



SRI LANKA—BELGIUM ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

AGM 15th May 2015

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -2014/2015

The President	-	Mr. Amaradasa Gunawardana
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General Secretary	-	Mr.J.Paranamana
Asst. Secretary	-	Mr. Jinit de Silva
Treasurer	-	Mr.Sumith Ediriwickrama
Asst.Treasurer	-	Mr.Gamini Wijesinghe
Media Secretary	-	Mr Harold Peiris

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr.Wilmon Wickramasinghe	Mrs.Girtrude Nanayakkara
Mrs.Ranjani Silva	Mr. Sumana Liyanage
Mr.Vijitha Kadiragonna	Dr.R.H.Wickramasinghe
Mr.Nissanka Wannakukorale	Mrs.Chintha Akuretiyagama
Mr.Guthila Wickramasinghe	Mr.Wijitha Manamperi
Mr. Nimal Jayasundara	Dr.E.M.B. Daniel
Mr. Thilak Fernando	Mr. Ruwan Ratnaweera

Hony.Auditor

Mr. Anton Hettige

OUR MISSION

Mission of Sri Lanka Belgium Association is to contribute to the upliftment of the poor and needy of Sri Lanka and to enhance the quality of life of the most vulnerable and backward communities in the villages in cooperation with the State and Donor Agencies and other generous Organizations.

**ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED AT THE 9TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SRI LANKA
BELGIUM ASSOCIATION HELD ON 15TH MAY 2015 AT AMARADASA GUNAWARDANA
AUDITORIUM AT SRI LANKA COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND HEADQUARTERS, SARANA MAWATHA,
RAJAGIRIYA.**

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Sri Lanka Belgium Association we are pleased to present the Annual Report for the year 2014/2015.

INTRODUCTION

It was on 19th August 2003 that we, who were in Sri Lanka China Society, formed Sri Lanka Belgium Association with the friendly guidance from Mr. Dayasiri Fernando. It was he who introduced us to late Mr. Gaston Dillen of Adoptie Sri Lanka. We in SLBA were dragged into the field of community development by him. Since the year 2000 we are active in that field with personal guidance from Mr. John Van Dijck of Adoptie Sri Lanka.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the SLBA which was recorded at the last AGM as 45 has now increased to 49.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Since the last AGM held on 23rd October, 2013 we had held nine Executive Committee Meetings. Six meetings were held at the CNAPT center, Colombo 07 and the last three meetings were held at Sri Lanka Council for the Blind Headquarters, No.50/B, Sarana Mawatha, and Rajagiriya. SLBA is thankful to the Sri Lanka Council for the Blind for making available the auditorium for meetings of SLBA free of charge.

SLBA PROJECTS

Following projects are continuing satisfactorily with the financial assistance received from Adoptie Sri Lanka Belgium. Programmes were aimed at combating disability, promoting and improving health and education of the school children and elders in order to enhance their quality of life.

➤ WANAMEEKANDA

The activities that the SLBA started in the year 2000 are continuing with additional facilities. Two lady instructors manage the pre-school which has at present 39 children. They are supplied with school uniforms, books and stationary and mid-day meal.

In addition there is also a



Donors from Belgium and SLBA President welcomed by pre-School Students at Wanameekanda on 19-01-2015

scholarship scheme where the past students of the pre-school and other students selected from Wanameekanda

And adjoining villages totaling 169 are given monthly financial assistance to meet their educational expenses .Some committee members visited Wanameekanda on several occasions to make the payments to the scholarship holders



Dancing item at the annual concert by Students of the pre- School at Wanameekanda on 19-01-2015



Mr. John Van Dijck hoisting the National Flag at Wanameekanda on 19-01-2015

and to hand over books and stationary and also to attend new year celebrations by the students. During the period funds were also provided for the construction work of the kitchen extension and electrical rewiring.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Dijck along with some Committee members visited Wanameekanda on 19th January 2015 where they participated at the annual concert by students of the pre-school and also distributed spectacles for 50 villagers selected under the project.

➤ **THUNTHALAWA**

This is a remote village which had been developed in stages with the funds provided by Adoptie Sri Lanka VZW. Some of the projects funded by Adoptie Sri Lanka are the drinking water supply scheme



Mr. and Mrs. Van Dijck at the yearend ceremony at Thunthalawa on 11- 01-2015



Guests from Belgium at Thunthalawa on 11- 01-2015

to the village, providing a building and other related items to the pre-school and houses with sanitary facilities for the needy families in the village. Presently 18 children attend the pre-school and they are provided with school uniforms, school bags, books, stationary and also mid-day meal.



Mr. and Mrs. Van Dijck with the School Children at Thunthalawa on 11-01-2015



Mr. and Mrs. Van Dijck handing over a pair of spectacle at Thunthalawa on 11-01-2015

Scholarship scheme which was started in July 2013 is also continuing with over 100 students from the village receiving a monthly payment.

Donors from Belgium Mr.& Mrs. Van Dijck visited Thunthalawa on 11th January 2015 and at a ceremony held distributed 50 spectacles for the villagers selected under the project.

➤ **NALANDA HOSPITAL- MATALE**



Donors at Nalanda Hospital



Official Opening of the newly tiled ward and the corridor by Mr. and Mrs. Van Dijck at Nalanda Hospital



Lighting the Traditional Oil Lamp at the Opening ceremony at Nalanda Hospital



Donating medical apparatus to Nalanda Hospital by the Donors

In the past this hospital had been provided with buildings, equipments and renovations done with funds provided by Adoptie Sri Lanka.

Donors from Belgium visited the Nalanda Hospital on 14th January 2015 and declared open the newly tiled Ward 4 and the corridor of the hospital. They also donated one E.C.G. machine and four blood pressure apparatus.

➤ **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR AN UNDERGRADUATE**

An undergraduate from Polonnaruwa is paid an amount of Rs.2000.00 monthly since August 2014 financed by Mrs.Gunawardana, daughter of SLBA President Mr. Amaradasa Gunawardana and Mr. Gamini Wijesinghe, Assistant Treasurer of SLBA.

➤ **WEBSITE FOR THE SLBA**

Website for the SLBA www.lankabelgiumassociation.com was declared open on 18th January 2015 by Donors from Belgium, Mr. and Mrs. Van Dijck.

VISIT OF DONORS

The Secretary General of Adoptie Sri Lanka Belgium VZW, Mr.John Van Dijck and his wife Mrs.Line Van Dijck visited Sri Lanka and had an overview of the projects during the period from 10th to 19th January 2015.They attended the opening ceremony of the Building of the Sri Lanka Council for the Blind Headquarters on 18th January 2015, where the total cost of the building was funded by Adoptie Sri Lanka.

SPECIAL VICTORY

During the last 15 months, Sri Lanka Belgium Association achieved a victory which should be proudly celebrated. With the initiative steps taken by the SLBA, we managed to receive financial contribution to construct the head quarters building of Sri Lanka Blind Council. The entire cost of this building which was nearly Rs. 40million was borne by Adoptie Sri Lanka in Belgium. Mr.John Van Dijck of Adoptie Sri Lanka made this contribution out of his personal wealth in appreciation of the devoted activities of SLBA. This new building named "JOHN & LINE VAN DIJCK HALL" is situated at no. 50/B, Sarana Mawatha, Rajagiriya. It was officially declared open more than usual by Mr. and Mrs. John Van Dijck on 18th January 2015.



John and Line Van Dijck arriving at the Building of the Sri Lanka Council for the Blind Headquarters.



Official Opening of John and Line Van Dijck Hall.

GRATITUDE

They say that the container of gratitude is always deep. The Executive Committee of SLBA is thankful, grateful and pays gratitude to all our members who joined hands with us and continue to enjoy and appreciate the social service and community development programs we planned and implemented. Very gratefully we salute the name of late Mr. Gaston Dillen the founder of Adoptie Sri Lanka some decades ago. Mr. John Van Djick who took over the reins from Mr.Gaston Dillen has almost become a family member of SLBA. All our ongoing programs and projects are there because of Mr. and Mrs. Van Dijck. They contribute funds from their personal accounts. Our deep gratitude is always there for this philanthropic friendly couple. We are ever grateful to the founder of SLBA namely Mr. P. Dayasiri Fernando who is our patron. It was he who introduced Adoptie Sri Lanka Belgium to us and encouraged us to form SLBA. Also we were given shelter to have our committee meetings over the several years by the CNAPT in Colombo 07. We are grateful to them for that friendliness. The Sri Lanka Council for the Blind now accomadates us for our meetings in the John & Line Van Dijck hall free of charge. SLBA is sincerely grateful for all that. We are grateful to late Mr. Ranjith Dissanayaka who was our founder Secretary and Mr.Wilmon Wickremasinghe who took over from Mr.Ranjith and made a wonderful contribution. We certainly appreciate the devoted attitude of the present Secretary Mr.J.Paranamana.

ACCOUNTS

The audited Annual Statement of Accounts for the years 2013 and 2014 prepared by the Treasurer are presented for adoption. The services of Mr. Anton Hettige as the Auditor of SLBA is much appreciated.

Amaradasa Gunawardana
President

J.Paranamana
General Secretary

SLBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS FROM 04.12.2013 TO 07.05.2015**

Number of meetings - 09

Name	Present	Excused	Absent
01.Mr.Amaradasa Gunawardana	09	-	-
02.Mr.Nihal Perera	04	05	-
03.Mr.Dharma Gunasinghe	01	08	-
04.Mr.J.Paranamana	08	01	-
05.Mr.R.Jinith de Silva	08	01	-
06.Mr.Sumith Ediriwickrama	08	01	-
07.Mr.Gamini Wijesinghe	08	01	-
08.Mr. Harold Peiris	03	06	-
09.Mr.Wilmon Wickramasinghe	09	-	-
10.Mrs.Ranjani Silva	06	02	01
11.Mr.Vijitha Kadiragonna	09	-	-
12.Mr.Nissanka Wannakukorale	09	-	-
13.Mr.Guthila Wickramasinghe	01	04	04
14.Mr. Nimal Jayasundara	09	-	-
15.Mr.Thilak Fernando	07	01	01
16.Mrs.Girtrude Nanayakkara	05	01	03
17.Mr.Sumana Liyanage	07	02	-
18.Dr.R.H.Wickramasinghe	04	02	03
19.Mrs.Chintha Akuretiyagama	05	04	-
20.Mr.Wijitha Manamperi	01	02	06
21.Dr.E.M.B.Daniel	05	02	02
22.Mr.Ruwan Ratnaweera	05	-	04