

Postgraduate Institute of English-2012

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Postgraduate Institute of English as at 31 December 2012 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

1.2 Comments on Financial Statements

1.2.1 Non-compliance with Laws, Rules, Regulations and Management Decisions

Approval of the University Grants Commission had not been obtained for the short courses conducted during the year under review in terms of Sections 4 (C) and (E) of the Postgraduate Institute of English Ordinance No. 4 of 2005.

2. Financial Review

2.1 Financial Results

According to the financial statements presented, the working of the Institute during the year under review had resulted in a deficit of Rs.4,508,788 before taking into account the Government Grant, as compared with the corresponding deficit of Rs.1,942,815 for the preceding year. The deficit for the year under review had been converted into a surplus of Rs.2,081,211 after taking into account the Government Grant of Rs.6,590,000 received for recurrent expenditure and the deficit for the preceding year had been converted into a surplus of Rs.1,244,185 after taking into account the Government Grant of Rs.3,187,000 received for recurrent expenditure for that year, thus indicating an increase of Rs.837,026 in the financial results.

3. Operating Review

3.1 Performance

The Institute had conducted a short course on critical literary reading skill during the year under review. However, commencement of the course had been postponed in two times after the course was advertised. The budgeted income from the course was Rs.540,000. However, a sum of Rs.242,800 only had been collected as income from the course during the year under review.

4. Accountability and Good Governance

4.1 Corporate Plan

The Corporate Plan of the Institute for the period from 2009 to 2012 had not been reviewed and updated on timely basis.

4.2 Action Plan

- (a) The Action Plan for the year 2012 did not concur with the Corporate Plan. Activity relating to the Postgraduate Certificate Course in English Medium Instruction was scheduled to be commenced and implemented during the year 2012. However, as per the Institute, it was differed until 2014.
- (b) Activities such as final examination, evaluation and release of results were not conducted within scheduled period.
- (c) The proposal for offering Postgraduate Diploma / Master of Arts Degree in Teaching in English Literature in a second language context had been approved by the Board of Study in March 2012 and the approval of the Council was granted on 21 December 2012 after delay in nine months. However, the course had not been commenced and implemented even up to end of March 2013.

4.3 Internal Audit

Even though the Internal Audit Programme indicated that 60 per cent of the activities of the Institute during the year under review would be examined, only one internal audit query had been issued for the year under review.

4.4 Budgetary Control

The actual income had exceeded 114 per cent of the budgeted income and actual recurrent expenditure had reduced 33 per cent of the budgeted recurrent expenditure. Thus, indicating that the budget had not been made use of as a tool for the financial management control.

4.5 Tabling Annual Reports in Parliament

The annual reports of the Institute for the years 2010 and 2011 had not been tabled in Parliament even up to 31 March 2013.

5. Systems and Controls

Special attention is needed in respect of the following areas of control.

- (a) Conducting of Courses and Releasing of Results.
- (b) Recruitment of Staff.
- (c) Budget.