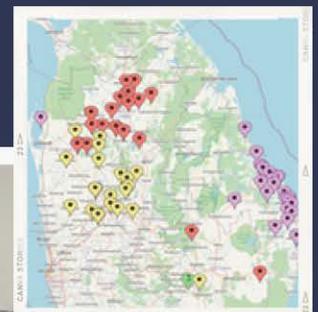




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I warmly welcome you all to APSL's 20th Anniversary Dinner Dance.

Established in 2004, APSL projects continue to deliver much needed support to Sri Lanka as well as Sri Lankans living in the UK. Our membership has continued to grow both in terms of number as well as its diversity in terms of professions, regions, ethnicity, religion, and other backgrounds.

During the past 20 years, APSL has developed a track record of delivering successful projects and events to achieve our vision to help develop a peaceful, a just and prosperous Sri Lanka.

Tonight's event is packed with live music, a raffle with exciting prizes, a Dutch auction and a Sri Lankan buffet.

During the event, APSL will also acknowledge and recognise the dedicated services rendered by some of our members.

As APSL celebrates 20 years of continued service to community, I express my sincere appreciation for the support received from our Patron H.E. Sri Lankan High Commissioner to the UK, Executive Committee members, project leaders, members, donors, other associations and agencies, supporters, friends and well-wishers for their continuing support to the Association.

I hope you thoroughly enjoy this wonderful evening with us, and I look forward to seeing you join us and help to further the yeoman service APSL continues to deliver.

Dr. Mohan Siriwardena

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**Message from His Excellency Rohitha Bogollagama,
High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in the United Kingdom**

I am delighted to extend my warm greetings to the Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the United Kingdom (APSL) on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary Dinner Dance taking place on Saturday, 19 October 2024.

Since its inception, APSL has established itself as a distinguished platform for bringing together professionals of Sri Lankan origin in the UK, fostering collaboration, innovation, and community engagement. Your efforts to connect the professional diaspora not only strengthen ties among Sri Lankans abroad but also contribute meaningfully to the social and economic growth of both the UK and Sri Lanka.

I would also like to acknowledge the Association's impactful initiatives in areas such as education and charitable efforts, as well as your ongoing support for Sri Lanka's development. APSL's dedication to uplifting the Sri Lankan community is admirable and inspiring.

As you celebrate this special occasion, I wish APSL continued success in all your future endeavours and look forward to witnessing the further growth and achievements of this important organisation.

Rohitha Bogollagama
High Commissioner

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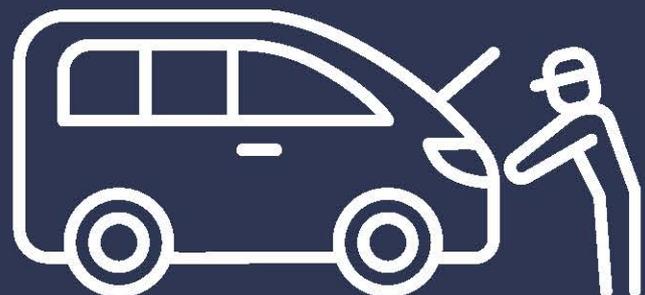
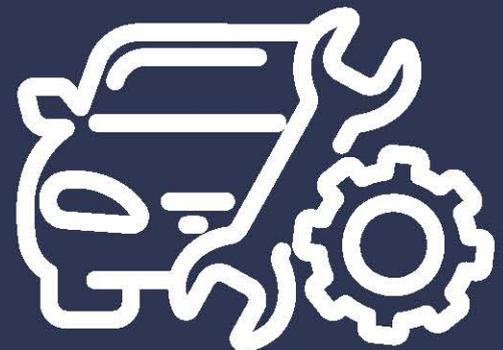
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DINNER DANCE PROGRAMME

18:30	Arrival of Guests
19:00	Welcome and President's Address
19:10	20 Years of APSL
19:30	High Commissioner's Address
19:40	Recognising APSL Past Presidents and Project Leaders
20:00	Dinner
21:00	Dutch Auction
21:30	Music and Dance
22:15	Raffle
22:30	Music and Dance
Midnight	Vote of Thanks and Close

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ASK THE EXPERTS

SHARING EXPERTISE

Since its launch in 2009, APSL's "Ask the Expert" series has provided a platform for members and the general public to benefit from the knowledge of experts in their respective fields. The event series is designed to make specialised knowledge accessible, with experts breaking down complex topics into clear, relatable discussions. Held three times a year, these sessions cover diverse areas including economics, law, medicine, engineering, and business.

ENGAGING DISCUSSIONS

Each event features one or more professionals discussing contemporary and relevant topics in their field. These discussions are crafted to be easily understood by a wide audience, ensuring that the content remains practical and applicable to everyday life. The series not only fosters learning but also highlights emerging trends and developments across various sectors.



IDEA EXCHANGE

A key feature of the "Ask the Expert" series is its interactive nature. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions, share their thoughts, and engage in meaningful discussions with the experts. This creates a vibrant forum for exchanging ideas, allowing participants to gain deeper insights and apply them in their professional or personal lives. APSL is proud to continue this initiative, connecting the community with expertise and knowledge across a wide range of fields.



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CANCER RELIEF PROJECT

LAUNCHING THE APSL CANCER RELIEF FUND (CRF)

On September 23, 2017, APSL launched the Cancer Relief Fund (CRF) in London to support cancer patients and their families in Sri Lanka. Since its inception, the fund has provided over 6 million rupees in aid. The CRF focuses on four key areas: raising awareness, providing medical supplies, supporting patients, and enhancing hospital infrastructure to improve care.

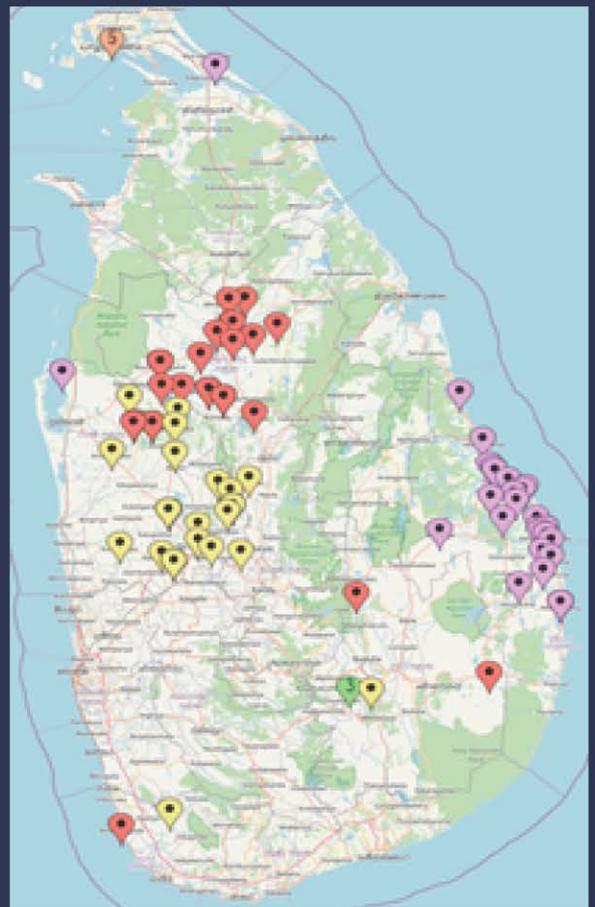
COLLABORATIONS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Over the past seven years, APSL has worked closely with hospitals in Badulla, Kurunegala, Batticaloa, Anuradhapura, and others. To date, the CRF has made 1,165 payments of 3,000 LKR to assist patients and 88 payments of 20,000 LKR for medication support.

Additionally, nearly 1 million LKR has been allocated to one-off patient needs, with some receiving up to 75,000 LKR. APSL has also undertaken hospital building renovations, provided meals for patients and families in residential facilities, and contributed to COVID-19 relief efforts.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP AND CONTINUED SUPPORT

The CRF received its first corporate sponsor, Luminii Consulting Ltd., in 2020, followed by Capitol Twin Peaks in 2021 and LA & EA Consultants Ltd. in 2023. These partnerships have been instrumental in sustaining the programme's impact, along with the two fundraising events organised by the community in Cardiff, South Wales. APSL expresses deep gratitude to all donors around the world, sponsors, and partners, with 100% of donations going directly to support cancer patients, families, and medical institutions



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FLORENCE DE SILVA MEMORIAL TRUST

ESTABLISHING THE FLORENCE DE SILVA MEMORIAL TRUST

In 2019, APSL founded the Florence De Silva Memorial Trust for Children, dedicated to helping underprivileged children in Sri Lanka. With three million rupees invested in nearly 25 projects, this initiative owes its success to the generosity of Mrs. Aruni De Alwis, who contributed from the estate of the late Florence Cecilia De Silva.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND MEDICAL RELIEF

Over the past five years, the trust has provided 10 scholarships to students affected by the Easter Sunday attacks in Katuwapitiya. It also funded cancer treatments for children and supplied essential medical equipment to pediatric units during critical health crises across Sri Lanka, bringing much-needed support to children and their families.

EDUCATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Beyond medical aid, the trust has distributed school essentials and sponsored community projects aimed at improving the lives of children. By funding education and development initiatives, the APSL Florence De Silva Memorial Trust continues to uplift and empower Sri Lanka's younger generations.



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LIVING IN THE UK



BRIDGING CULTURES

The 'Living in the UK' discussion series has been a platform for Sri Lankans across the UK to explore Eastern and Western values in their daily lives. These events, attended by all age groups, cover topics like friendships, cultural roots, and integrating two sets of values, offering an open space to share experiences.

YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

A highlight is the interactive dialogue with young people, who discuss what they enjoy about UK life and how they manage being part of two cultures, touching on education, wealth, and opportunities. These discussions are always lively and engaging.



With 70 to 100 participants per event, we're grateful for the venues that host us. To get involved or share suggestions, contact Project Lead Thushara Madurasinghe at treasurer@apsl.org.uk.



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MENTORING SCHEME

CONNECTING SRI LANKAN STUDENTS & PROFESSIONALS

At APSL, we were thrilled to collaborate with Link to Lanka for a successful event on UCL Campus aimed at connecting Sri Lankan students with professionals. Our mission was to offer students valuable insights and guidance to support their career journeys, and the event proved to be a tremendous success. By bringing together leading professionals from a variety of industries, we provided students with the opportunity to gain crucial career advice and inspiration.

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PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND INTERACTIVE NETWORKING

The event kicked off with a panel discussion, which later transitioned into a networking session where students had the chance to connect directly with professionals, ask questions, and explore career pathways. This interaction allowed students to gain meaningful advice from experts in their respective fields.

EMPOWERING CAREER GROWTH AND NETWORKS

Our events aim to broaden participants' networks, help them gain new skills, and offer valuable perspectives on career opportunities. The event not only facilitated career development but also strengthened ties within the APSL community, opening doors for future collaborations and opportunities.



RESEARCH SYMPOSIA

UNITING SRI LANKAN ACADEMICS & PROFESSIONALS

The APSL Research Symposium brings together Sri Lankan academics and industry professionals on a common platform to promote and uplift research and to share best practices. Furthermore, it facilitates professional networking, thereby strengthening working relationships and enhancing capacity building to contribute to the development of Sri Lanka. The first APSL Research Symposium was held in 2011 in London, followed by the second symposium in Sheffield in 2012.

EXPERT KEYNOTES

The keynote speech at the event was delivered by Professor Nishan Canagarajah, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leicester, UK, and Professor Sudantha Liyanage, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, delivered the guest speech. The symposium comprised 12 academic presentations by researchers from universities in Sri Lanka and the UK, organised into four sessions.

To learn more of this programme or contribute as a donor, please visit our web site www.apsl.org.uk or contact Dr Leshan Uggalla through leshanu@apsl.org.uk.



CROSS-BORDER ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

In 2021, APSL jointly organised a research symposium with the Sri Lankan High Commission in London, titled 'SLHC and APSL Research Symposium 2021'. This was held virtually on 1st September 2021 with representation from 25 universities in Sri Lanka and the UK. The main objective of the Research Symposium was to provide a platform for Sri Lankan researchers (PhD/MPhil) to showcase their research work to academics from both countries and vice versa, as well as to offer an opportunity for the researchers to interact with experts in their respective fields of study.



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SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME



LAUNCHING THE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR EDUCATION ACCESS

The APSL Scholarship Scheme was introduced in 2014 as part of the organization's 10th anniversary, aimed at helping talented students from low-income families access quality education. Under the leadership of co-founders Mr. Mervyn Silva and Prof. Terrance Fernando, the scheme has grown tremendously over the past decade.

SUPPORTING 153 STUDENTS ACROSS SRI LANKA

What began with just five children has now expanded to support 153 students, thanks to the generosity of donors. These students come from various regions, including Bandarawela, Chilaw, Ja Ela, and Puttalam, among others. Recipients receive an initial bursary of Rs 5000, followed by Rs 4000 per month until they complete their G.C.E. Ordinary Level exams, and Rs 6000 for their Advanced Level studies. APSL closely monitors each student's academic progress.



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SOLAR VILLAGES

EMPOWERING RURAL COMMUNITIES



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The Solar Village project, developed by Professor I.M. Dharmadasa of Sheffield Hallam University, was created to empower rural communities through clean energy technologies. A pilot project was launched in Sri Lanka in 2008, focusing on sustainable development and poverty alleviation. Under Professor Dharmadasa's guidance, the project aimed to help rural communities thrive by utilizing renewable energy sources.

NOCHCHIYA SOLAR VILLAGE

In collaboration with the UK charity Hela Sarana, APSL established its first solar village in Nochchiya, Kurunegala district. A 6kW solar roof was installed feeding energy into the national grid. The revenue generated from the system covers operational costs for water pumping stations, ensuring a consistent supply of clean water for the village's 1,200 residents. This initiative significantly reduces waterborne diseases and supports a healthier community.



PUTHIYA NAGAR SOLAR VILLAGE

As part of the APSL 'We Sri Lanka' programme, a second solar village was established in Puthiya Nagar, Mullaitivu in 2020. Resettled with refugees from conflict-affected areas in the Vanni region, Puthiya Nagar received a fully funded 5kW solar energy system that was installed at the village Community Centre at a cost of Rs 1.4 million. The renewable power generated illuminates the Community Centre that houses a Library and a Pre-School, as well as provides education and training facilities for children and women in surrounding areas.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

SUPPORTING VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN SRI LANKA

In 2022, the APSL Dinner Dance event focused on raising funds to provide scholarships to vocational training students in Sri Lanka. Recognizing the shortage of skilled professionals in various trades, the initiative aimed to help young individuals who could not enter universities pursue vocational qualifications in their preferred trades. This program equips them with the skills to support themselves and their families, ultimately contributing to Sri Lanka's workforce.

PARTNERSHIP WITH VTA

On 2 February 2024, APSL Executive Committee Member Mr. Leslie Dep met with Retired Major General Priyantha Weerasinghe, Director General of the Vocational Training Authority (VTA), and Assistant Director Mr. Thilna Ranasinghe in Colombo. During this meeting, APSL proposed to offer scholarships to deserving students based on family income. VTA agreed to select a batch of students for each trade, sending the list to APSL for final approval. The courses commenced in July and August 2024, with students from across Sri Lanka participating.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

By September 2024, a total of 14 students from several districts were selected and awarded scholarships for a variety of trade courses through the APSL scholarship program, with a total expenditure of Rs 157,000.



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RECONNECTING, REBUILDING, AND RECONCILING

We Sri Lanka was launched in 2010 to promote reconciliation and togetherness among the Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim, and Burgher communities following the end of the long-running conflict in Sri Lanka. Events featured expert talks, panel discussions, cultural performances, and fundraising efforts to support vulnerable communities in conflict-affected areas.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH GREEN ENERGY

In 2020, APSL partnered with the Foundation of Goodness in Sri Lanka to establish a solar village in Puthiya Nagar, a newly re-settled village with refugees from conflict affected areas in the Vanni. Renewable energy from the 5kW solar system now illuminates the Community Centre housing a Library and a Pre-School while providing education and training facilities for children and women in surrounding areas.

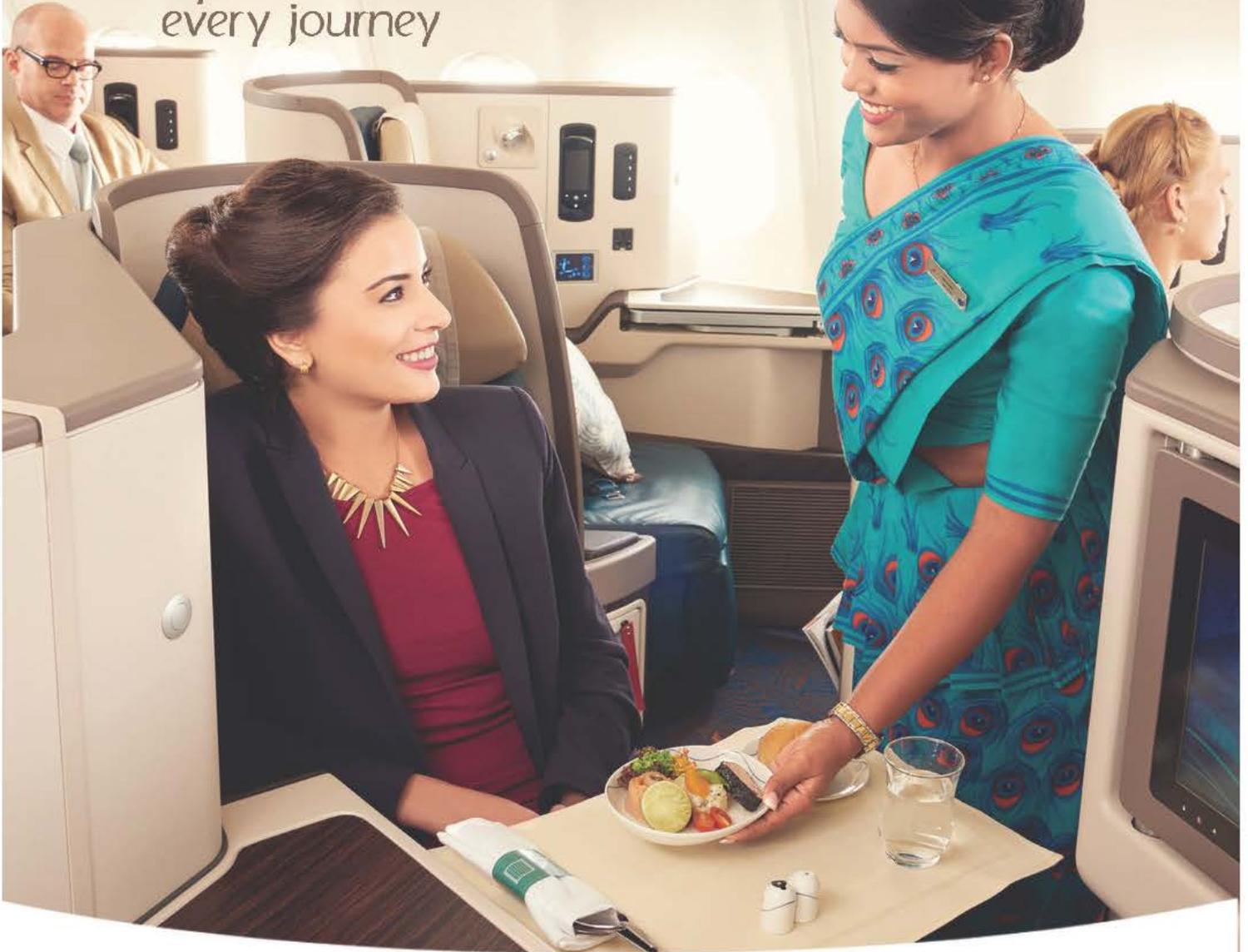


BUILDING THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

We Sri Lanka Talks aims to raise awareness about sustainability, inclusivity and governance. Launched in 2021, the six Talks in the series so far have focused on topics such as reconciliation, renewable energy, and economic stabilisation. Our recent event at UCL London in March 2024 focused on “Transcending the Climate Crisis and creating a Green Growth, Net Zero Economy.” Prof Mohan Munasinghe, Vice Chair UN IPCC and 2021 Blue Planet Prize Laureate gave the keynote address, and Prof IM Dharmadasa spoke about the role of Solar Villages in helping to alleviate poverty and create sustainable livelihoods.



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