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COLOMBO YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION

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All Island English Buddhist Short Drama Competition – 2026

Dear Rev, Sir, Madam,

The All-Island English Buddhist Short Drama Competition, organized by the Colombo YMBA, will be held in October 2026.

02) Accordingly, applications are called from Schools, Dhamma Schools and International Schools island-wide, Sri Lanka.

03) **Terms and Conditions**

a) The Drama to be based on Buddhist Jathaka Katha whilst maintaining its original theme.

b) Stage time of a short drama shall not exceed 30 minutes.

c) All performers should be within the age 06 to 18 years as at 01st October 2026.

04) **The Competition**

a. The Competition consists of two rounds, "Preliminary" and the "Final Round".

b. Out of all dramas staged at the Preliminary round, 10 dramas will be selected for the final round for consideration.

c. Out of those 10 dramas, only the best 04 dramas will be staged at the Grand Finale.

05) The performers at both levels will be adjudicated by a competent panel of experts.

06) **Venue**

a. Preliminary rounds will be held in Colombo/ Other Areas, depending on the number of dramas.

b. The Final Round will be held at the YMBA Main Hall, Colombo.

07) **Timeline**

a. Applications to be forwarded before 22nd July 2026.

b. Preliminary rounds will be held in the months of July, August and September.

c. Final round will be held in the month of October 2026

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08) **Awards and Prizes**

The following are the awards of the competition.

- 1st place - Rs.75,000.00 and Trophy
- 2nd place - Rs.65,000.00 and Trophy
- 3rd place - Rs.60,000.00 and Trophy
- 4th place - Rs.55,000.00
- 5th -10th place - Rs.15,000.00 for each troupe
- Best actor - Rs.5,000.00 and Trophy
- Best actress - Rs.5,000.00 and Trophy
- Best Director/Trainer - Rs.10,000.00
- Rs.5,000.00 will be awarded for students with extra talent whose dramas are not selected for the Grand finale.

09) All application to be certified by the Head of the Institution.

10) **To be sent to**

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11) For further inquires contact
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12) The applications are also available at www.colomboymba.org


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Application for All Island English Buddhist Short Drama Competition

1. Name of the institution:
2. Address:
3. Phone number:
4. Fax:
- E mail:
5. Details of the Coordinator
Name:
Phone number:
Email:
6. Name of the Drama:
7. Name of the Jataka Story Based:
8. Name of the Director:

I hereby certify that the above given information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Date

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Signature of
Head of the Institution