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SLAS Intake 2010

GLIMPSES FROM THE PAST QUARTER

Sri Lanka Administrative Service Association conducted branch reorganization programmes in different areas of the country. Enhancing the rapport between the main branch and regional branches and recruitment of new members to the association are some main objectives of these programmes.

Branch reorganization Programme – Matara



Branch reorganization Programme – Rathnapura



During the previous quarter Sri Lanka Administrative Service Association held the Branch reorganization programmes in Rathnapura, Kalutara and Matara districts.



Branch reorganization Programme –Kaluthara



The sublimity of administration consists in knowing the proper degree of power that should be exerted on different occasions

Charles
de
Montesquieu



SHORT-TERM SUGGESTIONS TO BE EXECUTED FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REVIVAL OF SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka Administrative Services Association (SASA) launched a series of quickly executable suggestions for the economic and social revival of Sri Lanka. The launching ceremony was held at Mahaweli Centre, Colombo 07 on 18th April 2022 with the participation of the members and other relevant stakeholders.

The soft copy of the suggestions can be directly downloaded from the website www.sasa.lk in all three languages.



Sri Lanka Administrative Service, being the premier public service of the country compiled these short-term suggestions in order to find effective solutions for the prevailing crisis in the motherland. These proposals have been prepared addressing several key areas such as constitutional and legal affairs, economic development, education, agriculture, power and industries.

<Short-term proposals submitted to Mr. Ali Sabry (P.C) then Minister of Finance



Short-term proposals submitted to Mr. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of Opposition.



SASA conducted a discussion with the other union members about their views on the steps to be taken to mitigate the current economic crisis.

Accordingly, a discussion was held with the Government Medical Officers' Association, in order to identify the collaborative efforts that can be executed in order to overcome the effects of prevailing economic crisis.

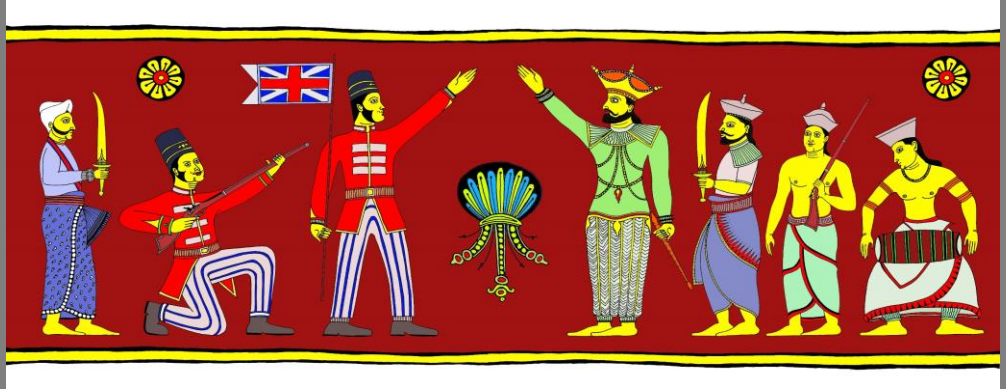


Furthermore, a discussion was held with the members of Inter Union Federation regarding the possible interventions as public officers in order to safeguard the normal lifestyle of the citizens.



SASA believes that the mutual respect and coordination with the relevant stakeholders is essential when finding effective solutions for the issues faced by the country at present. The discussions with the unions were very useful in building this collaborative framework for elevating Sri Lanka.

ARTS CORNER



Art by – Nimesha Thiwankara Senevipala SLAS 2019

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Congratulations to Ciara Mandulee Mendis of SLAS
2019 Intake for being shortlisted for the Gratiaen
Prize 2021

SILENT PROTEST BY SASA

SASA organized a silent protest in Independence Square, Colombo 07 on 28th April 2022.



Sri Lanka Administrative Service Association initiated for 'SAARA SRI LANKA' national programme in order to enhance the food security and to address the current food crisis. The technological know-how and the best practices from cultivation to post- harvesting are shared among the public with the contribution from Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agrarian Development, Department of Manpower and Employment and other relevant stakeholders.

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OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES !



ARIYARATNE HEWAGE
(1944-2022)

Sri Lanka Administrative Service Association extends deepest condolences on the dismiss of the Senior Civil Servant of 1971 Intake.

Your legacy will remain forever!



SASA WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPING THE NATIONAL POLICY FRAMEWORK AND STRATEGIC ROAD MAP FOR ELEVATING SRI LANKA 2023 TO 2030

SASA organized a workshop on developing a national policy framework and strategic road map for elevating Sri Lanka. This inauguration ceremony was held in Postal Headquarters on 28th May 2022. Many senior and veteran public officers were present in this occasion and shared their insights on this significant venture of a great national importance. Mr. Priyantha Mayadunne, Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs and Public Administration delivered the key note speech. The evening session was conducted as a platform for knowledge sharing and brainstorming on 19 key sectors of development.



Mr. Priyantha Mayadunne addressing the gathering

Welcome address by SASA president





Deputy President of SASA Mr. Ranjith Ariyaratne explaining the objectives of the workshop



Introduction to the National policy framework by Mrs. Thilaka Jayasundara



Different groups were formulated in order to have the initial discussions regarding the formation of national policy for key strategic areas. Senior members of Sri Lanka Administrative Service also joined this forum to contribute for this initiative through their intellectual inputs.



SASA PRESIDENT JOINS UPCOMING COMMONWEALTH GAMES AS AN INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON UMPIRE



Rohana de Silva is a Sri Lanka Administrative Service (SLAS) officer currently serving as the Director of the External Resources Department, General Treasury. Mr. De Silva holds a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Kelaniya and a Bachelor's degree in Natural Science from the Open University of Sri Lanka.

He started his badminton technical official career in 1995 and at present, he is a Badminton World Federation Certified Umpire, Badminton Asia (BA) Referee, and BA Umpire Assessor. He is a member of the Badminton Asia Technical Official Committee and the Sri Lanka Badminton Association Technical Committee too.

As an Umpire he officiated in many top-level badminton tournaments including five world championships, six world Junior Championships, three world tour finals, Two Suderman Cup finals, and Thomas & Uber Cup Finals. Also, this is the third Commonwealth Game he represents Sri Lanka.

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Please forward your articles to

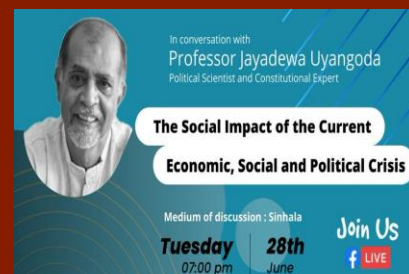
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0773091264 Dharanee Weerasekara (Editor)

AN HOUR WITH SASA PROGRAMME

An hour with SASA programme was conducted in conversation with Professor Jayadewa Uyangoda regarding the social impact of the current economic, social and political crisis. The programme was available in both facebook live and zoom platforms.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. E.M.S.B EKANAYAKE FOR HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT



Mr. Ekanayake is a retired Special Grade officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service. He has served as the Secretary to the Prime Minister several times during 2015-2022. He is a graduate of the University of Peradeniya and he has obtained his Postgraduate Degree in Public Administration from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Mr. Ekanayake has served in the Ministries of Youth Affairs, Sports, Samurdhi, Housing, Industries, Foreign Affairs and Finance, Public Service Commission, Department of Government Information and the Sri Lankan Missions in Malaysia and the United Kingdom during his service in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service. In addition, he has served as the Country Manager of UN-Habitat after his premature retirement from the public service.

Sri Lanka Administrative Service Association extends its heartiest greetings for his appointment as the Secretary to the President.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. ANURA DISSANAYAKE FOR HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER



Mr Anura Dissanayake, a Special Grade Officer of Sri Lanka Administrative Service assumed duties as Secretary to the Prime Minister. Mr. Dissanayake, a senior official of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service has held the post of Secretary to several Ministries and is an experienced public servant who has held many senior positions in the government sector. He has served as the Chief of Staff to the President as well. SASA extends its warmest regards for the new appointment as the Secretary to the Prime Minister.

SRI LANKA ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES THE MEMBERS OF OUR ASSOCIATION WHO WERE QUALIFIED TO PURSUE THEIR HIGHER EDUCATION AS AUSAID SCHOLARS AND KOICA SCHOLARS.



TILANI SUÇANDIKA



*TILANI SUÇANDIKA, SLAS OFFICER
OF INTAKE 2017, COMMENCED HER
STUDIES IN UNIVERSITY
OF SYDNEY AS AN AUSAID SCHOLAR.
SHE JOINED SASA NEWSLETTER
TO SHARE HER EXPERIENCES*

VOICES FROM OVERSEAS

Being an Australia Awards scholar was a plan and I would say that I planned it very carefully. As a public sector employee, my main consideration was to gain knowledge and skills in the field of public policy, research, and evaluation. Currently, I am studying Master of Public Policy at the University of Sydney. After studying about a number of different foreign scholarships supported by the government of Sri Lanka, I learnt that Australia awards scholarship can bring a wider range of benefits that in turn aligns with my academic, professional and personal goals. It covers a variety of aspects including full tuition fees, living allowance, air travel fees, health cover and supplementary academic support.

Attending information sessions conducted by Australia Awards SL, talking to Australia Awards Alumni and paying attention to every detail were key factors for achieving this scholarship. Australia has the world's top-ranked universities, so while earning a prestigious qualification to my profession, there is an opportunity to develop a variety of soft skills and employability skills. Such exposure would be extremely important to my career, I thought. Not to mention, the opportunities this would provide me in growing my professional network as well as the personal network with the key to access a wide range of extracurricular activities.

Australia is the land of everybody. They are a friendly and a welcoming nation. At the first instance I was very much impressed by the public transportation system here. I also appreciate the opportunity to visit and experience one of the most beautiful multi-cultural communities in the world, a country and a continent itself. If everything goes well and I get time I have a plan to explore the beautiful Australia.

SRI LANKA ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE ASSOCIATION

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