

ENSURING A PROMISING FUTURE

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How would you describe the journey of last five years?

I would say that NSBM had a very successful journey so far. As promised, NSBM was able to turn a new chapter in the history of Sri Lankan higher education. I can quite confidently say that we stand among the most prestigious local and international universities.

In terms of my area of expertise, which is finance, I would say, at times it was challenging, as the university had to struggle with a significant amount of external debt especially

during the first few years following inception, but by now, we have overcome the most challenging period in terms of managing finances and has gradually been able to reach status of financial stability. Also, it is with great pride that I say I was able to be a part of this successful journey from the very beginning.

What is the secret behind the success as you believe?

NSBM has been able to create a substantial national level impact over a very short span of time. The driving

force behind this success story is definitely our visionary leader Prof. E.A. Weerasinghe and his firm view on how the future of NSBM Green University should be and his ability to drive all organizational members towards the strategic goals. His clear vision on the strategic priorities and direction for the organization has driven the NSBM Green University to achieve greater heights during a very short time. Another salient feature is his ability to maintain the right balance between empowering individuals to make decisions for the betterment of the organization while granting them freedom to



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think, making them accountable and responsible for the decision. His unique leadership style also inspires many young employees joining the organization to take the legacy forward because until today he is not only aware about the strategic aspects of the organization but also, he willingly takes an effort to know all the operational aspects of the organization as well. Thus, the leadership of NSBM Green University has been the key secret behind the success, when the leadership element of the organization is strong, its positive impacts trickle down to lower levels of the organization as well.

How will be the future of NSBM Green University?

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