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NATIONAL ASTRONOMY MEETING 2008

DATE: 29th November, 2008

VENUE: Auditorium of Sri Lanka Association for Advancement of Science (SLAAS)

TIME: 02:00pm onwards

Nearly 100 students with few professional scientists and astronomers will gather for the first National Astronomy Meeting (NAM 2008), which is hosted and organized by Sri Lanka Astronomical Association, on 29th November at 2:00pm onwards.

The NAM 2008 "International Year of Astronomy 2009 and School based Astronomy" will focus on International Year of Astronomy (IYA) 2009 which is a global celebration of astronomy and its contributions to society and culture, highlighted by the 400th anniversary of the first use of an astronomical telescope by Galileo Galilei. The aim of the Year is to stimulate worldwide interest, especially among young people, in astronomy and science under the central theme "The Universe, Yours to Discover".

The NAM 2008 will brief the Sri Lanka involvement in IYA2009, scheduled programs for 2009, possible program and will discuss school based astronomy.

One of the highlights of the NAM08 is the launch of the "Network of School Astronomical Societies" which is a virtual network where all the school astronomical societies will gather together to enhance the interaction between schools.

The NAM 2008 will follow by lecture from a professional astronomer.

A full and up to date schedule of these and other events can be found on the official website at NAM 2008 <http://aalk.lakdiva.net/NAM08>

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

FURTHER INFORMATION

NAM 2008 - <http://aalk.lakdiva.net/NAM08>

Sri Lanka Astronomical Association - <http://aalk.lakdiva.net/>

International Year of Astronomy2009 - Sri Lanka - <http://aalk.lakdiva.net/iya2009>

International Year of Astronomy2009 - <http://www.astronomy2009.org/>

NOTES FOR EDITORS

The Ceylon Astronomical Association which was founded in June 1959, (later known as Sri Lanka Astronomical Association) and now revived as the Astronomical Association of Lanka (AALK) is a not-for-profit association founded by Sir Arthur C. Clarke and late Herschel Gunawardene.

It is for the purpose of pursuing the study of astronomy and promoting the education of astronomy and related sciences. The revived Association's goals would include usage of internet to carry research on astronomy and related sciences among university students and others.

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