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Moragoda wants presidential candidates to consider 5-year ban on university politics

FOUNDER Pathfinder Foundation and former Cabinet Minister Milinda Moragoda called on presidential candidates to consider including a five-year ban on university and campus political activities in their policy platforms.

In all democracies campus political activities are considered an important component of building the next generation of leaders. Unfortunately, the vicious and vitriolic nature of campus politics in Sri Lanka has led to the whole fabric of the higher education system in the country being destroyed. Therefore, a five-year ban on university political activities should be used to reset and change the existing culture within national campuses, Moragoda explained.

This initiative would be complemented by the compulsory military service model that Moragoda proposed to



Minister Milinda Moragoda

presidential candidates some time ago. This program would require all men, in the first instance, upon reaching the age of 18 years, to serve in active duty as full-time servicemen in the Army, Navy, Air force or Police. Compulsory military service would be implemented comprehensively and apply to all Sri Lankans regardless of social position, ethnic origin or religious background.