

An Appreciation

Prof. C Sivagnanasundram

It was in 1964, at the request of my Professor in the Faculty of Medicine in Colombo, I accepted the post of lecturer – in charge of the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine of the Second Medical School at the University of Ceylon, established in Peradeniya. In 1965, Dr. C. Sivagnanasundram joined me as a lecturer. He obtained the DPH and PhD at the University of London and returned to Sri Lanka, to continue to work in the same Department where he continued until 1978, when he moved to the newly established Faculty of Medicine in the University of Jaffna as the Professor of Community Medicine.

He delivered lectures to undergraduates and postgraduates skillfully and in an innovative style, which was appreciated by the students. He participated enthusiastically in the service functions and research conducted in the newly established field practice area in the Department - the Hinda-gala Community Health Project. In 1972, he played a leading role in the organization and conduct of the first postgraduate course in Community Medicine in Sri Lanka, leading to the Master of Medical Science degree awarded by the University of Peradeniya. The holders of this degree have held high positions in the health administration of this country.

After joining the Faculty of Medicine in the University of Jaffna, his administrative and organizing skills became evident and he was elected the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, in which position he performed his functions in an exemplary manner. In recognition of his varied contributions as a teacher, service provider and as a researcher, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*) by the University of Jaffna.

The World Health Organization – South East Asian Region Office (WHO-SEARO), recognizing his skills in teaching and research sought his services as a Consultant in Health Systems Research on many occasions and he undertook several assignments for WHO-SEARO in India, Bangladesh, Malaysia, North Korea, Zimbabwe and Mongolia.

He has authored a useful and valuable book entitled 'Learning research' the first edition of which was published in 1999 and a revised edition in 2003.

It is often said that 'a friend in need is a friend indeed'. Siva was such a friend. If for some reason, a colleague or I was not able to attend to a pre-arranged teaching activity, he would willingly undertake to do so at short notice. Although he had a rough exterior, he was a simple, kind and a caring man, ready to help anyone in need of his help. Above all, he was a great gentleman. It was my privilege and pleasure to have been associated with him.

He left us on June 4, 2005, having contributed immensely in many spheres during his life. May he achieve the final goal in death – *Moksha*.

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