

FOREWORD

The Journal of the National Institute of Plantation Management attempts to conceptualize and discuss the issues relating to the plantation sector which would greatly assist the plantation personnel in improving their knowledge and thus contribute remarkably towards development of the plantation industry.

This issue of the publication incorporates eleven articles of interest to the plantation industry viz, Stock Market picks-up but Focus on Agriculture, Plantations To Benefit From Contract - Growing System, Will The Rubber Prices Decline In The Future?, SI's Tea Industry Needs Market Driven Policies..., Project Issue Management - Identifying and Resolving Issues, Carbon Sequestration and Storage Potential in Coconut Plantations ,Time to Ponder and Re-evaluate Plantation Industry as a and Whole on their sustainability and profitability, Influencing climate change policy in Sri Lanka, Rubberwood Biochar : Production and some agronomic benefits when used in rubber nurseries, Challenges to overcome in meeting increasing global demand for natural rubber and Protect our rubber plantations for long-term sustainable yield and economy under prevailing rubber prices The contributors are leading scientists and technocrats in plantation industry.

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