Harmonious Blend of Civil Military Education and its Contribution to peace, stability and resilience: A KDU Experience

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Sri Lanka's Post Conflict Peace Building

Sri Lanka is the oldest Democracy in Asia, with a Parliament tracing its origins to 1835 and universal franchise sustained from 1931.

Politically seeking to establish measures of permanent peace through multiple policy options

Pursuit of Economic Stability, Political Security and Social Cohesion

Sri Lanka's Post Conflict Society & Peace Education at Tertiary level

Peace education in State Universities infused with conventional delivery out of sync with ground realities

No peace education for policy communities imparted by the state university system.

KDU's unique model as the most successful model of inclusivity, KDU as a model of an achievement where peace education alone has not brought in tangible outcomes.

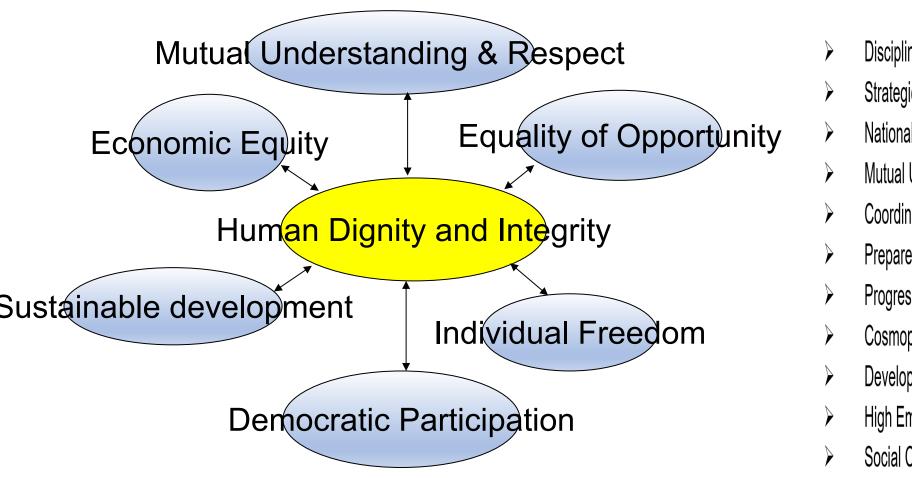
Civil Military Nexus and Core Elements of Transformative Peace

- The KDU experience: transformation of a military academy into a unique hybrid model of education achieving a process of transformation that the Peace building community in Sri Lanka struggled to popularize in Society
- The Philosophy of 'Harmony' instead of integration or assimilation as the fundamental driver.



HARMONIOUS BLEND: REINFORCING HOLISTIC VALUES

STRENGTHS IN CIVIL- MILITARY EDUCATION



- Discipline
- Strategic Foresight
- National Security Orientation
- Mutual Understanding
- Coordination
- Preparedness
- Progressive Competition
- Cosmopolitanism
- **Development Support**
- High Employability
- Social Cohesion

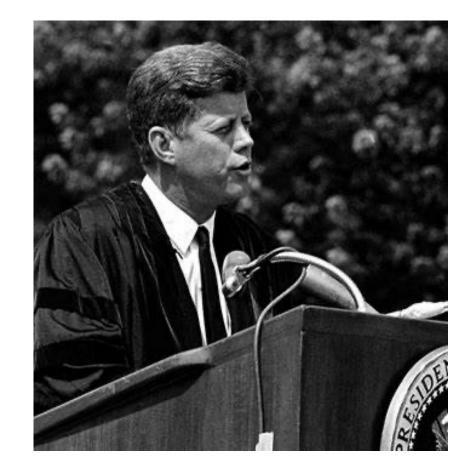
Sustainable Peace

Progress

		2007	2012	2023
Academic & Academic Support Staff	Military	22	180	241
	Civil	13	90	384
Administrative Staff	Military	18	711	1168
	Civil	03	472	783

	2007	2012	2023
Officer Cadets	190	550	930
Day Scholars	-	170	5325
Postgraduate Students	41	177	1544
Faculties	-	06	11
Departments	02	11	35
Degree Programmes	08	10	54
Affiliated Military Institutions	-	04	09

Let us focus instead on a more practical, more attainable peace, based not on a sudden revolution in human nature but on a gradual evolution in human institutions, on a series of concrete actions and effective agreements which are in the interest of all concerned. There is no single, simple key to this peace, no grand or magic formula to be adopted by one or two powers. Genuine peace must be the product of many nations, the sum of many acts. It must be dynamic, not static, changing to meet the challenge of each new generation. For peace is a process, a way of solving problems. (Kennedy 1963)



Thank You

