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ROTARY CLUB OF
COLOMBO CENTENNIAL

CENTI-NEWS



20 Years of Rotary Excellence: Charter Anniversary & Transition Meeting

On July 13th, the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial proudly celebrated its 20th Charter Anniversary alongside its annual Transition Meeting. The evening featured a thought-provoking panel discussion with Charter President Rtn. Prasantha Lal De Alwis, President's Counsel, Air Chief Marshal Gagan Bulathsinghala, Air Vice Marshal Past President Kishan Yahampath, Past President Tissa Dissanayaka, and District 3220 Secretary for year 2025/26 PP Dinesh Kumar and founding members reflecting on the club's impactful journey. The event also marked the induction of President Rtn. Shervon Fernandopulle and new members, while expressing appreciation to Immediate Past President Rtn. Crysantha Perera. We were honoured by the presence of District Secretary Rtn. Dinesh Kumar, Assistant Governor Rtn. Yolanthika Ellepola, and Rev. Sister Mary Nuwanthi, making the milestone celebration even more meaningful.

● Installation of RC of Moratuwa

The Installation Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Moratuwa was held on 1st July 2025 at the elegant Marina Hotel. Representing our club, Rtn Shervon and Rtn PP Dinesh attended this vibrant and well-organized event. The evening brought together Rotarians, guests, and community leaders to witness the induction of the new president of the current district governor club and board. It was an inspiring occasion, marked by fellowship, shared vision for service, and a renewed commitment to impactful projects.



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● Installation of RC of Kandy Metropolitan

The Installation Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Kandy Metropolitan took place on 4th July 2025 at the scenic Hotel Topaz, Kandy. Representing our club, President Rtn Shervon and Rtn PP Dinesh Kumar were present to extend their warm wishes and support. The event was a celebration of leadership and service, with the new president and board officially taking office amidst a gathering of distinguished Rotarians and guests. The evening reflected the club's strong commitment to serving the Kandy community and fostering fellowship within the Rotary family.



● Installation of RC of Kandy

The Installation Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Kandy was held on 5th July 2025 at the prestigious Hotel Grand Kandy. Our club was represented by President Rtn Shervon and Rtn PP Dinesh, who joined fellow Rotarians and community leaders in celebrating the induction of the new president and board. The event combined the elegance of Kandy's hospitality with the spirit of Rotary service.

● Installation of RC of Colombo South

The Installation Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Colombo South took place on 6th July 2025 at the stylish NH Collection, Kollupitiya. Representing our club, Rtn Shervon and Rtn PP Dinesh attended this memorable evening, which brought together Rotarians, partners, and guests from across the district. The ceremony marked the official induction of the new president and board, setting the stage for another year of impactful service.



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● Installation of RC of Colombo East

The Installation Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Colombo East was held on 25th July 2025 at the iconic Galle Face Hotel. Our club was represented by Rtn Shervon, Rtn PP Dinesh, Rtn. Ayesh, Rtn. Mathan, and Rtn. Gulnara, making it one of our largest delegations for an installation this month. The evening was a grand celebration of service and leadership, with the new president and board formally taking office in the presence of distinguished Rotarians, dignitaries, and well-wishers. .



● Installation of RC Port City

The Installation Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Port City took place on 12th July 2025 at the elegant Hotel Marriott by Courtyard. Representing our club, Rtn Shervon and Rtn PP Dinesh attended the event to extend their congratulations and support to the incoming leadership team. The evening was marked by a spirit of fellowship, inspiring speeches, and a shared vision for impactful projects in the years ahead. Port City's dynamic approach to service promises to bring fresh energy and innovation to the Rotary movement in Colombo.

CSE Bell Ringing for Support of SMEs

The Bell Ringing Ceremony in support of SMEs was held at the Colombo Stock Exchange on 14th July 2025, led by District Governor Delvin Pereira. President Rtn. Shervon Fernandopulle and District Secretary Dinesh Kumar from the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial took part in this significant event, marking Rotary's continued commitment to empowering small and medium enterprises.



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● 1st Board Meeting of the Rotary Year 2025/26

On 11th July 2025, our club held its first board meeting at Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo. This milestone gathering brought together the newly appointed board members to discuss ongoing activities, outline plans, set priorities, and align on the vision for the Rotary year ahead. The meeting marked the beginning of a focused and impactful term, blending fellowship with strategic planning in an inspiring setting.



● Womb to World – Hope for Mothers in Ganemulla

Construction has begun on a new maternity consultation room and doctor's washroom in Ganemulla under our "Womb to World" project. The facility, once a key hub for maternal and child health run by the Ganemulla Youth Development Association, had halted services post-COVID due to structural issues.

In collaboration with Ganemulla Youth Development Club, we're restoring this vital space to serve expecting mothers and young families again, reinstating maternal health programs and continuing to Unite for Good.



● Rotary Means Business

On 24th July 2025, the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial attended the Rotary Means Business – Sri Lanka Chapter Installation & International Business Night 2025 at Cinnamon Life, Colombo, from 6:00 PM onwards. Representing our club were Rtn. Mathan, Rtn. Gulnara, Rtn. Randika, Rtn. Crysantha, and Rtn. Chamil. The event gathered High Commissioners, business leaders, and entrepreneurs to network and mark the chapter's installation.



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● Interfaith Religious Observance

On July 1st, the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial joined the Rotary Club of Colombo West's Interfaith Religious Event to mark the start of the 2025–2026 Rotary year. Under the theme Peace Building & Conflict Resolution, participants visited a temple, mosque, church, and another temple to invoke blessings for Rotary District 3220's new leadership, fostering unity and inclusion across faiths. From the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial President Rtn. Shervon, Secretary Andrew, District Secretary Rtn. Dinesh, Rtn. Ayesha, Rtn. Gaiindu, Rtn. Mathan and Rtn. Gulnara,



● Transition Meeting of Rotaract Club of Centennial United

On 19th July 2025, the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial attended the Transition Meeting of the Rotaract Club of Centennial United, where Rotaractor Clive Shalindra assumed the presidency. President Shervon Fernandopulle graced the event as Chief Guest, joined by Club Secretary Andrew Pangoda and Youth Services Chair Milindu Mallawaratchie, reaffirming the club's commitment to supporting its Rotaract family.



● SME IT Workshop for Professionals

On 22nd July 2025, the Rotary Club of Reconnection organized an SME IT Workshop in collaboration with ICTA, in which President Rtn. Shervon Fernandopulle of the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial participated as an IT Advisor, offering his expertise to help small and medium enterprises leverage technology for growth and innovation.



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• Transition Meeting of SLTC

On 27th July 2025, the Installation Ceremony of the Sri Lanka Technological Campus (SLTC) took place in a vibrant and dignified setting. The event was graced by President Shervon Fernandopulle of the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial, who attended as the Guest of Honour. His presence underscored the strong bond between SLTC and the Rotary movement, and his address inspired the gathering with messages of leadership, service, and the importance of innovation in shaping the future. Secretary Rtn. Andrew Pangoda, Youth Services Chair Rtn. Milindu Mallawaratchie, Rtn. Ayesh, and Rtn. Mathan also attended the event, further representing the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial at this important occasion.



• New Dance Hall at Diyatalawa Maha Vidyalaya

Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial, together with the 11th Regiment of the Sri Lanka Army, completed a dedicated dance practice hall at Diyatalawa Maha Vidyalaya in July 2025. Initiated by IPP Rtn. Crysantha Perera and managed by ACM Gagan Bulathsinhala, the project marks a step forward in promoting rural education and the arts.



UPCOMING PROJECTS

• Sanitary pad projects

We're moving forward with our sanitary pad distribution project in collaboration with Miss Sri Lanka for Miss World 2024, Anudi Gunasekara, who fully supports the initiative and recommends Selyn reusable pads for sustainable menstrual health. The project will be planned in collaboration with "Saheli" movement.



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● Keeping the Wheel Turning

As we wrap up the first month of Rotary year 2025/26 under the theme “Unite For Good”, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has joined hands with us—members, partners, and friends alike. Your support, generosity, and commitment to making a difference are what keep our spirit of service alive and thriving. We look forward to continuing this journey together through the months ahead, creating lasting change in our communities and inspiring others to join us in uniting for good.



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