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Present status of Sri Lanka

Recently Sri Lanka emerged as a middle income country with 8% gross domestic product real growth rate and 6.9% annual inflation rate (World Bank report, 2010). Meantime, according to Census and Statistics reports, Sri Lanka is successful in converting the growth rate in to poverty reduction where Poverty Head Count Index of 15.2% in 2006//07 reduces to 8.9% in 2009/10. In addition, Sri Lanka impressively gains some social indicators such as primary school enrollment, literacy rate and infant mortality rate. Moreover, achieving millennium development goals landed Sri Lanka in high level of living standards surprisingly.

As it is mentioned above, the development of a country had been already measured through economic indices and as well as human development indices. However, it is still controversial that as the human beings, do we still have real way to measure real development of the world or universe. Thus, the concept of materialistic and spiritualistic aspects opens the minds to think twice.

For-seen development for the future

“Sustainable development (SD) refers to a mode of human development in which resource use aims to meet human needs while preserving the environment so that these needs can be met not only in the present, but also for generations to come.”

The sustainable development is not mere seen ten fifteen year's growth but it would be a century or two forecasting development where it really needs to give a thought like Mayans in 5th century predicting about 2012. Thus, it is time to go beyond materialistic world to spiritualistic world. Even in Maslow's theory of hierarchy of needs emphasizes that self esteem and self actualization are the supreme ends that human being can achieve. It is not regarding the concept originates from east or west, but for the human beings themselves. Here it is really appreciate, Bhutan's attempt of way of thinking development differently (Gross National Happiness).

In point of my view, every nation of the world has its uniqueness in culture, way of living, resource utilization, values, attitudes, food habits and so on. The diversity among nations create a great gene pool to adapt in any situation for human being without being extinction. Thus, conserving the cultural diversity will enhance the genetic diversity where attitudes and behaviours naturally create the differently thinking society.

Hence, the public administrators we have our obligation to change the mind set of citizens while being an example. Thus, it is time to think about green productivity to conserve and utilize the environment as well as lifespan productivity to create healthy nations to adapt to extinctions.

Small things
done by
small people
in small places
change the world

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