

**PAPER NOTICE**  
**State Literary Awards Presentation– 2023**  
**Receiving of books published in 2022**

Notice to the writers and the Book Publishers on the State Literary Awards Presentation organized by the Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs and the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Books published in the year 2022 will be reviewed for the presentation of literary awards in 2023 and the State Advisory Council of Literature receives the books that were registered in the Department of National Archives in 2022. This catalogue is available on [www.culturaldept.gov.lk](http://www.culturaldept.gov.lk), and could be examined by visiting the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Cultural Book Store of the Sinhala Dictionary Office, Sir Marcus Fernando Mawatha, Colombo 07 or at the Cultural Division in all the District Secretariats Island wide from 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023. With a view to streamlining the process of reviewing, opportunity is granted to the writers and the publishers from 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to hand over their books directly to the Department of Cultural Affairs, which have not been included in this catalogue or not handed over to the Department of National Archives.

Children’s Books of more than 16 pages or other books of more than 49 pages which were first published during the period of 01<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December of 2022 in Sinhala, Tamil or English languages could be handed. Two (02) printed copies of each book are accepted for reviewing. The books could be sent by registered post or could be handed over along with the dully filled application prepared as per the following format to the Director, Department of Cultural Affairs, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla before 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

For further details please contact: Secretary, State Advisory Council of Literature on  
011- 2872030 or 011- 3657094.

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