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Rotarians standing shoulder to shoulder for communities in crisis.



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Editorial

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

The month of January is a Vocational Service Month. Each year, Rotary International dedicates the month of January to celebrate the importance of vocational service—a core tenet of Rotary’s mission. Vocational month is a time for Rotarians to reflect on the role of their professions in shaping communities and to recommit to using their skills, knowledge, and ethical practices to make a positive difference in the world.

The eminent leadership of DG Delvin Pereira has guided the clubs in Sri Lanka to engage in meaningful projects related to vocational services and during his visit to Male he made a point to visit few educational centres and encourage the Rotary club to involve in projects related to vocational service.

Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo highlighting on vocational service stated that the power of bringing together people with unique skills to do good in the world. It reminds us that integrity isn’t just about our actions matching our words. Integrity is in everything we do. He says that the Four-Way Test - those four simple questions help us not judge others but guide us toward genuine, effective service. He notes that there are 1.2 billion young people in emerging economies reaching working age in the next decade and only 420 million jobs projected. He says that Rotary support doesn’t mean imposing our will. It means listening to local needs, building partnerships, and designing projects that communities can sustain themselves. Francesco is encouraging YOU to ask how your club can address vocational needs in your community. What skills do your members have that could change someone’s life? How can your networks open doors for young people? What partnerships can create sustainable jobs?

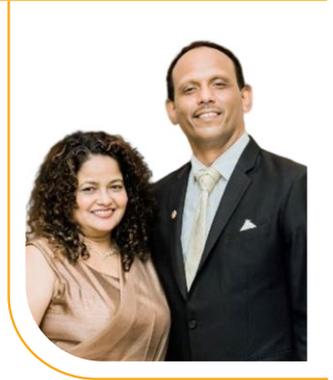
This particular issue will cover the initiatives of the District Governor including Ditwa Relief Efforts, District Governors official visits and updates from Rotaract and Interact movements and their activities.

I wish to thank the GML Team, Our district secretary and public image team for their support, also the District Governors encouragement to put up this edition and we look forward to present the rest of edition in this Rotary year providing more information and insights.

Marshad Barry

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

Governor's Message



Dear United Team of Rotarians,

As we step into the month of January, I do so with a deep sense of pride and gratitude as we complete the first six months of our Rotary year. This is an ideal moment to pause, reflect, and appreciate the remarkable commitment shown by our Club Presidents, boards, and members across the District. Your leadership, enthusiasm, and tireless service have translated our vision into meaningful action, truly exemplifying our theme “United for Good.” The past six months have been marked by impactful projects, strengthened fellowship, and a clear focus on service above self. I commend every club for the dedication shown in community service, youth development, international service, and professional engagement. As we undertake our interim review, I encourage all clubs to reflect on achievements, recalibrate where necessary, and move forward with renewed energy toward a strong and memorable finish to the Rotary year.

I wish to place on record our sincere appreciation for the compassion and urgency with which our District responded to those affected by the recent cyclone disaster. The relief efforts carried out—often under challenging conditions—are a powerful reminder of Rotary’s ability to act swiftly and effectively when communities are in need. In this regard, I extend special appreciation to the Rotary Club of Malé, the Sustainable Lanka Initiative, our friends from neighboring Rotary districts, and all well-wishers and donors who came forward promptly with resources, time, and support. Your solidarity made a tangible difference to many lives.

I also wish to convey our heartfelt thanks to the Sri Lanka Army for partnering with Rotary in the efficient and disciplined distribution of relief goods. Such collaboration highlights the strength of partnerships in achieving humanitarian goals. In parallel, I am encouraged by the continued efforts of our clubs in supporting Micro and Small Enterprises (Micro-SMEs), empowering livelihoods, and contributing to sustainable economic recovery. These initiatives align closely with Rotary’s focus on long-term impact and community resilience. January is dedicated to Vocational Service, one of the pillars of Rotary. I urge all clubs to make a special effort this month to design and implement programs that promote vocational excellence, professional ethics, skills development, mentorship, and entrepreneurship. By harnessing the professional strengths within our membership, we can inspire, uplift, and equip communities for a better future.

As we move forward, let us remain united in purpose, bold in action, and generous in spirit. Together, I am confident that we will conclude this Rotary year on a high note—stronger, more impactful, and truly United for Good.

Warm Rotary Regards,

Rtn. Delvin Pereira

District Governor 2025/26

Rotary International District 3220

Team

At the heart of Rotary's impact lies a dedicated team of individuals who lead with purpose and serve with compassion. From club presidents and board members to district leaders and committee chairs, each plays a vital role in driving initiatives that create lasting change. Their collective commitment to the Rotary ideals of service, fellowship, integrity, and leadership continues to inspire members and communities alike across District 3220.



Rtn.PP.PHF Marshad Barry



Rtn.Bavvatharani Ravindran



Rtn. PP. Neluka De Alwis



Rtn. PP PHF Madhurie Munasinghe



Rtr.PHF Kushal Sallay



Rtr.Tania De Silva



Rtr.Amman Thaha



Int.Seniya Rajugamuwa



Governor's Diary for February

District Governor's Diary

Installations , Official Visits (DGOV) and Important Events

February 2026 Calendar

07 - 08 Feb : RLI Training

09 Feb : District Finance Committee Meeting

DRFC Meeting

14 Feb : Sunshine Games

New Rotary Inter-Country Committee Launched Between Sri Lanka and Germany

District Governor Delvin Pereira representing RID 3220 representing Sri Lanka and District Governor Daniel Nauer of RID1880 representing Germany signed an MOU for establishing an Inter Country Committee(ICC) between the two countries opening doors for stronger relationships in conducting humanitarian work, friendship exchange programs through Rotary.





District Events

Rotary Club of Batticaloa Supports Pregnant Mothers and Displaced Families in Vahari DS Division

In a heartwarming effort to support the local community, Rotary club of Batticaloa in collaboration with Brentwood a Becket Rotary Club & Regional Directorate of Health Services Batticaloa distributed essential nutrition packs for pregnant mothers, along with disaster relief supplies for displaced families from Puthur and Kallarippu in the Vahari Divisional Secretariat (DS) Division.

These efforts are aimed at providing crucial assistance to those in need, ensuring that both the health of expectant mothers and the well-being of displaced families are prioritized during these challenging times. We are grateful to all the volunteers and organizations involved in this meaningful initiative and remain committed to continuing our service to the community.



Unite for Humanity

Rotary District 3220 dry ration distribution initiative in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Army

When Cyclone Ditwah triggered one of the most widespread humanitarian emergencies in recent times, Rotary District 3220 responded with urgency, unity, and purpose. Guided by Rotary's humanitarian values, the district launched "Unite for Humanity", a district-wide disaster relief initiative designed to deliver immediate and life-sustaining support to affected communities across Sri Lanka.

In our Emergency Relief Phase 1, we ensured efficient coordination and continuous inflow of relief supplies by established three strategically located Disaster Relief Collection Centers across Colombo. These centers operated at Sri Wijayarama Temple, Wellawatta – Colombo 06; Sri Lankaramaya Maha Viharaya, Borella and the Rotary Club of Kolonnawa Office at the National Children's Educational Foundation, Mulleriyawa as collection, sorting and dispatching centers.

We established collaboration with the Sri Lanka Army to ensuring the timely, accountable, and reliable delivery of essential dry rations to unreachable corners and severely affected areas without a delay, leveraging the Sri Lanka Army's logistical expertise and on-ground access. This collaboration enables Rotary to maximize impact while ensuring transparency and efficiency in relief distribution.



The first dry ration consignment was dispatched on 5th December 2025 from the Wellawatta center, which was officially handed over to the Sri Lanka Army by District Governor Rtn. Delvin Pereira, marking the beginning of a coordinated, accountable, and strategic relief operation. The occasion was graced by Army General Nilantha Premaratne, commandant of the Sri Lankan Army volunteer force alongside other officers reflecting the strength of collaboration between Rotary and national institutions during times of crisis. Also present were Rotary District Secretary Rtn. Dinesh Kumar, District Community Service Chair Rtn. Chandana Jayaratne, and sub-committee members PP Rtn. Abbyan Vinodhan, Rtn. PP Michael Jayawardana, PP Rtn. Nimesh Sashintha and President Rtn. Sandali Geethma who contributed to the success of this initiative. The second consignment of dry rations, clothes, water and sanitary items were handed over on the 19th December 2025.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all the supporters. Through “Unite for Humanity,” Rotary District 3220 once again demonstrates that when service, unity, and compassion come together, meaningful change follows, especially in the moments when our communities need us most.



Rotary Club of Kolonnawa Holds Memorial Day in Honour of Past Presidents



A solemn and meaningful memorial alms-giving ceremony was held at the National Children's Education Foundation in tribute to the late Past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Kolonnawa. The ceremony honoured the memory of Rtn. E. K. Gamage, along with late Past Presidents Rathna Walpola, Gamini Alwis, Kularatne Bandara, and other departed members who had rendered dedicated service to the Club.

In addition to paying tribute to these distinguished Rotarians, the alms-giving was also organized in remembrance of those who lost their lives during the recent major flood disaster, uniting the community in reflection, compassion, and prayer.

The President and members of the Rotary Club of Kolonnawa, together with the teachers and parents of NCEF Buddhist College, the teachers of the NCEF Model Kindergarten, and the staff of the National Children's Education Foundation, came together to support and contribute to the success of this meaningful ceremony.

The Venerable Director Thero of the National Children's Education Foundation, along with the Venerable Maha Sangha, conveyed their heartfelt appreciation to all who extended their support in organizing this special and memorable event.



Rotary to Drive “Made in Sri Lanka” Brand Among SMEs

Internationally acclaimed premier service organization Rotary has made Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) development the theme for the year 2025/2026. “So far we have trained over 1,100 MSMEs across the country in areas of digital marketing, capacity development, and export growth under the Made in Sri Lanka brand,” said the Governor of Rotary Sri Lanka & Maldives, Delvin Pereira. The Chairman of NEDA, Ministry of Industries, Lakshman Abeysekera, commended Rotary for coming forward to drive the Made in Sri Lanka label as a theme of NEDA.

Rotary and the National Enterprise Development Agency (NEDA) staged the 18th SME Conclave in partnership with Mother Sri Lanka, sponsored by Hatton National Bank, with a focused 47 SMEs in attendance. The uniqueness of the programme was that a careful selection process was done to identify the SMEs who have quality standards like SLSI (Sri Lanka Standards Institute) and GMP (Good Manufacturing Process), so that the Rotary network can be used to connect them to the global demand chain, commented the Rotary Chairman for the SME project, Dr. Rohantha Athukorala.

The next step in the programme was to showcase the 1,100 SMEs to the general public, which is planned for, said Governor Pereira. “Each of us must make a difference to the country,” was the motto advocated by Rotary in the current financial year, he voiced.



Strengthening Global Partnerships at the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial AGM

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial successfully held its Annual General Meeting at the Kingsbury, Colombo, bringing together members in a spirit of fellowship and shared purpose. The evening was further enriched by an international networking session held following the AGM.

The Club was honoured by the presence of Rtn. Valerio Carafa of the Rotary Club of Napoli Nord, District 2101, who was visiting Sri Lanka on a humanitarian mission in his capacity as Emergency Operations and Logistics Officer – Global at IsraAID Headquarters. In this context, the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial expressed its pleasure in joining hands with IsraAID and extending its fullest support toward strengthening critical relief and response efforts in Sri Lanka.

The occasion was further elevated by the presence of Mr. Victor Diefenbach, Roving Health Officer at IsraAID Headquarters, who joined the event from Germany, adding valuable insight and global perspective to the discussions.

In addition, the Club was delighted to welcome the District Governor-Elect of Rotary District 3220, Rtn. Kumar Sundararaj, whose presence added significance to the evening.



Hope Bridge

Rotary Club of Kandy Hill Capital's Ongoing Disaster Relief Initiative

The Disaster Relief Programme “Hope Bridge”, initiated by the Rotary Club of Kandy Hill Capital, is a continuing humanitarian project aimed at supporting affected families until they are able to resettle in their own homes. The total estimated value of the project stands at LKR 4 million.



As the first phase of the initiative, a relief distribution programme was successfully carried out on 16th December, providing essential assistance valued at nearly LKR 1 million. The second phase of distribution is scheduled to take place on the 24th, further extending support to families in need.

The Club extends its heartfelt appreciation to Rtn. Kalika and the members of the Rotary Club of Euskirchen, RID 1810, Germany, for their generous contribution of LKR 760,000. Special thanks are also

conveyed to Rtn. Aruna, Rajive, and the members of the Rotary Club of Colombo for their support through a donation of LKR 150,000. Through Hope Bridge, Rotary Club of Kandy Hill Capital continues to stand with affected communities, offering relief, compassion, and a pathway toward recovery.

Singing sensation and former Rotaract president Yohani flew into Delhi to perform at the official launch of Rotary Institute 2026 in partnership with Cinnamon Life. Yohani personally invited the 1400 Rotary leaders of India and invited delegates to attend the 2026 conference in



Rotary Links SL Heritage Kitul Treacle SME with Rotarian in Brisbane

As per the strategy of driving SMEs of Sri Lanka to the global demand chain, Rotary Sri Lanka unearthed the talent of Nayomi, who produces Kitul Treacle as per the UNESCO Heritage-recognized process in Ukuwela, Matale. “Our next step was to showcase this Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) owner to the Rotary network so that we can develop the SME up the value chain, upstream and downstream,” said Dr. Rohantha Athukorala, the SME Chairman of Rotary Sri Lanka and Maldives.



Initially, we engaged an Australian Rotarian who runs a distribution company in Brisbane to meet Nayomi, who manufactures the Kitul Treacle as per the Good Manufacturing Process (GMP). “The first meeting was very positive, as the product is currently produced as maple syrup,” said Athukorala. Post the taste test that will be conducted in Brisbane by the Australian Rotarian on a representative cross-section of consumers, we could determine the pricing and logistics.

The next challenge was to develop the supply chain, as currently only sixty farmers are in the community, making the task challenging for continuity of supply. “We have to increase it to at least two hundred farmers, and we have a set of senior Rotarians from the United States visiting the production process in Ukuwela, Matale,” he added.



Condolences on the Passing of PP Rtn. John Baskaran

Rotary extends its heartfelt condolences on the passing of Past President Rtn. John Baskaran. For over a decade, he was a dedicated and well-respected Rotarian who made an immense contribution to Rotary service, consistently motivating and inspiring fellow members. His exemplary leadership, wisdom, and unwavering commitment provided valuable guidance and support, strengthening clubs and advancing Rotary's mission across the District.



PP Rtn. John Baskaran

Past President of the Rotary Club
of Kandy (2012/13)

His passing is a profound loss not only to his family, but also to the Rotary Club of Kandy and the wider Rotary family. He will be remembered for his selfless service, integrity, and the lasting impact he made through Rotary.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the bereaved family during this time of sorrow. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Rotary Club of Ruwanpura Sapphire Chartered in Ratnapura

A proud new chapter began with the official chartering of the Rotary Club of Ruwanpura Sapphire. The special occasion was graced by District Governor Delvyn Pereira, who served as the Chief Guest and formally handed over the Charter Certificate to the Club President, Rtn. Rakitha Katulanda.

The charter ceremony was held at Hotel Kethumathi, Ratnapura, marking an important milestone in strengthening Rotary's service footprint in the region.

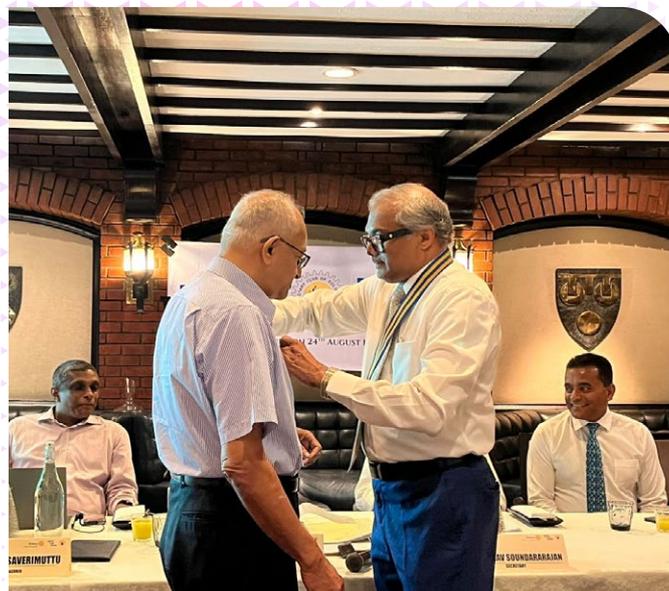


Rotary Club of Colombo Holds Its 97th Annual General Meeting

The Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka's first Rotary Club, successfully convened its 97th Annual General Meeting on 18 December 2025 at the London Grill. During the meeting, the Board of Directors for the Rotary Year 2026–27 was duly elected.

The Club proudly confirmed Rtn. Azad Mansoor and Rtn. Shanaz Sahabdeen as its 98th and 99th Presidents respectively. A historic milestone was also marked with the election of Rtn. Naqeeb Hussain as the Club's Centennial President, who will assume office during the Rotary Year 2028–29.

The Rotary Club of Colombo extends its warm congratulations and best wishes to the newly elected leadership team as they prepare to guide the Club toward continued service, growth, and impact in the years ahead.



Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town Supports School Rebuilding After Cyclone Ditwah



As part of ongoing recovery efforts following Cyclone Ditwah, the Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town extended support to the flood-affected Gangasiripura Vidyalaya in Gampola by donating five computers along with tables to help restore essential learning facilities.

The project was funded by the Rotary Club of Woking, RI District 1145, United Kingdom, reflecting the strength of Rotary's international partnerships in times of need.

This initiative forms part of Rotary Mid Town's continued commitment to rebuilding schools, restoring learning environments, and ensuring that students are able to return to their education without long-term disruption.



Rotary Club of Colombo Fort Extends Flood Relief to Displaced Families in Ellavamkullam

The Rotary Club of Colombo Fort carried out a meaningful community service initiative in Ellavamkullam, located in the Puttalam District, extending support to families displaced by the recent floods. At present, 13 families remain unable to return to their homes, continuing to face challenging and uncertain living conditions.

What made this project especially touching was the involvement of children, who contributed their personal savings and actively assisted in distributing relief packs. Their compassion and sense of responsibility brought renewed hope and encouragement to families navigating a difficult period.

Through the collective efforts of Rotarians, volunteers, and the younger generation, essential items were delivered to those in need. Beyond providing immediate relief, the initiative served as a powerful reminder that these communities are not alone and that Rotary stands beside them in times of hardship.



Rotary Club of Kandy Extends Relief to Flood and Landslide Affected Communities

In response to the severe floods and landslides that impacted communities across the Gampola mountain region, the Rotary Club of Kandy, together with the Rotaract Club of Kandy, carried out a humanitarian food distribution programme on 4th December 2025.

Relief assistance was provided to affected families in the areas surrounding Valvasa Goda Rajamaha Vihara, the Thashika School shelter, and nearby mountainous villages. Many families in these remote hillside communities had been displaced, lost access to essential supplies, or suffered significant damage to their homes and livelihoods.



Through this timely initiative, Rotary reaffirmed its commitment to serving communities in times of need, offering compassion, support, and hope during challenging moments.



Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial Relief Measures with Sri Lanka Air Force

Under Project Health Shield, the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial, in collaboration with Rotary District 3220, successfully handed over essential life-saving medicines to the Sri Lanka Air Force in support of emergency response efforts for communities affected by the recent floods caused by the Dithwa cyclone.

The medicines were formally handed over to Air Vice Marshal Dr. Lalith Jayaweera, Director General of Health Services, and will be distributed through the Sri Lanka Air Force's emergency medical and logistics networks, ensuring timely and effective care for vulnerable families. This initiative highlights Rotary's steadfast commitment to collaborative action during national emergencies, working closely with key state institutions to enhance reach, efficiency, and impact in times of crisis.



Rotary Club of Chunnakam Heritage Supports Flood-Affected Families in Poonakary

The Rotary Club of Chunnakam Heritage successfully carried out a relief initiative to support families affected by the recent Ditwah cyclone floods in the Poonakary area. As part of the project, 130 boxes of dry milk powder were distributed to ensure the immediate nutritional needs of flood-affected families, particularly children and the elderly, were met.

The distribution was coordinated through the local Grama Sevaka (GS), ensuring that the assistance reached the most vulnerable and deserving members of the community.



Rotary Club of Mid Town with EDB and SLIP support SME

The Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town, together with the Sri Lanka Export Development Board (EDB) and the Sri Lanka Institute of Packaging (SLIP), organised a full-day capacity-building programme for export-oriented SMEs in Jaffna on 9th December 2025.

The session attracted more than 75 entrepreneurs and delivered in-depth knowledge on packaging fundamentals, including different packaging formats, material choices, internationally accepted best practices, and effective ways to overcome common packaging-related challenges in export markets.

A key highlight of the programme was the hands-on engagement session, where participants showcased their own products to an expert panel from the Sri Lanka Institute of Packaging and received valuable, practical insights to enhance their packaging and make it truly export-ready.



Rotary Club of Colombo Uptown Empowers Families Through Livelihood Support



The Rotary Club of Colombo Uptown handed over cheques totaling Rs. 500,000 to selected recipients under the Dear Father Livelihood Support Initiative, aimed at supporting families as they rebuild their livelihoods.

This initiative goes beyond financial assistance; it focuses on restoring dignity, strengthening resilience, and empowering families to move forward with renewed hope. Each recipient reflects determination and perseverance in the face of hardship.



Global Marine Investments Enhances Partnership with Rotary's One Million Trees Project to Support Environment

Global Marine Investments, a part of the Global Marine Group, recently contributed LKR 100,000/- to Rotary Sri Lanka's One Million Trees Project to enhance the Group's partnership with Rotary Sri Lanka to grow the country's forest cover.

In August 2024, in a significant move towards sustainability, Global Marine Services (Private) Limited, a company exclusively engaged in Seafarer recruitment and placement on foreign vessels entered into an agreement to partner with Rotary Sri Lanka's One Million Trees Project with an initial contribution of LKR 200,000/-. The recent contribution brings their total to LKR 300,000/- the cost of 3,000 trees.

The agreement highlights Global Marine Services' commitment to environmental stewardship and marked the beginning of their ambitious corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative. This initiative aligns with Global Marine Services' Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) commitment to planting 10 trees for every seafarer employed, thereby contributing to the global effort to minimize carbon footprints.



Mr Hirantha Perera and Mrs Champa Seneviratne of Global Marine Investments hand over the payment to Dion Schoorman, CEO/Project Director - Rotary One Million Trees Project in the presence of the Global Marine Group CSR team.

Captain Channa Abeyagunawardena, Managing Director of Global Marine Services, emphasized the importance of the initiative, stating, "Our commitment to planting ten trees for every seafarer employed reflects our dedication to a greener future. This project will be on going and we will continue to plant trees as we employ more seafarers which is about fostering a legacy of sustainability within the maritime industry."

Past District Governor Gowri Rajan Chairperson of the Rotary One Million Trees Trust echoed these sentiments, highlighting the critical role that partnerships play in achieving large-scale environmental goals. "The Rotary One Million Trees Project is a testament to what can be accomplished when communities and corporations come together. We are proud to partner with Global Marine Services in this endeavour."

The trees sponsored by the Global Marine Group are planted at Somerset Estate, Talawakelle Tea Estates Limited. This location, managed by Hayleys TTEL, was selected for its ecological significance and potential for reforestation.

Global Marines Services is the latest member of the corporate sector to partner with Rotary's One Million Trees project. Among the other partners are Crystal Martin, Asia Siyake, LIOC, My Mech Pvt Ltd, Sampath Bank, Hatton National Bank, Hayleys Plantations, Sunshine Holdings, ATG Group, Oxford College of Business, as well as over 50 Rotary clubs from Sri Lanka and overseas. To date, the project has planted around 430,000 trees out of its target of one million trees.



The Global Marine Services team at the planting site in Talawakelle

Rotary Club of Sri Jayawardanapura Donates Essential Medicines for Flood Relief Clinics

The Rotary Club of Sri Jayawardanapura recently donated essential medicines to GMOA doctors and the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) of the Colombo Municipal Council.

These medicines will be utilized in medical clinics organized for communities affected by the recent floods, ensuring timely access to critical healthcare support for those in need.





Rotaract Updates

8th Installation of Rotaract Club of Ratnapura

The 8th Installation Ceremony of the Rotaract Club of Ratnapura was held on 13th December 2025 at the Grand Gadian Hotel, Ratnapura.

The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest IPDG Sushena Ranathunga, with Guest of Honor President Capt. Rtn. Ravindra, and was attended by IPP Rtn. Avanti.

Due to the impact of the Ditwa Cyclone disaster, the event was conducted on a smaller and more modest scale, reflecting solidarity with affected communities while upholding the spirit and continuity of Rotaract fellowship and service.



PitchRight

Empowering Youth Innovation and Social Enterprise in Sri Lanka

In a world where ideas often struggle to find the right platform, PitchRight emerges as more than a competition. It stands as a catalyst for youth driven innovation and sustainable growth. It is an initiative powered by Rotaract in Rotary International District 3220. This initiative bridges the crucial gap between imagination and implementation while empowering young entrepreneurs and changemakers to transform bold ideas into measurable impact through mentorship, funding and collaboration.

At its core, PitchRight is an invitation extended to investors and business leaders to become partners in shaping the next wave of youth-led innovation and social enterprise in Sri Lanka. It offers a rare convergence of purpose and potential where social impact and financial foresight walk hand in hand.

The PitchRight initiative marks a groundbreaking evolution within the Rotaract movement by redefining what service means in the modern age. Moving beyond traditional models, it introduces a dynamic youth-led platform that seamlessly integrates innovation, leadership and entrepreneurship. Inspired by Rotary International's 2025 / 26 vision "Redefine service" and led under the guidance of the District Rotaract Representative, Rtr. PP Nazmi Mahmoud, PitchRight embodies a forward-thinking approach to community development and enterprise creation.





Structured around two transformative phases, PitchRight offers a comprehensive journey from purpose-driven service to enterprise. Phase one, community service pitching focused on empowering Rotaractors to design and pitch sustainable community initiatives aligned with Rotary's focus areas: education, health, the environment, water and sanitation. During this phase, Rotaractors were encouraged to address pressing local challenges with innovative, practical solutions. These ideas were then evaluated by a panel of Rotarians, investors and subject matter experts, ensuring both feasibility and long term impact.

Whereas phase two hopes to focus on Business Pitching, branded as PitchRight for Business (PitchConnect), shifting the focus toward youth-led enterprises. This phase creates a powerful bridge between Rotaract and Interact, collaborating with Interact RID 3220s flagship BizConnect 3.0 initiative. The culmination of this phase is the Business Pitching and Investor Forum, where young entrepreneurs present their ventures to seasoned investors and business leaders. Through seed funding, mentorship and incubation support, PitchRight aims to incubate and launch 5 to 10 viable youth startups by February 2026, contributing meaningfully to Sri Lanka's economic growth and entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Beyond events and outcomes, PitchRight's broader vision is to position Rotaract as a national hub for youth innovation, connecting purpose-driven leaders with investors who seek both social and financial returns. Its objectives extend beyond project launches, including fostering leadership, teamwork and entrepreneurial skill building among youth while strengthening synergy between Rotary, business leaders and the investment community.

For investors, PitchRight presents a compelling value proposition. It offers direct access to emerging youth innovation, enabling early engagement with future entrepreneurs before they enter the mainstream ecosystem. Investments generate measurable social returns supporting sustainable development, youth employment and leadership growth. Moreover, association with Rotaract in Rotary International District 3220 enhances brand credibility through alignment with one of the world's most respected service networks.

As a PitchRight investor, partners gain opportunities to fund promising youth ventures, create tangible CSR value aligned with Rotary focus areas and the United Nations sustainable development goals, mentor startups and participate in exclusive networking forums with senior Rotarians, investors and business leaders. Recognition as an official impact investor partner will further amplify brand visibility across media, digital platforms and event communications.

Ultimately, PitchRight is a movement fueled by belief. The belief that when young minds are trusted, guided and invested in, they do not merely dream of change, they deliver it. And in that shared space between vision and action, PitchRight lights the way forward.





Interact Updates

6th District Meeting followed by the Interaction'26 Opening Ceremony

The 6th District Meeting of Interact District 3220, followed by the Interaction '26 Opening Ceremony, was successfully held on the 4th of January 2026 at the District Secretariat Auditorium, Kandy, bringing together Interactors from across the country.

The day commenced with the 6th District Meeting, held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m, providing an effective platform to review district progress, discuss future initiatives, and strengthen collaboration among clubs. The meeting was jointly organized by the Interact Clubs of Dharmaraja College, Kandy, and Hillwood College, Kandy.

Following the district meeting, the Interaction '26 Opening Ceremony took place from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., officially marking the commencement of Interaction '26. Organized by the Interaction '26 Hill Country Committee, the ceremony primarily focused on the presentation of the Interaction shields and the selection of official draws for the upcoming Interaction season.

A key highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of the four Interaction category shields, Hill Country Boys, Hill Country Girls, Colombo Boys, and Colombo Girls. These shields were ceremoniously carried to the stage by the Presidents of the respective winning clubs of the previous year, symbolizing legacy, excellence, and the spirit of healthy competition. In addition, the prestigious Hill Country vs Colombo Shield was carried to the stage by the Chairpersons of Interaction '26, representing unity, rivalry, and sportsmanship between the two zones.

Another major objective of the opening ceremony was the selection of draws for Interaction '26 Colombo and Interaction '26 Hill Country. The draws were conducted through a series of random and interactive games, actively involving the audience and ensuring a fair, transparent, and engaging selection process. This unique approach added excitement to the ceremony while strengthening interaction among Interactors from different schools.

The ceremony also officially introduced the Interaction '26 Executive Committees.☒

The Interaction '26 Hill Country Executive Committee:

Chairperson – Int. Charith Ekanayake

Secretary – Int. Yenuli Weerasinghe

Treasurer – Int. PP. Vinuki Jayasena

The Interaction '26 Colombo Executive Committee:

Chairperson – Int. PP. Shenal Theshan

Secretaries – Int. Kevindu Perera & Int. PP. Aaliya Ijaz

Treasurer – Int. PP. Pabasara Warnajith

The event concluded on a high note, celebrating leadership, unity, and the shared enthusiasm of Interactors as they started Interaction '26. The successful execution of the 6th District Meeting and the Opening Ceremony reflected the values of teamwork, inclusivity, and excellence that define Interact District 3220, setting a strong and inspiring foundation for the year ahead.

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