

As detailed out in the Strategic Plan of the Election Commission for 2017-2020, in order to create a social discourse on democracy, a short film festival titled " Paura " ( Stories of Democracy ) is organized by the Election Commission in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the Department of Mass Media at the University of Kelaniya, to create awareness among the general public on Sovereignty and Universal Franchise.

#### **The objectives of the short film festival**

- To raise awareness and understanding among the general public on democracy, Sovereignty and Universal Franchise and to create a social discourse,
- To join hands with experts in the fields of Art, young creative cinematographers, professionals, school children as stakeholders of the Election Commission,
- To produce short films on Democracy as a novel and creative concept in creating awareness among the general public,

#### **Conditions of the competition**

1. Short films could be submitted in all three languages,
2. Duration of the short film should not exceed 5 minutes,
3. HD Digital Technology should be used,
4. Quality of the frame HD 16:9 and video on MP4 ( DVD Data Format )
5. Should agree to permit the use of selected short films for future activities of the Election Commission.

#### **Awards and Certificates**

##### Open category

1. First Place -Rs.125,000/=
2. Second Place -Rs.75,000/=
3. Third Place -Rs. 50,000/=

##### School category

1. First Place -Rs. 50,000/=
2. Second Place -Rs. 30,000/=
3. Third Place -Rs. 20,000/=

For all the entries, a certificate will be awarded.

Covering all the schools in the island, arrangements have been made to conduct 22 workshops at district level.

- Create awareness among the school children on democracy, Sovereignty and Universal Franchise  
and
- Share Technical knowhow in the production of short films

### **Time Frame of the Programme**

- The deadline of accepting the short films 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2019.
- Screening of the selected short films, reviewing and analysis by critics and the awarding ceremony of prizes and certificates will be held at the Tharanganee Cinema Hall of the National Film Corporation.