

The 1st Pack-house built in Sri Lanka by SDF funded project 'Post Harvest Management and Value Addition of Fruits in Production Catchments in SAARC Countries'.



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The very 1st Pack-house (out of five) built in Sri Lanka (Nuwara Eliya) by the SDF Funded project under *Post Harvest Management and Value Addition of Fruits in Production Catchments in SAARC Countries* was ceremonially opened by his Excellency Mr. Duminda Dissanayake, the Honorable Minister of Agriculture (Sri Lanka) on 30th June 2016. Mr. B. Wijerathna/Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture and officers from Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. R.R.A.Wijekoon/Director General of Agriculture and officers from Department of Agriculture, Dr.K.H.Sarananda/ Principle Investigator of the SDF Project and officers from SDF Project, main entrepreneur and farmers from the farmer organization also participated.

Dr.K.H. Sarananda, Principal Investigator of the SDF Project explained the

objectives, outcomes of the project to the Minister and the crowd and steps followed in a pack house in order to maintain quality of the harvest. Minister gave a brief speech and expressed his gratitude to the SDF Staff for addressing “marketing issue” in Sri Lanka. Minister and the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture distributed “crates” purchased under SDF Funded project among registered farmer members of the association. Director General of Agriculture insisted the project staff to complete the rest of Pack -houses & Processing Centres soon.



His Excellency Mr. Duminda Dissanayake, the Honorable Minister of Agriculture inaugurating the 1st Pack-House in Sri-Lanka

