PRESS RELEASE

Computer Literacy Statistics: 2015

Computer literacy of Sri Lanka has risen to 27 percent.

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According to a National Survey conducted by the Department of Census and Statistics, Computer Literacy of Sri Lanka has increased from 16.1 percent in 2006/07 to 27.1 percent in 2015. The urban sector shows the highest computer literacy rate (39.2%) among residential sectors while computer literacy of rural and estate sectors are 25.5 percent and 9.0 percent respectively.

According to the findings of the survey, the computer literacy among male is 29.1 percent which is higher than that of female (25.3 percent). Comparing to all the age groups, the age between 15 – 19 years reported the highest computer literacy rate (58.7%). Among educational levels, the highest computer literacy rate 70.0 percent is reported for the group of G.C.E. (A/L) or above level of education. The survey results further reveal that the computer literacy is very high (69.5%) among those who are literate in English language.

Issuing a news release, Dr. Amara Satharasinghe Director General of the DCS, said that one out of every four households in Sri Lanka is having a computer not only in urban areas but also in rural areas. The availability of computers in Estate area is 4.5 percent. He further revealed that the highest computer availability is reported from the Western province (38.5%) while the lowest availability is reported from Uva province (12.5%). Colombo district shows the highest percentage (28.1%) of population using internet while Badulla district shows the lowest percentage (3.5%). Every 12 out of 100 persons in the age group of 5 – 69 years have used the Internet facility and 9 out of 100 persons have used email facility at least once during the 12 months period of 2015.

Computer Literacy among the employed population in Sri Lanka is 52.0 percent in the year 2015. Computer literacy among unemployed youth is very high. According to the survey results, computer literacy rate of unemployed youths in age groups 20–24 years and 25–29 years are 80.7 and 78.9 percent respectively.

A report giving details of findings of this survey has been published in the DCS website: www.statistics.gov.lk.

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