

# GOVERNOR'S

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## Ringling in a New Era

Rotary and the CSE unite to put  
Sri Lankan SMEs on the market map

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# Editorial

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

Vision of our Rotary District 3220 Sri Lanka and Maldives District Governor Delvin Pereira is Unite for Good, which symbolizes the powerful message of unity where he stated "Together, we will turn vision into impact and challenges into opportunities also Unite for good to make 2025 /26 a year to remember – one of service, fellowship, and transformation.

Unite for Good is a simple phrase, but a powerful one. Behind every successful Rotary effort, every act of service, every new member welcomed, every global challenge met, friendship and trust matter most. This is how we build strong clubs. The most important thing in building strong clubs is having the most passionate members, and every club needs to enrol such members to build strong clubs worldwide.

The month of August is dedicated to Membership and New Club Development. This month is focused on growing Rotary's membership and establishing new clubs. It's a time to celebrate the contributions of current members and welcome new ones into the Rotary family.

This particular issue will also cover the Initiative of the District Governor, including the SME events held in various parts of the country, District Governors' official Visits, Installations of New Presidents and Boards, and updates from Rotaract and Interact movement activities.

I would like to thank the GML Team and our District officials for their support in putting up this August Edition.

**Marshad Barry**

*GML Chairman of Rotary International District 3220 for the Rotary Year 2025/26*



# Governor's Diary for August & September

## District Governor's Diary

Installations , Official Visits (DGOV) and Important Events

### August 2025 Calendar

01 Aug: Rotary Club of Pamunugama (DGOV + Installation)

02 Aug: Rotary Club of Kelaniya (DGOV + Installation)

03 Aug: Rotary Club of Kolonnawa (DGOV + Installation)

05 Aug:

\* TRF Level 1 training for DRF Committee

\* Rotary Club of Colombo Fort (DGOV)

06 Aug: Rotary AMCHAM SME Conclave (full day)

07 Aug: Rotary Club of Cinnamon Gardens (Installation)

08 Aug: Rotary Club of Athugalpura (DGOV + Installation)

09 Aug: Rotary Club of Kandy Hill Capital (DGOV + Installation)

10 Aug: Rotary Club of Paddiruppu (DGOV + Installation)

11 Aug : Rotary Vavuniya SME Conclave

14 Aug : Rotary Club of Colombo Reconnections (DGOV) 15 Aug: Rotary Club of Colombo Mid City (DGOV + Installation)

16 Aug: Rotary Club of Batticaloa (DGOV)

17 Aug :

\* 9:00 AM: Rotary Club of Batticaloa Heritage (DGOV)

\* 3:00 PM: Rotary Club of Batticaloa City (DGOV + Installation)

20 Aug: Rotary Club of Colombo East (DGOV)

22-24 Aug: DG and key District officials will attend the Rotary Zonal Meeting in India.

26 Aug:

\* Rotary SME Conclave - Colombo North with SLSI

\* Rotary Club of Sri Jayawardenapura (DGOV + Installation)

27 Aug: Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town (DGOV + Installation)

29 Aug: Rotary Club of Colombo Regency (DGOV + Installation)

30 Aug: Rotaract Club of Colombo East (Installation)

31 Aug: Rotary Club of Jaela Kandana (DGOV + Installation)

## District Governor's Diary

### Installations , Official Visits (DGOV) and Important Events

#### September 2025 Calendar

03 Sep: Rotary Club of Colombo Port City (DGOV)

04 Sep:

\* Rotary SME Conclave - Colombo East with SLITO

\* Rotary Club of Colombo Central (DGOV)

05 Sep: Rotary Club of Negombo (DGOV + Installation)

06 Sep: District Vibrant Club Seminar

07 Sep: Rotary Club of Anuradhapura (DGOV + Installation)

10 Sep: Rotary Club of Colombo Regency - Bikeathon Closing Ceremony (4:00 PM - 6:00 PM) for World Suicide Prevention Day

11 Sep : 3:00 PM: Indian Chennai Rotary Event in Kilinochchi

12 Sep : Rotary Club of Nallur (DGOV + Installation)

13 Sep : Rotary Club of Jaffna (DGOV + Installation)

14 Sep : Rotary Club of Kandy Heritage (DGOV + Installation)

15 Sep : Rotary Club of Colombo Uptown (DGOV + Installation)

17 Sep : Rotary Club of Colombo West (DGOV)

18 Sep: Rotary Club of Colombo City (DGOV)

19 Sep: Rotary Club of Wattala (Installation)

20 Sep:

\* World Cleanup Day

\* Rotary Club of Nuwara Eliya (DGOV + Installation)

21 Sep : Rotary Club of Dickoya (DGOV)

23 Sep: Rotary Club of Cinnamon Gardens (DGOV)

24 Sep: Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial (DGOV)

25 Sep: Rotary Club of Colombo (DGOV)

27 Sep: DG/DS are not available, as they will be in Kandy.

28 Sep: Rotary Club of Ampara (DGOV + Installation)

# Rotary's Focus on Growth:

## August is Membership Month

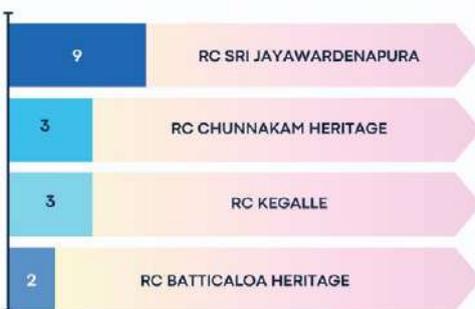
August is a key month for Rotary, designated as Membership and New Club Development Month. It's a time to strengthen the organization by welcoming new members and fostering vibrant clubs. New members bring fresh energy and ideas, which are vital for creating effective service projects. This focus aligns with Rotary's core belief in "Service Above Self" and is a chance to invite others to join the cause.

Within Rotary District 3220 the effort has been driven through using the 90-Day Membership Challenge, which began on July 1st. The response has been strong, with clubs already recruiting new members and engaging prospects in projects. The District's Membership Attraction Team is supporting clubs to ensure the challenge's success.

The following statistics show the increase in membership across the three club categories.

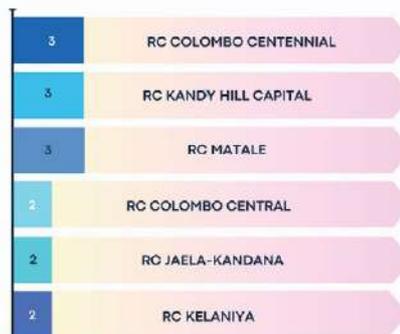
### Small Club Category

New member count as at July 31<sup>st</sup> 2025



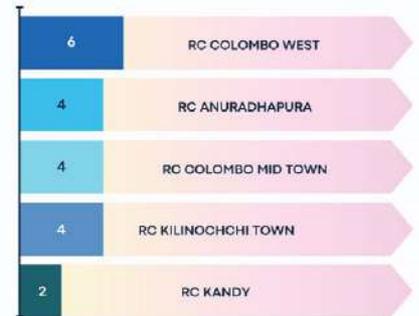
### Medium Club Category

New member count as at July 31<sup>st</sup> 2025



### Large Club Category

New member count as at July 31<sup>st</sup> 2025



This push for new members is about more than just numbers—it's about building a diverse and capable network of leaders. By growing together, Rotary can serve communities better and turn a passion for service into action.



# District Events

# Rotary Rings the Bell for Sri Lanka's SMEs

## A Historic Partnership with the Colombo Stock Exchange

In a historic first for Sri Lanka, Rotary International has been invited to ring the ceremonial bell at the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE), a symbolic act announcing a groundbreaking partnership aimed at revitalizing the nation's struggling SME sector. This unique collaboration between the world's foremost service organization and the stock market is designed to identify and prepare promising SMEs for potential listing, providing them with a pathway to growth and capital.



The announcement was met with a remarkable response from the market, with the All-Share Price Index (ASPI) soaring to a record 18,838.39 points, a gain of over 1.60%, and daily turnover crossing an impressive LKR 9.5 billion. While a combination of factors drives market movements, Rotary proudly acknowledges its role in contributing to this positive momentum.

The initiative comes at a critical time. Rotary District Governor Delvin Pereira, a veteran banker, highlighted the grim reality that nearly 263,000 SMEs have either collapsed or are on the verge of doing so. This crisis, he warned, has far-reaching humanitarian consequences, affecting families, children's education, and basic living standards. Pereira emphasized that as a "service organization," it is Rotary's duty to address this issue head-on, cautioning that without immediate intervention, Sri Lanka could face an economic default by 2028.

Despite the dire statistics, the project has hit the ground running with an amazing passion. Within just four weeks, the initiative has reached 202 SMEs across Galle, Kurunegala, Jaffna, and Colombo. The success is driven by strategic partnerships, with the Galle program collaborating with the Women in Management (WIM), the Jaffna SME Conclave partnering with the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE),

and the Colombo workshop working with the Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA). Four Rotary clubs have taken the lead, dedicating 162 hours to capacity development and market connectivity.

CSE CEO Rajeeva Bandaranayake expressed confidence in the partnership, stating that the objective is to find a set of SMEs that can successfully navigate the CSE listing process. Dr. Rohantha Athukorala, Chairman of the Rotary SME Project, noted that the initiative is going beyond traditional workshops, with the Rotary Club of Kurunegala already setting up an "SME Corner" in a leading supermarket, a tangible step toward creating real market access.

With a strong membership of business leaders and an encouraging response from the banking and private sectors, Rotary is poised to make a significant difference. Governor Pereira's moving address at the stock exchange floor encapsulated the spirit of the project, urging for a national shift in mindset: "Time has come for us to ask what we can do for the country and not ask what the country can do for us." This video provides additional context about a similar collaboration between AmCham and Rotary to help SMEs.



# District Governor Pereira Discusses SME Project with ADB

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) face a gauntlet of challenges that can derail their growth. These aren't just minor hurdles; they're significant obstacles that fall into three main categories: financial, operational, and external.

Imagine a small business owner trying to thrive. They often struggle with getting the funding they need, attracting and keeping skilled employees, and managing their cash flow. On top of that, they have to keep up with the latest technology while fighting for market share against tough competitors. It's a constant battle.



To help address these issues, District Governor Delvin Pereira has been a strong advocate for SMEs. He recently met with Mr. Takafumi Kadono, the Country Director for the Asian Development Bank (ADB), to explain how the Rotary SME Project works. Pereira has also shared his insights as a panellist on the topic of "SMEs and Challenges," highlighting the critical support these businesses need to succeed.

# Empowering Northern Entrepreneurs

## Rotary and Partners Host Landmark SME Workshop in Jaffna



In a significant boost to the Northern Province's business community, the Rotary Club of Jaffna, in collaboration with the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) Sri Lanka, hosted a successful B2B Delegation and Capacity Building Program. Held on July 30, 2025, at J-Hotels in Jaffna, the event brought together a diverse group of exporters, micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs and SMEs), and service providers from both Colombo and Jaffna.

The initiative, supported by key partners including BYD and HNB, aimed to bridge geographical divides and foster economic growth. Graced by the presence of Rotary International District 3220 Governor Delvin Pereira and other district officials, the program was a testament to Rotary's commitment to community and economic development.

Attendees participated in a series of highly practical sessions, including capacity-building workshops, one-on-one B2B meetings, and insightful discussions on export strategies. The event also featured product showcases, allowing local entrepreneurs to highlight their unique offerings to a wider network.

This collaborative effort not only provided valuable business insights and networking opportunities but also strengthened the economic ties between the North and other parts of the country, paving the way for sustained growth and prosperity in the region.



# Sri Lanka's Digital Future

## A Rotary-ICTA Partnership to Empower SMEs

Sri Lanka is embarking on an ambitious plan to supercharge its digital economy and propel the nation toward a new era of growth. At the heart of this strategy is a powerful new partnership between the Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) and Rotary International, designed to uplift the country's vital Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME) sector.

At a recent briefing held at the BOI Auditorium in Colombo, ICTA CEO Sanjaya Karunasena outlined the government's bold vision: to expand Sri Lanka's IT workforce from 800,000 to two million within the next four years. This initiative is a cornerstone of a broader plan to increase the digital economy's revenue from \$5 billion to a staggering \$30 billion in the coming three to five years. "The digital economy is a key growth agenda," Karunasena stated, emphasizing the crucial role of collaboration with the private sector, particularly SMEs, which contribute over 50% of the nation's GDP.



The partnership, launched as the Rotary SME Conclave, has already selected 35 key SMEs for a targeted program focused on capability development and market access. This initiative aims to equip these businesses with the tools and knowledge needed to thrive in a digital-first world.

The urgency of this mission was underscored by Rotary District Governor for Sri Lanka and Maldives, Delvin Pereira. Speaking at the event, Pereira—a veteran banker—warned that approximately 263,000 SMEs are either struggling or on the brink of collapse, a trend that poses a severe threat to the nation's economic stability. He cautioned that without immediate, decisive intervention, Sri Lanka could face the risk of economic default by 2028.



The Rotary SME Conclave is not just a plan on paper; it is already in motion. Rotary SME Project Chairman Dr. Rohantha Athukorala highlighted the rapid progress, noting that within just three weeks of its launch, the initiative has already engaged SMEs in Galle and Kurunegala through targeted programs coordinated with local divisional secretariats.

This collaboration between the government and Rotary International represents a proactive and strategic response to a critical national challenge. By combining ambitious digital targets with on-the-ground support for SMEs, Sri Lanka is laying the groundwork for a more resilient, innovative, and prosperous future.



# Rotary Means Business Fellowship Launches Historic Sri Lanka Chapter

The Rotary Means Business (RMB) Fellowship Sri Lanka Chapter successfully held its inaugural Installation and International Business Night on Thursday July 24 at Cinnamon Life, Colombo. The event, the first of its kind in the history of Rotary in Sri Lanka, saw the formal installation of the chapter's Charter Board and brought together a significant gathering of diplomats, chamber heads, and corporate leaders.

The evening was marked by insightful addresses from key Rotary leaders. District Governor Delvin Pereira spoke on the history and global reach of the Rotary Means Business fellowship. Immediate Past District Governor Sushena Ranatunga, in his address, emphasized the need for Sri Lanka to focus on its unique strengths, to develop economic growth in niche sectors where the nation can successfully compete on a global scale.

The keynote address was delivered by the International Chair of RMB, Rajamohan Dhandapani, who commended the chapter for orchestrating a true milestone for Rotary District 3220.

Newly installed Chairman V. Kantheepan, in his inaugural address, defined a bold vision for the Charter Board's three-year term. He stated that the chapter's vision is to connect Sri Lanka to the world and that the board will build on the event's momentum by fostering connections aimed at creating business opportunities, launching skills development programs for members, and expanding the network nationwide.

About Rotary Means Business (RMB) Fellowship Sri Lanka: The RMB Sri Lanka Chapter is the local chapter of the Rotary Means Business Fellowship, an officially recognized fellowship of Rotary International. As the official chapter for Rotary District 3220 – Sri Lanka and Maldives, it serves as the gateway for its members to a global network of professionals. The chapter is dedicated to fostering business opportunities while creating regional and international connections for its members, guided by the principles of the Rotary Four-Way Test.





# Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town joined Beach Cleanup Sri Lanka for Crow Island's largest cleanup

Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town proudly joined hands with Center for Beach Cleanup Sri Lanka for the largest beach cleanup held at Crow Island.

With the power of community and purpose, they took action to protect environment and preserve the beauty of our shores.



# “Suwa Matha” Project Launched to Support Mothers and Babies



The Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town has launched “Suwa Matha”, its first project for 2025–26, aligning with Rotary’s July theme, Maternal and Child Health.

The initiative provides underprivileged pregnant mothers with a monthly nutritional pack worth Rs. 5,000 for 10 months, covering pregnancy and early postpartum.



# Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town Signs MoU with Co-Energi

The Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Co-Energi (Pvt) Ltd, a leading sustainability and energy consulting firm in Sri Lanka, naming them the club's official Environment Project Partner.

The partnership was formalised with the presence of President Jananga Piyadasa representing the Rotary Club and Rtn. Past President Irshad Halaldeen representing Co-Energi.

The club extended its appreciation to Mr. Shahid Sangani, Chairman/CEO, and Mr. Irshad Halaldeen, Director, for their commitment to advancing environmental initiatives in Sri Lanka.





# Rotary News

# A Historic Honor

## Pushpi Weerakoon Receives Rotary's Global Service Award

**Pushpi Weerakoon** has made history as the first Sri Lankan to be awarded the **Rotary Alumni Global Service Award**, one of Rotary International's highest honors.

The prestigious award recognizes Pushpi's impactful work as a peacebuilder and humanitarian. Her tireless efforts in **mental health, post-conflict healing, and inclusive community development** have created a lasting impact both locally and globally.

Her story stands as a powerful testament to the idea that leadership driven by empathy can transcend borders and ignite change around the world.



# PDG Dr. V. Vijayakumaran Honored for Global Leadership in Aesthetic Dentistry



The Association of Specialists in Restorative Dentistry, Sri Lanka, recently recognized one of its most influential members, PDG Dr. V. Vijayakumaran, with a special Professional Excellence Award. This prestigious honor was presented in appreciation of his remarkable contributions as an inspiring teacher and for elevating Sri Lankan aesthetic dentistry on the global stage.

The award ceremony took place on July 18, 2025, at the Galle Face Hotel in Colombo, during the inauguration of the 13th Annual Academic Session and the induction of the association's 10th President.

Dr. Pubudu C. Perera, the current president, presented the award to Dr. Vijayakumaran, marking a significant milestone in his career. This is the first-ever award that Dr. Vijayakumaran has received within the Sri Lankan dental profession, a testament to his groundbreaking work.

Dr. Vijayakumaran's career is marked by a deep commitment to advancing aesthetic dentistry. He is the Charter President of the Sri Lankan Academy of Aesthetic and Cosmetic Dentistry and the Immediate Past President of the Asian Academy of Aesthetic Dentistry. Through numerous clinical and research presentations around the world, he has not only advanced the field but also brought significant recognition to Sri Lanka and its dental professionals.

His dedication to teaching and his pioneering efforts have undoubtedly left a lasting impact on the field, inspiring a new generation of dentists to pursue excellence in aesthetic dentistry.



# Building a Path to Peace

## Rotary's \$2 Million Grant for Colombia

At the recent 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary, a landmark announcement was made that will have a profound impact on peacebuilding efforts in Colombia. Rotary has committed a significant US\$2 million Programs of Scale grant to a new initiative, making it the fifth such grant the organization has awarded.

The "Pathways to Peace and Prosperity in Colombia" program is a powerful collaboration with the World Food Programme (WFP) and aims to address the long-standing impacts of conflict. Rather than focusing on a single, short-term solution, the program will empower communities to build their own sustainable future.

The initiative will strengthen conflict resolution capacity, expand access to economic opportunities, and provide social service programs in areas deeply affected by violence. This includes establishing community-based "peace hubs" to offer training in conflict resolution and providing entrepreneurship training and seed capital to individuals, especially women and youth, to launch micro-enterprises. This comprehensive approach is designed to equip local leaders with the tools for economic self-reliance, breaking the cycle of violence, poverty, and food insecurity for conflict victims. As Rotary Foundation Chair Mark Daniel Maloney stated, the long-term goal is to achieve "sustained peace" by building peace from the ground up, with dignity, opportunity, and trust.

The grant is a testament to Rotary's commitment to its peacebuilding and conflict prevention area of focus, demonstrating how large-scale, evidence-based programs can leverage the network and expertise of Rotary members to create lasting change on a global scale.



# Impacting Lives Through Rotary

## A New Year Begins for the Rotary Club of Malé

The Rotary Club of Malé kicked off the 2025/26 Rotary year with their first general meeting, hosting **Past District Governor (PDG) Tariq Thulba as the chief guest.**

PDG Thulba delivered an inspiring address on the theme "**Impacting Lives Through Rotary**," a topic that resonated deeply with both members and the eight prospective members in attendance. His speech highlighted the powerful and tangible ways that Rotary projects can create lasting positive change in communities, setting an ambitious and meaningful tone for the year ahead.





# Installations

# Rotary Club of Moratuwa Installation

1<sup>st</sup> July

The Rotary Club of Moratuwa celebrated its 41st Installation Ceremony on July 1st, 2025, at Marino Beach in Colombo. The event marked the first installation ceremony of the RI year 2025/26, with Heather Fernando officially taking over as the club's new President.



# Rotary Club of Kandy Metropolitan Installation

4<sup>th</sup> July

The Rotary Club of Kandy Metropolitan celebrated its 24th Installation Ceremony on July 4, 2025, at the Hotel Topaz in Kandy. The event saw the official installation of Lt. Col. (Rtd) Hemantha Weerasinghe as the club's new President, marking the beginning of his leadership for the 2025/26 Rotary year.



# Rotary Club of Kandy Installation

5<sup>th</sup> July

On July 5, 2025, the Rotary Club of Kandy held its 85th Installation Ceremony at The Grand Kandyan Hotel. The club welcomed Captain Ravindra Tammita as its new President, who will lead the club in its long-standing tradition of service and fellowship for the year ahead.



# Rotary Club of Colombo South Installation

6<sup>th</sup> July

The Rotary Club of Colombo South marked a significant milestone with its 48th Installation Ceremony on July 6, 2025. Held at the prestigious NH Collection in Colombo 3, the event celebrated the installation of Gnanakumar Sithambaram as the new President. The ceremony was a formal handover of leadership, setting the stage for another year of impactful projects.



# Rotary Club of Colombo Installation

11<sup>th</sup> July

The Rotary Club of Colombo, one of the oldest and most distinguished clubs in the country, celebrated its 97th Installation Ceremony on July 11, 2025, at Cinnamon Life. This event marked the beginning of a new chapter of service for the club, with its new leadership taking the helm.



# Rotary Club of Colombo Port City Installation

12<sup>th</sup> July

The Rotary Club of Colombo Port City held its Installation Ceremony on July 12, 2025. The event, hosted at The Courtyard by Marriott, officially installed the new leadership team, who will guide the club's efforts in community service and networking in the new Rotary year.



# Rotary Club of Colombo Fort Installation

18<sup>th</sup> July

The Rotary Club of Colombo Fort celebrated its 37th Installation Ceremony on July 18, 2025. The event was hosted at the Hilton Residencies, bringing together members and guests to officially install the new leadership for the year ahead.



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# Rotary Club of Colombo West Installation

19<sup>th</sup> July

On July 19, 2025, the Rotary Club of Colombo West celebrated its 65th Installation Ceremony. The event, held at The Blue, Hilton Colombo, marked the official beginning of the new leadership's tenure for the 2025/26 Rotary year.



# Rotary Club of Galle Installation

20<sup>th</sup> July

The Rotary Club of Galle held a special combined event on July 20, 2025, featuring both its installation ceremony and the District Governor's Official Visit. This occasion underscored the club's strong commitment to its mission and its close partnership with the district leadership.



# Rotary Club of Colombo East Installation

25<sup>th</sup> July

The 41st Installation Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Colombo East took place on July 25, 2025, at The Galle Face Hotel. The ceremony was a dignified occasion where the new president and board were officially installed, ready to lead the club in its mission of service.



# Rotary Club of Uva Hills Installation

26<sup>th</sup> July

The Rotary Club of Uva Hills celebrated a memorable evening on July 26, 2025, combining its Installation Ceremony with the District Governor's official visit. The event saw the installation of Rtn. Asitha Nalinda Range (Manju) as President and was a celebration of leadership, unity, and the Rotary spirit, with the club also donating USD 2,000 to The Rotary Foundation



# Rotary Club of Chunnakam Heritage Installation

31<sup>st</sup> July

The Rotary Club of Chunnakam Heritage marked a significant milestone with its 12th President's Installation Ceremony on July 31, 2025. Held at Gaja Rest House, the event saw the official installation of President Rtn. Geethakaran Siboja and the new board. The evening was graced by District Governor Delvin Pereira and other esteemed leaders and also featured the launch of the club's annual magazine, "Kamali."



# 1<sup>st</sup> Governor's Visit:

## Rotary Club of Kandy Metropolitan

The Rotary Club of Kandy Metropolitan had the honor of hosting the first official visit of the 2025/26 Rotary Year. District Governor Delvin Pereira's visit on July 4, 2025, marked a significant moment for the club, setting a positive and engaging tone for the year ahead and reinforcing the connection between the club and the district leadership.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Governor's Visit:

## Rotary Club of Kandy

District Governor Delvin Pereira made his second official visit of the new Rotary Year to the Rotary Club of Kandy. The event, held on July 5, 2025, at the prestigious Grand Kandyan Hotel, was a chance for the club to welcome the Governor and align its goals for the upcoming year of service.





# Rotaract Updates

# Redefine Service

In a world that never stands still, how we serve must transform too. For too long, service has been defined by traditional acts of charity, offering time when convenient, giving from excess, and performing tasks that look good from afar. However, today's generation of Rotaractors understands that genuine service cannot be limited to photo opportunities and public praise. It must be reimagined. It must be redefined.

“Redefine Service” is more than a theme; it's a call to action. It reflects a shift from performative gestures to purposeful impact. It urges us to look inward and ask hard questions: Are our projects truly sustainable? Are we listening before we lead? Are we making room for every voice, especially those that have long been unheard? At the heart of this redefinition is the belief that true service is built on empathy, humility, and consistency. It's in the late-night efforts of Rotaractors packing boxes, in the quiet dedication of clubs conducting training without expectation of applause. It's found not in leadership titles, but in the communities, we uplift and the dignity we restore.

Rtr. Nazmi Mahamood's vision captures this beautifully. With over 12 years in the Rotary movement and 9 years dedicated to Rotaract, he understands that service must go beyond momentary acts; it must evolve into a lifestyle. His leadership approach is grounded in authenticity, adaptability, and inclusivity, aiming to empower individuals rather than command them. Redefining service means bridging gaps between Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary; fostering professional and personal growth through strategic alliances; and emphasizing mental well-being alongside productivity. It's about creating long-term, sustainable change rather than ticking short-term boxes and rebuilding trust through transparency, championing good governance, and ensuring that every Rotaractor regardless of location or background, feels seen, heard, and valued.

As we move forward, this redefined vision of service will become our compass. It will remind us that leadership roles may pass, but the spirit of service, if rooted in truth and conviction, will endure. It will remind us that we are not just doing service.





# Rotaract Club of Colombo North Hosts 34th Installation Ceremony

The Rotaract Club of Colombo North successfully held its 34th Installation Ceremony at the CIDA Auditorium, under the theme “Serve. Lead. Inspire.” The event marked the formal transition of leadership for the 2025–2026 Rotaract year and brought together over 200 attendees, including Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary family members, past presidents, and supporters.



# Rotaract Club of Colombo West Hosts 52<sup>nd</sup> Installation Ceremony



The Rotaract Club of Colombo West marked its 52nd Installation Ceremony at the CIDA Auditorium, with Rtn. K.P. Nagaraja, President of the Rotary Club of Colombo West, gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest.



# Interact Updates

# Igniting Young Leaders

## A Record-Breaking Start to the Interact Year at IBTS 2025

The new Interact year has launched with unprecedented energy, thanks to the wildly successful Interact Board Training Seminar (IBTS) 2025. Concluding as a truly memorable and impactful initiative, this year's event was a landmark gathering that set a high standard for the months to come.

Held at Horizon Campus in Malabe, IBTS 2025 was one of the largest in recent history, bringing together over 1,000 participants from more than 90 Interact clubs across the island. The sheer scale of the event created a vibrant atmosphere of collaboration and excitement, demonstrating the growing power of Interact's youth leadership network.



The day was a masterclass in practical training and meaningful engagement. From start to finish, the agenda was packed with diverse sessions designed to equip newly appointed club boards with the essential tools and confidence to lead with purpose. Workshops covered everything from effective club operations and strategic project planning to crucial communication and leadership skills, all thoughtfully curated to meet the needs of tomorrow's leaders.

Beyond the training, IBTS 2025 served as a vital platform for connection. Interactors from different zones and backgrounds came together to share ideas, forge new networks, and ignite inspiration. The event created a powerful sense of community, ensuring that the young leaders left not only with new skills but also with a renewed spirit of collaboration.

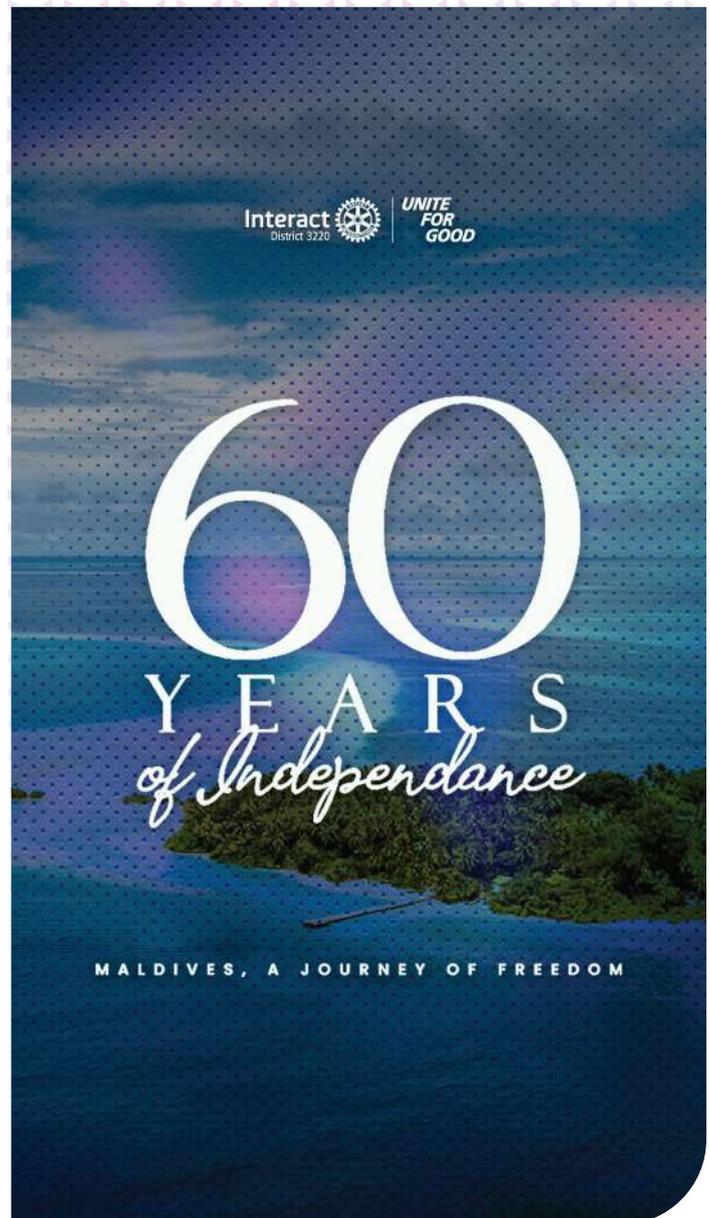
The success of IBTS 2025 was made possible by the generous support of our venue partner, Horizon Campus, and valued sponsor, Hayleys. Their contributions were instrumental in elevating the quality and scale of this flagship event. The tireless efforts of the Executive Committee, spearheaded by Chairperson Umair Akram, alongside Pabasara Warnajith, Aneeqa Shafeel, and Thenuwara Rupasinghe, brought this ambitious initiative to life.

With well-trained and inspired boards now ready to take on their roles, the stage is set for an impactful year filled with service, leadership, and positive change.



# A Historic Collaboration Celebrating Maldivian Independence

For the first time ever, the Interact District Council of Rotary International District (RID) 3220 joined forces with the Rotary Club of Malé, Maldives, to commemorate a significant milestone: the 60th anniversary of Maldivian independence. This unprecedented collaboration resulted in a heartfelt video tribute, marking a new chapter of international partnership and shared celebration within the Rotary & Interact community.



# Rotary

District 3220

