

Notice to all Educators and friends of textiles

Threads on Threads is an event organized by the Threads of History Museum and Lanka Decorative Arts with the support of the European Union. It consists of an exhibition on textiles to be held along with an international conference scheduled on 9 July 2022 at **The Lighthouse Auditorium, 24 Horton Place, Colombo 7**, Saturday 1.00pm to 6.30pm on the 9th of July 2022.

The **Threads on Threads** conference assembles historians, art historians, ethnologists, designers and creators from Europe and South Asia who will debate and discuss the following broad themes, the history of textiles in Sri Lanka; the challenges of preservation; the links and influences amongst different textile traditions in South Asia and beyond; the legacy of that tradition in contemporary craftsmanship; and the challenges of modern entrepreneurship in this field. The EU, Threads of History Museum and Lanka Decorative Arts have organized the conference.

The **Threads on Threads** exhibition is about Somanas and Chintz and their making and their trade. There are 18th to 19th century fabrics that are being displayed. Some are Sri Lanka or Indian origin and others are made in Europe or Britain for the Sri Lankan market. The exhibition covers with text and image panels the trade that originally occurred from India to Europe and Africa. And later when the production of Chintz moved to Europe and Britain the trade then extended to America and to Latin America. Threads of History Museum has organized the exhibition.

The exhibition will be at the **Barefoot Gallery, Galle Road, and Colombo 3, from 9th to 22nd** July 2022. The exhibition is open to all and you can see this anytime the gallery is open. Educators wishing to bring or send a group of their students to the exhibition please contact Deshika Van Haight, email threadsofhistorymuseum@gmail.com for further details.