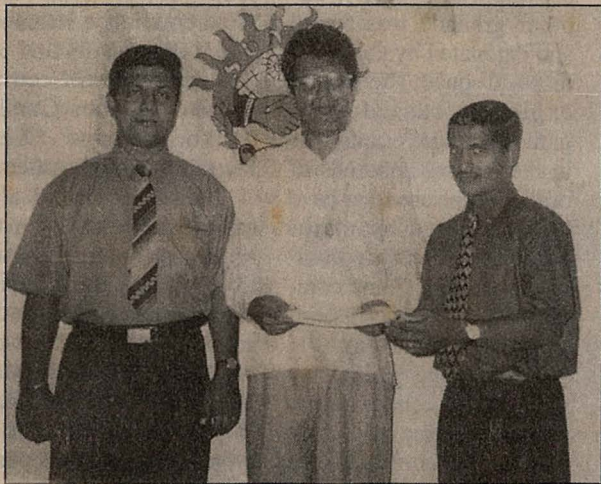


SUNFO at UNEP Asia Pacific Financial confab

The Sri Lanka United Nations Friendship Organisation (SUNFO) participated at the United Nations Environment Program Finance Activities (UNEP F1) conference on "The finance sector in Asia Pacific - The business case for sustainability performance" in Manila, Philippines recently. Leading bankers, insurers, and asset managers from around the Asia Pacific region, as well as governmental, intergovernmental and civil society representatives were among the selected 200 participants.

The Manila conference is one of four regional conferences; Asia Pacific, Latin America, Africa are the other three. "Economies in Transition" planned by the UNEP F1 takes place from April 2001 to April 2002. In addition to the standard



SUNFO nominated its Coordinators Malinda Anura Mendis and Shantha Jayasiri Gunawardena to represent the organisation at this conference. Here Peace Ambassador Dr. Deshapriya S. Wijetunge, Director General; SUNFO handing over air tickets and conference programs to the two participants before they left for the event.

panel discussions, each conference will initiate a process to develop UNEP F1 Sustainability Performance Development Pro-

grams (SPDP) for financial practitioners in the four regions. The Manila conference was the first in the series.