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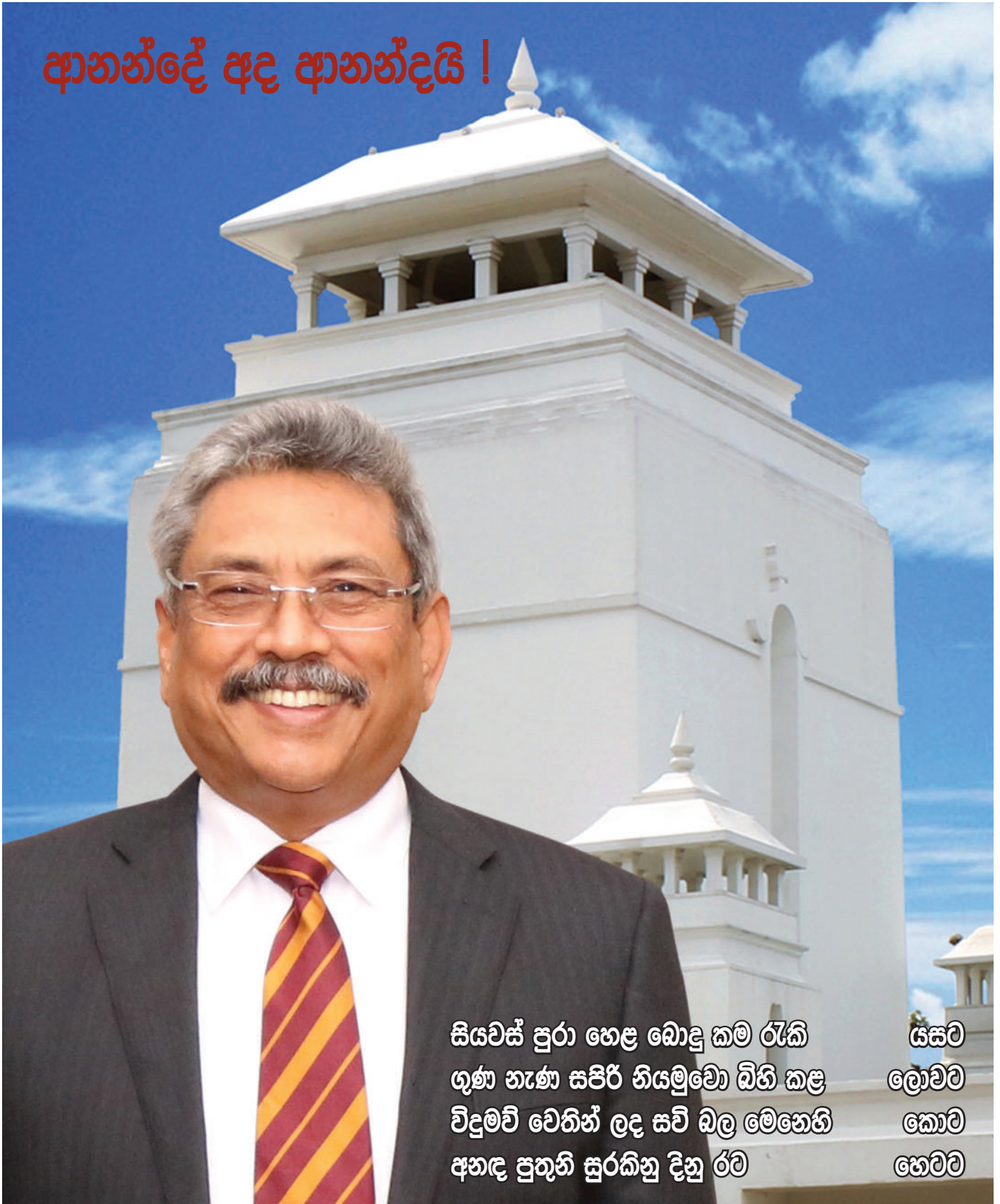


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Editorial

'Anandaya' is the by-annual magazine published by the Old Boys' Association of Ananda College. Olcott Oration is one of the most prestigious events of the ACOBA calendar and the November issue of 2019 'Anandaya' is published in conjunction with this event. A detailed record of activities of ACOBA, of Affiliated Groups, of a selected overseas group and of the school are reported in this magazine in order to acquaint past students, parents and well-wishers.

Alumni of Mother Ananda contribute to the benefit of the College with the wish of making every single Anandian who passes out to be a productive citizen of the world.

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Try and work out what you are good at ...

Mr. Maithri Panagoda

What was your first reaction when you heard that you are invited to deliver the Olcott Oration – 2019?

I felt deeply honoured, but humbled. Memories of my school days came flooding back. It dawned on me that it was 50 years ago at the annual prize giving that I last walked up to the stage at Ananda.

When you look back, into your childhood, family, village (Wathumulla) and school what were the most influential factors that nurtured your life?

I am one of seven children. Education was a top priority in the family. We went to Sunday school at the local temple. Moral and social values were embedded within the family dynamics. In addition, my teachers at Ananda College, particularly Rev Kotagama Vachissara, Col Rajapakse, Mr Berty Wijesinghe and a number of others, and of course fellow students, shaped and influenced my thinking, values and aspirations.

You have studied many languages in your younger days. How did it help you in your later life?

My father had expected me to study medicine. When I expressed a desire to do law, he insisted that I learn Latin, Pali and Sanskrit. I agreed reluctantly. On reflection, a basic knowledge of those languages has helped me greatly in my university education and legal career, and also in my attempts at creative writing.

The title of your lecture “Achieving Social Justice through the Rule of Law” is very similar to the work you are involved with in ‘Stolen Generation Project’ and ‘Aboriginal Legal Service’. What made you interested in social justice?

I think I was always empathetic to those who were less fortunate than me. As a school student, and later as an undergraduate, most of my creative writings were about marginalised and oppressed people. That value system has



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always driven me towards a yearning for social justice.

Since you have experience in education systems in Sri Lanka, the UK and Australia how would you like to define education?

When living in Sri Lanka, the concept of education I had was that it was all about academic achievement. It is of course a narrow view. In countries such as Australia, young people are encouraged to pursue careers that they are good at, be it carpentry, plumbing, IT, business, music, sports, whatever. Children’s

abilities and wishes are identified early. Education should not be only about books and exams.

Within your busy schedule how did you find time to write poems and songs?

Litigation is a stressful occupation. Throughout the day, we listen to people’s problems and try to find solutions. Writing is my way out, my relaxation. When composing a poem or a song, I forget all the worries in the world. That’s my drug, if you like.

What is your message for young Anandians?

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The Olcott Oration 2019 will be delivered by Mr. Maithri Panagoda AM, LL.B, LL.M, a distinguished old Anandian. He is a Senior Partner of Carroll & O’Dea Lawyers, a firm that has a long tradition of fighting for justice for ordinary Australians and those marginalised in society. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame in Australia.

In addition to numerous accolades he has received during his career, he was made a member of the “Order of Australia” AM in 2006 for significant services to the law and community. Mr. Panagoda obtained his Bachelor of Laws from the University of Ceylon and Master of Laws from the University of Sydney. He is renowned for his pioneering work representing members of the “Stolen Generations” in Australia.

**SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES**



Annual Sports Meet was held at the College grounds on the 8th of February 2019



90th Battle of the Maroons was held at the SSC grounds on the 2nd & 3rd of March 2019



Clubs' Night 2018 was held on the 19th of July 2019 at the Kularathna Hall under the distinguished patronage of former minister of Mass Media Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar.



“Ananda Vihara” Golden Jubilee was celebrated on the 13th of March 2019



Colours Night 2018 was held on the 18th of July 2019 at the Kularathna Hall under the distinguished patronage of the then Army Commander, General N.U.M.M.W. Senanayake RWP RSP VSV USP USACGSC.

Lakitha Dilshan Lokukaluge was awarded with the prestigious Col. G.W. Rajapakse Memorial Trophy as the most outstanding sportsman of the year.



Investiture Ceremony of Primary School Prefects was held on the 23rd of July 2019 at the Kularathna Hall.

Mr. Rajith Thoradeniya (former Head Prefect) attended the ceremony as the Chief Guest while Mr. Sudewa Hettiarachchi (Old Anandian / Media Director) attended as the Guest of Honour.





Children's Day Celebrations was held on the 4th of October 2019 at the Kularathna Hall. Mr. Dharmapriya Dias (Sri Lankan Cinema, Stage Drama & Television Actor) was the chief guest at this event.



Teachers' Day Celebrations were held on the 8th of October 2019 at the Kularathna Hall with retired teachers of Ananda College, Mrs. Soma Sooriyaarachchi and Mr. Palitha Wijesinghe as special invitees.



Annual Prize Giving was held on the 5th of October 2019 at the Kularathna Hall with the distinguished patronage of the Director General of Health Services consultant Dr. Anil Jasinghe. Thineth Jayasuriya was awarded the most prestigious Fritz Kunz award for most outstanding Anandian.

Special thanks to Ananda College Photographic Art Society for Photographs

ACOBA ACTIVITIES

Annual General Meeting 2019

Annual general meeting of the Ananda College Old Boys' Association was held on the 30th of March 2019 at the Kularathne Hall chaired by the incumbent president Mr. Asoka Karunarathne. The Principal of Ananda College Mr. S. M. Keerthirathne, the Deputy Principals, other officials and the members of the Association were present.

Joint Secretary Mr. Sujeewa Rathmahal welcomed the gathering and conducted the proceedings.

Mr. Dushmantha Karannagoda was appointed as the new president of the Association.



"Anada Mithusara" - 2019

The bi-annual event of the Old Boys' Association of Ananda College - "Anada Mithusara" - was held in September 2019 on a grand scale at the Bloomfield Grounds in Colombo. This very special event was graced by the College Principal, former Army Commander - General Mahesh Senanayaka - distinguished old boys, past presidents of the Old Boys' Association and invited guests.

Six a side cricket tournament and rugby exhibition match made the event enjoyable and exciting while face painting and fun activities kept the children active and engaged. Musical extravaganza led by Mr. Sunil Perera made the event a memorable one.



Brotherly hand-rail linking North and South



Noteworthy features of this event are Sivagurunathan Memorial Cricket Tournament named as 'Wielding the Willow' and 'Pannikar Thanabalasingham' Memorial English Debating Contest. In addition, there were Basketball matches and a Chess tournament.



Mr. V.T.S. Sivagurunathan was a distinguished old boy of Hindu College who served in the staff of Ananda College from 1916 to 1942 during the period of Mr. P. de S. Kularatne, the renowned Principal. He has compiled many English text books for the benefit of the student population of the entire country. He was invited as the Chief Guest for the Prize Giving held in 1958 and he recollected fond feelings he had for Ananda.



The motorcade of Old Boys of Ananda that traversed from Colombo to Jaffna on September 13th under the Banner 'Relatives of the South visiting the Relatives of the North' was a striking feature. 'Arjuna Ranathunga Challenge Trophy' was awarded for the first time at the cricket encounter between the two schools. Ranathunga, who brought the 1996 World Cricket Cup to the country was a proud product of Ananda College. Sachithra Samaranayaka, Sri Lankan cricketer and several other well-known old Anandians were present on this occasion.

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The cordial relations that prevailed among all communities and ethnic groups throughout the country were severed by flames of fire that were ablaze for nearly three decades. It is the responsibility of the civil society to establish brotherly feelings and forge a unified nation.



Hindu College was set up to provide English education to Tamil students nurturing Hindu culture and traditions. Both these national institutions have produced erudite scholars and professionals that have contributed to the nation.



Colombo Ananda College and Jaffna Hindu College have joined hands to initiate a program to bring about understanding and goodwill among the students, staff members, past pupils and well wishes of the respective schools. Ananda College was set up to provide English education to Sinhalese students nurturing Buddhist culture and traditions while

This link program commenced in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary celebrations of Ananda College in the year 2012. This year, the sports festival and the literary contest were held in Jaffna Hindu College for the 8th successive year organized by the Past Students' Association of Hindu College on 14th and 15th September 2019.

Ananda's Glorious "Yasanthabinandana"



He entered the Law College as the first step of an illustrious career and took oaths as an Attorney of Law of the Supreme Court in 1989. He joined government service as a State Counsel in 1999. He served this country for over 30 years in several capacities as Senior State Counsel (1999). Deputy Solicitor General (2005), Additional Solicitor General (2015).

Throughout history the intellectuals and professionals produced by Mother Ananda have displayed their might in all spheres. The Old Boys' Association of Ananda College organized a felicitation entitled "Yasanthabinandana" for an alumnus of Ananda who rose up to a higher rung in the field of law. The luminary so felicitated is Justice Yasantha Kodagoda who was recently appointed as the President of the Appeal Court of the Republic of Sri Lanka.

Yasantha Kodagoda, the remarkable son of Ananda was born in the year 1965 and completed his primary and secondary education at Ananda. He entered the Law College as the first step of an illustrious career and took oaths as an Attorney of Law of the Supreme Court in 1989. He joined government service as a State Counsel in 1999. He served the country for over 30 years in several capacities as Senior State Counsel (1999). Deputy Solicitor General (2005), Additional Solicitor General (2015).

the University of London, had served in several international institutions and organizations and brought credit to Mother Lanka.



Justice Kodagoda, who is a specialist in Criminal Law was honoured as a President's Counsel in 2015.



Kodagoda the legal personage who has secured Post Graduate Degree in Law from

The felicitation ceremony "Yasanthabinandana" was held in a grand scale with the participation of the Principal and staff, present and past students in Kularathne Hall.

Events of this nature while bestowing honour to erudite personnel will cause esteem, self-confidence and motivation among the student population.

Yasantha Kodagoda, son of Ananda, brother of Anandians may you have the blessings of Mother Ananda!

'Trailblazer 2019'



Trailblazer 2019 yet another amazing event organized by Ananda College Old Boys' Association was held in grand style on 23 February 2019 at Nelum Pokuna Open Air Theatre and it was indeed a great success.

This much awaited event drew a record crowd including Parents, Old Boys and Well-wishers and was undoubtedly a memorable day for all of them.

This superior entertainment was focused on the high-profile segment of youth and young adults in society. Popular artists, Bhatiya N Santhush, Chitral Somapala, Umariya Sinhawansa and Senuka Wickramasinghe performed at this concert backed by the

professional bands "Infinity" and "Billy Fernando with 2FoRTy2".

This event was organized as a common platform for raising funds for both ACOBA and the Affiliated Groups. For the first time, an income sharing arrangement was introduced by ACOBA and the concept was well accepted and made use of by the affiliated groups. A record profit was generated out of this event.



The Old Anandians Association of Victoria (OAAV)



From our humble beginnings through the years, we have matured in our journey into becoming an illustrious, noteworthy and united alumni organisation frequently highlighted among Sri Lankans in Australia.

The Old Anandians Association of Victoria (OAAV) was inaugurated in Melbourne, Australia in late 1993 by a group of young Anandians and founded on the fundamental principles of fostering fellowship amongst Anandians living in Melbourne. The group promotes and encourages charity and social community service to our alma mater- Sri Lanka, and to the country we call home- Australia.

We are truly blessed by the spirit of mother Ananda, which is faithfully and profoundly embedded in the lives of many Anandians, now calling Australia home.



This is reflected through our unconditional support to our alma mater over the last 25 years, which include providing scholarships to needy students, donations to a number of college infrastructure development projects and assistance to uplift the standards of education and sports.

As true Anandians, we believe our social responsibility should not stop at our alma mater, but also extend to our mother land and

to the country we live in. Therefore, we have been active supporters of numerous charitable activities in Sri Lanka and Australia over the last 25 years.



Some of our recent project sponsorships in Sri Lanka include helping rebuild school infrastructure after the disastrous floods, donation of laboratory equipment to rural schools and funding the construction of LED elephant repellent fences to protect poor villages in coordination with the Sri Lankan Army.



We are also regular donors and volunteers to a number of Buddhist Temples across Victoria, and some of our recent donations to Australian charities include Children with Cancer Fund, Victorian Farmers' Drought Relief Fund, Victorian bushfire victims, Alzheimer's

Association of Victoria, Bone-marrow donor awareness project, Beyond Blue Foundation (Foundation to assist those who suffer from depression), Autism Australia, Mental Health Victoria, flood victims in Queensland and Victoria, Very Special Kids Charity fund, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, SANDS Australia (Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Newborn Death Support Centre) and YGAP - Polished Man Initiative to Help End Violence Against Children. In addition, we have taken a leadership role for Clean Up Australia Day activities for the last 12 years.

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හොඳයි. එතකොට ඔබේ ළමා විය, ඒ වගේම පාසැල් කාලය පිළිබඳ මතකය අවදි කළොත්,

පාසැල් අවධියේ දී මගේ පියාගේ සේවා ස්ථාන වරින් වර මාරුවීම නිසා මම ඉතා කෙටි කාලයක් කළුතර විද්‍යාලයේ සහ පන්නිපිටියේ බර්මපාල විද්‍යාලයේ ප්‍රාථමික අධ්‍යාපනය ලැබුවා. ඉන් අනතුරුව, මුළුමනින්ම මගේ පාසැල් කාලය ගෙවුනේ කොළඹ ආනන්ද විදුහලේ. වසර 09 ක් මා ආනන්දේ ගත කළා. එයින් වසර 04ක් ම මම නැවතීලා හිටියේ ආනන්ද නේවාසිකාගාරයේ. මගේ බාල සොහොයුරන් තිදෙනන් මං වගේම ආනන්දයට ඇතුළු වුණා. සොහොයුරිය විශාඛා විද්‍යාලයට ඇතුළු වුණා.

කොහොමද ඒ කාලේ ආනන්දේ ගෙවුණු ශිෂ්‍ය ජීවිතේ ?

මුල්ම කාලේ සෑම සති අන්තකම තාත්තා ඇවිත් මාව ගෙදර එක්කන් යනවා. ඉට්ටු සවිසර නැවත ගෙනත් ඇරලනවා. මට මතකයි මම ආයත් ගෙදර යන්න ඕන කියලා මෝටර් රථය දොර එල්ලලා අඩනවා.

ගේට්ටුව ළඟට යනකන් වාහනේ පස්සෙන් දුවනවා. එක් කලක් යනකොට ඒ තත්වය මග හැරිලා බොහොම සුන්දර අත්දැකීම් පීචිතේට එක් කළ තැනක් බවට නේවාසිකාගාරයන් ආනන්දයත් පත්වුණා. අපි ගොඩක් ක්‍රීඩා වලට එහෙමත් යොමුවුණා.

ඔබ පාසැල් කාලේ දක්ෂ ක්‍රීඩකයෙක් කියලා අපි අනලා තියෙනවා. මොන වගේ ක්‍රීඩා වල ද නිරත වුණේ?

ඔව්. ඒ දවස් වල ආනන්දේ භූමියේ අපිට ම කියලා වෙන්වුණු ක්‍රීඩාංගනයක් තිබුණා නැ. ඉතින් අපි ක්‍රීඩා කරන්න ගියේ කිලෝමීටර එකහමාරක් විතර දුරින් නාලන්ද විදුහල අසල තිබුණ අපේ ක්‍රීඩා පිටියට. ඒ වගේම, අපිට පිහිනුම් තටාකයක් නොතිබුණු නිසා සෑම සතියකම දින දෙකක් කිලෝ මීටර එකහමාරක් දුරින් තිබුණු ශාන්ත ජෝසප් විද්‍යාලයේ පිහිනුම් තටාකයට පයින්ම ගිහිත් ආපහු එනවා.

මාකර, සරත් කෝන්ගහගේ, දෙවිසිරි පී. හේවාපිදුන වගේ අය මා සමග සමකාලීනයන් ලෙස හොකි ක්‍රීඩා කළා මට මතකයි.

ඒ වගේම ඔබ බොහොම දක්ෂ බාල දක්ෂයෙක්. ඒ වගේම ශිෂ්‍ය නායකයෙක්.

ඔව්. මම ආනන්දේට ඇතුළු වෙනකොට තරමක් අක්‍රීයව පැවති '10 වැනි කොළඹ' බාල දක්ෂ කණ්ඩායම වර්ෂ 1966 දී නැවත ආරම්භ කරන කොට එහිසන් සිල්වා ගුරු පියාණන් ට සහ සෝමපාල සිල්වා ගුරු පියාණන් ට ශිෂ්‍යයෙක් හැටියට මහත් ශක්තියක් දෙන මට හැකි වුණා. ඒ අනුව, යළි පණ ගැන්වූ ආනන්ද බාලදක්ෂ කණ්ඩායමේ නායකයා හැටියට අද වන විට වසර සියයකටත් වඩා පැරණි අනුද බාල දක්ෂ ඉතිහාසයේ පළමු රැජිණ බාල දක්ෂයා වන්න මට වරම් ලැබුණා. ඒ වගේම මම විද්‍යාලයේ කතිෂ්ඨ සහ ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ ශිෂ්‍ය නායකයකු ලෙස මගේ නායකත්ව කුසලතා වර්ධනය කර ගත්තා.

- ඒ කාලේ අපට සිංහල සාහිත්‍යයට ඒ ඒ වසර වල නිර්දේශ කරල තිබුණු මධෝල් දූව, අපේ ගම, රෝතිනී, කුස ජාතකය, උම්මග්ග ජාතකය වගේ කථා පොත් වල තිබුණු වර්ත වලින් වීරත්ව ආභාසය ලැබුව
- වසර සියයකටත් වඩා පැරණි අනුද බාල දක්ෂ ඉතිහාසයේ පළමු රැජිණ බාල දක්ෂයා වෙන්න මට වරම් ලැබුණා

ඉතින් ඔය අතරතුරේ පාසැලේ මළල ක්‍රීඩා තරඟවල දී මම 12 න් පහළ මළල ක්‍රීඩා ශූරයා වුනා. ඒ වගේම 14න් පහළ ක්‍රිකට් සහ 17න් පහළ හොකි කණ්ඩායමන් නියෝජනය කළා. මම වඩාත් නැඹුරු වුනේ ජල ක්‍රීඩාවලට. ඒ අනුව වර්ෂ 1969 සිට 1971 දක්වා විද්‍යාලයේ පිහිනුම් හා වෝටර් පෝලෝ ක්‍රීඩා කණ්ඩායමේ ප්‍රභල සාමාජිකයෙක් ලෙස ක්‍රීඩා කළා විතරක් නෙවෙයි, ඒ කණ්ඩායම් දෙකේම නායකයා ලෙස 1970 දී කටයුතු කළා. මගේ මල්ලිලා තුන් දෙනන් ඒ ආකාරයටම විද්‍යාලයේ වෝටර් පෝලෝ සහ පිහිනුම් කණ්ඩායම් වල නායකත්වය දැරුවා. ඒ වගේම විශාඛා විනිහලේ පිහිනුම් ශූරයක වුණු බාල සොහොයුරියන් අපි සොයුරන් සිව්දෙනන් එක්ක අපි පස් දෙනාම අපේ පාසැල් නියෝජනය කරලා ගල්කිස්ස මුහුදේ පැවැත්වෙන වාර්ෂික පිහිනුම් තරඟවලිය එකට තරඟ කරල දස්කම් දක්වල තියෙනවා. මම විද්‍යාලයේ පරාක්‍රම නිවාසයේ ක්‍රීඩා නායකය ලෙසත් කටයුතු කළා කීර්තිමත් ආදි ආනන්දීයන් වන ඉමිතියාස් බාකීර්

නායකයින්ට තෝතැන්නක් වුණු ආනන්ද විදුහලේ ඉගෙනුම ලබද්දී ඔබට විශේෂ සවියක් වුණේ මොන වගේ දේවල් ද ?

ඔව්. මං කිව්වෙන මම බාල දක්ෂයෙක් ලෙස දස්කම් දැක්වුව කියලා. ඔය කාලයේ විද්‍යාලයේ බොහොම ප්‍රචලිත ශිෂ්‍ය හට ව්‍යාපාරය. ඔය දෙක අතර ප්‍රධාන වෙනසක් මම දකිනවා. ඒ තමයි ශිෂ්‍ය හට ව්‍යාපාරය, ශිෂ්‍යයන් අතර විනය ඇති කිරීමට සහ අණට ක්‍රියා කිරීමට පුරුදු පුහුණු කරන අතරේ, බාල දක්ෂ ව්‍යාපාරය යම්කිසි මට්ටමකට ශිෂ්‍යයන් විනයවත් කරනව වගේම තමුන්ට නායකත්වය දීමට දිරි ගන්වන ව්‍යාපාරයක්. ඒ මගින් සිසුන්ට තමන්ගේ හැකියාවන් එළි දැක්වීමට සහ නායකත්වය දියුණු කර ගැනීමට මග පැදෙනවා.

ඒ විතරක් නෙවෙයි. නේවාසිකාගාරයට හුරුවෙලා සති අන්තයේ ගෙදර නොගොස් නැවතුණු අපිට ක්‍රීඩාවට බොහෝ කාලයක් ලැබුණා වගේම සෑම

සිඳු රළ මැඩ දැය කොඬ කළ

අද්මිරාල් ඔග් ද ෆීල්ඩ් වසන්ත කරන්නාගොඩ

සෙනසුරාදාවකම වගේ ආනන්ද ප්‍රධාන ශාලාවට එවකට ලංකාවේ සුප්‍රසිද්ධ විද්වතෙක් හරි කපිකයෙක් හරි ගෙන්වල දේශප්‍රේමීන්වය, සමාජ සාරධර්ම, ගුණගරුක සමාජයක අවශ්‍යතාව, ලංකාවේ නිදහස් සටහන් නායකයන්ගේ ක්‍රියාකාරකම් යනාදිය පිළිබඳ පවත්වනු දේශන අභන්තන් අපිට අවස්ථාව උදා වෙනව. ජාතික චිරයන් ගැන අහනු එ කථා නිසා අපේ හිත්වලට දේශ ප්‍රේමීන්වය, නායකත්වය පිළිබඳ අදහස් බොහොම තදින් කා වැදෙනවා. එ වගේම මා ආනන්දයේ ගත කළ පාසල් සමයේදී ආනන්දය මෙහෙය වූ විශිෂ්ට විදුහල්පති වරුන් වුනු එම්. ඩබ්. කරුණානන්ද, ලුතිනන් කරනල් ඊ. එ. පේරාසිංහ සහ කරනල් ජී. ඩබ්. රාජපක්ෂ වගේ ප්‍රතාපවත් නියමුවන් විසින් නායකත්වය ගෙන පෙරට යන්න අපට දන්නේ ලොකු ශක්තියක්.

පසු කලෙක නාවික හමුදාවට බැඳෙන්නන් මොනන්නේ ඔය පසුබිම හේතු වෙන්න ඇති?

ඔව්. ඇත්තටම එ කාලේ අපට සිංහල සාහිත්‍යයට එ එ වසර වල නිර්දේශ කරල තිබුණු මධ්‍යම දව, අපේ ගම, රෝහිණී, කුස ජාතකය, උම්මග්ග ජාතකය වගේ කථා පොත් වල තිබුණු වර්ත වලින් චිරත්ව ආභාසය ලැබුව වගේම එ හා සමාන කතා වුණු 'මාර්ක් විචින්' ගේ 'ටොම් සෝයර්' සහ 'හක්ලේ බෙට්ෆින්' ගේ චිර කතා වලින් මට පන්තරයක් ලැබුණා.

එ විතරක් නෙමෙයි. ආනන්ද විද්‍යාලයේ පැවති ක්‍රීඩා උත්සව වලට, තනතු ප්‍රදාන උත්සව වලට ආරාධිතයින් ලෙස සහභාගි වුණු අදී ආනන්දියන් අතරේ උන්නු හමුදාවන්ට බැඳුණු කඩවසම් පොතුවෙන් යුත් අය නිල ඇඳුමින් සැරසිලා තේපවත්න ලීලාවෙන් තමයි එ උත්සව වලට ආවෙ. ඉතින් එ අය දකිද්දී අර පාසලේ ක්‍රීඩා හා විෂය බාහිර ක්‍රියාකාරකම් කරල, චිරත්වය ගැන නායකත්වය ගැන දේශන අහල විත්ත බෙරයෙන් හිටපු මට රට රකින්න නාවික හමුදාවට බැඳෙන්න දැඩි අධිෂ්ඨානයක් ඇති වෙනව.

පාසැල් ජීවිතයෙන් අනතුරුව නාවික හමුදාවට බැඳුණු ආකාරය සහ විවිධ නිලතල දරා අද දක්වා පැමිණි ගමන් මග ගැන දැනගන්න.

ඔව්. මම වර්ෂ 1971 අගෝස්තු මාස 01 වෙනිදා 16 දෙනෙකුගෙන් යුක්ත කණ්ඩායමක් නියෝජනය කරමින් ශිෂ්‍යවරුන් නිලධාරියෙකු ලෙස ශ්‍රී ලංකා නාවික හමුදාවට බැඳුණා. වසර 38ක් ම මම එහි සේවය

කරමින් රට වටා බැඳී රන් වැට ලෙස විරුදාවලිය ලබන නාවික හමුදාවේ ඉහළම තනතුර වන 'නාවික හමුදාපති' ධුරයට 2005 වසරේ සැප්තැම්බර් මස 01 වෙනිදා පත් වුණේ ප්‍රාදේශීය නාවික ආඥාපති පදවියක සිට එම තනතුරට පත් වූ ප්‍රථම නිලධාරියා විදිහටයි. එ වගේම, ශ්‍රී ලංකා නාවික හමුදා ඉතිහාසයේ සක්‍රීය සේවයේ සිටියදීම 'අද්මිරාල්' තනතුරට පත් ප්‍රථම සහ එකම නිලධාරියා වීමේ භාග්‍යයත් මට ලැබුණා. එ වගේම, නාවික හමුදා ඉතිහාසයේ පශ්චාත් උපාධිත් දෙකක් (කොළඹ විශ්ව විද්‍යාලයෙන් ව්‍යාපාර පරිපාලනය පිළිබඳ (MBA) ශාස්ත්‍රපති උපාධිය සහ පකිස්ථානයේ ඉස්ලාමාබාද් හි Quaid-I-Azam විශ්ව විද්‍යාලයෙන් යුධ උපකූල පිළිබඳ (MSc) ශාස්ත්‍රපති උපාධිය) ලබාගත් ප්‍රථම නාවික නිලධාරියා වගේම කැලණිය විශ්ව විද්‍යාලයෙන් (Phd) විශේෂ ගෞරව ආචාර්ය උපාධියකින් පිදුම් ලද එකම නාවික නිලධාරියා වන්නට මට භාග්‍යය ලැබුණා.

LTTE ත්‍රස්තවාදයෙන් මේ රට මුදවා ගන්න ඔබ ලබා දුන්න අනතිබවනීය එඩිතර නායකත්වය ගැන යමක් කිව්වොත්...

ඔව්. LTTE ත්‍රස්තවාදය මුළුමනින්ම පරාජය කළ හතර වන ඊළාම් යුද්ධයේ දී නාවික හමුදාවට නායකත්වය දෙන්න මට හැකිවුණා. එහිදී මගේ ධුර කාලය තුළ දී නාවික හමුදාව සතු සීමිත සම්පත් උපරිම ලෙස යොදා ගනිමින්, සතුරු නෞකාවක් අප වෙත පැමිණෙන තෙක් නොසිට ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ඉදලා කි.මීටර 3000 ට වඩා දුර ජාත්‍යන්තර මුහුදේ ඉන්දුනීසියාව වගේම ඕස්ට්‍රේලියාවට ආසන්න වන තෙක් හඬා ගෙන ගිනිත් LTTE මුහුදු සැපයුම් ජාලයට අයත් 'අවි ගබඩා නෞකා' විනාශ කරල, ත්‍රස්තවාදීන්ට ලැබෙන සියලු සැපයුම් නවත්තල, මානුෂීය මෙහෙයුමට ලොකු ශක්තියක් ලබා දෙන්න අපිට පුළුවන් වුණා.

එ අනුව, එමගින් ශ්‍රී ලංකා මුහුදු තීරයට සීමා වුණ නාවික හමුදාව (Brown Water Navy) ජාත්‍යන්තර මුහුදු ජයගත් නාවික හමුදාවක් (Blue Water Navy) බවට පත් වුණා.

එ වගේම, මගේ කුඩා බෝට්ටු සංකල්පය සමග නාවික හමුදාව විසින්ම නිපදවනු 'ඇරෝ බෝට්ටු' මගින් LTTE මුහුදු කොට්ඨාසේ මරාගෙන මැරෙන බෝට්ටු යොදා ගනිමින් කළ අසමතුලිත සංග්‍රාම ක්‍රමය (Asymmetric Warfare) පරාජය කරල LTTE මුහුදු කොට්ටි බලකාය සම්පූර්ණයෙන්ම විනාශ කරන්න අපිට හැකි වුණා.

ඔබ දක්වනු දුස්කම් නිසා විවිධ පදක්කම් වගේම සම්මාන, ගෞරව නාම ආදියත් හිමි වුණා,

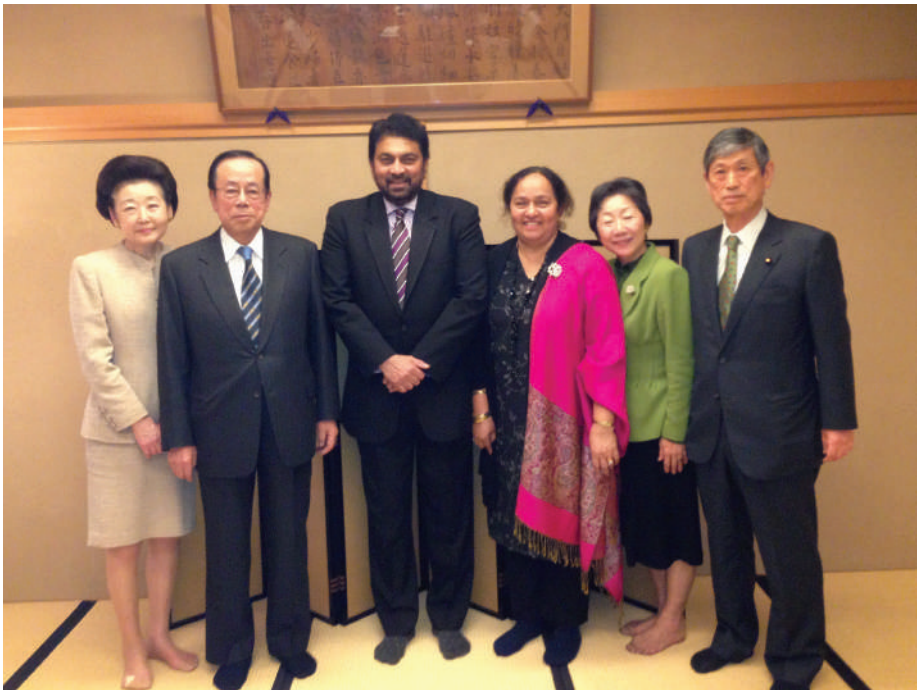
ඔව්. මගේ නාවික හමුදා දිවිය තුළදී සතුරු උවදුරු වලට මුහුණ පාමින් දැක්වූ විශිෂ්ට පැවැත්ම හා චිරත්වය වෙනුවෙන් පිරිනැමෙන රණ ශූර පදක්කම (RSP) සුවිශේෂී වූ ද, උදාර වූ ද, අවතන වූ ද

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සංවාද සටහන
ආදී ආනන්දීය,
නීතීඥ ගමන ජයගිලන



නායකය අවංකව කෙලින් වැඩ කරනව කියල දැනුනම, පෙනුනම තමන් යටතේ ඉන්න, තමන් පසුපස එන අය ඉබේම අවනත වෙනව. ඒ අයත් හරි මගට වැටෙනව. ඒ නිසා නොබියව හරි දේ කරන්න. තමන්ට වඩා කතිෂ්ඨ සැම දෙනාටම ආදරයක් වෙන්න වැඩ කරන්න. එවිට ඔබට යා හැකි ඉහළම තැනට ළඟා වීමට මෙන්ම උපරිම ගරුත්වයක් ලබන්නත් හැකියාව තියනව.



ජපානයේ හිටපු අග්‍රාමාත්‍ය සහ විදේශ අමාත්‍යවරයා සමග...

සේවය වෙනුවෙන් පිරිනැමෙන විශිෂ්ට සේවා විභූෂණය (VSV), සුවිශේෂී දක්ෂතාවය, කුසලතාවය, ආදර්ශවත් පැවැත්මෙන් උපලක්ෂිත වූ අනුනා සේවය වෙනුවෙන් පිනැමෙන උත්තම සේවා පදක්කම (USU) ඇතුළු පදක්කම් දොළහකින් නාවික නෞකාවන්ගේ දීර්ඝ සේවය වෙනුවෙන් පිරිනැමෙන මුහුදු සංග්‍රාමික පළඳනාවෙනුත් පිදුම් ලබන්න මට හැකි වුණා.

ඒ වගේම, LTTE ත්‍රස්තවාදය පරාජය කිරීමට දැක්වූ දායකත්වය වෙනුවෙන් රෝහණ පාර්ශවයේ මහා නාහිමිපාණන් ප්‍රමුඛ සංඝ සභාව මගින් 'ස්වදේශාභිමානී වීර ලංකා පුත්‍ර' කියන ගෞරව නාමයත්, සියම් මහා නිකායේ අස්ගිරි - මල්වතු උභය පාර්ශවයන්ගේ මෙන්ම, රාමසේන හා අමරපුර මහා නිකායන්හි මහා නාහිමිපාණන් වහන්සේලාගේත් ආශීර්වාදය ඇතිව පැවති උපහාර උළෙල තුනකදීත් විශේෂ ගෞරව සම්මානයන්ටත් පාත්‍ර වීමට මා හට අවස්ථාව ලැබුණා.

දීර්ඝ කාලීන නාවික හමුදා දිවියෙන් සමුගන්නට පස්සේ?

නාවික හමුදාපති තනතුරෙන් විශ්‍රාම ගත්තට පස්සේ. එවකට ජනාධිපති මහින්ද රාජපක්ෂ මැතිතුමා විසින් 2009 ජූලි මාසේ ඉදල මාව 'ජාතික ආරක්ෂක

උපදේශක' සහ එතුමන්ගේම අධීක්ෂණය යටතේ තිබුණු මහාමාර්ග අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම් යන තනතුරු ද්විත්වයටම පත් කරනවා.

එහිදී මහාමාර්ග අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම් හැටියට දැක්වීම අධිවේගී මාර්ගයේ සහ කොළඹ පිටත වටරවුම් මාර්ගයේ ඉදිකිරීම් කඩිනම් කිරීමටත් ඒ සඳහා අය වැය ප්‍රතිපාදන වැඩිකර ගන්නත් ඒ වගේම, ආසියානු සංවර්ධන බැංකුව, ලෝක බැංකුව, ජයිකා (JAICA) ආයතනයේ මහාමාර්ග සඳහා ලබා දෙන ආධාර වැඩිකර ගන්නත් ජපන් බැංකුවේ සභාපති KURODA මහතා සමග සාකච්ඡා කරල කොළඹ-නුවර අධිවේගී මාර්ගයේ ඉදිකිරීම් පෙර සැළසුම සඳහා ඩොලර් මිලියන 500ක අනුමත කරගන්නත් මට හැකි වුණා. එය රටේ යටිතල පහසුකම් සංවර්ධනය වෙනුවෙන් දායකත්වය ලබා දෙන්න මට ලැබුණු ස්වර්ණමය අවස්ථාවක් කියලයි මට හිතෙන්නේ.

ජපානය කියන නම කියවුණා. ඔබ ජපානයේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා තානාපති ලෙසත් කලක් කටයුතු කළා.

ඔව්. එක මට රාජතාන්ත්‍රිකයකු ලෙස මගේ රට නියෝජනය කරන්න ලැබුණු වටිනා අවස්ථාවක්. වර්ෂ 2011 මාර්තු මාසේ 24 වෙනිදා ජපානයේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා

තානාපති ලෙස පත්වීම ලබල එතැන් පටන් දෙරට අතර වෙළඳ, ආයෝජන ප්‍රවර්ධන සහ සංස්කෘතික හුවමාරු වගේම රාජ්‍ය තාන්ත්‍රික සබඳතාවන්ද වඩා වඩාත් ශක්තිමත් කරමින් රට වෙනුවෙන් මෙහෙවරක් කරන්න මට හැකි වුණා. දෙරට අතර බෞද්ධ ආගමික සබඳතා වර්ධනය කරන්නත් කටයුතු කළා.

මේ සියල්ලටම අමතරව ඔබතුමා ස්වයං වරිනාපදාන ගුණ්ඨයකුත් රචනා කරනවා.

ඔව්. එය සිද්ධ වෙන්නේ රාජතාන්ත්‍රික නිලධාරියකු ලෙස ජපානයේ තානාපතිතුමා ලෙස කටයුතු කරන කාල මගේ නාවික හමුදා ජීවිතෙන් ලද අත්දැකීම් වලින් අනාගත පරපුර දැනුවත් කරන්න අදහස් කරගෙන. මව්බිමේ විජයග්‍රහණයට ශ්‍රී ලංකා නාවික හමුදාවේ නොපසුබට දායකත්වය ඇගයීමට ලක් කිරීමත් අරමුණු කරගෙන තමයි මම ඒ කෘතිය රචනා කළේ. එහි නම 'අධීක්ෂකයා'. 2014 වසරේ නොවැම්බර් 17 වන දින නෙළුම් පොකුණ රහගලේදී එළි දැක්වු මේ කෘතිය මේ වන විටත් වාර්තාගත පිටපත් ප්‍රමාණයක් අලෙවි වී පාසැල් දරුවන්ට නිර්දේශිත ග්‍රන්ථයක් ලෙස අධ්‍යාපන අමාත්‍යාංශය මගින් නම් කරන ලද පොතක් බවටත් පත් වෙලා තියෙනවා.

පසුගියදා ඔබ ලෝකයේ නාවික හමුදා නිලධාරියෙකුට ලද හැකි උපරිම උසස්වීම, ගෞරවණීයම තනතුර ලැබුව.

ඔව්. අතිගරු. ගෞරවිතල සිරිසේන ජනාධිපතිතුමා විසින් තිස් වසරක ත්‍රස්තවාදය පරාජය කිරීමට ශ්‍රී ලංකා නාවික හමුදාවට නායකත්වය දීම නිමිති කරගෙන මට 'අද්මිරාල් ඔෆ් ද ෆ්ලීට්' කියන පදවිය පිරිනැමුව.

ඔබ තෝරගත්තු විෂය ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ, නියෝජනය කළ බල කණයේ ඉහළම තත්වයට, උපරිම දුරට ඇවිල්ලා. ඔබ ආ ගමන්මග දෙස ආපසු හරි බලලා වත්මන් අනඳ පුතුන්ට දෙන්න තියන උපදේශය නැත්තන් අවවාදය මොකක්ද?

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Affiliated Group Activities

70-75 GROUP

Nena Harasara - 2019 (Annual Event)

The Nena Harasara event was organized by the Group for the 13th time to appreciate Ananda College students who obtained the highest marks for all three subjects at the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination 2018, the Island rankers up to the 10th place, and also to felicitate the teachers. This year 144 students were recognized.



Blood Donation - 2019 (Annual Event)

A Blood Donation campaign was organized for the 23rd time, in connection with the events organized for the Founders' day of the College. The group has been listed as a major donor with the Blood Bank.

Annual Religious Activity

A "Bodhi Pooja Pinkama" was held annually at the Kuppiyawatta Sri Jayasekaramaya to invoke blessings to those who depart us & also to share the spirit of friendship & harmony among family members.

CSR Project - 2019

Four pipe lines carrying drinking water was fixed inside an underprivileged primary school in the Western province (WP/PIL/Adharsha Prathamika Vidyalaya) with 219 students.

2003 GROUP

Solid Waste Management (SWM) Program

The Group introduced the said Program to the College with objectives such as setting up 3R concept (Reuse, Reduce, Recycle), practicing waste segregation, registering habits of waste management in students etc.

Awarding Ceremony For High Flyers in SWM Program

An awarding ceremony was organized on 30.11.2018 at Centenary building, for students & staff who gained high scores in the solid waste management program.

Restoration Of Replica of The "Sinharaja Rain Forest"

As our next ongoing project, we took steps to restore Sinharaja Rain Forest (which is a key landmark for the school) to the status it was earlier. Necessary approvals were taken for this project and the initial stages are now in progress. The project is planned to complete within 2019.

83 GROUP

Following projects were successfully completed by the Group during the past year.

- AGM of the Group was held in the July 2019, and the office bearers for the year 2019/ 20 were selected.
- Annual Alms giving to commemorate late batch mates was held in July 2019, at College premises.
- Annual Dinner Dance was held on the 26th October 2019, at the Grand Monarch, Thalawathugoda.

91 GROUP

Maintaining Boundary Walls & Gates Of The College

Painted the front and rear boundary walls of the College, and installed the gates in Primary School and at the entrance of the ground.

Participation in MAROONS' SIXES 2019

Participated in the said event held at Shalika Grounds, Narahenpita organized by Old Anandians' 96 Group.

Old ANANDIANS' TAG RUGBY FIESTA - 2019

Contributed in participation at the said event, which was held in August 2019 at Ananda College Rugby Grounds.

Awarding Scholarships For Selected students

Recently, awarded Rs.102, 000/- worth of scholarships for five students through the bank account of ACOBA.

War Heros' Felicitation Ceremony

The Group organized their main event in the year 2019, commemorating the war heroes who were/ are in the Group. This Facilitation Ceremony was held on the 7th of September 2019.

Affiliated Group Activities

75-80 GROUP

Annual Social Service Project 2019 – 2020

Annual Social Service Project of our Group is a continuation of Last Year's Project of Part funding of Novice Bhikku accommodation block of Siri Dhammarathana Bhikku

Training Pirivena in Hantana - Kandy. This is a Temple/ Primary Pirivena accommodating about 80 Novice Monks ranging from ages 8 to 17. The Chief Monk Puliyaadhhe Sudhamma Thero has undertaken to provide refuge for them at this Temple in Hantana – Kandy.

When we visited the Pirivena in 2018 it was observed that the Second Floor of the Pirivena needed funding to complete the accommodation block. It was estimated a sum of Rupees 2.5 Million was required to finish basic construction work. A sum of Rupees 1.5 Million was promised by one of our Members & his immediate family. Of the balance sum we agreed to provide Rupees Three Hundred Thousand in year 2018 – 2019. This year also our target is similar to see the work completed with participation of our membership.

We consider this a worthy & a Noble cause as the Novice Monks are very much Children as in a Educational Institution. The ultimate Goal of the Chief Monk is to give them the Dhamma Education required to fulfil the Adult Monk Hood & place them as Practicing Senior Monks in Temples in difficult areas of the Country. Last but not least we are Past Students of the leading Buddhist Educational Institute in Sri Lanka who learnt our values under the shadow of the Biggest Viharaya in a School in Sri Lanka.

94 GROUP

Primary section ICT laboratory Development - 2018

The Computer Laboratory was expanded by reinstalling the partition. In addition, rewiring new power outlets and proper casings was done to facilitate 55 computers.

Repairs and Upgrades (Primary Section) - 2018

Repair work was done inside the English Activity room to solve the rain water leakage issue, in Primary Head Master's Building.

Water Purification System - 2018

A water purification system was installed in Grade 10 and 11.

Trailblazer - 2018

The Group donated LKR 125,000/= to the main fundraising event of the main OBA - Trailblazer.

96 GROUP

Maroons Sixes - Six A Side Cricket Tournament

The Group organized the said event in 2019 and has been doing the same annually since its inception in 1999. The event was carried out in a colorful manner this year with the participation around 20 teams.

Sponsoring The College's Volleyball Team

The Group worked for the upliftment of the quality of Volleyball and to make enthusiasm among the students. We organized several intra and inter school tournaments and rebuilt the existing court with a protective fence.

Annual CSR project

The Group conducted a CSR Project to uplift and improve the educational and extra-curricular facilities of a poor and a neglected school.

2008 Centenary Group

Fund Raiser For the Language Development Project

The Centenary Group organized an event to raise funds to support the Language Development Project of Primary Section. The Group was able to raise LKR 1.1 million through the said event which was held on the 28th of September, 2019.

The Language Development Project enables students of Grades one, two and three of the Primary School, to improve their English writing and speaking skills. The Centenary Group has been funding the project from its inception.

89 GROUP

Scholarship Project

Scholarships were awarded to assist the education of Six children of the deceased members of the Group.

Participation in Ananda – JHC Sports Festival

Members of the Group participated in the said event and joined the vehicle parade themed "Uthurata Negam" organized by the ACOBA.

Special Family Tent at the 91st Battle of The Maroons

The Group organized a special tent for the members of the Old Anandians' 89 Group and others.

"Individual commitment to a group effort--that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

Vince Lombardi

2005 GROUP

e-Library Project for Grade 11

Construction of an e-Library for Grade 11 was done by 2005 Group. The project cost was around LKR 500,000

Sponsoring Aurudu Uthsawaya of Ananda College Past Teachers Association

The Group sponsored this event for the second consecutive year.



Soft Skill Development Programme

The said Program was conducted in collaboration with University of Kelaniya HRM Department in 2018.

Brothers' Reunion - 2018

Annual get together of our group was held as a fundraiser for other projects and was extremely successful with a participation of more than 100 members.

Donation of RO Filter to a Rural College - 2018

Donation of a RO filter, Multimedia Projector with a screen and stationary items to Nikeweratiya Kaballawa Vidyalaya, was the Group's CSR project for the year .



Blood Donation Campaign - 2019

A Blood Donation Campaign was organized by the Group in May 2019 at the National Blood Centre, Colombo 05.



Other Projects We Took Part

- Olcott Oration 2018
- AC Vs JHC sports festival 2018
- Trailblazer 2019
- Anada Mithusara 2019

82 GROUP

Construction of 18 Toilets In the Jaffna Peninsula

For the upliftment of the shelter and sanitary facilities of needy communities living in the Jaffna, the Group donated LKR 1,178,757.00 to construct 18 toilets. This project was initiated on the request of Major General D. Hettiarrachchi, former Commander in Jaffna.

Leadership Program By The Army Commander

On the request the Group, Lieutenant General Mahesh Senanayake, Commander of the SL Army delivered a lecture to grade 10, 11 and 12 students on "Qualities of Leadership".

Trincomalee Project

The Group developed an underprivileged school, Mihidupuran Vidyalaya in Trincomalee. A computer lab was constructed in order to develop computer literacy of students. Also constructed a new toilet facility for the boys and fulfilled other basic needs of the women's toilet with a cost of LKR 850,000/-.

Recognition of Members/ Their Children & Welfare

Annually the Group, recognizes its members for their achievements in respective careers and their children for achievements in Grade Five, O/L and A/L exams. As welfare, a sum of LKR 330,000 /- in total was contributed over a period of six months to a member who is confined to bed due an motorcycle accident.

84 GROUP

A fence for the playground of the Primary Section was constructed by the Group in 2019.

90 GROUP

Ape Peduru Sajje - Fund Raiser For O/L Student Teachers Felicitations

The Group organized its unique "APE PADURU SAJJE" on 22th Feb 2019 at Banquet Hall Rock House Camp. This event is annually organized by the Group to raise funds and to provide a platform for all group members and their families for a memorable fellowship. The Funds raised from the "APE PEDURU SAJJE" will be used exclusively to felicitate the young budding Anandians who have excelled in the GCE O/L examination 2019. This event is annually organized by the Group for the 18th year continuously from its inception.

Donation of Clothing Material for the Non Academic Staff of Ananda College

The Group annually organizes a cloth donation program with the blessings of the Principle and the staff. This year the event took place at the Kularathne Hall. More than 100 gift parcels were given away among the non academic staff members in last April. Mr. Halindra Jayasinghe, one of the distinguished Past Presidents of the Group donated all clothing Materials this year and for the consecutive 18th year.

Annual Family Get-together

The group organizes its Family get-together annually and it has been one of the most happening events of the groups' events calendar. This year the get-together was held at Citrus Waskuduwa with over 150 participants.

Ananda-Nalanda 90 groups 20-20 Cricket Encounter

This year the annual Ananda - Nalanda 90 Groups battle for supremacy in a 20-20 Cricket match will worked off for the fifth consecutive year. So far both teams have won two matches each.

O/L Students Teachers Felicitations

The group annually organizes the O/L Students/Teachers felicitations for the Students who obtained 9-A s at the Ordinary Level Examination. This event is one of the most important and vibrant events in the College calendar. This year 151 students have excelled in the examination & this is the 18th consecutive year the group is organizing this grand event.

Affiliated Group Activities

99 GROUP

O/L and A/L Seminars

In collaboration with the Head of the Departments of A/L section, the Group conducted a seminar for the students and teachers in-charge. Around 500 students and 50 teachers participated the one-week seminars and we plan to conduct this project annually.

CSR Project

The latest effort by the 99 Group is to construct and complete a house for a poor family living in Galnawa village. We have selected a low earning family with 4 members. Two children are students aged 10 and 12 years and the parents' monthly income is around Rs. 15,000.00. (The house is under construction and is estimated to cost Rs. 750,000.) In

addition to that, we donated books, school shoes and other logistics to the Galnawa Primary Vidyalaya, which is an underprivileged school.



Annual Cricket Match for Group Members

The Group organize these cricket matches as a six a side cricket match on yearly basis, to strengthen the relationship among the group members and to meet each other.



Primary Section – Washroom Cleaning Process

The Group repaired all washrooms in the Primary section and contributed an allowance for the continuation of the clearing process.

2006 GROUP

Hostellers English Programme

Under this project, commencing from July 2018, the 2006 Group secured funds and organised weekly classes which was taught by a teacher who was recognised by the Main OBA. The 2006 Group Executive Committee raised a total of Rs 200,000/- for the project while expenses are nearly Rs 50,000/-. Leaving a solid financial foundation for the continuation of the project. Under the project 60 students in total have undergone English language training.



Pannikkar-Thanalasingham Memorial Debate

The 2006 Group extended its support to the Main OBA in organising the annual debate between Ananda College and Hindu College, Jaffna for the second time. The 2006 Group contributed Rs 70,000/- to cover the expenses of the event. Mr. D Karunaratne, a member of the 2006 Group, coached the winning team from Ananda College.

61 Maliban Street Pavillion

with the success of the first "61 Maliban Street Pavillion" at the 90th Battle of the Maroons, the Executive Committee organised the Pavillion for the fourth consecutive year drawing over 150 members on each day of the annual cricketing encounter.

Financial Donation to Annual Vesak Celebration

The Group donated LKR 15,000/- to the Annual Vesak Celebration of the school organized by the Buddhist Society.

Trailblazer

The 2006 Group contributed a total of LKR 120,000/- in sponsorship funds and LKR 10,000/- in ticket sales to the recently concluded key event of the Main OBA. Furthermore, our group members assisted the main OBA in organising the event on the day.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

Maroons' Sing-Along

The signature event of the Old Anandians Class of 2002 is the Maroons Sing-Along which is usually held on the Saturday a week prior to the Battle of the Maroons. During the past few years, this was held at the Park Street Mews with the customary glamour and glee. The annual event always turns out to be so popular and sought after that the tickets are sold out within a couple of days since released.

Famous musical band "Black", feature this event and guest artistes such as B n S, Sanuka Wickramasinghe and trending performers join to intensify the glamour of the event.

Old Anandians' Buddhist Association

Following projects were successfully completed by the Group during the past year.

- Painting lower compartment of the Ananda Viharaya.
- Renovation of Lighting System of the Ananda Viharaya.
- Anada Vesak Kalapaya 2018.
- Wesak Gilanpasa Buddha Poojawa 2018.
- Workshop on Leadership for the Executive Committee 2018.
- Anagarika Dharmapala Memorial Oration Competition 2018.
- Visit to "Guna Jaya Sathuta Foundation".
- Appointment of new technical committee for the renovation of the Ananda Viharaya.
- Lecture Series on Ananda Values.
- Asu Maha Shrawaka Poojawa 2018.
- Memorial programs of Rev. Habarakada Indarathana Thero.
- 132nd Founders' Day Pirith Ceremony.
- January 1st special Ashirwada Poojawa.
- Annual Book Donation.
- Distribution of Day Calendars - 2019.
- "Dana Parami" Scholarship Program.
- "Ananda Viharaya Swarna Jayanthi Programmes".

Funds raised from the event are spent throughout the year for various projects such as school development programs, donations and annual CSR. You all are invited for our next Sing-Along in February 2020 to witness the glory !

School Development Projects

This year, we carried out multiple projects such as, donating a laptop computer to support the IT education of A/L Commerce students and sponsored for the English Language Learning Program of Primary Section with direct guidance of the President of the OBA. We also participated in donating pirikara for the 50th anniversary of Vihara Mandiraya this year.

Annual CSR Event

In 2018, the Group selected Mahaoya Kanishta Vidyalaya, a primary school in the Ampara District to donate a water storage system, school equipment, a computer, library books, stationery list for the next year and a name board for the school. Requirement gathering and background studies for the 2019 project is underway.

Family Get-together (Annual Program)

More than 100 members with their families participated in the annual get-together, which was held at Laya Beach hotel, Waskaduwa in this year.

Commerce Section Washroom Renovation Project - 2018

The total cost of the project (LKR 2 million) was sponsored by the donations of 95 group members.

Ape Paduru Sajje (Annual Program)

Almost 100 group members participated in the event held at Ape Gama, Battaramulla.

Grade 5 Scholarship Seminar Program

The Group facilitated lectures and refreshments for more than 600 students who participated for the seminar.

Blood & Eye Donation Campaign

This campaign was held at the Gangarama Temple.

The objective of the campaign was to extend our service to the community and invoke blessing for our beloved batch mates who passed away since 2016.

MAROONS' PREMIER

Ten Teams participated this year in the annual six a side cricket tournament which is organize by the Group. The team "The 2007 Legends" was crowned as this year's champions.

Document Restoration Project

The Group completed the said project with the IT sub-committee of ACOBA, to digitize old paper documents of students' registrations, leaving certificates etc.



Affiliated Group Activities

2001 GROUP

The year 2018/2019 was a highly successful one for the Old Anandians' 2001 Group. As one of the most influential OBA groups in College, we played significant roles in almost every OBA project during the year.

To highlight a few, we were the 'Platinum' sponsor of the 'Trailblazer' musical event, the main sponsor of 'Anada Mithusara' and the sole sponsor of the Basketball match held between Ananda and Jaffna Hindu Colleges. Our members, the real heroes behind our success, contributed both in financial terms and in participation for all the foregoing events.

Platinum Sponsor - Trailblazer 2019

It was a challenging task when our Group was selected as the 'Platinum' sponsor of the 'Trailblazer' musical event, which is the biggest fundraising project for the College. However, with the leadership of our Group's president, cooperation from the Executive Committee, and teamwork from members, we delivered the results, which exceeded expectations. The 2001 Group was able to raise more than 1.5 million rupees, which was the highest financial contribution coming from an affiliated OBA group. Our efforts were reflected in the outcome of the event, which was highly successful. We wish to express our gratitude to the President and Executive Committee of the main OBA, for giving us the opportunity to showcase our strengths in

supporting this major project.

Main Sponsor - Anada Mithusara - 2019

'Anada Mithusara' was held in September 2019 at Bloomfield Grounds, Colombo 07, with the participation over a thousand old Anandians and their family members. It was a first time experience for 2001 Group, supporting the event as the main sponsor. Our members also contributed in decorating the Ground and organizing logistics. The efforts and achievements of the program were commended by Mr. Dushmantha Karannagoda, the Executive President of the Main OBA.

Sole Sponsor - Leadership Program 2019 (For Grade Five Primary Students)

In addition to the above, 2001 Group was requested by the College to become the sole sponsor for the Leadership Program conducted for Grade Five primary students. We responded immediately with great confidence and was able to facilitate the event backed by commendations from Mr. S.M. Keerthirathna, the Principal of Ananda College.

Overall, it was a prolific year for the 2001 Group, and we will continue to commit ourselves for the betterment of our alma mater as our members continue to engage in many other projects proposed by the Main OBA. We wish the Main OBA and other affiliated Groups, all the best for the upcoming year 2019/2020.

Old Anandians' Medical Guild

Sustainable Dengue Control Program

Dengue is an important health challenge at present in the school environment. The Guild conducts the dengue control program in the school in a well organised and sustainable manner with collaboration of dengue control unit of the Colombo Municipal Council and the Ministry of Health. Eradication of breeding sites and using recommended pesticides are carried out upon results. "Shramadana" programmes are organised biannually with the participation of our members and parents of primary and upper school children.

Ananda Health Watch

Old Anandians' Medical Guild collaborates with 75-80 group to conduct Ananda Health Watch annually to screen and provide medical treatments for past and present teachers of the college. In addition to general practitioners, Consultant doctors from all major specialities and subspecialties are participating in the event and Medical investigation facilities including fasting blood sugar, serum cholesterol, ultra sound scan and echo cardiogram are provided at the Ananda Health Watch.

Medical Coverage and Inspection for Sport and Other Events

Old Anandians' Medical Guild provides medical coverage for all the sport and other events in the school. Annual big match, limited overs match, teachers match, prefects match, hostellers match, annual sport meet, rugby tournaments, road race, scout camps, new year festivals, Ananda walks, exhibitions and talent shows like Ananda Gee Ranga are some of the examples. In addition, the Guild conducts and coordinates sport medical inspections needed for students those are participating in sport events.

School Medical Inspection (SMI) Programme

Old Anandians' Medical Guild participates in school medical inspection program in collaboration with school medical unit of the Colombo Municipal Council. All students in grade 1, 4, 7 and 10 are examined and referred for medical treatment if any abnormality detected.



Old Anandians' Engineers' Guild

Spearhead To The Industry

Inaugural session of the spearhead to the industry was held on 23rd of March at Ananda College centenary building. This session was organized behalf of the outgoing training undergraduates to help them choose suitable training location and to help them to adjust to the industry norms.

Pathway to Engineering

Pathway to Engineering concluded successfully on the 29th of July 2019 at Kularathne Hall, Ananda College. The session was organized by the Guild under the supervision of the President of the Old Anandians' Engineers' Guild Mr. S. Perera and Dr. U.Nawagamuwa, to guide and motivate young Anandians to excel at the GCE Advance Level examination. Furthermore the online forum developed to

help their academic activities was launched at the occasion.

Career Choice

"Career Choice" is a mentoring program organized by the Guild, which aims to aid young engineering undergrads to discover their potential career pathway. Inaugural session was held on 6th of July at Ananda college premises.

Sahurda Saviya

"Sahurda saviya" is a guidance program for A/L students organized by the Guild's student chapter. Undergraduate engineering students give out academic assistance to the A/L students by conducting seminars and discussing questions with the students to help out them to achieve their highest potential.

2000 GROUP

"Amandanandaya" Musical extravaganza

Amandanandaya is a musical concert targeting the audience who prefer the classical Sinhala music. This had been the main fund-raising activity of the group. The event was conducted twice in the past with the participation of extraordinary musicians like Victor Ratnayaka, Amarasiri Peiris, T. M. Jayaratha, Lakshman Wijesekara, Samitha Mudunkotuwa and Shashika Nisansala. The event was held at the National Youth Center auditorium in 2017 and 2018 for two consecutive years.

Branded Linen Shirt

The branded white colour linen shirt with the Ananda logo was one of the most popular merchandises done by the Group.

Primary Section Ventilation Enhancement Project

The Group initiated an OBA approved project to improve the ventilation of the Year 2 building at the Primary section. As the initial phase, the courtyard close to the building was landscaped to reduce the heat and few exhaust fans were installed as a proof of concept. The second phase is to be started based on the success of the current phase.

Anada Mithusara - Key Sponsorships

Old Anandians' 2000 group was the proud Main sponsor of the Anada Mithusara 2016 event. Additionally, the group managed the registration desk on the day. The Group also provided a co-sponsorship worth of Rs. 235,000 for Anada Mithusara - 2019.

Main Sponsor of the Sivagurunathan Memorial Cricket Encounter

The Group was the proud Main sponsor of the said event in 2018. It also took the responsibility of organizing the cricket match.

Anada Soorya Mangalyaya - 2019

Together with the Primary Section of Ananda College, the Group presented a Sinhala-Hindu New year celebration for primary students on the 04th April 2019 at the Ananda College grounds. The event was organized with the prime

intention of providing the Sri Lankan traditional experience to the Primary Students and to uphold the values of Sinhala and Hindu New year. The event was a great success with an overwhelming participation of students, parents and teachers.

Old Anandians' Police Cadet Wing

The Annual General Meetings of the Cadet Wing for the Years 2019/20 was held in March, 2019 at the Light House Hotel. A new Executive Committee was elected without a contest.

The Following activities were carried out by the Cadet Wing during the years 2018/2019.

- Provision of cadet boots to the current Police Cadet Wing at School.
- Special meeting was held in September, 2018 to pay tribute to teachers (Mr. L. Gunasekara and Mr. W. Weerasekara) who were head masters of the Police Cadet Wing of the School.
- A special appreciation ceremony was held in September, 2018 in recognition of the rank 'Harbor Master' which was awarded to Mr. N Silva, a senior vice president of the Cadet Wing.
- A donation of LKR 37, 500/- was given to the current Police Cadet Wing of the School to buy 25 Trunk Boxes.
- Provision of general training, arms training and lecturing on special topics to the current Police Cadet Wing of the School.

125th ANNIVERSARY GROUP

Medical camp - 2019

The annual medical camp was organized by the 75-80 group together with the our Group with an attendance of around 300 past and present teachers.

Anada Nena Diriya - 2018

The Group joined hands together with the Deakin Sri Lankan Students' Association and the Rotaract District 3220 Sri Lanka to collect funds and to contribute to the people affected by the adverse weather conditions.

Anada Saviya Educational Workshop - 2018

The Group held the workshop for the 2nd consecutive year in October, 2018 at Habarana Maha Vidyalaya. It was focused on improving the education of 80 under privileged O/L students from rural communities.

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

Henry Ford

Affiliated Group Activities

2004 GROUP

Medical Camp

LKR 500,000/- worth of medicine was distributed among the people in the Mallawagedara village.

Punaragamanaya

This was a unique concert featuring Kasun Kalhara, Chinty – Chitral Somapala and Nadeeka Guruge.

Donation of Wheel Chairs

The Group donated LKR 400,000/- worth of motivational wheel chairs to Sri Lanka Army as charity.

Junior Rugby

The Group have donated LKR 10,000/- to the Junior Rugby team of Ananda for betterment of the game.

2008 GROUP

Maroons Rally

Maroons Rally 2018 is a TSD (Time Speed Distance) Rally, organized as a joint project by the Old Anandians 2008 Group & Old Nalandians 1999 Group. This started in 2018 for the first time and continues as an annual event.

Preethipura Infants' Home (CSR Project)

The Group took the initiative to renovate the washroom complex of the Prithipura Infants Home in Hendala. This institute exists to provide care for children and young adults with severe mental and physical Disabilities.

Student Leadership and Personality Development Programme

Another annual project of the Group is to conduct a two-day residential program for the Senior Prefects of Ananda College, in partnership with Sasnaka Sansada Foundation. The goal is to promote much needed leadership and personnel qualities to carry out the vision of Ananda through their personalities.

Annual blood drive

The Annual Blood Donation Program is conducted in reminiscence of late Randula Wanigasinghe and Duminda Gunasekara, our own batchmates. This is an annual event in Old Anandians' 2008 Group's calendar.

Batch Get together

The last but the most awaited event of the calendar, is the batch get-together. Last year's celebration was themed as "The Decennial Celebration" in order to celebrate the 10 years after leaving Alma mater in 2008.

"None of us is as smart as all of us."

Ken Blanchard

85 GROUP

Annual Medical Camp for Hostelers and Non Academic staff

To upgrade the medical standards of the College hostel students and non-academic staff, we have been conducting this event for last 17 years. Ananda College Medical Guild provided medical practitioners and medicines to make this event a success. Total medical check-ups including Dental & Eye care were carried out.

Dr. Sri Welarathne Scholarship Awards

The Old Anandians' Association of West Coast-USA, came up with a proposal to donate scholarships to the academically excelled students during the past year.

To co-ordinate and organize this event they selected our group. We have been organizing this event for the last 03 years and awarded over 100 scholarships as at now. From grade 6 to 11, in each grade the best 05 students are selected and awarded Rs. 36,000 worth of scholarship for a year. Also the students who got the best results in O/L exam, were given a scholarship for their A/L studies.

Annual Family Get Together and Cricket Carnival

This is an annual event organized by our group to gather and enjoy with our dear friends and their families. The event includes a 6 a-side cricket tournament, fun games, for kids and adults. This was a full day event.

81 GROUP

Donations to Army's Wilpattu Reforestation Programme

The growing enthusiasm and the public support evolving for the Army's Wilpattu Reforestation Programme under the 'Thuruliya Wenuwen Api' project became clearly evident once again when members of the 81 Group gifted 5000 more valuable saplings and an earth auger machine to the commander of the Army. Lt. General Mahesh Senannayake at the Army Headquarters recently.

The delegation of Old Anandians, headed by the President of our Group, during the brief

meeting with the Commander of the Army, praised the Army -Initiative and appreciated the coordination being carried out by Major General Senerath Bandara and Brigadier Buwaneka Gunerathne.

They also expressed their willingness to help the project further and visit the reforestation program in order to find out requirements in future. Lt. General Mahesh Senanayake thanked the initiative of his yesteryear schoolmates and commended them for their encouragement.

Do you like to sponsor an Anandian? Join ACOBA Scholarship Program

Be a proud contributor to ACOBA scholarship program and support education, sports & extracurricular activities of needy & deserving students at Ananda.

Category I - Rs. 4,000/= per month (hostal fees)

Category II - Rs. 5,000/= per month (standard scholarship)

The Scholarship Program of Ananda College Old Boys' Association is supervised and monitored under the leadership of a Vice President of ACOBA

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