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EU – SRI LANKA TRADE-RELATED ASSISTANCE
PUBLICATIONS ON QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE LAUNCHED IN COLOMBO

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is co-hosting an event to launch national quality-related publications with the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB), the national metrology institute of Germany. This event will be held on 28 February at Movenpick Hotel in Mont Blanc Hall from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The Head of Delegation of the European Union (EU) to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, His Excellency Ambassador Tung-Lai Margue and many other dignitaries will participate in the event.

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) has been working closely with local national quality infrastructure (NQI) institutions to facilitate the strengthening of compliance and quality infrastructure services. This will lead to enhanced international recognition of Sri Lankan NQI institutions.

These activities take place within the framework of the EU–Sri Lanka Trade-Related Assistance project, funded by the EU.

Publications launched on this day will include results derived from a recently concluded project of the PTB and the EU-Sri Lanka Trade Related Assistance project. This launch will contribute to increasing awareness and quality-consciousness among public and private sectors. At this event, PTB will showcase the Quality Infrastructure Catalogue and UNIDO will launch the NQI Strategy (NQI-S) along with a technical report titled “Mapping of Sri Lanka’s Legal and Institutional Frameworks for Food Safety”.

More specifically, the Quality Infrastructure Catalogue is a directory of key NQI services. The NQI-S is a strategy document that paves the way to achieve international recognition for Sri Lanka’s NQI system through the implementation of a National Quality Policy. The “Mapping of Sri Lanka’s Legal and Institutional Frameworks for Food Safety” will give an overview of Sri Lanka’s legal and institutional frameworks for food safety. This document will also support the formulation of a national food safety policy.