

The Public Financial Management Bill and the Economic Transformation Bill have been formulated in accordance with the Budget Proposals – 2023 and the Vision of the Government to transform the Sri Lanka into fully developed country with a high-income by the year 2048. The primary objectives of aforesaid legislation are to establish financial management discipline in the country, achieve economic stabilization, serve as a roadmap for achieving economic transformation and local economic advancement through adaptation to global economic trends.

It has been identified that making aware the present school students who represent the future workforce and the future adult community regarding this Bills and their positive effects on the economic trends of the country, thereby initiating a broad social dialogue in this regard, while obtaining views from different dimensions on the implementation of the government's new economic policies and providing the contribution of the Ministry of Education in order to apply such views in the formulation of policies as appropriate, is a timely need.

Accordingly, it has been decided to organize All-Island Competitions and Series of Programmes to encourage school students to actively participate in achieving the above objectives and obtaining knowledge referred to the government's new economic policies, and it has been planned to award certificates of appreciation and valuable prizes to the winners and their respective schools.

Students in government schools, approved private schools under the purview of the Ministry of Education, students and Bhikku students in Piriven, can participate in this competition. The applicants can submit the articles in their preferred medium from among three languages: Sinhala, Tamil and English.

Conditions of the competition, the application form, further instructions for the submissions and the relevant Bills can be downloaded from the Department of Government Information via following link.

<https://www.dgi.gov.lk/contact-us/public-finance-management-bill>