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Venue for SACEP talks

On the recommendation of Prime Minister R. Premadasa as Minister of Local Government, Housing and Construction, cabinet agreed that the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme established in the eight-member countries, in consultation with the Prime Minister of the Association, hold their next meeting in Colombo from January 27-29, 1983.

The Prime Minister suggested that the Sri Lanka delegation be led by Trade & Shipping Minister L. A. Theegarajah, the Secretary of Trade, National Development, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Construction, and Deputy Minister of Planning, the Deputy Minister of Planning, and the Deputy Minister of Transport.

In addition to the leadership, Sri Lanka delegation will be assisted by representatives of the Ministries of Local Government, Housing & Construction, Lands, & Land Development, Fisheries, State, Mahaweli Development, Agricultural Development & Research, Industries & Scientific Affairs, Power & Energy, Trade & Shipping, Foreign Affairs and Health.

SACLAC workshop at BMICH

Senior officials dealing with environment in eight South Asian countries will today commence a workshop sponsored by the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) in the Committee Room "D" of the BMICH.

The workshop which will be opened by Mr. Y. Y. Kim, Representative of the UNDP, Y. Y. Kim, will discuss in detail the proposed programmes of SACEP during the year and submit proposals for consideration at the first Governing Council meeting of SACEP from January 27th to 30th.

The Governing Council meeting of SACEP, which will be a Ministerial level meeting, will be declared open by the Prime Minister Mr. R. Premadasa at 10 a.m. on January 27th at the BMICH. The countries comprising SACEP, a body attempting to tackle environmental problems in South Asia in a co-operative effort, are India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Iran and Afghanistan.

Lanka to enforce environment impact assessment

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SRI LANKA will be one of the first members of the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP). The SACEP Secretariat at Ward Place, Colombo, has been established.

It was further revealed that, embracing, implicating as it does on every department of life, the ten million inhabitants of the region, the SACEP has an already obvious and pressing need to be put into practice. The SACEP Secretariat was established on January 27th at the BMICH.