Academic space for talents

Organized for the first time in history by Higher Education Ministry, 'Kavitha' is a talent show to encourage creative skills among university and higher technical institute students. The talent show is divided into categories such as literature, stage, cinema and music.

According to project director Professor Sunil Ariyaratne, the response has been overwhelming. Fields such as music, dance and announcing have received over 1000 applications. A special programme on Kavitha will be telecast on TV Derana on June 20 at 9.30 pm, and will be telecast every Wednesday afterwards.

The talent show received an overwhelming response from 22 state universities and affiliated institutes, and 17 higher technology institutes. The cash prize for the first place is Rs 100,000, second place Rs 75,000 and third place is Rs 50,000. There will be 54 first place awards. The competitions were held in respective universities.

The final award ceremony will be held in Nelum Pokuna with President Mahinda Rajapaksa as Chief Guest. The programme was initiated by Higher Education Ministry Secretary Dr Sunil Jayantha Nawaratne under Minister S B Disanayaka's instructions. It comes under the purview of Sports and Skills Development Unit of the Ministry.