



# The Economic History Museum of Sri Lanka

The statues of Avalokiteshvara have found in many places around the island. Since the veneration of Avalokiteshvara belongs to Mahayana tradition, a question arises as to why such a large number of his statues found in the island.

The answer to this inevitable question lies in the knowledge that Avalokiteshvara bodhisattva was venerated as the guardian deity of sailors, who protects them at shipwrecks.

Sri Lanka was among most visited destinations of the traders who fared oceans through many centuries, so it was fortified with a vast treasure of wealth, knowledge, culture, traditions and many religious beliefs like veneration of Avalokiteshvara, through these trade links.

Sri Lanka's economy backed by all these strengths was portrayed larger than life, that's why Ptolemy exaggerated the island in his well famous world map.

## "The Economic History Museum of Sri Lanka"

Is our effort to bring the whole story of the Sri Lanka's economy under one roof.

"From Purana to the Rupee", which was declared opened by His Excellency the President of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Mahinada Rajapaksa, on 11th November 2013 at the "Central Point Building", Chatham Street, Colombo 01 is the first phase of the museum and the Central Bank now steps in to the 2nd phase to make it a fully pledged museum on Sri Lanka's Economic history.

So it's now your turn to contribute in this great effort of national interest.

- Do you have a piece of information that you think could add value to this project?
- Do you have artifacts that could be added to the collection of this museum, or do you know the places where such artifacts are? The artifacts may be coins and notes, books, documents, inscriptions, photographs, instruments, trade items, costumes, etc., which are of a historical value.
- Are you a Historian, an Archeologist, an Artist, a Designer or a scholar of related disciplines who would like to make a voluntary contribution to this project?

If it is so, call or write us today. Tell us how you are going to help us.

We highly appreciate the contributions from responsible citizens of motherland, like you, in this great endeavor.

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