



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2024/2025

Dharmasoka College Past Pupils' Association- Colombo Branch

The Colombo Branch of the Past Pupils' Association of Dharmasoka College is a voluntary benevolent association of the past pupils of Dharmasoka College, Ambalangoda. The inaugural meeting of the Association was held in the auditorium of Ananda College Colombo on 5th July 1986. Dr. K. T. Kulasiri De Silva was the founder president of the Association. Membership of the Association is open to all past pupils of Dharmasoka College living in Colombo area and the current membership is well over 600.

OBJECTIVES

The prime objectives of the Association is to help and assist in the development of the Alma Mater, foster fellowship and brotherhood amongst all old Sokians, and to uphold and promote diligence in servicemanship, generosity and charitability.

It is with great pleasure that the Executive Committee presents a review of the activities of the DCPPA - Colombo Branch during the year 2024/2025.

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. All the Executive committee meetings were fully sponsored by committee members and multimedia facilities were provided by Hon. Secretary. For committee meetings association had no cost for the entire year. All executive committee meeting were followed up with a sponsored fellowship enhancing the bond among committee members.

| Meeting | Date | Venue / Host |
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| 1 | 06/06/2024 | The function room, Club House, Havelock City, Colombo 05 Venue, refreshments and fellowship dinner was sponsored by Eng. Sudath De Silva |
| 2 | 13/07/2024 | Residence of Mr Dhammika Kodikara, Peiris Weda Mawatha, Kaluwadumulla, Ambalangoda Venue, refreshments and fellowship lunch was sponsored by Mr Dhammika Kodikara, Mrs Rekha Malliwarachchi, Mr Nipul Gunasekara and Mr Prasanna Egodage |
| 3 | 15/08/2024 | Sri Lanka Port Authority Club House, No 95, Elie House Road, Modara, Colombo 15 Venue, refreshments and fellowship dinner was sponsored by AVM (Retd) Dilshan Wasage |
| 4 | 05/09/2024 | Red wood lounge, BRC, 149, Havelock road, Colombo 05 Venue, refreshments and fellowship dinner was sponsored by AVM (Retd) Thilan De Silva |
| 5 | 10/10/2024 | Teppanyaki Room, Monarch Imperial, Thalawathugoda Venue, refreshments and fellowship dinner was sponsored by Mr Dewmith Kaggodarachchi, Mr Kelum Jayasuriya and Mr Chandana Guniyangoda |

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| 6 | 08/11/2024 | Mercantile Cricket Association, No. 114, Wijerama Mw, Colombo 07. Venue, refreshments and fellowship dinner was sponsored by Mr Hemantha De Silva and Mrs Shyama De Silva |
| 7 | 07/12/2023 | Nippon Hotel, 123, Kumaran Rathnam Road, Colombo 02 Venue, refreshments and committee members get together was sponsored by Mr Wasantha Kumara |
| 8 | 09/01/2024 | The Eighty Club, 25, Independence avenue, Colombo 07 Venue, refreshments and fellowship dinner was sponsored by Eng Pubudu De Zoysa and Mrs Kushani Rohanadheera |
| 9 | 06/02/2024 | BRC sport club, Havelock Road, Colombo 05 Venue, refreshments and fellowship dinner was sponsored by Mr Saman Warusawithana |
| 10 | 08/03/2024 | Eng Lal Premanath's residence, No 21/3, PB Alwis Perera Mawatha, Katubedda, Moratuwa Venue, refreshments and fellowship dinner was sponsored by Eng Lal Premanath |
| 11 | 10/04/2024 | Mercantile Cricket Association, No. 114, Wijerama Mw, Colombo 07. Venue, refreshments and fellowship dinner was sponsored by Brig (Retd) Dr Saveen Semage, Mr Iman Perera, Dr Aruna Lokuliyana and Mr Damith Nilantha |
| 12 | 08/05/2024 | Mercantile Cricket Association, No. 114, Wijerama Mw, Colombo 07. Venue, refreshments and fellowship dinner was sponsored by Mr Udaya Sirisena, Mr Prabath Sugathadasa, Dr P Warusawithana, Mr Janaka Kumudu |

Attendance of Executive committee meetings

All the committee meetings were well attended by the committee members with an average attendance of 26 out 38 total members.

AVM (Retd) Dilshan Wasage, Mr Kelum Jayasuriya, Dr Saveen Semage Have attended all the committee meetings during the year.

Mrs Helani De Silva and Mrs Sajeewa Priyadharshani resigned from the committee due to personal commitments and Mr Gavesh Ginige and Mr Damith Nilantha were elected as committee members by the executive committee as per the constitution.

| | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | % |
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| AVM (Rtd) Dilshan Wasage | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | 100 |
| AVM (Retd) Thilan De Silva | P | P | E | P | P | P | E | P | P | P | P | P | 83.3 |
| Eng Palitha Hendaheewa | P | E | P | P | P | P | E | P | P | P | P | P | 83.3 |
| Mr Iman Perera | P | P | E | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | 91.3 |
| Mr Kelum Jayasuriya | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | 100 |
| Eng Pubudu De Zoysa | P | P | P | P | P | E | E | P | E | P | P | P | 72.7 |
| Mr Dhananjaya Nandasiri | P | P | E | P | E | P | E | E | P | E | A | E | 41.7 |
| Brig (Retd) Dr Saveen Semage | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | 100 |
| Mr Janaka Kumudu | P | P | P | E | P | P | A | P | P | P | P | P | 83.3 |
| Mr Harish Guruge | P | E | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | E | P | P | 83.3 |
| Mr Hemantha De Silva | P | E | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | 91.6 |
| Mr Chandrakumara Lokuliyana | P | P | P | P | P | E | P | P | E | P | P | P | 83.3 |
| Mr Saman Warusawithana | P | E | E | A | P | E | A | E | P | E | A | P | 33.3 |
| Mr Dhammika Kodikara | P | P | P | P | P | E | P | P | E | E | A | A | 58.3 |
| Mr Nipul Gunasekara | P | P | O | O | O | E | P | E | P | E | E | E | 58.3 |
| Dr Neela Gunasekara | P | P | P | A | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | 91.6 |
| Dr P Warusawithana | P | P | E | P | P | P | E | P | P | P | P | P | 83.3 |
| Mr Chandana Guniyangoda | P | P | P | P | P | E | A | P | P | E | A | P | 66.6 |
| Eng Sudath De silva | P | P | E | P | E | P | E | P | P | E | A | E | 50.0 |
| Mrs Sajeewa Priyadarshani | P | P | P | E | A | A | | | | | | | 50 |
| Mr Chaminda Wijewickrama | P | P | P | E | E | E | E | P | E | A | E | E | 33.3 |
| Mrs Shyama De Silva | P | E | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | 91.6 |
| Dr Deshapriya Wijethunge | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | E | E | E | P | P | 75.0 |
| Eng Lal Premanath | P | E | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | E | 83.3 |
| Admiral (Retd) Piyal De Silva | E | E | E | E | E | E | E | E | E | A | A | A | 00 |
| Mr Susiri De Silva | P | P | P | P | P | P | E | P | P | P | P | P | 91.6 |
| Mrs Helani De Silva | P | A | A | A | | | | | | | | | 25 |
| Mrs Kushani Rohanadeera | P | P | P | P | E | E | E | P | E | E | E | E | 41.6 |
| Mrs Rekha Mallawarachchi | P | P | E | P | P | E | P | P | P | P | E | E | 66.6 |
| Dr Aruna Lokuliyana | P | P | P | E | E | P | A | P | P | E | P | E | 58.3 |
| Mr Prabath Sugathadasa | P | P | P | P | P | E | P | E | P | P | P | P | 83.3 |
| Mrs Yamuna Hetiarachchi | P | P | P | P | P | E | A | A | P | A | P | E | 58.3 |
| Mr Udaya Sirisena | P | E | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | E | P | P | 83.3 |
| Mr Wasantha Kumara | E | E | P | P | P | E | P | P | P | E | E | E | 50.0 |
| Eng Chandralal Suriyarachchi | P | E | E | P | P | P | P | A | P | E | P | P | 66.6 |
| Mr Dewmith Kaggodarachchi | P | E | P | P | P | E | E | P | P | E | A | E | 50.0 |
| Mr Prasanna Egodage | E | P | E | E | E | E | P | P | P | P | E | E | 41.7 |
| Mr Gavesh Ginige | | | | | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | E | 87.5 |
| Mr Damith Nilantha | | | | | | | | P | A | A | E | E | 20.0 |
| | 34 | 25 | 26 | 28 | 29 | 22 | 20 | 29 | 28 | 21 | 24 | 22 | 25.66 |

Activities planned at the beginning of the tenure.

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

| Date/Month | Activity | Chief organizer |
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| June | Leadership training | Mrs Rekha Mallawarachchi Chandrakumara Lokuliyana Prasanna Egodage |
| July | Scoping mission - College and OBA | Mr Dhammika Kodikara |
| August | Student parliament/ Donation of smart class room | Mrs Kushani Rohanadheera |
| September | Scholarship awarding ceremony Career Guidance workshop | Eng Lal Premanath Mr Dhananjaya Nandasiri |
| October | Awareness on rational use of drugs | Mr Kelum Jayasuriya |
| November | Members get together | Eng Pubudu De Zoysa |
| December | ExCo Members get together | Mr Wasantha Kumara |
| January | Sports medicine workshop | Mr Janaka Kumudu |
| February | Thomas De Silva Oration | Eng Palitha Hendahewa |
| March | Fund raiser | Mr Iman Perera |
| April | Scholarship awarding ceremony | Eng Lal Premanath |
| May | Annual General Meeting | Dr Saveen Semage |

Out of planned activities career guidance workshop, Sports medicine workshop and awareness on rational drug use were not conducted. All other planned activities were successfully conducted.

Sub-Committees

Following sub committees were appointed to carry out the functions of the association during the year

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| Academic excellence | Mr Dhananjaya Nandasiri |
| Sports | Mr Janaka Kumudu |
| Media & Communication | Mr Chandrakumara Lokuliyana |
| Creative arts and Aesthetics | Dr Aruna Lokuliyana |
| Membership Drive | Mr Iman Perera |
| Constitution affairs | AVM Thilan De Silva |
| Newsletter | Dr Neela Gunasekara |
| Infrastructure development | Eng Palitha Hendaheewa |

Leadership training for school prefects and teachers

A leadership workshop for school students and teachers was conducted by Mr Roshan Egodage with the sponsorship of Mercantile Credit Pvt Ltd at their training centre at Bolgoda, Moratuwa on 6th June 2024 and 10th June 2024.

The workshop was greatly appreciated by the participants and school has made a request for more workshops for students and teachers in future.

Visit to school by executive committee

An official visit to school by Executive committee was made along with the 2nd Executive meeting which was held in Ambalangoda.

During the visit the committee had in detail discussion with the principal and the staff as well as with the main branch of Old Boys Association. Committee also had a visit around the school. Many areas to support for the development of the school were identified during the visit and the cordial collaboration with the school staff and main OBA was established.

Student parliament

Mrs Kushani Rohanadheera was instrumental in organizing a student parliament for the school student which was a unique opportunity for the school.

It was yet another memorable day for a cross section of students of Dharmasoka College, Ambalangoda, who were privileged to get a comprehensive understanding of the Parliamentary Procedures at the legislature itself on 16 August 2024 through a professionally curated “Student Parliament Session”. This rare event took place under the aegis of our renowned alumna and Ex-Co member of DCPA Colombo Branch, Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, the Secretary General of the Sri Lanka Parliament. She took the initiative with the sole objective of giving the senior students of our alma-mater an opportunity to have a closer look at the all-important parliamentary procedures which invariably determine the state’s well-being and the forward march. The Honourable Speaker himself delivered the keynote speech, much to the delight of all the

participants including the Principal, parents and Ex-Co members. During this momentous excursion, our school also received all the accessories essential to establish a Smart Classroom as a result of Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera's extensive efforts. This generous donation took place at the Presidential Secretariat when all the participants were hosted to another scholastic session in the afternoon. It was a great team effort wherein the utmost support extended in this endeavour by the President of DCPPA Colombo Branch, Air Vice Marshal Dilshan Wasage (Retd) and the Ex-Co Members was quite instrumental in making this event a great success. In fact, during their visit to the school, the Ex-Co of DCPPA Colombo Branch identified the long felt need of a smart classroom, which was projected by the Principal and his staff during the meeting. A total of 143 students, 15 teachers, and 31 EXCO members, along with their family members, participated in this significant event.

Donation of smart classroom

A donation of smart classroom for the school a project conducted by Ministry of Education was successfully coordinated by Mrs Kushani Rohanadheera. Arrangements have been finalized to provide the smart classroom to the school in near future by Ministry of Education as the approval has been already made.

Scholarship awarding ceremony 2023

27th September 2024 was another memorable day for the School & the Dharmasoka College Past Pupils' Association – Colombo Branch Scholarship Trust. It was the day that 27th Annual Scholarships Award Ceremony was held at the College Auditorium and witnessed by Principal, Deputy Principals, Teachers, Students, Donors, Recipient of Awards, Past Pupils, Executive Committee Members of Dharmasoka College Past Pupils' Association & Trustees of the Dharmasoka College Past Pupils' Association – Colombo Branch Scholarship Trust. On this occasion, 26 scholarships each worth of Rs 60,000 from Special Fund and Donations were awarded based on G.C.E. Advanced Level 2022 results & the evaluation done by the Scholarship Trust according to agreed criteria. 5 Merit Awards were awarded to students who received the highest 'Z' Score in each stream, in addition to general scholarship.

Donation of photocopy machine

A photocopy machine was donated to school by DCCPA Colombo branch on 27.09.2024. This donation was made from association's funds on request of the school to fulfil much needed requirement of the school.

ExCo Members get together

A ExCo members' get together was held on 7th December 2024 at Nippon Hotel Colombo 02 as the members day and annual trip was not organized this year. Mr Wasantha Kumara sponsored the event along with the 8th Executive committee meeting.

Thomas De Silva Oration

In keeping with great tradition initiated last year by DCPPA CMB Branch, the second "Thomas De Silva Oration" was held at the school auditorium on 27th February, 2025 at school auditorium. Approximately 750 to 800 attendees, including Advanced Level students, teachers, past teachers, past pupils, and special invitees, participated to the event.

The oration was delivered by Dr Ruwan Fernando, a distinguished past pupil and former head prefect of the school. He is well decorated consultant gynaecologist, obstetrician urogynaecology subspecialist at St Mary's Hospital, Imperial healthcare NHS trust, London, United Kingdom. Dr Fernando eloquently presented the oration themed "Building a life of ideals: through knowledge and discipline", receiving high praise from the engaged audience. Dr Fernando shared insights inspiring students to embrace discipline and continuous learning as the foundation of success. His speech was intellectually enriching and included valuable health advices, making it both educational and thought provoking.

The event's proceedings were skillfully compered by two 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.

Donation of a van to school

One of the significant highlights of the year was the donation of a van on a wet lease to the use of school by ExCo member and a distinguished past pupil Mr Dewmith Kaggodarachchi, proprietor of Super Corals Hotel, Hikkaduwa. This exemplarily initiative by Mr Kaggodarachchi fulfilled a long pending burning need of the school supporting college activities and providing a moral booster to the students who participate in extracurricular activities.

Eng Palitha Hendahewa spearheaded the organizing committee as the chairman of the sub committee and he was ably supported by ExCo members Mr Chandrakumara Lokuliyana, Mr Prasanna Egodage and Mrs Rekha Mallawarachchi.

This donation was held on the oration day. Mr Chandana Guniyangoda played a pivotal role in coordinating the donation.

Damso dinner dance and reunion 2025

Damso dinner dance and reunion 2025 was organized in a grand scale on 22nd March 2025 at Golden rose ball room, Bolaesgamuwa with participation of more than 325 Sokians and their family members.

Association secured an income over expenses of Rs 2,535,000 at the end of the event.

Mr Iman Perera was the sub committee chairman for the event

Sports Activities

Association sponsored the lunch of the second day of the annual big match between Dharmasoka College and Devananda College which was held on 5th & 6th April 2025.

Medical assistance to school student

A collection of Rs 125,000 by ExCo members was donated to AW Yoshitha Thenuka, a student of the school selected to university who had to undergo neurosurgery due to an unfortunate road accident. A request to the membership was also made to support the child and many members have supported individually.

Scholarship awarding ceremony 2024

For the second time of the year, 28th Annual Scholarships Award Ceremony was held on 2nd April 2025 at the College Auditorium and witnessed by Principal, Deputy Principals, Teachers, Students, Donors, Recipient of Awards, Past Pupils, Executive Committee Members of Dharmasoka College Past Pupils' Association & Trustees of the Dharmasoka College Past Pupils' Association – Colombo Branch Scholarship Trust. On this occasion, 16 scholarships from Special fund, 02 scholarships from DCPPA- Colombo Branch, 08 scholarships from Ex-Co members of DCPPA- Colombo Branch & Well-wishers and 01 scholarship from General fund of the Trust, totalling 27 scholarships each worth of Rs 60,000 were awarded based on G.C.E. Advanced Level 2023 results & the evaluation done by the Scholarship Trust according to agreed criteria. 6 Merit Awards were awarded to students who received the following highest 'Z' Score in each stream, in addition to general scholarships. Eng. Sudath De Silva delivered a speech on Career Guidance.

Membership Drive

Following new members were enrolled during the period under review.

1. AMILA NUWAN ARUMANADA
2. GINIGE KAMANI THARANGA DE SILVA
3. KAMAL RUWAN PATHTHINIWAN
4. N.H. JANAKA CHANDRAJITH
5. AMBANA PALLIYA GURUGE RUMINDI NETHMA GUNAWARDHANA
6. NADEESHA LAKMALI GURUSINGHA
7. KRAWEGE ALOKA VIDUSHANI DE SILVA
8. M.P.D. HANSIKA DE ZOYSA
9. PATHIRAGE DHANUSHI THARUSHIKA DESHAPPRIYA
10. T. H. CHULANJALI UPEKSHA
11. S.M. KAVISHKA DILSHAN
12. RAMANI WARUSHAVITHANA
13. SUJEEWA DE SOYZA
14. SURESHA PRIYANGI PERERA
15. KERAMINIYAGE GETHMI HIRANYA

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.

Mr Udaya Sirisena was appointed as honorary secretary of the trust fund.

It is noteworthy that two scholarship awarding ceremonies were conducted during the year 2024/25.

1st scholarship awarding of the year 2024/25 was conducted on and the second one on The Special Fund as at 31st March 2025 is Rs 15,833,514.48 and the General Fund is Rs. 2,519,299.07

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 (Retd) Dilshan Wasage
President

Sgd. Brig (Retd) Dr Saveen Semage
Secretary

08th May 2025.