



Institute of National Security Studies

Public Lecture

“CHILD PROTECTION: AN APEX CHALLENGE TO HUMAN SECURITY”

Press Release

The Institute of National Security Studies (INSS), the premier think tank on national security established under the Ministry of Defence, Sri Lanka organized a Public Lecture on “Child protection: An apex challenge to human security” which was held on Wednesday, 29th June 2022 from 1400 hrs to 1530hrs (IST) via Zoom. The Guest Speaker of the event was Professor Clifford Perera, Senior Lecturer and Medico-Legal Specialist, Department of Forensic Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna. Rear Admiral D. C. Gunawardena RWP**, RSP, VSV, USP, nswc, psc, hdmc, Acting Director General and Director (Communications and Publications), INSS, moderated the event. The audience of the discussion comprised Ministry officials, policymakers, academics, researchers, representatives from Sri Lankan armed forces, Sri Lanka Police and Civil Security Department.

Professor Clifford Perera addressed the broader spectrums of child protection, the current state and threats to the protection of children, and how such threats could be addressed. The importance of securing the child in the present was discussed in detail. Professor Perera elaborated on multi-pronged approaches to securing the rights of children; describing how it affects human security in Sri Lanka. The Question-and-answer session was moderated by Rear Admiral D. C. Gunawardena highlighted the discourse with the involvement of the intellectual audience, generating thought and dialogue on the topic at hand. The interactive discussion further enabled the intellectual audience to bring forth their own views on securing the children of Sri Lanka. The discussion provided valuable strategic and policy suggestions to better improve the protection of children; securing human security for a better Sri Lanka.