**National Assessment of Learning Outcomes of the Subjects of Mathematics and English Language in Grade 08 Students in Year 2019**

General Education Modernization (GEM) Project (2018-2024) of the Ministry of Education funded by the World Bank under its sub component ‘system level quality assessment’ is expected to modernize the assessment of learning outcomes of the students incorporating international modules such as PISA.

In this regard the NEREC, University of Colombo has been selected for conducting National assessment of learning outcomes of the subjects Mathematics and English Language in Grade 4 and 8.

The proposed study will be carried out by NEREC in 2019 in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and funded by the World Bank. The sample will be drawn from students completing grade 08 in 2019. The assessment tools would be designed in line with assessments such as PISA and TOEFL Junior.

**Objectives of the study**

1. Assess the extent to which the expected learning outcomes have been achieved by students at national and provincial level.
2. Identify the areas of strengths and weaknesses of student achievement in relation to subject content and related skills
3. Examine whether there are disparities in achievement in relation to school type, medium of instruction, school location, and gender

**Progress of the project**

* Selection of sample - Completed
* Construction of test items - Completed
* Translation of test items - Completed
* Pilot testing - Completed
* Paper marking and data entry is in progress