



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024

**Please note that as already informed,
the 36th Annual General Meeting
will be held on Saturday the 18th of May 2024 at 9.00 am
at Hotel Janaki, No. 43, Fife Road, Colombo 05.**

Dharmasoka College Past Pupils' Association- Colombo Branch.

It is with great pleasure that the Executive Committee presents a review of the activities of the DCPPA - Colombo Branch during the year 2023/2024.

Committee Meetings Held During the Tenure of the Executive Committee.

Twelve Committee meetings were held at various venues sponsored by the Ex-Co members while accommodating the virtual connectivity too for those who were overseas.

Meeting	Date	Venue / Host
1	15/06/2023	The Institution of Engineers of Sri Lanka, No. 120/15, Wijerama Mw, Colombo 07 Venue was sponsored by Eng. R B M Gunawardana while refreshments was sponsored by the President - AVM Thilan De Silva (Retd)
2	13/07/2023	The Institution of Taxation, 484, Havelock Road, Colombo 06. Refreshments was sponsored by the President - AVM Thilan De Silva (Retd)
3	10/08/2023	The Yamato Japanese Restaurant, 63/2, Ward Place, Colombo 07. Venue and refreshments were sponsored by Mr. Shammi Uyanage.
4	07/09/2023	Mercantile Cricket Association, No. 114, Wijerama Mw, Colombo 07. Venue and refreshments were sponsored by Mr. Wasantha Kumara.
5	07/10/2023	Residence of Eng. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi, 46/39, Dambugahawatta Mw, Kalalgoda Road, Pannipitiya Refreshments, Fellowship, and the Dinner were sponsored by Eng. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi.
6	09/11/2023	Mercantile Cricket Association, No. 114, Wijerama Mw, Colombo 07. Venue and refreshments were sponsored by Mr. Hematha De Silva & his wife Mrs. D M G Shyamalatha
7	07/12/2023	Mercantile Cricket Association, No. 114, Wijerama Mw, Colombo 07. Venue and refreshments were sponsored by Dr. Neela Gunasekara , Mrs. Sajeewa Priyadharshani & Mrs. Dharsi Guruge.
8	11/01/2024	Residence of Dr. P Warusawithana, No. 11, De Silva Road, Kalubowila. Refreshments, Fellowship, and the Dinner were sponsored by Dr. P. Warusawithana
9	08/02/2024	Mercantile Cricket Association, No. 114, Wijerama Mw, Colombo 07. Venue & Refreshments were sponsored by Mr. Janaka Kumudu & Dr. Chandana Ramyasiri.
10	16/03/2024	BRC Board Room , No. 149, Havelock Road, Colombo 05. Refreshments was sponsored by the President - AVM Thilan De Silva (Retd)
11	25/04/2024	Mercantile Cricket Association, No. 114, Wijerama Mw, Colombo 07. Venue & Refreshments were sponsored by Mr. Iman Perera & Mr. Chandana Guniyangoda.
12	09/05/2024	

Activities planned at the beginning of the tenure.

Ex-Co appointed following sub-committees time to time to conduct activities efficiently.

#	Sub-Committee	Chairperson
1	Dharma Sermon	AVM Dilshan Wasage (Retd) / Mrs. Kumari Wickramaratne
2	Thomas De Silva Oration	AVM Dilshan Wasage (Retd) / Mr. Jagath De Silva
3	Fund Raiser	Mr. Iman Perera
4	Annual Trip	Eng. Palitha Hendaheewa
5	Digital Media & Communication	Mr. Kelum Jayasooriya
6	Sports Activities	AVM Dilshan Wasage (Retd)
7	Felicitatation Ceremony for Newly Appointed SG of Parliament – Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera	Mr. Kelum Jayasooriya
8	Physical Infrastructure	Eng. R B M Gunawardana
9	Membership Drive	Eng. R B M Gunawardana
10	36 th AGM	Eng. Palitha Hendaheewa

Dharma Sermon

30 participants were participated for the Dharma Sermon which was proposed by Mrs. Kumari Wickramarathne at the 35th AGM. Mrs. Kumari Wickramarathne made arrangements to record the Dharma Sermon preached by Ven. Thallalle Chandakiththi at "The Buddhist TV" on 24th July 2023.

Thomas De Silva Oration

The DCPPA CMB Branch is delighted to announce the success of the "Thomas De Silva Oration" which was proposed by Mr. Jagath De Silva at the 35th AGM , held at the school auditorium on 29th February, 2024. Approximately 750 to 800 attendees, including Advanced Level students, teachers, past teachers, past pupils, and special invitees, participated to the event.

The keynote speech, titled "Embracing Humility - A Key to Effectiveness and Fulfillment," was delivered by distinguished past pupil Eng. Roshan Egodage, CEO of Commercial Credit PLC. Roshan eloquently presented the oration, receiving high praise from the engaged audience. The event's proceedings were skillfully compered by three talented students.

A highlight of the occasion was the impactful video presentation on Thomas De Silva, the school's founder, and the Dharmasoka journey. Directed and scripted by Mr. Jagath De Silva, the video provided valuable insights and was well-received by the audience.

The entire event's photography coverage was skillfully undertaken by a dedicated team of students, adding an extra layer of student involvement and creativity to the memorable occasion.

Fund Raiser

“Sing-alone” was organized as the fund raising activity of the Association after several years of silence. It was held on 24th February 2024 at the Grand Ball Room, Grand Monarch, Thalawathugoda.

Organizers managed to get help of sponsors & well wishers to have the event in a grand scale. Event has been ended up with Rs. 1,334,000/= excess income against expenses.

Annual Trip .

One of the best Annual Trips in recent past was concluded as a 3 day / 2 nights trip on 5th November 2023. Destination of the Annual trip was Haputale & Ella and Samanalawewa Power Station was visited on the way to Haputale.

Digital Media & Communication

Introduced new features to the website – dcppa.org. Started uploading events and information related to the school & the Association, promptly. Enrolment of new members via the web portal also started.

Sports Activities

15 Foot balls which were funded by Ex-Co members in their personnel capacity, were donated to the School on 19th December 2023.

4 students, namely L K G L Peiris, K G D D Chandrasena, K L Sethumadi & M H N De Zoysa who participated “Asian Youth Table Championships 2023” held in Qatar during 16th July to 24th July, 2023 ; were given Rs. 10,000/= each (Rs. 40,000/= in total) to cover their expenses.

Felicitation Ceremony for Newly Appointed SG of Parliament – Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera

First ever Sokian who was appointed as the Secretary General of Parliament – Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera was felicitated at “Elevate by Jetwing” on 19th August 2023. The event was conducted successfully with a full house.

Physical Infrastructure

Sub-committee visited the school on 19th December 2023 & had a discussion with Principal for the requirement of infrastructure . Accordingly, the following proposals were considered and inspected locations proposed by the Principal.

- i. Construction of a Smart Classroom
- ii. Installation of a Solar Panel System
- iii. Converting two classrooms to a mini auditorium
(This space is currently used as it is for a mini auditorium)
- iv. Converting a classroom to an “English Activity Room”

Evaluating of projects and way of finding funds at the discussion table.

Membership Drive

Following new members were enrolled during the period under review.

	Member	Introduced by
1	Miss Hansi Anjana	Mr. Iman Perera
2	Mr. D Udara Sarachchandra	-do-
3	Mr. J A Prabath	Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana
4	Mr. Pramitha Chaturanga	-do-
5	Mr. M Saman Kumara	Mr. Chandra Kumara LokuLiyana
6	Mr. D R Siriwardana	-do-
7	Mr. K P C Lelarithne	-do-
8	Mr. R N Mallawaarchchi	AVM Thilan De Silva (Retd)
9	Mr. D P P De Vas Gunasekara	-do-
10	Mr. M W T N Gunasekara	Scholarship awardee
11	Miss. J I Dinushika	-do-
12	Miss W T Shashini Uthpala	-do-
13	Miss D H Anne T Gunawardana	-do-
14	Miss K I T Chathrika	-do-
15	Mr. Gethmin Binduhewa	-do-
16	Miss Tasheen Darshika De Silva	-do-

17	Miss Dehan Dedunu Chaturanga	-do-
18	Mr. P A P Wickramaratne	At the AGM
19	Mr. M C De Silva	Mr. Dananjaya De Silva
20	Dr. Damitha Piyadigama	-do-
21	Mr. K A R Silva	Mr. Chandra Kumara Lokuliyana
22	Mrs. M R S Jayasooriya	-do-
23	Dr. S N Egodage	Mr. Anura Prasanna Egodage
24	Mr. D N Egodage	-do-
25	Ms. Helani De Silva	On line
26	Mrs. N A Egodage	Mr. Chandra Kumara Lokuliyana
27	Mr. K S J De Abrew	-do-
28	Miss M W T T Sugathapala	Mrs. Reka Mallawaarchchi
29	Ms Bagya Nilanthi Fernando	On line
30	Miss Kashuni Umesha H Liyange	-do-
31	Ms Nayana De Silva	-do-
32	Mr. M K Lal Chaminda	-do-
33	Dr Aroscha Ulluwishewage	-do-
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Dharmasoka College Past Pupils' Association – Colombo Branch Trust

The Trust formulated in 1996 with the prime objective of promoting the advancement of education of students of Dharmasoka College, by providing scholarships to needy students entering any State University in Sri Lanka. The Trust has been developed based on voluntary donations offered by our past pupils and well-wishers and has so far awarded over 500 scholarships.

The present scholarship grant is Rs.60,000/- in total for three years and disbursements were made through funds derived from Bank interest accrued on the “*Special Fund*”, kept as Fixed Deposits in banks consists of donations by several benefactors. In addition to this arrangement, individual one-time donations too were received to the value of a scholarship (Rs. 60,000/=) for a period of three years.

Trust greatly appreciates Mr. G.L. De Silva’s family for establishing G L De Silva Memorial Special Fund to present a gold sovereign engraved with the college crest for the Academic Performer of the year. Mrs. Kawshalya De Silva daughter of late Mr. R G L De Silva, donated Rs. 1.3 million to the Scholarship Fund. It will be used to give 2 scholarships annually for a female student & male student.

The Special Fund as at 31st March 2024 is Rs and the General Fund is Rs.

Acknowledgements

The Executive Committee sincerely appreciate all members and well-wishers for their financial assistance, numerous support and contributions extended to the Association during the year under review.

We are also thankful to the members of the Executive Committee who hosted monthly and subcommittee meetings.

Finally, we take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to the new Executive Committee and wish them every success in all its future endeavors.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee of DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION – COLOMBO BRANCH.

Sgd. AVM Thilan De Silva (Retd)
President

Sgd. Udaya N Sirisena
Secretary

22nd April 2024.