

## **F-15: A school environment project**

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The Sri Lanka Association for Science and Mathematics Education (SLASME) is committed to the fostering of project work. The objective of this project was to show that it is possible to increase the quantity and quality of environmental project work - scientific, aesthetic and ethical - in schools. The project was initiated in April 1995. Five areas which had field centres were chosen. Each area had its own co-ordinator who helped to choose 5 schools from each area. One teacher and 2 students per school were chosen to represent each school. These were responsible for encouraging project work in their schools and reporting them at monthly meetings held in Colombo and the chosen areas - where discussion, exchange of ideas and advice for the proceeding of the project were made available. Completed work was required to be reported in writing to SLASME. Two meetings of the project were held jointly with the SLASME annual meeting in May 1996 and May 1997, where the work done was presented verbally. Forty six (46) projects were presented in the first year while 52 were presented in the second year. The completed report was published as a single volume by SLASME in July 1997. Eight newsletters were

produced at intervals, during the 2 years of the projects' duration - the 9th been jointly produced along with that of SLASME, detailing the meetings of both.

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