

# NIBM MILESTONES



## 1968 – 1969

The Management Development and Productivity Centre (MDPC) was established on August 16, 1968 as a unit of the Industrial Development Board. MDPC commenced activities with a team of ILO experts as well as local counterparts who could take over the functions of the ILO team at the end of their term.

## 1970-1975

As its activities expanded, MPDC was separated from the Industrial Development Board and formed as an independent organisation under the Ministry of Industries and Scientific Affairs. The MDPC so established, operated with finances made available by the General Treasury. During this period the centre conducted many training programmes and undertook consultancy assignments.

## 1976-1990

The National Institute of Business Management, as it is known today, was established at Wijerama Mawatha on June 1, 1976. The Act which set up NIBM in 1976, together with the amending Act of 1991, clearly spelt out the objectives to be achieved: to provide for and promote Business Management Education and Training, to provide Management Consultancy and Advisory Services and to facilitate improvement of productivity. In 1979 a team of consultants prepared the first Corporate Plan of NIBM.

## 1991

The NIBM Parliamentary Act was amended to develop the Institute as a self-financing, public sector organisation to serve the private business sector at all levels in Management Training and Consultancy together with Productivity Promotion.

During the 90's NIBM pursued the possibility of achieving degree-awarding status through appropriate affiliations with degree awarding institutions. The Institute also engaged in improving its infrastructure facilities by constructing the first air-conditioned lecture room, a laboratory for the microcomputers, etc.

## 1992

NIBM constantly developed and introduced programmes in early 90's in both Management and IT for the benefit of Private and Public Sector Managers and CEOs. A steady growth was seen in the MIS training activities.

## 1993

NIBM launched the Productivity Awareness and Skills Development Programme for school children as well as the National Productivity in a changing environment.

## 1996

Commenced BSc in MIS Degree Programme in collaboration with University College of Dublin. The second regional centre of NIBM was established in Kandy.

## 1998

30th anniversary celebrations held at the BMICH. Inauguration of International Convention in Quality Control Circles (ICQCC '98).

## 1999

First convocation ceremony of NIBM for the conferment of the BSc in MIS from the National University of Ireland held at BMICH.

## 2000

Setting up of Business Management Education Board (BMEB) under the NIBM Act No. 28 of 1991 to advise the Council on all matters relating to Business Management Education.

## 2001

NIBM Alumni Association was established and the NIBM website was launched.

## 2004

NIBM was brought under the purview of the Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational and Technical Training.

## 2009

NIBM was recognised as a Degree Awarding Institute under the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978. The Institute also received ISO 9001:2008 System Certification from SGS.