



## **Fukuoka Prize 2008 Academic Prize**

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- 1961 LL.B., University of Ceylon, Peradeniya
- 1963 Smith Mundt Fullbright Scholar, LL.M., Harvard Law School, U.S.A.
- 1963-76 Senior Lecturer, Department / Faculty of Law, University of Ceylon, Peradeniya / Colombo
- 1965 Enrolled as Attorney-at-Law of Supreme Court of Sri Lanka
- 1977-82 Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria
- 1983-90 Foundation Professor of Law and Head, Department of Law, Open University of Sri Lanka (1987-90, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences; 1992-95, Senior Professor of Law)
- 1990- Member, Board of Centre for Women's Research (CENWOR), Colombo
- 1991-92 Senior Research Fellow, UNICEF International Child Development Centre, Florence, Italy
- 1992-2003 Chairperson, Committee on Feminism and International Law, International Law Association, U.K.
- 1994 Visiting Fellow, Human Rights Programme, Harvard Law School, U.S.A.
- 1995-2004 Senior Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo
- 1996-98 Consultant and Advisor on Child Rights, UNICEF South Asia Regional Office, Bangkok
- 1999-2002 Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo  
Member, Expert Committee, UN Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- 2001 D. Litt. Honoris Causa, Open University of Sri Lanka
- 2001-02 Member, Working Group on the Optional Protocol to CEDAW
- 2002 Scholar in Residence, Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center, Italy
- 2003-04 Guest Lecturer, United Nations University, Tokyo, Japan
- 2005 Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Colombo; D. Litt. Honoris Causa, University of Colombo

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