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MISS ANUSHYA COOMARASWAMY – CHAIRMAN 2022 / 2023



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Our new Chairman, Miss Anushya Coomaraswamy created history when she was elected as the first woman Chairman of the prestigious Colombo Club. This was after having 150 years of men holding this top position. She was one of the early women to be admitted a member, back in 1997. Since then, she has served on the General Committee with great enthusiasm and dedication for many years. First as a member, then as Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Vice Chairman before she became Chairman.

She is a fully qualified Chartered and Management Accountant with a vast amount of experience in finance and administration. She was the first woman to be appointed to the Board and then as Group Finance Director of John Keells Holdings.

In accepting the position, Miss Anushya Coomaraswamy said that “In a world where women are still to be fully recognized and given their rightful place, the Colombo Club has been progressive and that must be acknowledged, appreciated and commended. And for me personally I thank you for your confidence”.

CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBER MR. SIVAKUMAR NADESAN RECEIVES THE 2023 PRAVASI BHARATIYA SAMMAN AWARD

Mr. Sivakumar Nadesan, the Managing Director of the Express Newspapers, publishers of Virakesari, member of the Colombo Club, Chairman of the Sri Lanka Press Institute and the Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka received the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award from Her Excellency Droupadi Murmu, the President of India at the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023 Valedictory Session held on January 10 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

Mr. Nadesan, is the only Sri Lankan among 27 others selected globally to receive the coveted Award.



He is also a Member of Newspaper Society of Sri Lanka and is the President of the Global Organization of People of Indian origin (Sri Lanka) and has been a recipient of the “Service above Self” award from Rotary International for Community work.

A Jury-cum-Awards Committee, with Hon’ble Jagdeep Dhankhar, Vice-President of India as the Chairman and Hon’ble Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister as the Vice-Chair and other distinguished persons from various walks of life as members’ considered the nominations for the awards and unanimously selected the awardees for conferment.

CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBER DR. PARAKRAMA DISSANAYAKE CONFERRED WITH LIFETIME “CHARTERED SHIPBROKERS UK” MEDAL



The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers which was founded in London in the year 1911 and with a Royal Charter awarded in 1920, has conferred its Lifetime Chartered Shipbroker's Medal to Aitken Spence Deputy Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake.

Dr. Dissanayake pioneered Commercial Maritime Education in Sri Lanka through the Institution's branch in Sri Lanka as Founder/Secretary/Chairman. He was appointed as the first non-British International President of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (UK).

Dr. Dissanayake has authored and presented numerous articles on Maritime and Logistics. He was the first-ever industry professional to be appointed as the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and for two stints.

He has held several other positions as the Secretary to the Cabinet Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Chairman of Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Sri Lanka, Chairman of Advisory Council to the Sri Lanka Transport Board, Board Director of the Ceylon Shipping Corporation and Chairman/CEO of Aitken Spence Maritime and Logistics, the first Sri Lankan Company to venture into Port Efficiency Management and launch two Public Private Partnerships on Ports outside Sri Lanka.

He is a Professor in Maritime Studies (visiting) at Shanghai Maritime University, Dalian Maritime University and Co-Chairman of CINEC Maritime Campus. He has also served on the UN/UNCTAD Panel as a Shipping Expert and is a Member of the International Association of Maritime Economist and Member of Colombo Club.

1ST LUNCHEON MEETING



The 1st Members' Day Luncheon Meeting for the year took place on Tuesday 31st January at the Samudra Ballroom. H.E. Ms. Julie J. Chung – US Ambassador to Sri Lanka, addressed the members and guests on 'US – Sri Lanka: 75 Years of People, Progress and Partnership'.

1ST FIRESIDE CHAT



On 7th March, the Club organized a Fireside Chat with Professor Shehan Williams of the Lanka Alzheimer's foundation along with the panellists Ms. Lakmali Cabral and Ms. Beverley Mirando on 'When is memory loss a concern?'.

2ND LUNCHEON MEETING



The 2nd Members' Day Luncheon Meeting for the year took place on Tuesday 28th March at the Samudra Ballroom. The Guest Speaker Mr. Suresh Shah - Director General, SOE Restructuring Unit addressed the members and guests on 'State Owned Enterprise Reforms'.

Office Bearers 2022 / 2023

DONATION TO LADY RIDGWAY CHILDREN HOSPITAL

Chairman

Miss Anushya Coomaraswamy

Vice Chairman

Mrs. Ramola Sivasundaram

Honorary Secretary

Mr. Prakash Schaffter

Honorary Treasurer

Mr. Ajith Fernando

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Mr. Kumar Jayasuriya

Immediate Past Chairman

Mr. Ranjith Fernando

Mr. Ajith Tudawe

Mr. Kumar Nadesan

Mr. Derek Wijeyeratne

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Mr. Pravir Samarasinghe

Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake

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On 30th March, the Colombo Club donated consumables worth over Rs. 1 million to Cardiac ICU at the Lady Ridgway Children Hospital. Mr. Roshan Mahanama who coordinated the donation graced the occasion.

The Club's contribution was of essential consumables required to analyze blood samples critical for diagnosis.

MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH

Individual Membership

1. Mr. Amrit Merrill Joseph Fernando | Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company PLC
2. Mr. Shamindra Vatsalan Rajiyah - Managing Director | Renuka Group
3. Mr. Rajiv Dharmendra - CEO | MAS Intimates (Pvt.) Ltd.
4. Dr. S. Muthukumarasamy Annamalai - Owner | Jananam Indo Lanka Fertility Centre
5. Mr. Jegan Durairatnam - Chairman | DFCC Bank
6. Mr. Anushman Rajaratnam - Director | Lankem PLC
7. Mr. Aruna Fernando - Managing Director | Micronet Global Services (PVT)LTD
8. Mr. N. D. K. Ramshankar - MD | Lankaspin (Pvt.) Ltd.
9. Mr. S. Rajmohan – MD | The Colombo Forage Stores (Pvt.) Ltd.
10. Mr. Anushka Wijesinha – Director | Centre for a Smart Future
11. Prof. Jayantha Balawardane – Prof. in Oncology | SJKD University

Corporate Membership

1. Mr. Nishan Duminda Mendis Wickramaratna - Director | Finlays Colombo Limited
2. Mr. Janaka Gunasekera - Deputy MD | A Baur & Co. (Pvt.) Ltd.
3. Mr. Nishantha Weerasinghe - Director | Healthcare– A Baur & Co. (Pvt.) Ltd.
4. Mrs. Anoja Basnayake - Director IT| A Baur & Co. (Pvt.) Ltd.
5. Mrs. Pavithra Samarasinghe - Director | Finance & Compliance – A Baur & Co. Pvt. Ltd.
6. Mr. Ravindra Kumar Jha - Country Head | State Bank of India
7. Mr. Stan Li - General Manager | CHEC Port City Colombo (Pvt.) Ltd.
8. Mrs. Ashika Galappatthy - Regulatory Affairs Manager | Ceylon Tobacco Company
9. Mrs. Imanthi Perera | Regulatory Affairs Manager | Ceylon Tobacco Company
10. Mrs. Kumudika Fernando | Group Managing Director | Maliban Biscuit Manufactories (Pvt.) Ltd.
11. Mr. Ravi Jayawardena - Group Chief Executive Officer | Maliban Biscuit Manufactories (Pvt.) Ltd.

MEETING ROOM CANCELLATIONS

Please be informed that with effect from 01st May 2023 where any meeting room booking is cancelled within 24 hours of the scheduled time, the minimum meeting room charge per hour based on the number of hours that the booking is made for will be debited to the member concerned.

The mandatory "Minimum Charge" per hour, Rs. 1,500/- for the usage of meeting rooms will be set off against any food and beverage bills incurred. Any shortfall will be charged to the members' account.

Future Events

1. We plan to have Members' Day Luncheon Meetings during the month of May. We will keep you posted.
2. A Fireside Chat is scheduled to be held on 18th May 2023.
3. We are planning to conduct a musical event in the month of June.
4. 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.

Facilities at the Premises

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.

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

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CODE OF CONDUCT

- I. Members and their guests are expected to, at all times, behave with decorum and in a manner that maintains the peace of the Club – whether it be in the Meeting Rooms or the open areas.

We do after all identify ourselves as a leading Gentlemen's and Ladies' club with a proud history and heritage

- II. Members and their guests are requested to enjoy their time at the club but always ensuring that they do not interfere with or disturb the space of others who may be present at the time, whether it be in meeting rooms or in the bar/restaurant/ lounge areas, whether by way of noise or other activity.

While we all do have a right to enjoy ourselves, it should not be to the detriment of the rights of others.

- III. Smoking is not permitted in the entirety of the Club's premises. Any member wishing to smoke is requested to go down to the garden outside the Club's premises. *You may feel that this is a deprivation of your rights; but we do believe we need to consider the rights of others to a clean and unpolluted space.*

- IV. Children of Members aged 12 years and over will be allowed access to the private meeting rooms and the restaurant. However, they will not be allowed in the bar and lounge areas. Please do note that they must at all times be accompanied by the Member. Children under the age of 12 are not allowed into the Club.

The Club is conscious of its social responsibilities. The laws of the country discourage children from being exposed to alcohol, even in the company of their parents.

- V. The rules and etiquette of the Club provides for a Dress Code of Smart Casual.

Gentlemen:

- Collarless T-shirts are not allowed
- Shorts are not permitted at any time
- Formal National dress is permitted.
- Gentlemen must wear shoes. Sandals are permitted only with National Dress.
- Casual footwear such as flip flops, trainers etc. are not permitted.

Ladies:

- T-shirts and shorts are not allowed at any time
- Casual footwear such as flip flops, trainers etc. are not permitted.

The Club looks to provide an ambience to its members. It would be nice if the Members and the guests did the same!

- VI. Where Members have invited guests, Members please ensure that you are present till all your guests have left. You are after all liable for all bills incurred.

After all this is your Club, your hospitality and your responsibility.