

Speech by T.Thavaruban, Chairman NCIT on 26.06.2018 @Jaffna

Good evening to All!

I am very proud to welcome you all to this Unforgettable event happening in this evening. Northern chamber of information technology takes its milestone step in its road map today. I welcome our Chief Guest Prof Rohan Samarajeiva, Chairman of ICTA Srilanka. On behalf of NCIT, I would like to thank him to come here by accepting our Invitation .In this case I should thank to Sachindra to make it possible.

Also I welcome our Special guests who accepted our invitations and present Here Also I welcome other guest, Board members, Members, Industrial partners who present here by accepting our Invitations.

I hope you all know about concept of Chamber.

Northern Chamber of Information Technology (NCIT) is the gateway to the information technology market and industry in North Part of Sri Lanka. NCIT was established in February 2016 in order to utilize the synergy of all the different ICT associations in Northern Province under one roof that is needed to take the ICT industry forward.

NCIT is dedicated to smoothing the ride of its members on Information highway with a passion to be the worldwide IT service provider of choice and committed to provide its members with the best return on investment using an excellent talent pool in multiple business domains and technologies.

My Dream is our region should be changes as potential place for ICT industry to deliver world standard technology enabled product and service local and worldwide. Even few companies delivering such product and service we have more spaces to move on. NCIT concern to stream line the ICT industry here to compete with International market.

From our start in 2016 we are working on these activities. Our Board member Mr.Sivaskaran will deliver details presentation later.

According to our Road map Co working Space was one of our item in to do list. In this situation I got contact of My College junior Mr.Aran who now reside in Canada and had same thought and Idea on Incubation Center. He is Head of Innovation Eco system north east Srilanka which is Canada based NPO. He very much impressed by our NCIT activities. He promised to support for this center. We exchanges so many emails and meetings then finally made agreement to start this center with the budget of about 5 Million Srilanka Rupee. In this project both side had to work hard to comply with both parties Internal Policies .NCIT always concerned on Zero Administration Cost. Finally we made it.

On behalf of NCIT I would like to use this opportunity to thank to Mr.Aran Balasubramaniam and Rochus Fernadopillai and team.

Also I need to Thank our Subcommittee team members who worked and supported me to forward this project .My special thanks always will be for Venugopan Finance director of NCIT. He was my right hand in this project by spending his time even late evening time. However I can't forget Mr.Sharmhik Vice Chairman NCIT. Also He was very helpful in all activities. Also other subcommittee Members Mynthan ,Jeyagobi,Robinson who also spent time for this initiative. I hope Last night Jeyagobi and mynthan who lost their time here. Thank for all

As you all know "Business incubation is a unique and highly flexible combination of business development processes, infrastructure and people designed to nurture new and small businesses by helping them to survive and grow through the difficult and vulnerable early stages of development"

We started this Center also with this vision

Our main Objectives is

- Help young entrepreneurs transform innovative ideas into viable businesses.
- Provide incubation programs that nurture and help grow new businesses by offering expertise, professional guidance, and services – including access to space,

business planning, education and training, and legal advice, among others — throughout the phases of the startup development.

This space is projected to grow in size and will focus on incubating businesses related to Social Innovation, FinTech, Health, IT, etc.

We are seeking for Funding to start our Innovation lab here where space is ready equipments needs to be purchased.

Also we made agreement with building owner for extending this center further in same building. If we get more demand for Co-working space .if we get demand for at least 5000 Rupee per sheet per month for 50 People, we can extend further while we have 20 co working space seats now.

We will give opportunity for Capacity and skill development training to conduct in our center. We will charge a nominal fee for this to cove our running cost. We have Board room facilities to have Business meeting.

Also Our Chamber Office is available for Members and public for their needs. New IT companies and Freelancers, Professionals, Startups can be joined as Member and enjoy the member benefits.

Not only For IT people we are ready to help for other industries, Government sector offices to enable technology in their business .We will give free Consultation on technology empowerment and ICT career guidance for free .

We already work with ICT national bodies and other NPOs specially with ICTA and WUSE, we had several event with the help of ICTA and WUSC .In future we hope more support from ICTA,WUSE to achieve more. We always prefer accountability, transferency and quality.

I would like to thank to you all for this opportunity and patient to deliver my speech

Make this region better.

Thank you .