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Subject : GORDON DRAPER AWARD – 2010

The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances), Government of India, is an institutional member of the Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM), with its headquarters in Toronto, Canada. CAPAM is a non-profit academic association dedicated to strengthening public management and consolidating democracy and good governance throughout the Commonwealth.

2 The Gordon Draper Award launched in the CAPAM Biennial Conference- 2004, in Singapore, acknowledges and honours the legacy of Gordon Draper (1949 - 2004) who was the inaugural President of CAPAM and, from 1997, CAPAM Director of International Development. Gordon Draper led learning events in transformation of government in many nations across the Commonwealth and his contributions to the advancement of Commonwealth governments as well as organisations such as the Commonwealth Secretariat and CAPAM were enormous. He was an educator, change leader, politician, thinker, writer and orator.

3 The Gordon Draper Award is offered jointly by CAPAM and the Commonwealth Secretariat. The Award is offered every two years and the next award will be presented at the CAPAM 2010 Biennial Conference in Malta.

I. Background

Gordon Draper (1949 – 2004) was the inaugural President of CAPAM and, from 1997, CAPAM Director of International Development. Mr. Draper's stellar academic and leadership achievements have impacted significantly on the lives of many public servants and indeed the wider public.

As a former Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Draper was instrumental in advancing Public Administration in his country and regionally. Notable in his achievements were his efforts to modernise the Public Service through the transformation of key public management systems and his contribution to the establishment of the Institute of Business, now the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business, University of West Indies.

As President and Director of International Development for CAPAM, Mr. Draper developed and cultivated a network of likeminded and highly experienced practitioners, who worked tirelessly to share their knowledge and experiences with Public Servants across the Commonwealth. The legacy of Gordon Draper lives on in the mission and programmes of CAPAM today.

In memory of the contributions of the late Gordon Draper, CAPAM, created the Gordon Draper Award in 2004 to recognize and encourage strong leadership and selfless contributions to improving Public Administration in the Commonwealth. The Gordon Draper Award is conferred every 2 years during the CAPAM Biennial Conference.

II. Award Criteria

The Award recognises an individual who, in the estimation your peers, has

- Made significant contributions to the advancement of public administration and management.
- Demonstrated a commitment to excellence and visionary leadership in the achievement of tangible results for the Public Service and the people it serves.
- Effectively shared his/her knowledge, experience and influences at a regional or Commonwealth wide level.

III. Nomination submissions must include the following:

- 1) A brief letter outlining the following:
 - What did the individual achieve and their significance for the advancement of Public Service administration and management?
 - What personal qualities were demonstrated, in the context of the prevailing circumstances, in realizing these results?
 - How broad was the individual's contributions within his/her own country, in the region, and across the Commonwealth?
- 2) A curriculum vitae outlining professional and public service experience
- 3) A list of three professional references with full contact information

4 The last date for receipt of nomination for the 2010 Gordon Draper Award at the CAPAM office in Toronto, Canada is 31 March 2010. The nominations may be sent to CAPAM within the stipulated date directly at e-mail id : awong@capam.org under intimation to us. For any further queries, may please contact Ada Wong, (e-mail id: awong@capam.org) in CAPAM.

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