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The School Principal,

Dear Sir/ Madam,

SRI LANKA NATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD (SLNChO) – 2027 and
38th ALL ISLAND INTER SCHOOL CHEMISTRY QUIZ (ISCQ) COMPETITION – 2027

The Institute of Chemistry Ceylon (IChemC) annually conducts the Sri Lanka National Chemistry Olympiad (SLNChO) and the All-Island Inter-School Chemistry Quiz (ISCQ) to promote chemistry education among Advanced Level Science students. Students representing Sri Lanka at the International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) 2027 and the Mendeleev International Chemistry Olympiad 2027 will be selected through SLNChO, while ISCQ, held for the 38th consecutive year, identifies the best-performing school teams.

From this year onwards, a single preliminary examination will be conducted to select students and teams for both competitions.

Each school may nominate up to six students free of charge to participate in both competitions. Eligible nominees must be current Grade 12 or Grade 13 students following the Biology or Physical Science stream. School nominees must complete the attached application form, obtain certification from the Advanced Level Sectional Head and Principal, and submit it *via* post.

Additional students may apply as private candidates for participation in SLNChO. Private applicants must register using the Google Form accessible *via* the QR code provided.

The examination will be conducted in **Sinhala, Tamil,** and **English**, covering mainly the **units 1 to 13 (Except units 6 & 10)** of the G.C.E. Advanced Level Chemistry syllabus and general chemistry.

Applications must be submitted on or before **30th November 2026**. The preliminary examination will be held in January 2027 at designated university test centers. The exact date and venue will be communicated to registered students by email.

We appreciate your school's continued participation and look forward to your cooperation and support this year as well.

For further information, please contact the Teaching Assistant at **(+94) 11 2861653** or **(+94) 11 2861231** or visit our official websites for more details.

Thank you.
Yours sincerely,

Prof Ireshika De Silva
Chairperson
Chemistry Olympiad Sri Lanka Committee

Dr. Chinthaka Ratnaweera
Chairperson/All Island Inter School Chemistry Quiz Committee

1. All-Island Inter-School Chemistry Quiz (ISCQ)

The 15 best-performing school teams will be selected for the second round: one team from each province and six additional teams with the highest scores. The second round will be held at the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon. Winning teams will be recognized at the Institute's Annual Sessions.

Website: Institute of Chemistry Ceylon

2. National Chemistry Olympiad Sri Lanka (NCOSL)

The National Chemistry Olympiad Sri Lanka aims to identify talented chemistry students and select the national teams to represent Sri Lanka at the International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) 2027 and the Mendeleev International Chemistry Olympiad 2027. The top 30-35 students will be selected for the final round of the SLNCO which includes theory and practical sessions. Further training and assessments will be conducted to select the final teams for the international competitions. National-level winners will receive medals, certificates, monetary awards and scholarships for studying for a chemistry degree at the IChemC.

website: http://www.web.ichemc.edu.lk/cosl/

QR code for registration: For Private Candidates only

Google Form link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQ0scQndp5XMEkSoA3BdxlhAEIguo_d5gAaJhPDaZ9WtXymw/viewform?usp=header