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BUILDING A RESPONSIBLE MILITARY PROFESSIONAL: IMPACT OF CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION ON MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR MODERN SRI LANKA ARMY

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research was to identify the factors affecting when building a responsible military professional by the Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) in the Sri Lanka Army. It was carried out to prove the correlation between the identified independent variables and the dependent variable 'building a responsible military professional' by testing the hypotheses. Personal background of the soldier, military education, military teaching content, instructors, and overall believe in teaching were the factors considered to test the correlation. This descriptive analytical study was conducted on 120 recruits who were undergoing basic military training. Data were collected by a valid and reliable questionnaire, consisting of two sections: Demographic information and questions on factors considered. Face to face interviews were conducted to add more insight to the study since there was limited literature on the subject in relation to Sri Lankan context. The study revealed that there is a significant positive correlation between independent and dependent variables. The findings of the study indicated that the personal background of the soldier, military education, military teaching content, the influence of the instructors and overall believe in teaching should be strictly considered to build responsible military professionals who can understand social values and help nation building process.

Key Words: Character and Citizenship Education, Responsible Military Professional, Recruit, Instructors, Military training, Sri Lanka Army.