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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dearest Rotaractors,

It is with much delight I pen these thoughts at the end of yet another successful quarter of our Rotaract year. Once again, this quarter has thrown us some significant challenges, where our grit and determination was tested. Of course, with a pandemic raging around the world (and showing no signs of slowing down) once again being the key issue that has troubled us the most, the amazing Rotaractors at Rotaract Mora have mitigated all those challenges by continuing their journey of providing the best service to the community through the implementation of some outstanding projects.

At the beginning of the quarter, it was quite obvious that with the pandemic, the manner in which we had to operate as a movement would hinder our usual Rotaract work. In a normal year, the 2nd quarter of a year would be filled with many physical engagements that give the membership of the club the chance to engage in teamwork, work in collaboration and celebrate the fellowship. Without having all that this year, the team was able to pull off some of the most significant virtual initiatives not only at a club level but also at a national level, with seamless adaptation to the "virtual life".

Over the past 6 months, we have seen how the society, the job market and many other places crumble down and struggle to adapt to a hybrid culture of "physical and virtual working". At a time as such, the example the Rotaractors at Rotaract Mora set has been nothing short of amazing. The manner in which the club pulled off the largest virtual career fair in Sri Lanka "Are You Ready? 2020", transformed an award-winning O/L support seminar series "Nena Aruna" into a fully virtual seminar series, introduced the concept of distant learning to Dunupothgama in Anuradhapura through "Grama Prabodhaya" are just a few of the examples we could show for the inspiring work the club has done over the last 3 months. I believe this is also an indication of the depth and quality of members this club produces, something that we can be very proud of as a club, which celebrated its 25th anniversary this December.

I would like to make this an opportunity to congratulate and commend the amazing work of our members. It has been a true honor to see your work at this level and the youngest blood of Rotaract Mora taking the club name to new heights.

On a side note, we must not forget the amazing editorial and PR team who have worked tremendously hard on bringing this edition of Odyssey into life. Your selfless efforts not only add color to the club but bring so much value to the great work the club members have done over the last quarter. Thank you and truly appreciate the amazing job your team does behind the scenes.

I would like to end my thoughts on a particular wording that inspired me during the completion of a very challenging 'Are You Ready? 2020'.

"A team with the right attitude and passion for work can go on to do anything that seems impossible to do."

Thank you
PRESIDENT
Rtr. Samila Imbulana

EDITORIAL



Dear Rotaractors,

With the end of the second quarter of the 2020/21 Rotaract year, Rotaract Mora continues to head forward at full steam in spite of the circumstances in the country. While slowly but surely adapting to the new normal, the club has succeeded, time and time again, to “make lemonade out of the lemons thrown its way” and put forth service projects of immense substance and quality.

The past three months have been nothing short of exciting stuff and mammoth milestones for Rotaract Mora. Ranging from pulling off projects like ‘Are You Ready? 2020’ to celebrating the club’s 25th Anniversary, the second quarter of 2020/21 has brought us new memories to cherish, lessons to learn from, and friendships to adore.

It truly is wonderful to watch our dedicated members pull off top-notch projects with little to none physical interactions with each other, yet still in perfect sync. In the spirit of striving together as one, they have succeeded in proving that though distance parts us during these unfortunate times, there is plenty of opportunity for us to bring light and be the light in the lives of others, while still being “virtually together”. Here’s hoping that this Second Quarter issue of Odyssey, the official newsletter of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, pays due respect to our young champs for their inspiring diligence and drive.

Happy Reading!

Rtr. Ishaq Ahamed
Rtr. Kavishka Gunaratne
Rtr. Romasha Guruge

(Co-Editors 2020/21 – Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. GRAMA PRABODHAYA | Ongoing

Chaired by: Rtr. Hasitha Pushpakumara | Rtr. Chandeepea Pathirana

"Grama Prabodhaya" is the signature project of the Community Services Avenue of Rotaract Mora. This is an award winning endeavor by Rotaract Mora that provides the village residents with better living necessities and elevates the living conditions of the people in rural villages.

It is not just a community service initiative handing out material donation, but a mutual contribution to build a village in several ways to improve the quality of lives of villagers. In this year's installment of "Grama Prabodhaya," the community service team hopes to resolve some urgent issues in Dunupothagama. Thus, several sub-projects are being conducted under the project in support of this cause.

(a) Senehe Yathra | Ongoing

Chaired by: Rtr. Madhavee Abayanayake | Rtr. Nimesh Ariyaratna

"Senehe Yathra", an initiative under "Grama Prabodhaya" project, seeks to provide 30 pregnant mothers from Dunupothagama village with baby essentials. The gift packs presented to each mother will contain;

01. Napkins (18" x 18") - 12
02. Baby infant frocks - 6
03. Bubble rubber mat for infants - 1
04. Baby towel for infant - 1
05. Baby flannel wrap cloth (36" x 36") - 1
06. Baby hat and booties set for infants - 1
07. Drying hanger rack with clips - 1

The project is currently in the fund-raising process and is expected to be carried out at the completion of the Grama Prabodaya project for the year.

(b) Digitalize | Ongoing

Chaired by: Rtr. Dhanoj Ninnada | Rtr. Lakshan Fernando

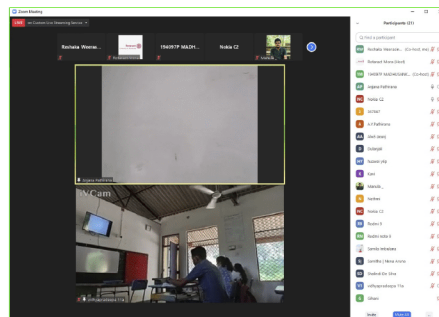
"Digitalize" is a sub-project under "Grama Prabodhaya" designed to bridge the digital gap in Dunupothagama by providing Dunupothagama Vidyalaya with a fully-facilitated ICT laboratory. The school offers ICT as a basket subject to students who are facing G.C.E. O/L examinations. However, there is a shortage of suitable facilities (such as computers, computer tables, adequate air conditioning systems, network connections and more) to teach ICT. 'Digitalize' is a novel project undertaken by Rotaract Mora, which aims to provide these facilities to the well-deserving students of this school.

A TV has already been given to Dunupothagama Vidyalaya as an initial step, and the renovation work is scheduled to begin this month as well.

(c) Edify | Ongoing

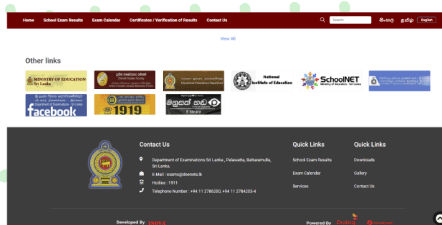
Chaired by: Rtr. Manula Prasajith Thennakoon | Rtr. Kushan Madhusanka

"Edify" is a sub-project of the project "Grama Probodhaya" that started with the intention of supporting the studies of G.C.E. O/L students of Dunupothagama Vidyalaya through a virtual platform. Under this initiative, a seminar series was organized by developing a digital classroom for the O/L students of Dunupothagama Vidyalaya. Currently, 3 weeks of the scheduled program have been successfully concluded, leaving 3 more weeks yet to be completed.



2. MANUSATH HANDA | Ongoing

Chaired by: Rtr. Sithira Liyanage | Rtr. Janith Bimsara



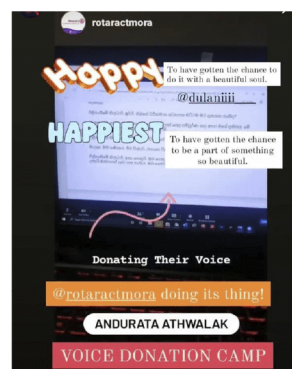
"Manusath Handa" is a worthwhile effort executed by the Community Services Avenue of Rotaract Mora with the aim of providing visually impaired students with the relevant educational tools to meet their unique needs, in the form of audiobooks.

One of the notable achievements the project received during the Rotaract quarter was the Manusath Handa e-library starting to be officially featured on the official website of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka (www.doenets.lk) during December 2020.

(a) Andurata Athwalak | Ongoing

Chaired by: Rtr. Bawun Mawitagama | Rtr. Sanduni Liyanage | Rtr. Senith Cooray

"Andurata Athwalak" is a novel movement started by Rotaract Mora to create a positive impact in the lives of young, visually impaired souls by enhancing their English skills to ensure better career opportunities. It is hoped that this will be accomplished by supplying them with an audio-based course on daily conversations in English. The Online Voice Donation Camp for the Spoken English Course was held on the 31st of October with the participation of 70 Rotaractors (including 10 Rotaractors from India) who represented 50 Rotaract Clubs. Under this stage, 51 recordings were captured and they will soon be uploaded to the e-library.



(b) Andurata Athwalak | Computer Course | Ongoing

Chaired by: Rtr. Pasindu Manodara | Rtr. Pasidalee Dissanayake

This is the most recent addition to Manusath Handa which focuses on providing visually impaired children with competitive awareness and knowledge in computer skills that fit into the 21st century. Several audio recordings for this audio-based course too have been created as at present.

(c) Inclusive SL | 3rd December 2020

"INCLUSIVE SL" was an awareness program on "Inclusive Education and Employment", presented by three remarkable personalities who have encountered adversities first-hand and have accomplished it through, in the midst of all of the obstacles. Mr. Janitha Rukmal, the co-founder of the Enable Lanka Foundation; Mr. Isuru Panditha, a law undergraduate at the University of Colombo; and Mr. Janitha Ittapana, an advocate for Disability Rights and Mental Health in Sri Lanka, were the three panellists of the forum. 1000+ attendees participated for this heartwarming evening through Zoom and Facebook Live.

3. NENA ARUNA | Ongoing

Chaired by: Rtr. Pankaja Uyangoda | Rtr. Samitha Neranjan



Nena Aruna
Online seminar series hits 100
participants

"Nena Aruna" is a set of seminars and educational programs on Mathematics, Science, ICT, Commerce and English, required for students who sit for G.C.E. O/L examinations. The 'Nena Aruna' YouTube Channel was commenced earlier this year to publish videos on lessons from various subjects in the G.C.E. O/L syllabi.

Nena Aruna has reached greater heights by completing 5 virtual Science seminars, 11 virtual Maths seminars, 3 virtual ICT seminars, 5 virtual Commerce seminars, 1 virtual English seminar, 3 Science lesson videos, 3 Maths lesson videos and 5 Science practical videos during the past quarter.

The all-new Nena Aruna Website was launched recently to facilitate the students who are facing G.C.E O/L examinations. Through this, they can log in to the website, get informed on the upcoming seminars and access previously held seminars.

4. HAND IN HAND | Ongoing

Chaired by: Rtr. Madushan Sasanka | Rtr. Nimesh Kavinda

"Hand in Hand" is one of the biggest community service initiatives carried out by Rotaract Club of Moratuwa University, which focuses on illuminating the lives of innocent souls who are battling cancer with the sunlight of hope. A book donation to the Children's Ward of the Apeksha Hospital and an Online Stickers and Cards Selling Campaign were also carried out under the project recently. A blog series and flyer series on cancer awareness are both published weekly under the "Hand in Hand" project as a sub-project.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE

1. ECOLASTIC | Ongoing

Chaired by: Rtr. Nelmi Kudagodage | Rtr. Chamath Sandaru

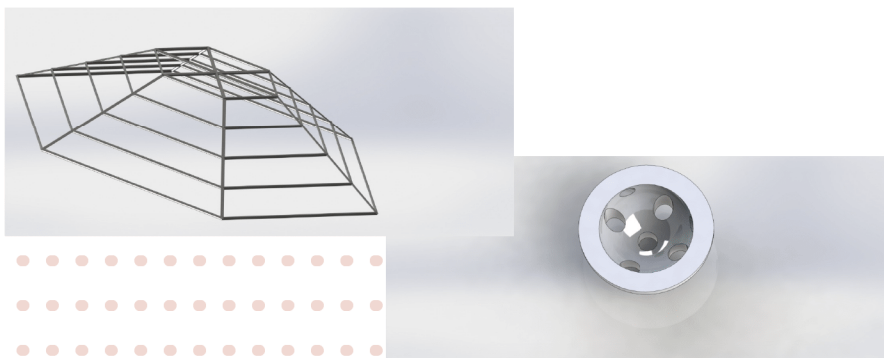
Plastic pollution is becoming a severe problem worldwide. The concept of Ecolastic was born to experiment on introducing an effective method to reuse polythene and plastic in general use. The Ecolastic team was able to design a T-shirt with a plastic-based clothing material successfully after teaming up with a textile brand to develop a material with plastic wastes, which fits under the requirements of normal clothing material.



2. ZOOXANTHELLAE | Ongoing

Chaired by: Rtr. Prathana Gamage | Rtr. Hiran Rajasuriya

Corals supposedly contain the most diverse ecosystems on the planet Earth. Zooxanthellae came to life in anticipation of conserving the coral reefs in the Sri Lankan coastal belt by planting corals on structures underwater to stimulate the recovery of these ecosystems. Under the most recent phase of the initiative, the structures on which corals are planted were re-engineered according to tested techniques for better results of coral growth.

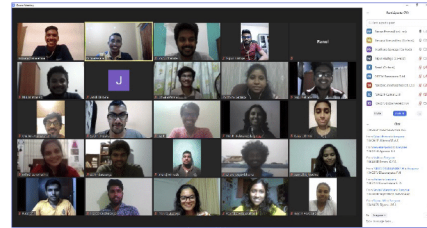


PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. ARE YOU READY? | 11th November - 18th December 2020

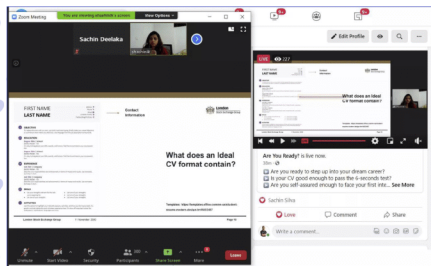
Chaired by: Rtr. Thenuka Karunasiri | Rtr. Sachin Silva

'Are You Ready?', organized by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa in association with the university's Career Guidance Unit, is a much-awaited occasion on the university calendar, which marks the official careers week of the university. First commenced in 1998, this year recorded the 25th "Are You Ready?", affirming its most potent stance as the leading platform, which bridges the university's students with the corporate elite.



(a) Heads Up | 11th November 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Gayan Kodithuwakku | Rtr. Lakni Rabel

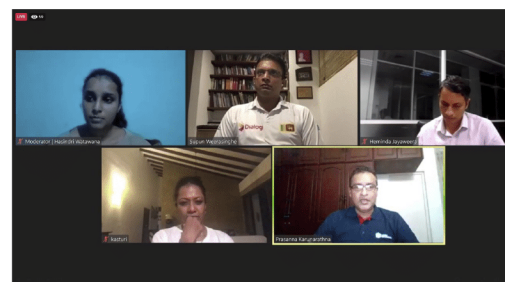


Heads Up was the first preparatory session organized under 'Are You Ready?' offering specialized knowledge and expertise on imperative career aspects like CV building and, under the current circumstances, facing virtual interviews. The virtual knowledge sharing session was conducted by Ms. Shashini Kondaduwa, Assistant Manager at London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) with the assistance of Ms. Inthira Satheeskumar, Graduate Recruiter at London Stock Exchange Group and recorded participation of 500+ undergraduates.

(b) The Forum | 17th November 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Senuri Peiris | Rtr. Dulmith Sanjana

'The Forum' was an enriching panel discussion where four distinct dignitaries of the Sri Lankan corporate arena virtually met an audience of 250+ undergraduates to share their inspiring stories of success while opening the stage to discuss industry related aspects like the adaptability of fresh undergraduates to the corporate world and the challenges they have to deal with in the coming years with the global decline in the job market, as a result of COVID-19. Mr. Supun Weerasinghe: the Group Chief Executive of Dialog Axiata, Ms. Kasturi Chellaraja Wilson: Hemas Group CEO and the first-ever female CEO of a conglomerate in Sri Lanka; Mr. Heminda Jayaweera: Chief Executive Operating Officer of SLINTEC, and Mr. Prasanna Karunarathna: a former president of Rotaract Mora, a brain behind pioneering the project 'Are You Ready?' and the current Head of Business Operations at LSEG Technology, joined 'The Forum' to provide insights on the world of business.



(c) The Image | 22nd November 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Jeewaka Aponso | Rtr. Rochelle Comester

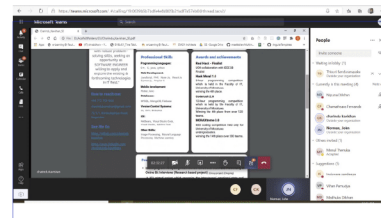


The third stop of "Are You Ready? 2020" was a virtual session conducted by a business mastermind Mr. Dian Gomes, the Honorary Consul of Georgia in Sri Lanka, Former Group Director of MAS Holdings and the Former Chairman of Hela Clothing, which offered knowledge on developing leadership traits, resilience and how to build an image for oneself to stand out in the corporate world.

(d) Resume Center | 27th November 2020

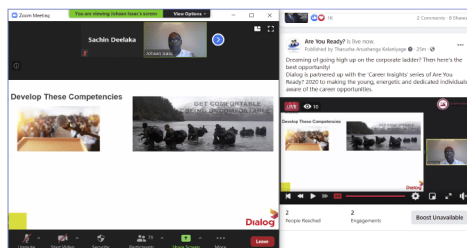
Chaired by: Rtr. Ravindu Jayasinghe | Rtr. Naveen Hedalla Arachchi

Through "Résumé Centre", our final year undergraduates were offered the opportunity to get their CVs checked for possible improvements by a group of recruiting experts in the industry. 760+ collected CVs were assessed thoroughly by proficient and provided feedback on how to revamp the standard of the CVs through virtual meeting rooms.



(e) Career Insights | 2nd December - 8th December 2020

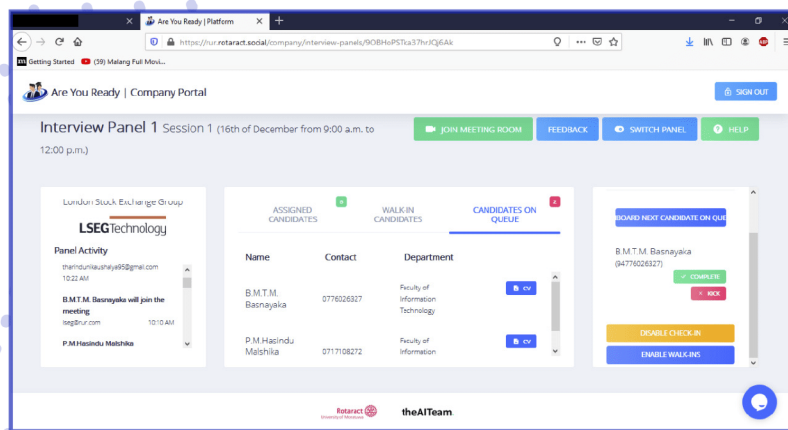
Chaired by: Rtr. Dinidu Edirisinghe | Rtr. Avishka Perera



Most of the undergraduates manifest a lack of knowledge regarding the career paths they could pursue following their graduation. The "Career Insights" webinar series offered inside-out knowledge on different career fields catering to different departments of the university by joining hands with mammoth corporate entities in Sri Lanka: London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG), Dialog Axiata, Nestle and John Keels Holdings (JKH).

(f) Flagship Fair | 16th December - 18th December 2020

'Flagship Fair' was the limelight of 'Are You Ready? 2020', at which prominent corporate entities came in to conduct virtual interviews to recruit our skillful and qualified final year undergraduates. Least dampened by the COVID-19 pandemic that has taken over the country, with the participation of 1000+ undergraduates and employers from 70 leading corporates in Sri Lanka, 'Flagship Fair' carried out interviews through the exclusive 'Are You Ready?' online portal while ensuring the safety of participants.



2. THE SCHOLAR| Ongoing

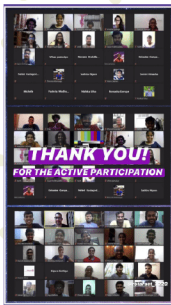
Chaired by: Rtr. Dushan Dissanayake | Rtr. Thenuka Karunasiri

"The Scholar" is one of the latest initiatives of Rotaract Mora, in partnership with the Mosvold-Martinus Foundation. This is a scholarship program which targets the first-year and second-year university undergraduates who are in need of financial assistance in order to continue their academic tenure. The ultimate purpose of this program is to enhance their living standards and help them achieve their life dreams by minimizing their financial burdens. The project is currently in the process of shortlisting applicants for the scholarship.

CLUB SERVICE

1. INDUCTION CEREMONY | 25th October 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Vinu Weeramanthrie | Rtr. Thulani Nagahawatte



Continuing to speak through actions in the new normal, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa was able to conduct the induction ceremony virtually for the second time in history. The first induction ceremony of the Rotaract year 2020/21 was held successfully with 45 inducted members through the Zoom platform by granting opportunities for the rookies to step into the journey towards exploring and serving the community while doing what they truly enjoy.

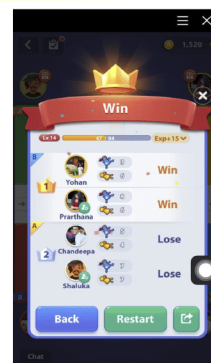
2. CAST 4

CAST 4 or 'Collaborative Avenue Service Teams Four' is the signature club service initiative that was designed to accommodate a platform for newer members and board representatives to engage with each other while showcasing their talents, and focusing on continuing their personal growth by competing in teams throughout numerous sub-projects. We continued the theme of 'Harry Potter' to this Rotaract Year and it led the club members and prospects to split into four teams to compete for the overall win. Ultimately according to the CAST4 final scoreboard, Hufflepuff was crowned as the overall winner, followed by Ravenclaw in second place, Slytherin in third place and at last but not least Gryffindor in fourth place.

(a) LUDO House Cup | 1st November 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Uvini Ranaweera | Rtr. Janith Wanasinghe

LUDO is a strategy board game introduced in the 19th century and its digital form became massively popular among Sri Lankans back in March 2020 when COVID-19 pandemic broke out into the world. This was the last sub-project under CAST4 and H_Luck Hike won the championship followed by H_Dream in second place with their outstanding performances ensuring their overall win in the competition. Bringing the recent memories and bonds back together, LUDO House Cup marked the perfect finale for the successful journey of CAST 4 for the year.



3. INDIRETTO | 28th November 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Chasila Withanage | Rtr. Rukshan Senanayake | Rtr. Sandun Chathuranga

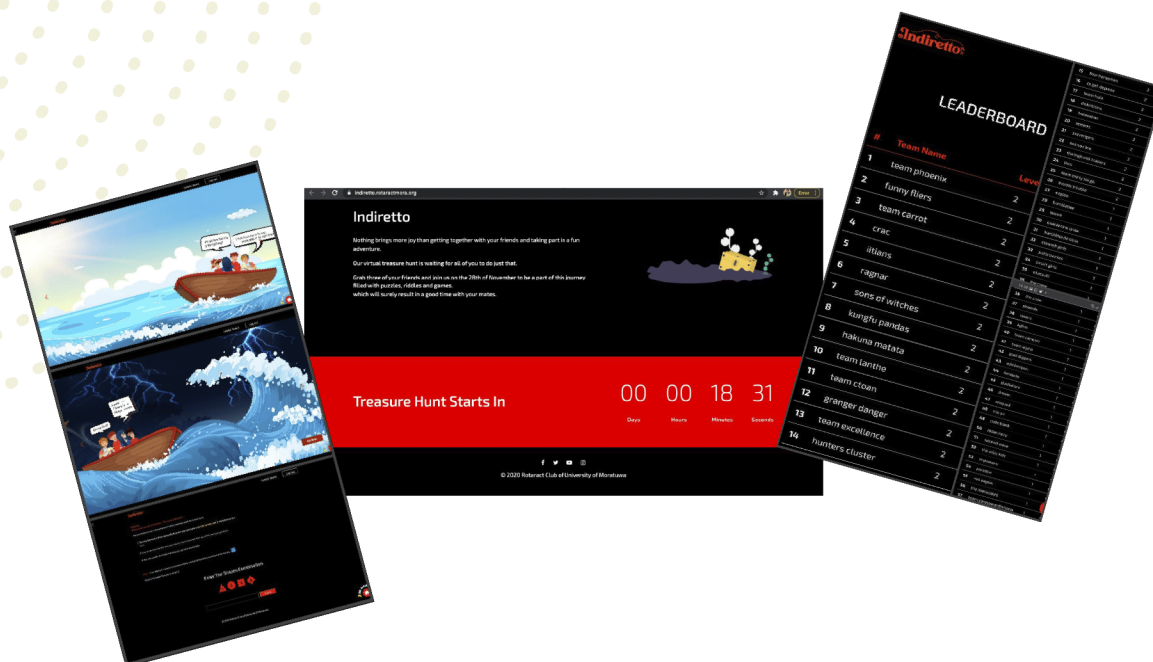
INDIRETTO was organized as a virtual treasure hunt opened to the Rotaract District 3220, inspired by "Refraction", the annual Treasure Hunt organized by Rotaract Mora. Although recent events of COVID-19 outbreak have been affecting our communities in various aspects, least shaken by the challenges, the INDIRETTO team developed a whole new web platform to serve the participants with a brand new experience. 57 teams, each with 4 members registered with the event. The treasure hunt was fully completed by only 31 teams, proving that the hunt was of just the right difficulty. Among them, the following three teams were crowned as winners and got lucky enough to be gifted with data prizes of 36 GB, 24 GB and 12 GB respectively on behalf of their victory.

1st Place - Four Horsemen of Rotaract Club of Faculty of Science, University of Colombo

2nd Place - Soz Soz Bro of Rotaract Club of Achievers Lanka Business School

3rd Place - Team High-Risk Traders of Rotaract Club of Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo

INDIRETTO was a great success considering that the project was a novel approach by the club and the team hopes to continue INDIRETTO in the coming years.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

1. ROTARACT MORA MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Chaired by: Rtr. Tharusha Lekamge | Rtr. Lahiru Sampath

The Rotaract Mora Model United Nations is a United Nations simulation launched by Rotaract Mora. This is the first attempt at a UN simulation by a Sri Lankan University or Rotaract Club. The simulation contains negotiation, discussion, and lively debates, which are the keystones of the UN culture. The first phase of the project will mainly establish the culture of MUN within the University of Moratuwa. The second stage will be open to all the Rotaract clubs in Sri Lanka. By entering the Rotaract Global Model United Nations, the procedural phases will aim to meet and represent the foreign audience.



(a) Training Sessions | 25th August - 30th December 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Tharusha Lekamge | Rtr. Lahiru Sampath

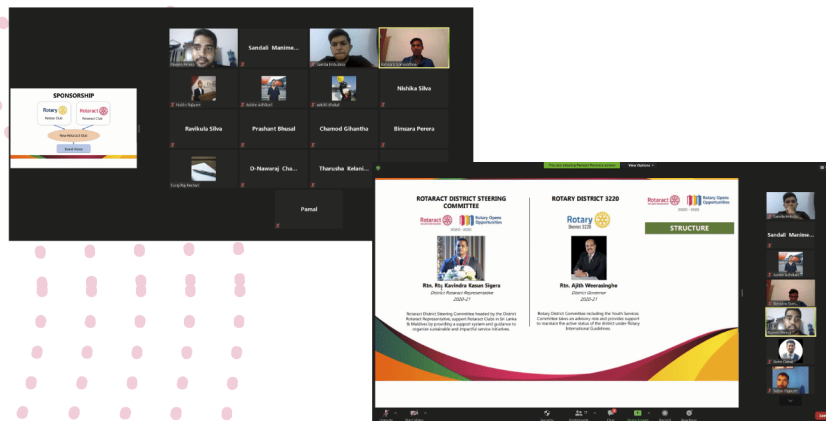
In May 2020, the sub-project called "RMMUN Training sessions" was proposed with the primary aim of providing a better starting platform for students to gain a proper understanding of the United Nations and Model United Nations simulations. The project aims to promote students' research, debating, and public speaking skills, as well as to create a MUN sub-culture inside the university. All Training Sessions were held virtually via the Zoom platform.



2. SAHAYOGA | 13th November 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Sandali Manimendra | Rtr. Bimsara Perera

The project Sahayoga was an initiative of Rotaract Mora organized to share our knowledge and experience on Rotaract with the newly chartered Rotaract Club of Pokhara University, Nepal, in hopes that it will help them become a stronger, self-sufficient, and efficient club. We also took this as an opportunity to cultivate better relationships between our Nepali brethren by building a friendly atmosphere during the program.



3. ROSTRUM | 5th December 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Madhushika Munasinghe | Rtr. Dinidu Edirisinghe

"Rostrum" was a friendly online debate organized by Rotaract Mora in collaboration with Rotaract Club of Hindustan University. The debate was conducted via Zoom and broadcasted through Facebook Live on the topic, "The COVID-19 pandemic situation poses more of an opportunity than a threat to new businesses".

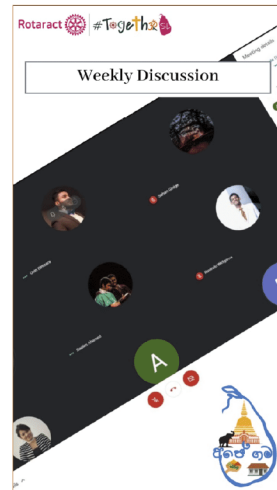


DISTRICT/JOINT PROJECTS

1. APE GAMA (UNDER “TOGETHER SL” DISTRICT INITIATIVE) | Ongoing

Chaired by: Rtr. Malshi Parindya | Rtr. Vihan Pamudya

“Ape Gama” is a subproject under the “Together SL” district scheme, organized by ‘Team Scorpions’ consisting of Rotaract clubs of Colombo Midtown, Excellence, Faculty of Law – University of Colombo, NIBM, Raffles Colombo, Saegis Campus, University Alumni and University of Moratuwa. This project focuses on developing the rural community of Molkawa in the Kalutara district. The school library renovation and implementation of a digital library with the donation of a television and digital study materials are currently in progress. An Online Book Drive was created with the aim of donating a book collection to the library. The “Together SL” team is trying their best to establish the internet connection for the village and also hope to start online seminar sessions for the students who are facing G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examinations.



2. DIGITAL UNITE | Ongoing

Chaired by: Rtr. Mihirini de Silva



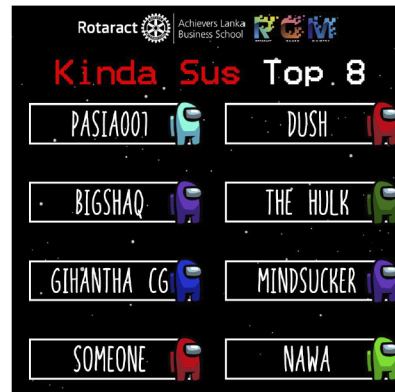
“Digital Unite” is a project of the Rotary Colombo West family including several Rotaract and Interact clubs. Several bright minds who could not afford to purchase technology to thrive in their education will be provided with laptops and mobile phones through this project. So far, mobile phones and tablet computers were donated to several deserving students of Ananda College, Royal College, Sirimavo Bandaranayaka Vidyalaya, Hindu College, Hindu Ladies College, Zahira College, and Gothami Balika Vidyalaya.

FELLOWSHIP THROUGH ROTARACT

1. KINDA SUS

"Kinda Sus" was an 'Among Us' competition organized by Rotaract Club of Achievers Lanka Business School. The following places were won by the members of Rotaract Mora.

- 1st Runners Up - Rtr. Chamindu Jeewahastha
- 8th Place - Rtr. Chamod Gihantha



2. THE FANDEMIC 2.0



"The Fandemic 2.0", a quiz competition conducted by Rotaract Club of University of Colombo, Faculty of Management and Finance was successfully concluded with 350+ participants. The competition consisted of 15 quizzes, 4 fandom champs and one ultimate overall champion.

Our club's Rtr. Dinidu Edirisinghe won the MARVEL quiz and was a finalist in the grand finale of this competition.

3. HELPING HAND - C19

"Helping Hand" was a webinar programme organized by Rotaract Club of Kurunegala to discuss how youth can contribute towards stopping the spread of COVID-19 disease. It was held on the 28th of November 2020.

4. FORWARD TO THE PAST

"Forward to the Past" was an eventful competition organized by Rotaract Club of University of Colombo, Faculty of Arts. The event was based on some of our favorite television shows from childhood. There were quizzes, charades and a lot more carried out via the Zoom platform. Team SPACE CASES became the winners of this event and Team Enigma from Rotaract Mora got selected for the semi-finals. Rtr. Anas Meedin, Rtr. Tharusha Anushanga and Rtr. Chamod Gihantha were the participants of Team Enigma.



5. BLACK PEARL EXCHANGE

"Black Pearl Exchange" was a virtual inter-club youth and cultural exchange program organized by Rotaract Club of Hindustan University. From this informative and enjoyable session, we have been able to make the way to the twin club agreement between the two clubs.

For both clubs, the Twin Club Agreement was one of the most anticipated occasions as it offers a stronger environment for a long-term partnership to foster international understanding, cultural exchange and goodwill and span out service projects in local and international communities.



THE MIRROR WALL

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Eclipse

It was a typical darkness
Of a night ,
For the lovers who used to
connect with each other
Through the stars,
For the quills which used to
Convert the reflection of poets
Into words,
For the owls who used to
Sing the song of the darkness

But ,

It was the night for them
In a literal sense ,
May be a morning
Hiding behind the darkness
To The rest of the world ,
He sun
She moon
Their souls encountered
Which were crying for a day
To run into each other
Ignored the glance of the world
Ignored the norms of the nature
He arose
She drew closer
Closer to him
She hugged him
He kissed her
His darling moon
Her darling sun
It was a night of romance
To them ,
Whereas ,
It was an 'eclipse'
To the big blue marble

~ Charithma Hettiarachchi ~

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

4. The Ludo House Cup was won by the _____ House.
7. The Online Voice Donation Camp was organized under the project _____.
8. So far, the Nena Aruna Team has successfully completed 11 virtual seminars under this subject.
12. The Zooxanthellae project came to life with the purpose of conserving _____.

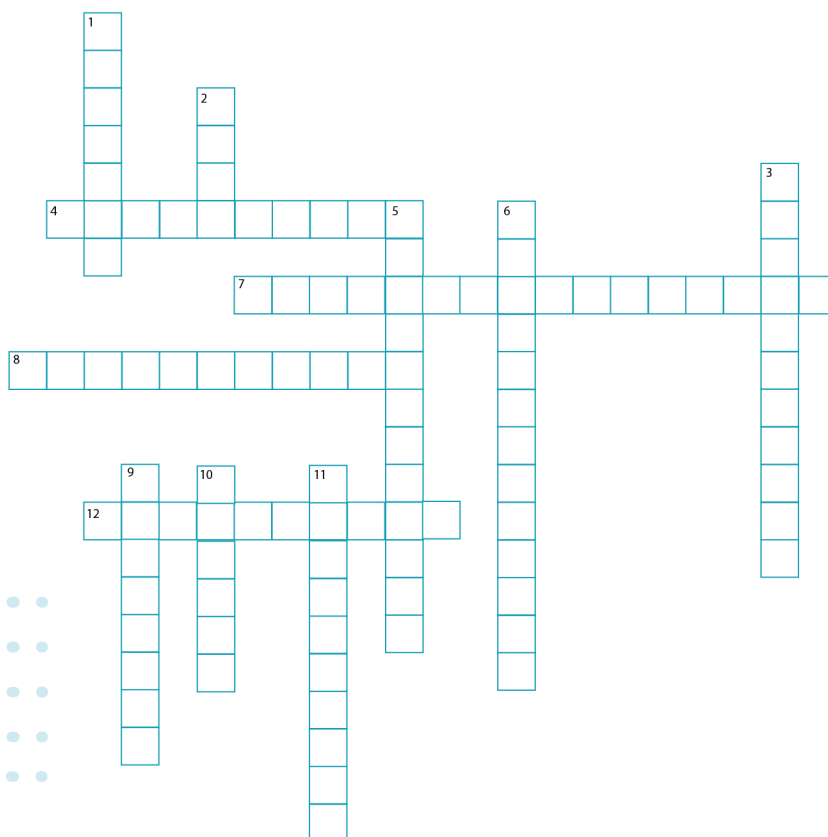
DOWN

1. The first preparatory session of "Are You Ready?" was _____.
2. Through project Sahayoga, Rotaract Mora intends to share the knowledge and experience with one of the Rotaract Clubs of this country.
3. The awareness program organized under Andurata Athwalak with the participation of three renowned personalities was _____.
5. _____ was the limelight of Are You Ready, where prospective employers came to conduct interviews for undergraduates at University of Moratuwa.
6. "Ape Gama" a subproject under the 'Together SL' project was organized by _____.
9. The latest addition to Manusath Handa, focuses on enhancing the literacy of the visually impaired on this subject.
10. A member of our club won the _____ quiz at the Fandemic 2.0 competition.
11. INDIRETTO was inspired by _____, the annual Treasure Hunt organized by Rotaract Mora.

ANSWERS

Across: 4. Hufflepuff | 7. Andurata Athwalak | 8. Mathematics | 12. Coral reefs

Down: 1. Heads Up | 2. Nepal | 3. Inclusive SL | 5. Flagship fair | 6. Team Scorpions | 9. Computer | 10. Marvel | 11. Refraction



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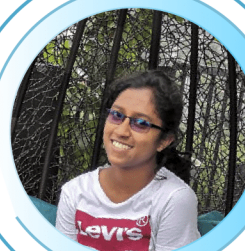


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