

Visakha Vidyalaya, Ananda College and St. Benedict's College beat leading schools in the Colombo District to win the Colombo A, B and C regional rounds at the 2018 Business Plan competition organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka).

A total of 15 schools took part in the three regional rounds of the Colombo District which were held in February at the Institute premises.

In the Colombo A regional round, D. S. Senanayake College, Nalanda College, Musaeus College, Visakha Vidyalaya and Devi Balika Vidyalaya competed against each other with Visakha Vidyalaya winning the round, while D.S. Senanayake College was adjudged the first runner up, and Devi Balika Vidyalaya was the second runner up.

In the Colombo B region round, Ananda College, beat St. Bridget's Convent, Lyceum International - Nugegoda, St. Paul's Girls School, Milagiriya and Zahira College, to win the Colombo B regional round. St. Bridget's Convent was adjudged first runner up, while St. Paul's Girls School came in as the second runner up.

In the Colombo C round, St. Benedict's College, Ladies College, Sirimavo Bandaranaike Vidyalaya, Bishop's College. St. Sebastian's College competed against each other, with St. Benedict's College winning the Colombo C round, while St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa, was adjudged first runner and Ladies' College was the second runner up.

Visakha Vidyalaya, Ananda College and St. Benedict's College, qualified for the Business Plan competition grand finale where the winning team at the grand finale will fly to Brisbane, Australia to take part in the Blue Shift Case Competition organised by the QUT Business School of the Queensland University of Technology.

The competition which is organised for the third time is an important platform as it helps encourage GCE Advanced Level students from the commerce stream gain a better understanding on the importance of developing a business plan and thereby helping harness the entrepreneurial skills among future business leaders in the country.

This year, some 50 schools from across the country including from Gampaha, Galle, Kurunegala, Kandy and

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Jaffna districts are competing at the regional levels, to qualify for the grand finale, which will bring together the winners of each regional round.

The strategic partner of this year's competition is QUT Business School, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, while the competition is organised in association with the Sri Lanka and Australia Chamber of Commerce (SLACC).

CAPTIONS:



Winner of the Colombo A regional round, Visakha Vidyalaya with runners up D.S. Senanayake College and Devi Balika Vidyalaya



Winner of the Colombo B region round, Ananda College with runners up St. Bridget's Convent and St. Paul's Girls School

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Winner of the Colombo C regional round, St. Benedict's College with runners up St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa, and