

AGRICULTURE SECTOR IN SRI LANKA

- 1) Sri Lanka is agriculture based country, but agriculture sector contribute 18% for GDP and 30% of employment opportunities provided by the agriculture sector.
- 2) In Sri Lanka 70% of population living rural areas depending on agriculture for their live hoods.
- 3) In Sri Lanka land consumption 25% land are used for agricultural activities consist with, 41.8% paddy, 8% subsidiary crops, 25.2% coconut, 9.2% rubber, 11% tea, 3.8% other export crops, 0.6% sugar, 0.4% tobacco.
- 4) In Sri Lankan agriculture sector mainly focus on principle crops and food items, such as paddy, tea, rubber and livestock.
- 5) The agriculture sector of Sri Lanka must be more competitive and market driven to increase sustainability of the country.