



### **A BRIEF PROFILE OF PROF N. SHANMUGALINGAM**

Prof. N. Shanmugalingam, Senior Professor in Sociology and Founder Head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka, dedicated his academic career more than three decades in establishing Sociology in the University and disseminating this knowledge to the community as well. He was appointed as Vice Chancellor of the University of Jaffna during a challenging period (2008-2011) and successfully sustained the university system and immensely contributed to the development of higher education with social sensibility and evolved empathic welfare program for the displaced students' community. He has recently retired and been awarded the title, Professor Emeritus.

Prof. Shan's main research interests have been Sociology of Religion, Community Development, Sociology of Education, Culture and Media. He has written extensively on Culture and Social Change and to his credit he published many books. He received national and international awards for his publications. He has participated in numerous national and international conferences and workshops in Sociology and Higher education. In addition, he has been a visiting professor at prestigious Universities of India, Japan, Germany, U.S.A, and England and so on. In this context, his recent contribution as guide to an innovative post graduate study program of Australian University students in collaboration with Malawian student is noteworthy. He has also been invited as a consultant for many of the re-habilitation and re-development programs of UN agencies and other social work organizations.

In addition to his academic excellence, Prof. Shan is well known for his creative innovations in music and visual Anthropology.