.05	Dr. Adib Mayaleh Governor of Syrien Republic, Central Bank of Syria, Damascus 31.08.2015	Gift
03	Independence Commemorative coin	2015.12.01		
04	Commemorative coin of coronation of king Edward VII and Queen Alexandra	2015.12.01	SW Jayasena Sachini Stores Godigamuwa Rd, Dunagaha 30.09.2015	Purchased (Rs. 10,000.00)

b) Researches

The researchers conducted by the Ethnology section in the year concerned are as follows.

1. Conducting researches and make publications on the collection of museum objects, registration preparation and publishing research papers
2. Preparation of a research article on “Irrigation activities in the transitional period” for a research publication called “The History of Irrigation in Sri Lanka” to be published by the Ministry of Mahaweli Development
3. Publication of two books “Killota or Chunum boxes in Sri Lankan Museums” and “Dutch and other Foreign tobacco boxes in the Sri Lankan Museum” as a results of a study conducted by Dr. PHDH De Silva on Chunum boxes and Caskets used for various purposes by using such objects in the museums of the Department of National Museums and Other Museums.

c) Exhibitions

Ten (10) mobile exhibitions were conducted by the Ethnology mobile section during the year 2015.

d) Field Visits.

A field visit was arranged on 11.06.2015 to 14.06.2015 to take photographs of selected Sculpture and Arts in the southern area for making museums objects for the Ruhunu Magampura Heritage Museum at Hambantota.

e) External Services

- Providing consultancy service and required data for the researches conducted by hundred university students and other twenty five (25) researchers.
- Conducting of a short course on Museology for a group of students consisting of ten (10) of the final year History students of the University of Kelaniya.

2. Anthropology Section

a) Collection, Identifications and Registrations

Serial No	Object	Date of Acquisition	Acquisition Method	Registration Number	Date of Registration	Place of Acquisition
1	Copper mixed frying pan	25.04.2015	Gift	2015.1.1	22.05.2015	Colombo
2	Two large pots	26.05.2015	Gift	2015.2.1. / 2015.2.2	22.06.2015	Matara
3	Two Jars	26.05.2015	Gift	2015.3.1. / 2015.3.2	22.06.2015	Matara
4	Nagaraksha mask	26.05.2015	Gift	2015.4.1.	22.06.2015	Matara
5	Enema Substance	26.05.2015	Gift	2015.5.1.	22.06.2015	Matara
6	Mortar used for pounding medicine	26.05.2015	Gift	2015.6.1.	22.06.2015	Matara
7	Medicine Casket	26.05.2015	Gift	2015.7.1	22.06.2015	Matara
8	Arricanut Cutter	12.06.2015	Gift	2015.9.1	13.07.2015	Kurunegala
9	Pounding Stone for Millot	12.06.2015	Gift	2015.10.1	13.07.2015	Kurunegala
10	Two sets of Bangles	10.09.2015	Gift	2015.22.1 / 2015.22.2	09.11.2105	Matara
11	Upper wear used for Hatadiya ritual	10.09.2015	Gift	2015.23.1	09.11.2105	Matara
12	Clothes worn at Thovils (Rituals)	10.09.2015	Gift	2015.24.1 / 2015.24.2 / 2015.24.3 / 2015.24.4	09.11.2105	Matara
13	A set of Anklet	10.09.2015	Gift	2015.25.1 / 2015.25.2	09.11.2105	Matara
14	Foot Belt	10.09.2015	Gift	2015.26.1 / 2015.26.2	09.11.2105	Matara
15	A set of Uniform used for Rituals	10.09.2015	Gift	Handed over for Registration	Under Registration	Matara
16	Two Armlets	10.09.2015	Gift	Handed over for Registration	Under Registration	Matara
17	Thangul Hat	10.09.2015	Gift	Handed over for Registration	Under Registration	Matara
18	A set of clothes used for "Suddha matara"	10.09.2015	Gift	Handed over for Registration	Under Registration	Matara
19	Mask	10.09.2015	Gift	Handed over for Registration	Under Registration	Matara

20	“Three Ina Heda” (Clothes)	10.09.2015	Gift	Handed over for Registration	Under Registration	Matara
21	“Three Ina Heda” (Pearl)	10.09.2015	Gift	Handed over for Registration	Under Registration	Matara
22	Crucibles (Two) used for the Brass Industry	03.09.2015	Gift	Handed over for Registration	Under Registration	Kandy
23	Polishers used for polishing Brass objects (Five)	03.09.2015	Gift	Handed over for Registration	Under Registration	Kandy
24	Amery wheel used for the Brass Industry	03.09.2015	Gift	Handed over for Registration	Under Registration	Kandy
25	Trunk Box	08.12.2015	Gift	Handed over for Registration	Under Registration	Gampaha
26	Frying Pan	08.12.2015	Gift	Handed over for Registration	Under Registration	Gampaha

b) Researches

A research on “Sri Lanka Brass Industry on the face of Technical Globalization” conducted to search how Sri Lankan industries like Brass Industry face challenges on the face of technical globalization.

c) Field Visits

A field visit was conducted in Udunuwara and Yatinuwara divisional secretary areas in the Kandy district to find out details on the brass industry.

d) Mobile Exhibitions.

Serial No	Name of the Exhibition	Duration of the Exhibition	Place of which the exhibition was held
01	Exhibition on Masks	01.04.2015 to 04.04.2015	R/Balngoda Ananda Maithriya Central College
02	Exhibition on Masks	09.09.2015 to 12.09.2015	North Central Provincial Council “Kala Ulela 2015”

e) External Services

Providing information for local and foreign Scholars, University Students and School children’s for their research and other studies.

f) Other Activities

- Preparation of a database on selected 441 objects for the collection of the Anthropology objects with photographs.
- Updating of the data system in the Anthropology section

B) Scientific Division

This section consists of Botanical section, Entomology section, Geology Section and the Zoology Section. The main duty of these sections are collection of objects and models maintenance, arranging exhibitions, assisting external scholars who conduct researches on the said objects and models and conducting awareness programs etc...

1. Botanical Section

a. Collection of objects identifications and registrations in the year concerned.

Dry zone plant specimens found at puttalam (around the Holcim at Aruwakkalu) 11th December 2015

<i>Aquilaria agallocha</i>	<i>Aristolochia indica</i>
<i>Bauhinia racemosa</i>	<i>Celosia argentea</i>
<i>Frimbristylis spp.(family-cyperaceae)</i>	
<i>Phoenix pusilla</i>	<i>Ixora coccinea</i>
<i>Toddalia aculeate</i>	

Identification by Mr. Sarath Ekanayaka

b. Field Visits

- Updating of plants in the bio diversity park at Ratnapura National Museum on 29th and 30th July 2015

Collection of dry zone plant specimens found at Holcim Aruwakkalu, Puttalam 11th December 2015

c. Mobile Exhibitions

Botanical exhibitions arranged for the mobile exhibition held at Kiriibbanwewa Vidyalaya at Welioya on 19th and 20th May 2015 on behalf of the International Museum Day.

d. Workshops and Seminars

Botanical sections along with the Educational publication section has held nineteen (19) workshops and seminars during the year 2015

e. Other Activities

- Instructions for maintenance and observation of the Museum garden were given to the relevant outsource instruction.
- Building a garden house at the Colombo museum premises.
- Fixing relevant sign boards in the relevant places at the Colombo national Museum premises.
- Refurbishing the exhibition labels of the National Natural History Museum.
- Providing Consultancy service for the landscaping activities of the Ruhunu Heritage Museum at Magampuara Hambantota.

2. Entomology Section

a. Collection and Registrations done in the year concerned

- Registration of six insects specimens donated by the University of Jaffna.

Erythrina gall wasp (*Quadra stichus erythrinae*)

Three (03) male insects and Three (03) female insects

- 103 specimens belongs to seven (07) categories (order) were collected by the Aruwakkalu field visit in Puttalm.

Order - *Hymenoptera*

Lepidoptera

Othoptera

Odonata

Mantidae

Hemoptera

Coleoptera

b. Details of the conserved objects and specimens.

Cleaning and conservation of the Natural History Museum.

Collection of insects (Pests damaged coconut, paddy, fruits and vegetable cultivations)

c. Mobile Exhibitions

Four (04) mobile exhibitions were held by the entomology section in the year.

d. Workshops and Seminars

- Providing practical training for several students who are following the Degree in Tourism and Cultural resource Management Degree Programme in the University of Kelaniya on 12.01.2015 and 02.03.2015.
- Providing practical training for several students who are following the Degree in Tourism and Cultural Resource Management Degree Programme in the University of Sri Jayewardenepura on 27.08.2015.
- Providing practical training for several students who are following the Degree in Tourism and Cultural Resource Management Degree Programme in the University of Ruhuna on 23.02.2015 and 06.03.2015.
- Providing practical training for several students who are following the Degree in Tourism and Cultural resource Management Degree Programme in the University of Kelaniya on 08.04.2015.

e. External Services.

- Providing Required research facilities to Ms. Ksanika Gunasekara, a student of the Open University of Sri Lanka on 15.02.2015
- Providing required research facilities to Ms. Agastya Thotagamuwa, a student of the Open University of Sri Lanka on 03.11.2015

3. Geology Section

a. Collections made during the year concerned.

Miocene Focils Collection Aruwakkalu Holcim Plant

b. Field Visits

- A field visits at Kuruvita area of Ratnapura to collect information and photographs for exhibition models for the refurbishment activities of the Geology galleries – on 11.05.2015
- A visit to Aruwakkalu Holcim plant to take over the Miocene Focill collected by the Hocim plant to the Geology section of the National Museums – on 11.12.2015.
- A fiels visit to Hiyare, Galle on 29th and 30th September in 2015 in relation with the Geology Gallery refurbishments.

c. Mobile Exhibitions

Three mobile exhibitions were conducted by the Geology section of the Museum during the year concerned.

d. Permanent Exhibitions

Taking action to refurbish the permanent Geology Museum galleries.

e. External Services.

Providing information and assistance to four (04) University Students to do researches on Geology specimens – in the year 2015

4. Zoology Section

a. Collections made during the year concerned.

- Taking over the Objects and identification of animal parts and specimens brought from the Courts.
- Bringing the specimens of python, wilmuwa, Elk, Dolfín, and Viper for the proposed osteology gallery.
- Bringing the specimens of venomous serpents from the Colombo Medical College for mobile exhibitions

b. Identification and Registration

- Identification of animal particles and specimens brought from the Courts of various parts of the country and registration of confiscated objects.
- Registration of Sea serpents specimen donated by Dr. Kanishka Ukuwela.
- Registration of frog specimens donated by Mr. Mendis Wickramasinghe, researcher in the field of Zoology.
- Registration of Fish specimens donated by Dr. Madawa Meegaskumbura.

c. Details on conserved objects and Specimens.

- Conservation of Wet specimen collection at the Zoology Laboratory.
- Conservation of WHT Wet specimen collection owned to the Zoology section.
- Conservation of reptile collection after cleaning.
- Updating and Conservation of the Zoology specimen collection of the Natural History Museum.
- Preparation of bone structures of hippopotamus, Python, Wilmuwa, Elk, Dolphin, and Crocodile for proposed Osteological gallery.
- Preparation of the bone structure of the blue whale exhibited at the natural Museum to exhibit at the National History Museum.

d. Field Visits

- Field visit to Hiyare wildlife conservation office to bring Zoological specimens for the proposed osteological gallery.

e. Permanent/ Temporary and Mobile Exhibitions

Five permanent/ temporary and mobile exhibitions were held by the Zoology section of the Department of National Museums in the year 2015.

f. Workshops and Seminars.

Conducting research workshop for the Biology students of the University of Colombo and Sri Jayewardenepura.

g. External Services

- Providing Facilities for the studies of Mr. LM Wijesundara (University Student) to study the fresh water fish Collection
- Providing Facilities to Mr. Sameera Karunarathna, researcher to study the WHT Zoology specimen
- Providing Facilities to Mr. Dulan Widanapathirana, researcher to study the Crow – Pheasant specimen collection
- Providing Facilities to Dr. Ms.NPS Kumburegama to study the serpents collection.
- Providing facilities to Ms. Dinasadi Raheem to study the land shell collection.

h. Other Activities

- Updating of chameleon gecko and serpents collection of the zoological gallery of the Natural History Museum.
- Updating of the zoological specimen of the Natural History Museum by the Dermatology section
- Removing of the shell collection from the sea shell gallery at the Natural History Museum with an idea to set up it in the proposed Geology gallery
- Identification activities at the WHT Zoological specimens by an external researcher.

7. Education and Publication Section.

a. Educational Seminars, Workshops and Lectures

Education and publication section organized fourteen (14) Educational seminars on the History and Art and Sculpture in Sri Lanka at the following Schools.

Educational Seminars.

Date	Venue
19.05.2015	Kiriibbanwewa Maha Vidyalaya - Welioya
26.05.2015	Christ Church National School - Thudella
27.05.2015	St. Maries Maha Vidyalaya - Ja - ela
22.06.2015	Soragune Maha Vidyalaya - Haldummulla
24.06.2015	Vegowwa Maha Vidyalaya - Minuwangoda
25.06.2015	Mahinda Vidyalaya - Colombo 10
02.07.2015	Pitiyegedara Primary School - Gampaha
04.07.2015	Kiriibbanwewa Maha Vidyalaya - Welioya
05.07.2015	Jayanthi Maha Vidyalaya - Padavi - Sripura
07.07.2015	Mookalangamuwa Bandaranayake Vidyalaya - Seeduwa
09.07.2015	Walagamba Maha Vidyalaya - Aluthepola
13.07.2015	Mahavila Secondary School - Panadura
14.07.2015	Marapola Vidyalaya - Marapola
16.07.2015	Buddha Maha Vidyalaya - Nittambuwa

b. Mobile Museum Exhibition

Education and Publication section held eighteen (18) mobile museum exhibition and two (02) mobile book exhibitions during the year 2015

c. Publications.

Education and publication section has published the following publications during the year 2015.

- “Kauthukagara” 18th volume
- A guide to the Magampura Ruhuna Heritage Museum, Hambantota

- Magampura Ruhunu Heritage Museum Leaflets (Sinhala/Tamil)
- Invitation card of the Magampura Ruhunu Heritage Museum
- Traditional Agriculture in Sri Lanka (Sri Lankawe Saampradaika Krushikarmaya) Reprint
- Colour Picture Cards 300,000 (reprint)
- Sarartha Sangrahaya (reprint)
- Mahawansa Part I (reprint)
- Mahawansa Part II(reprint)
- Performance Appraisal Report and the CD of the Department of National Museums of the year 2014

d. Other Activities

Modifying the outer boards of the mobile Museum Bus and Stickers on the Body.

08. National Museum Auditorium.

National Museum Auditorium was rented out for outside functions of twenty three (23) organizations and earned an income of Rs. 644,000.00.

09. National Museum Library.

a. Acquisition

During this year 9335 Books, Periodicals and other documents have been acquired to the National Museums Library.

b. Book binding, Microfilming and Photocopy.

During this year 9559 copies have been issued to the readers by the Museum Library.

c. Number of Readers.

During the year concerned eleven (11) new readers have taken the permanent membership while five (05) have taken their membership renewed twenty nine (29) readers have taken temporary membership while other two (02) have taken their temporary membership extended. During the year three thousand two hundred and twenty two (3232) readers have been served by the Library

d. Income

The total income of this year of the Museum Library is Rs. 197,488.00.

10. Photography Section

The following Activities and services have been done by the Photography Section.

- 10790 of Photography
- 10790 of Photography have been taken in to CDs
- 541 photographs of library documents have been taken
- 180 photographs of museum objects were taken
- Issuing of the photographs relevant to the sections of the Department was 1487

11. Conservation Section

The conservation activities of this division during the year concerned are as follows

1. Book Conservation

- 101 Ola leaf manuscripts belonging to the Library have been conserved after removing dust
- Five thousand (5000) old books were fumigated
- Twelve (12) very old books which were on poor condition were conserved to fit for the readers' usage
- Binding of 145 books and documents belonging to the other sections of the Museum Department.

2. Conservation of Wooden Museum objects

- A window and eight (08) other museum furniture objects of the Dutch Museum were conserved
- Two (02) wooden museum objects at the Ethnology section have been conserved
- Thirty four (34) wooden objects of the Anthropology section were conserved

3. Conservation of Copper and Copper mixed metal objects.

- Conservation of 656 coins
- Other fifteen (15) museum objects were conserved

4. Maps, Painting and Photographs Conservation.

- Seven (07) paintings were conserved
- Conservation of two paintings at the painting gallery (Dimbulagala Maraveediye Painting) of the Colombo National Museum.

5. Other Museum object conservation

- 202 objects at the Hambantota Ruhunu Heritage Museum were conserved
- 15 Stone Carvings at the Colombo Museum Stone Carving gallery were conserved
- 25 fabric paintings at the "Garumuni Walawwa" of the Central Cultural fund (CCF) were conserved

6. Insecticide and Weedicide activities at the Museum Premises

- Termite treatments at all the divisional museums along with the Colombo National Museum
- Weedicide activities on all the buildings.

7. Other Activities

- Preparation of reports on lighting and dampness of museum galleries and stores.
- Preparation of a condition report on Buddha Statues of the stone carving gallery in collaboration with the Central Cultural Fund.
- Consultation on book fumigation and conservation of objects of the Head office of the National Savings Bank (NSB)
- Consultation for conservation of a wooden chair and maintenance of environmental conditions at the J. R. Jayawardene Centre
- Preparation of a condition report on paintings and supervision of Museum objects at the Rukmani Devi Memorial Museum maintained by the Tower hall Foundation.
- Preparation of an observation report on paintings of David Painter at the University of Visual and Performing Arts.
- Providing instructions on document storage at the musical section museum of the Police Field Force Head office.

12. Exhibition Planning Section

- Moulding of human portraits for the Ratnapura National Museum.
- Refurbishing activities of the Veddas objects gallery.
- Preparation of the shortages at the agricultural gallery.
- Field Visit to Hiyare, Galle and Ratnapura for taking photographs for the Geology gallery.
- Providing cupboard plans needed for the museum Library
- Preparation of sign boards for the garden
- Painting of the whale in the Osteology Gallery
- Building of a cave for the Rathnapura National Museum
- Giving assistance to make a ticket counter for the Dutch Museum
- Starting of moulding the animal portraits at the Geology Gallery
- Refurbishment activities of the painting gallery.

13. Information Technology Section

The following activities were done by the documentation section during the year concerned

- Updating of information for hot news for the departmental web page.
Museum trips, Reservation of the Auditorium, Staff information, Scheme of Recruitments etc...
- Updating of information relevant to the recruitments for vacant posts, transfers, promotions, that are in the data base of the Department of National Museums.
- Providing information for the relevant parties where necessary based on the available data base.
- Seven (07) specimens acquired as donations by the Entomology section, sixty one (61) Specimens acquired as donations by the Zoology section, Three (03) Specimens sent by High Courts : altogether Seventy One (71). (number 2015.01.01 NH to 2015.19.02 NH) specimens in the Natural History Museum have been registered in the central acquisition register of the Natural History Museum.
- Six objects received as a Gift by the Ethnology section and one purchased object, Thirty five objects acquired as gifts by the Anthropology section : all together forty two (42) objects in the art section were registered in the central acquisition register. (Registration Nos 2015.1.1 to 2015.26.2)
- Issuing of certificates for the above acquisition of gifted objects.
- Managing the activities pertaining to the departmental computer maintenance and virus guard software.

14. Museum Activities

a. Colombo National Museum

Conservation and rehabilitation activities of the front section of the Colombo National Museum which was opened for the public since 1877 were conducted during the year concerned. In addition rehabilitation activities in the paintings gallery, Fixing of iron doors for the protection of museum doors, exhibition activities of the traditional ritual gallery were made. And also assistance was provided for the projects of University Students and School Children by giving required information.

Observation visits were made by Hon, Deputy Minister Nandimitra Ekanayaka (State Minister of Cultural Affairs) and Hon, Minister S. B. Nawinna (Minister of Internal Affairs Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

b. National Natural History Museum

Eleven (11) Educational seminars, lectures and workshops were conducted during the year concerned by the National Natural History Museum. Assistance was given by providing information for the projects of university students, school children and also the other researchers.

Geology gallery which was in the National Natural History Museum was refurbished. An area in the ground floor was repaired with tiling to accommodate the expansions of the Osteology gallery. Further the damaged windows in the ground floor were removed and aluminium windows were fixed. Construction of a staircase for the access to the office in the Geology section was made. The construction activities of the new building which was started on 29.04.2013 for the osteological gallery were completed on 29.04.2015. Name boards were prepared for the convenience of the easy access to the building.

c. Galle Maritime Museum

Lectures and presentations for school children and visitors, providing required information for the projects of school children and University students were done by the Galle Maritime Museum

d. Kandy National Museum

Kandy National Museum was not opened for the public due to the conservational rehabilitation activities. Accordingly, conservational rehabilitation activities started on 20.09.2014 has given a progress of such works by the end of this year. 70% of the roof repair, 85% of the wall repairs, 80% of the floor repairs and 50% of the outer sitting wall (Watapila) have been completed. Further, the termite treatments (Chemicals) were also used in the building. And also the identified ancient constructions during the rehabilitation activities were conserved as per the archaeological theories and kept open for the research and study purposes of the generation

e. Dutch Museum

Dutch museum has done the programmes such as providing information for the projects of school children and University students, conducting lectures, awareness programmes for tourist's guides etc... In the month of June, television programme was recorded by the SLRC for the history subject. Financial allocation was given to the department of Archeology for renovating the walls of the museum building and painting works.

f. Ratnapura National Museum

Ratnapura National Museum has provided information for the projects of School children, University Students and researchers. In addition lectures, seminars and workshops and mobile exhibitions were arranged for the use of school children. Necessary information and photographs were provided for the television programme on "Lion Tooth" organized by the N. H. K. media travels of the SLRC on 03. 07. 2015.

All main access roads of the museum premises were renovated by the provincial council allocation of the Road Development, Rural Infrastructure Development, Tourism, Sport and Youth Affairs Ministry of the Sabaragamuwa provincial council. In addition the rest of the renovation activities of the museum cultural center building areas were completed. The boundary wall of the museum was renovated. The replicas of animals which were extincted in the Sabaragamuwa province were built during this year.

g. Anuradhapura Folk Museum

The folk museum of Anuradhapura provided information for the projects of School children and arranged lectures and workshops on the “Village Life of the Nuwarakalaviya”. Further the construction of the office building of the museum was completed

The “Village House” model exhibited at the museum was renovated. The boundary wall was completed and the first stage of the herbal plant park was also completed.

The municipal council of Anuradhapura provided facilities for the landscaping of the museum premises. In addition a Pirith Chanting Ceremony was also arranged by the Folk Museum to bestow merits for all

h. Galle National Museum

Lectures were organized for school children and University Students, further the information for the projects of school children and university students were provided and seminars and workshops were conducted by the Galle National Museum.

Television Programme recording was conducted as a partial requirement of the “Wasuliya” documentary programme telecast by the SLRC on 01.07.2015. And also a radio programme was recorded on China – Sri Lanka relationship gallery at the Galle National Museum by the Chinese International Broadcasting Service on 08.09.2015.

The main three doors and four windows were repaired by using iron rods and padlocks. A vehicle park for the museum was constructed and a Name Board was fixed. The construction of the front part of the office room was started. A name board of the museum was fixed on the other side of the road.

i. Independence Memorial Museum

The independence memorial museum provided the information for School Children, University Students and other researchers. And also lectures were conducted. In addition two systems as inlet fan and flexible hose were fixed to take fresh air into the museum.

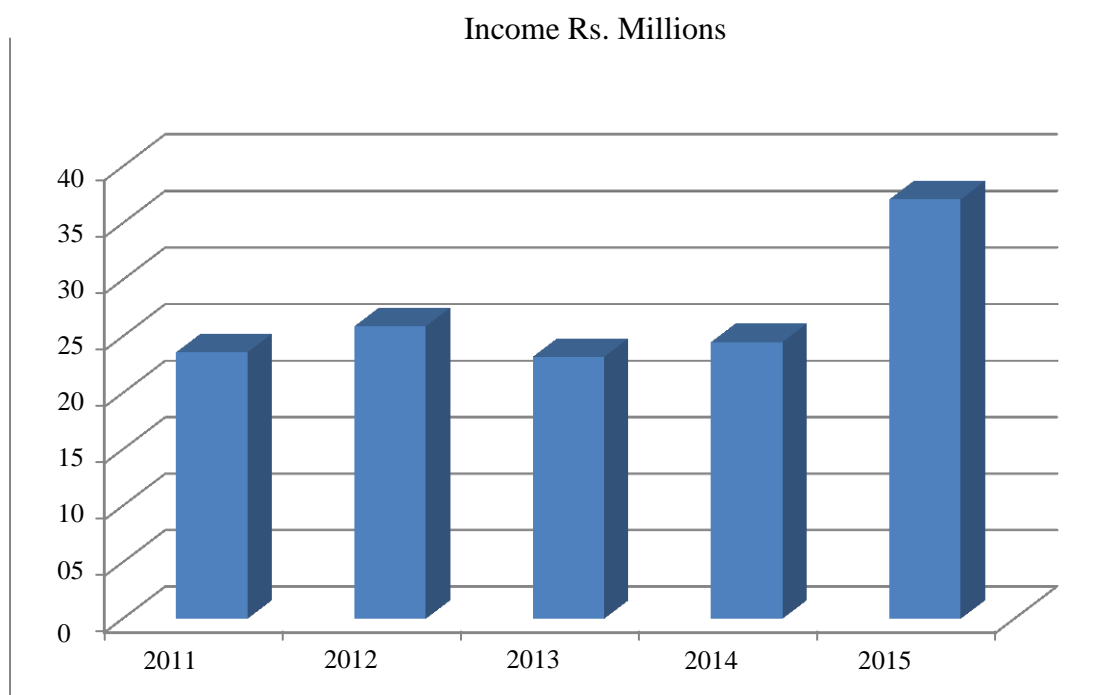
15. Income in the Year 2015.

Name of the Museums	Tickets	Publications	Camera Permits	Building Rents	Other	Total
Colombo National Museums	24,854,080.00	756,083.00	1,452,500.00	533,329.94	100,920.00	27,696,912.94
National Natural History Museum	1,968,385.00	1,298.00	47,000.00	-	143,160.00	2,159,843.00
National Museums Library	-	-	-	-	197,488.00	197,488.00
National Museums Auditorium	-	-	-	644,000.00	-	644,000.00
Dutch Museum	1,712,570.00	2,694.00	102,950.00	-	-	1,818,214.00
Kandy National Museum	Temporary closed for the rehabilitation and conservation activities					
Galle National Museum	1,743,720.00	83,771.00	57,250.00	-	-	1,884,741.00
Ratnapura National Museum	298,495.00	118,670.00	28,750.00	-	7,000.00	452,915.00
Galle Maritime Museum	1,588,220.00	2,915.00	86,250.00	-	-	1,677,385.00
Anuradhapura Folk Museum	130,435.00	66,110.00	3,750.00	-	-	200,295.00
Independence Memorial Museum	321,265.00	15,010.00	10,500.00	-	-	346,775.00
Magampura Ruhunu Heritage Museum	34,030.00	100.00	-	-	-	34,130.00
Total	32,651,200.00	1,046,651.00	1,788,950.00	1,177,329.94	448,568.00	37,112,698.94

Comparison of 2015 income with the year 2014

Year	Tickets	Publications	Camera Permits	Building Rents	Other	Total
2015	32,651,200.00	1,046,651.00	1,788,950.00	1,177,329.94	448,568.00	37,112,698.94
2014	19,967,080.00	1,082,183.00	2,113,050.00	470,625.00	841,867.00	24,474,805.00

The total income of the Department of National Museums in the year 2015 was Rs. 37,112,698.94. Income in the previous year was Rs. 24,474,805.00.



Graph No 01 – Annual Income of the Department of National Museums.

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Picture - No. 01



Picture - No. 02