

Institute of National Security Studies

Public Lecture

Titled

National Security Implications on Sri Lanka's Personal Data Protection Bill

Press Release

Institute of National Security Studies (INSS), the premier think tank on national security established under the Ministry of Defence, organized a Public Lecture titled “National Security Implications titled “Sri Lanka’s Personal Data Protection Bill” on Tuesday, 15th of March 2022, from 1000hrs to 1130hrs (IST) via Zoom. The Guest Speaker of the event was Mr. Jayantha Fernando, General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer of Information Communication Technology Agency (ICTA). The audience comprised of ministry officials policy makers, officers from Sri Lanka Armed Forces, Sri Lanka Police, researchers, representatives from governmental institutions and academia. The moderator of the event was Rear Admiral Dimuthu Gunawardane RWP**, RSP, VSV, USP, nswc, psc, hdmc Director (Communications and Publications) of INSS. The moderator initiated the discussion by providing an overview on the importance of data protection and national security. He reiterated the importance of this timely discussion.

Subsequently, Mr. Jayantha Fernando commenced the lecture by explaining the international as well as domestic laws relating to data security. Then, he spoke on Sri Lanka’s Personal Data Protection Bill and the security implications of it. He spoke on the materiality of data protection, where data process must be done vigilantly. Aftermath of the insightful presentation, the question and answer session begun. Consequently, audience brought interesting questions which were well answered. Concluding remarks were given by the moderator. Mr. Thusitha Bulathgama, Research Assistant, delivered the vote of thanks marking the conclusion of the event.