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**New TV talk show series: A Critical Counterpoint**

Young Asia Television collaborates with the Consortium for Humanitarian Agencies to introduce a new weekly TV talk show series, A CRITICAL COUNTERPOINT, exploring critical aspects of peace building, governance, democracy, human rights and the constitution in Sri Lanka.

A CRITICAL COUNTERPOINT uses an innovative approach to highlight these issues through a combination of documentary footage and studio discussions. Engaging viewers in a focused discussion on relevant subjects, while featuring opposing view points from a diverse range of activists, academics and government/non government representatives, A CRITICAL COUNTERPOINT is designed to improve people's awareness and understanding of these issues and the need for a negotiated political settlement to the conflict.

Some of the topics discussed include 'The Role of NGO's in peace and development', 'Human Rights as a National Issue', 'Self-Determination', 'The impact of conflict on Children', and "Banning the use of Landmines in Sri Lanka".

Produced by Young Asia Television and supported by the Peace and Development Programme of the Consortium for Humanitarian Agencies, A CRITICAL COUNTERPOINT is moderated by Sanjana Hattotuwa and will be broadcast every Sunday at 7.25 pm on TNL, beginning on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October.

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