

Role of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya in LIS Educational Sector in Sri Lanka

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1. Introduction

The Department of Library and Information Science (DELIS) in the University of Kelaniya was established in 1972 in response to Government policy of the period to introduce job-oriented professional studies programmes in universities, with the aim of combating the ever rising unemployment problem of the graduates in the country. It was also envisaged to conduct Postgraduate courses for librarians, who otherwise had to go to foreign countries to obtain very expensive postgraduate qualifications.

2. Vision of the DELIS.

1. To provide the intellectual and professional foundation to the students for careers in librarianship and information services