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Date of Birth : 04<sup>th</sup> February 1970

Sex : Female

Marital status : Married

Nationality : Sri Lankan

### ACADEMIC RECORD

#### University education

Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in Agriculture  
Second Class Upper division  
University of Peradeniya - 1996

#### Professional Qualifications

Advance certificate in Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM) 1998  
Chartered Institute of Marketing (UK)

Computer Programming (1991)  
National Youth Centre, Sri Lanka

### EMPLOYMENT RECORD

#### Current Position

- Research Officer  
Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS)  
(Since January 2006 to date)

#### Past Positions

- Research Assistant  
Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS)  
(November 2003 to December 2005)

- Lecturer  
Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture  
(May 2000 to October 2003)
- Assistant lecturer  
Department of Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Agriculture  
University of Peradeniya  
(June 1997 to February 1998)

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### **Research Activities:**

Co-researcher of the project on “An inquiry into Agricultural Land Policies of Sri Lanka” Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo – Core project

Co-researcher of the project on “Poverty and Social Impact Analysis (PSIA) of Sri Lanka Land Policy reforms” - funded by the World Bank

Co-researcher of the project on “Eradicating Poverty in South Asia through the Economic and Political Empowerment of the Poor: Empowerment of the Agrarian Society through Rationalizing Land Ownership and Tenure”- funded by South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS), Bangladesh

### **Main Publications:**

“Land policy in Sri Lanka” Sri Lanka State of the Economy (2004), Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo- Co-author

Marawila, T. D., P. Samaratunga (2005) “Is land Rental Market of Sri Lanka helping the Poor”- proceedings of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Poverty Research in Sri Lanka 2005 - forthcoming

Paul, S., D. Dharmaratna, A. Gunawardana, T. D. Marawila, C. Weerakkody, R. Bandara (2005) "How the current situation of land grants and permits impacts on poor households and how reforms of the LDO could benefit the poor" proceedings of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Poverty Research in Sri Lanka 2005 - forthcoming

Bogahawatta, C., T. D. Marawila, (1998) “Export Demand Elasticities for Sri Lankan Tea” Sri Lankan Journal of Agricultural Sciences, Volume 35-1998

“An inquiry into Agricultural Land Policies of Sri Lanka” – Institute of Policy Studies, Draft - Co-author

### **Other Research/ Publications**

“Phoenix from the Ashes? Economic Policy Challenges and Opportunities for Post-Tsunami Sri Lanka” (2005), Institute of Policy Studies, Research Studies: Working paper No 7

Concept paper on “Developing the Fisheries, Wheat (Flour), Milk and Sugar Industries” for the Ministry of Finance

Policy brief on “Model farming for Fruits and Vegetables” for the Ministry of Advanced Technology and National Enterprise development

### **PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION**

Conducted a seminar on “Major Characteristics of the Rural Land Sector and their Determinants in Sri Lanka” (August 2005) – Institute of Policy studies, Sri Lanka, In house seminar series

Presented a paper on “Is land Rental Market of Sri Lanka helping the Poor” at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual symposium on Poverty Research in Sri Lanka, organized by the Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA), 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005

### **OTHER SKILLS**

#### **Computer Skills**

- Ability to handle Statistical and Econometrics Packages such as Stata, SPSS, SAS, Minitab.
- Knowledge on Ms-Word, Excel, Power Point, Dbase III+

#### **Language Skills**

- Sinhala (Native), English (Fluent)

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Agricultural Economics, Resource and Environmental Economics, Marketing and Price Analysis

**EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Senior Deputy Prefect -Highlands College (1985)

Captain, Netball team - Highlands College (1985)

Member of Forestry Association and Buddhist brotherhood association-  
University of Peradeniya (1993-1997)

**REFEREES**

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