



THREE-DAY TRAINING WORKSHOP ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY SUPPORT FOR PROBATION OFFICERS OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE

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Hector Kobbekaduwa Training Institute Colombo 07



INAUGURATION

The programme was initiated with the **ceremonial inauguration**, featuring the participation of the **Chairman of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board** and the **Director of the Mental Health Unit of the Ministry of Health**.



The Programme



A total of 40 Probation and Child Care Officers from the Western Province participated in the programme, which aimed to strengthen their capacity in substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery support. The initiative was developed by the Preventive Education and Training Division of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board (NDDCB), utilizing the updated version of the Universal Prevention and Treatment Guidelines to ensure alignment with international best practices



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The training was designed with a curriculum based on international standards and included small group presentations, activities, role-play exercises, and larger group presentations using interactive methods. In addition to substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery support initiatives, the programme mainly focused on psychiatric matters, featuring presentations by invited psychiatrists.



The collaborative programme of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board, the Ministry of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs, and the Mental Health Unit of the Ministry of Health is being implemented islandwide this year. The Honourable Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs has provided direct guidance to the programme, under the leadership of the Chairman of the NDDCB and the Director General. Collaborative funding has been provided by the Mental Health Unit of the Ministry of Health.





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