Lanka to enforce environment impact assessment

SRI LANKA will be one of the first members of the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) group, to take steps to enforce environment impact assessment from January 1, 1984. The necessary guidelines would be formulated, this year and the training of officers both in the public and private sectors be carried out, assessment successfully said Mr. K. H. D. Wijedasa, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Local Government at a Press conference held yesterday at the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) Secretariat, at Walde Place, Colombo.

It was further revealed by the first Deputy Director of SACEP's Dr. Leslie Herath that the first Governing Council's meeting, would take place in Colombo at the BMICH, beginning on January 21, 20.

The Prime Minister, Mr. R. Premadasa will inaugurate the ministerial level meeting and deliver the key-note address. Mr. Lalith Athulathmudali, Minister of Trade and Shipping, Mr. Gana Dilshanavady, Minister of Lands, Land Development and Mahaweli Development and Mr. Festus Perera, Minister of Fisheries are expected to address the conference.

Also associated were two high ranking officials from the Pakistan and Bangladesh High Commissions in Colombo.