

## **Congratulations to Dr. A.T.P.L Abeykoon**

Congratulations to Dr. A.T.P.L Abeykoon for being awarded the Gold Medal for the "outstanding scholarly contribution to the field of Demography and Population Studies" by the Population Association of Sri Lanka. He was the Secretary General of the first Executive Council of APA. Dr. Abeykoon is an internationally recognized Demographer. He was a Consultant to the Planning Commission of the Government of Bangladesh and to the Population and Family Planning Commission of the Government of Viet Nam. He has also served as a short term consultant to the Population Division of UNESCAP on several occasions. He was a Member of the UNFPA Regional Programme Advisory Group, the Editorial Boards of the Asia-Pacific Population Journal, and the International Journal of MCH and AIDS.

He has more than 90 research publications to his credit which includes the "Handbook on Reproductive Health Indicators" for UN ESCAP, "Population and Manpower Resources of Sri Lanka" for NSF. His most recent publications are "Population Ageing in Thailand" for ICOMP, and "Human Resources of Sri Lanka" for the National Science Foundation.

Since his retirement from the Public Service in 2006, Dr. Abeykoon has been working as a Senior Fellow at the Institute for Health Policy and has collaborated in a number of international projects related to population and health.

