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Issuing/ Extending Residence Visas for Foreign Students & Foreign Consultants.

This refers to the meeting conducted by the Ministry of Education with the officials of the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Department of Immigration and Emigration and the letter received from Secretary of the Ministry of Education pertaining to the extension of Residence Visas.

At the above meeting the Comptroller General of Department of Immigration and Emigration instructed to inform the relevant applicants to submit an advance copy of the application with the relevant documents directly to the Immigration Department, until the application is processed by the relevant university through the formal system and forwarded to the Department of Immigration and Emigration.

The officials of the Department of Immigration and Emigration further informed that there will be no need to impose fines for late submission of visa applications as there will not be any administrative delays when following the above proposed procedure and the Department of Immigration and Emigration only follows this proposed procedure with effect from 01st January 2023.

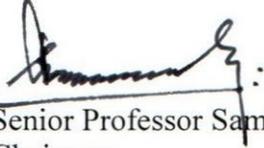
Accordingly, as the Ministry of Education has agreed to implement the above proposed procedure with effect from 01st January 2023, they will not issue any recommendation on releasing the fines imposed on students for late submission of visa applications after 01st January 2023.

The letter issued by the Ministry of Education consisting of the above instructions was already circulated to Higher Educational Institutions/ Institutes as an advance copy via email on 30th December 2022 until an official letter is circulated instructing to adhere to the proposed procedure.

Please take necessary action to inform the relevant staff in your Higher Educational Institutions/ Institutes to adhere to the above instructions with effect from 01st January 2023.

Further note that the visa applications and the relevant documents should be sent to visa@ugc.ac.lk henceforth.

Thank you



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