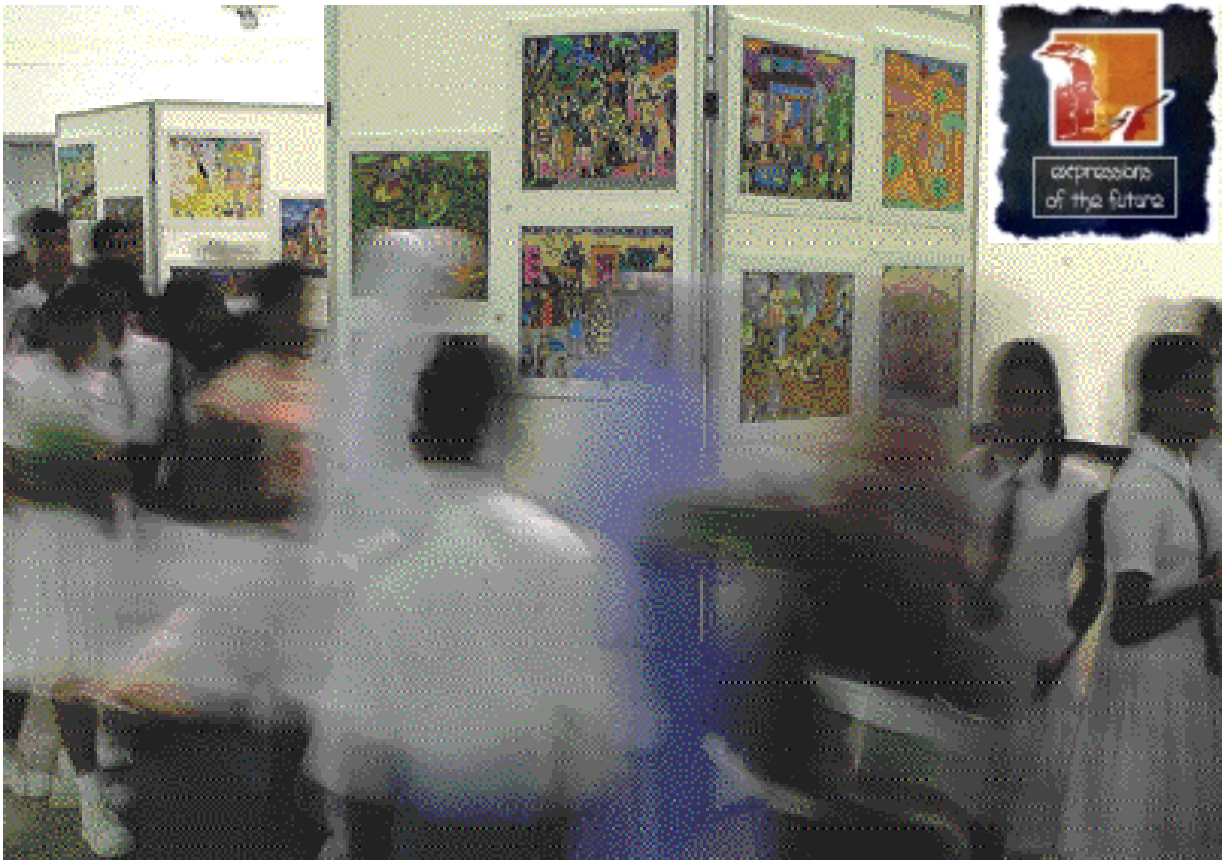


# Rebuilding the nation with a futuristic vision



**COMPETITION:** The National Art and Essay competition conducted by the Ministry of Education was held under the theme "Rebuilding The Nation" at the BMICH last week. Eight outstanding students from all over the country who dreamt of a better Sri Lanka through their writing and artistic skills won prizes at this special event. Students from all over the country participated in this competition drawing in over 8000 entries from 10,000 schools.

The participants comprised children from schools from Hambantota to Jaffna, including small rural villages across the island. Hence, the entries of children with a wide variety of social backgrounds, livelihoods and exposure levels have been entertained in the competition.

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