

## CURRICULUM VITAE



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She started her career from 1987 in Samanala Wewa Hydro Power Dam Construction under Kumagai, Hazama and Kajima Construction Joint Venture. She joined the Irrigation Department in 1991 and assumed duties at different disciplines as Irrigation Engineer, Divisional Irrigation Engineer, Chief Irrigation Engineer, and Deputy Director of Irrigation and currently as Director of Irrigation since 2012. She worked as the Director of Irrigation (Water Management) during last 3 years.

She is the Deputy Project Director of Climate Resilience Improvement Project to reduce the adverse impact of climate change and to adopt the stock of infrastructure to extreme climate shocks. The project is executed by Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management with the financial assistance of International Development Agency (IDA) - World Bank to increase resilience by financing physical investment to address short term infrastructure weakness due to impact of a disaster. She is a counterpart member of ongoing basin study to improve the understanding of climate risk and develop long-term investment plans to mitigate floods and droughts while enhancing the country's' knowledge base and capacity to reduce the vulnerability of exposed communities and properties. Also she is a member of ongoing Climate Change studies and Irrigation Department representative of ongoing Green Climate Fund Project.

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