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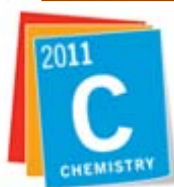
16<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Dear Graduate Chemist,

### Symposium on "Moulding Chemical Education for National Development in Sri Lanka"

You will be glad to hear that the Graduateship program which you pursued with the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon has gone from strength to strength over the past 31 years. With the shift of the program to our own building few years ago, student numbers have increased considerably, attrition rates have decreased and increasing numbers are graduating. While 572 have passed out until last year, a further 85 to 90 are expected to graduate under the new structure as the 27<sup>th</sup> bath. These are indeed tremendous achievements for our professional body of chemist, of which you are an integral part.

In honour of all our students who have so graduated and are excelling in their respective work places/places of higher study etc. whether in Sri Lanka or abroad, the Council on the recommendation of the current President has decided to dedicate the current year 2009/10 to all our Institute Graduate Chemists. While the overall theme for the current year would be "**Beginning of a new era: challenges and opportunities for chemists on national development**" as part as of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Session scheduled from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010, it has been decided to hold full day symposium on the theme "**Moulding Chemical Education for National Development in Sri Lanka**" at which Graduate chemists are invited to participate and encouraged to make presentations on their relative areas of interest. This would therefore be an excellent opportunity to interact amongst yourselves as well as with the wider community of chemists in Sri Lanka.



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Your active participation in this unique event in large numbers is therefore anticipated and would be an appropriate curtain raiser for 2011 which has been designated as the International Year of Chemistry by the UN General Assembly.

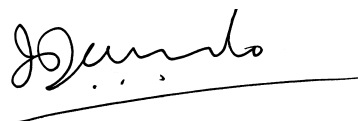
I am therefore writing to invite you to be present and extend your full co-operation for the success of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of your academic parent. While your presence would be our prime objective, we would also welcome whatever contribution you could make in cash or kind in order to defray the cost of the activity. We also hope to have a number of Asian Chemists to be present if the proposed executive committee meeting of the Federation of Asian Chemical Societies is also held in Colombo to synchronize with the Annual Session.

We will therefore be very thankful if you could kindly respond to this preliminary letter by to us no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2009 in order that we can make the necessary arrangements

Thank you very much indeed and we are confident that you will use this opportunity to once again express your solidarity with the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon and its education arm, the College of Chemical Sciences.

All cheques should be drawn in favor of Institute of Chemistry Ceylon and should be crossed. Cash should be deposited to the Bank of Ceylon Rajagiriya Branch A/C 3271080.

Your Sincerely



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