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# NEWS LETTER

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## Office Bearers 2022 / 2023

**Seated:** Sujeewa Athukorala, Kumar Jayasuriya, Ajith Fernando, Ramola Sivasundaram, Anushya Coomaraswamy, Prakash Schaffter, Mahen Dayananda, Tommy Ellawala, Nigel Austin

**Standing:** Suren Madanayake, Parakrama Dissanayake, Ranjith Fernando, Pravir Samarasinghe, Derek Wijeyeratne, Reyaz Mihular, Ajith Tudawe, Vish Govindasamy, Supun Weerasinghe

**Absent:** Kumar Nadesan, Ranjith Pandithage

## Thank you, Kumar!

As Immediate Past Chairman Kumar Jayasuriya steps down, the General Committee and Trustees of the Colombo Club would like to place on record their sincere thanks for his leadership and the invaluable services rendered by him to the Club during his term of office.

There were many challenges faced by the country during this period, initially because of the Covid in 2021, and thereafter the economic uncertainty of 2022. He saw through to completion the refurbishment of the premises, to open the Club to members with its new excellent facilities and fresh ambience on 16th January 2021.

Circumstances prevented any grand celebrations of the Club's 150th anniversary in 2021. To mark this significant milestone, Kumar spearheaded a committee to launch the impressive 150th Anniversary Commemorative Edition - a limited edition Coffee Table Book which has been well received. Also seeing a role for the Colombo Club in the nation's fight against the Covid, he initiated a decision of the General Committee to donate lifesaving equipment to 3 Government hospitals, a gesture that was much appreciated by the recipients.

Immediately after the country opened in 2022, luncheon meetings were quickly recommenced, musical evenings introduced and members successfully encouraged to use the newly refurbished premises with its beautiful space and great ambience. His tenure culminated with the holding of the Annual Dinner after a lapse of 3 years. Over the last two years the Club has also re-launched its website and its newsletter.

He has now passed the baton of leadership to the First Lady Chairperson of the Club.

Well done Immediate Past Chairman Kumar and thank you for a job well done!







The 151<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Colombo Club was held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at the "Oak Room" Cinnamon Grand Hotel.

Ms. Anushya Coomaraswamy was elected as the Chairperson for the year 2022/2023.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> LUNCHEON MEETING



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Members' Day Luncheon Meeting for the year took place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at the Samudra Ballroom. The Guest Speaker was Mr. Saliya Pieris, PC President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka.

### AN EVENING OF MUSIC



On 27<sup>th</sup> October, the Club organized an evening of music with some delightful popular music directed by Nishantha Warnakulasuriya, featuring Mellisa Pereira (Vocals), Tilanka Jayamanne (Flute) and Lydia Goonetilleke Jayamanne (Violin).

### 4<sup>TH</sup> LUNCHEON MEETING



The 4<sup>th</sup> and final Members' Day Luncheon Meeting for the year took place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the Samudra Ballroom. Dr. Asha De Vos - Internationally acclaimed Marine Biologist, addressed the members and guests on 'Protecting Ocean Giants of Sri Lanka'.

### ANNUAL DINNER



Colombo Club's Annual Dinner was held on 13<sup>th</sup> December following the Annual General Meeting. It was well attended by over 300 members and their guests.



**Chairperson**

Miss Anushya Coomaraswamy

**Vice Chairperson**

Mrs. Ramola Sivasundaram

**Honorary Secretary**

Mr. Prakash Schaffter

**Honorary Treasurer**

Mr. Ajith Fernando

**General Committee**

Mr. Kumar Jayasuriya

*Immediate Past Chairman*

Mr. Ranjith Fernando

Mr. Ajith Tudawe

Mr. Kumar Nadesan

Mr. Derek Wijeyeratne

Mr. Ranjith Pandithage

Mr. Vish Govindasamy

Mr. Suren Madanayake

Mr. Pravir Samarasinghe

Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake

Mr. Reyaz Mihular

Mr. Supun Weerasinghe

**Trustees**

Mr. Tommy Ellawala

Mr. Nigel Austin

Mr. Mahen Dayananda

**Club Manager**

Mr. Sujeewa Athukorala

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**Individual Membership**

1. Mr. Arjuna Herath - Senior Partner | Ernst & Young
2. Mr. Sheran Fernando - Founder | Innosolve Lanka (PVT) Ltd.
3. Mr. Dinouk Sirisena - Director Operations | MAS Capital
4. Mr. Rajnikanth Rayabharam - CEO & MD | LIC Lanka
5. Mr. Dinuk Hettiarachchi - Chartered Accountant | RNH House
6. Mr. Sanjeewa Wickramanayake - Chairman | EWIS Group of Companies
7. Mr. Shivaraj Rasanayagam - Chartered Accountant – Retired
8. Mr. Nirmal Ranasinghe - Chairman | Ranfer Group of Companies
9. Mr. Hemantha Prasanna Perera – Managing Director | Fab Foods (PVT) LTD.
10. Miss. Anitra Perera – Managing Director | Alethea Group of schools
11. Mr. Sohan Perera – Managing Director | Packing Asia (Pvt) Ltd.
12. Mr. Sashreeka Mohotti – Head of Pubs & Place-Lion Brewery
13. Mr. Rajiv Nanayakkara – Managing Director | Markss HLC (PVT)LTD
14. Mr. Lalith Ambani – Deputy Chairman | Metrocorp (Pvt)

**Corporate Membership**

1. Mr. Yang Lu, - Director | CHEC Port City Colombo (Pvt.) Ltd.
2. Mr. Yue Li - Director | CHEC Port City Colombo (Pvt.) Ltd.
3. Mr. Infiyaz Ali Mohamed - CEO | Healthguard Pharmacy Ltd
4. Mr. Aruna Shantha Deepthikumara - Group CEO | Sunshine Holdings PLC
5. Mr. Duminda Hulangamuwa - Chartered Accountant | Ernst & Young
6. Mr. Buwanesh Wijesuriya - Chartered Accountant | Ernst & Young
7. Mrs. Gayathri Manatunga - Chartered Accountant | Ernst & Young
8. Mr. Charith Yalagala - Chartered Accountant | Ernst & Young
9. Mr. Nihal Fernando - Chairman | Ind-Expo Certification Limited
10. Mr. Nimal Kuruppumullage - Director/CEO | Ind-Expo Certification Limited
11. Mr. Thishan Karunasena- MD | SMR Consolidated
12. Mr. Dimantha Nanayakkara - Head of Strategic Marketing | SMR Consolidated
13. Mr. Neethirajah Varnan- Senior Merchandising Manager | SMR Consolidated
14. Mr. Jagath Gamini Munasinghe - GM-Operations | SMR Consolidated
15. Mr. Priyanga Gunasekera - MD | V.S Information System (PVT) Ltd.
16. Mr. Prasanna Wijeratna - Director | V.S Information System (PVT) Ltd.
17. Mr. Kithsiri Gunasekera - Director/Share Holder | V.S Information System Pvt Ltd
18. Mr. Chandika Nettasinghe - Director/Share Holder | V.S Information System Ltd.
19. Mr. Joselito Avancena – Managing Director | Nestle Lanka PLC
20. Mrs. Kumudu Dias – Vice President - Finance & Control | Nestle Lanka PLC
21. Ms. Enoca Sirimanne – Vice President - Human Resources | Nestle Lanka PLC
22. Mr. Keerthi Pathiraja - Company Secretary | Nestle Lanka PLC

**Use of Meeting Rooms**

Members are encouraged to use the Meeting Rooms available within the Club and to make prior reservations. Where no food and beverage are ordered during such meetings a minimum charge of Rs.1,500/- will be levied for the use of the meeting room.

**Future Events**

1. We plan to have five Members' Day Luncheon Meetings during the year 2023. We will keep you posted. A Luncheon Meeting with the Ambassador of USA, H.E Ms. Julie Chung is scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.
2. We also anticipate having special events for members over the coming months. Plans for such events will be communicated to you as and when arranged.

**New Reciprocal Club**

We are happy to inform you that we have signed reciprocal arrangement with Gulshan Club Dakha – [gulshanclub.com](http://gulshanclub.com)

\*Please ensure that you obtain an introduction letter from the Club prior to visiting any of the Reciprocal Clubs.

# Facilities at the Premises

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### At the Colombo Club Premises

1. Usage of the Club's Meeting Rooms, Private Dining Room, Lounge and Restaurant for official / casual meetings, presentations, workshops and dining.



2. Facility of hosting social gatherings and private parties up to 30 pax.
3. Enjoy access to a free bottle bank. Members can bank up to five bottles. Corkage is at Rs. 700/- per bottle of hard liquor. Wines are free.
4. Free WIFI
5. Zoom and Microsoft Virtual meeting facilities, Multimedia projector and screen / Televisions
6. Business Centre facilities
7. Live Entertainments on specified nights
8. Special Food Nights
9. Members are entitled for 30 days credit. The signed bills may be charged to Members' Personal Account.

### At the Taj Samudra Hotel

1. Access the food & beverage outlets at the Taj Samudra Hotel (Navratna Indian Restaurant / Yumi Japanese Restaurant / Golden Dragon Chinese Restaurant / Ports of Call Coffee Shop / Pebbles / Lattice etc.) and be entitled to a **10%** discount on all bills charged to your Colombo Club Card.
2. Members will get **5%** discount on the total of all the bills they incur in Taj Banquet Events.

### Other Facilities as a Club Member

1. Opportunity to participate at all Members' Luncheon Meetings and other events organised for members.
2. Access to more than 50 Affiliated Clubs around the world offering Accommodation and / or Restaurant Facilities.

### Spouse Card

Members are reminded that their spouses may also avail themselves of the facilities provided by the Club. Any cost incurred would be charged to the respective Member's Account. Please apply for your Spouse Card to make use of this entitlement.

### Monthly Club Statement

Being aware of our responsibilities to the environment, the Club is endeavouring to reduce its use of paper. Accordingly monthly statements are currently being uploaded to the website.

### Payment Options

The following options are available to members when making payment.

1. Online payment gateway – Payments can be made through the website using the credit / debit card and the automated receipt will be sent accordingly.
2. Fund transfer / Bank deposit – The club bank account details are mentioned in the statement and members can transfer directly to the club account.

***When making a fund transfer please mention your name and membership number under Beneficiary's Narration and advise the Club accordingly.***

If depositing funds, we request you to kindly forward the slips to the club office and obtain a receipt

3. Members can also pay directly to the club office and obtain a receipt (cash, card and cheque payments are accepted).
4. Cheques can be also sent to the Club Manager through registered post.

### Membership Cards

Members are required to carry their membership cards at all times when visiting the Club. They should produce the card when asked to at the time of signing bills. The card may also be shown at the entry point of the parking area, if required.

**Members' comments, suggestions and criticisms are welcome towards making this truly a club newsletter.**

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