

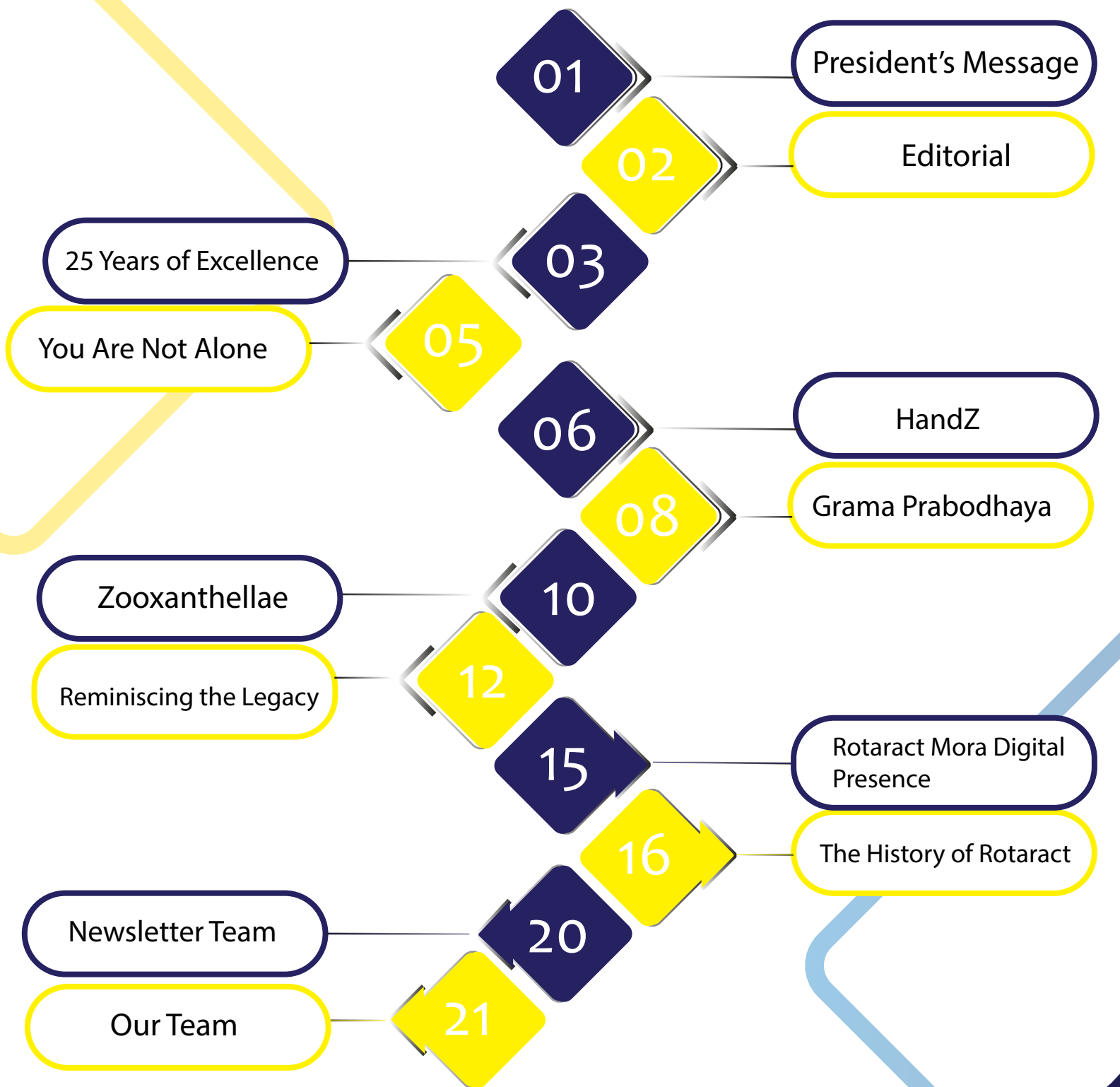


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President's message

Rtr. Dhanuka Perera
President 2019/2020

"We are not makers of history. We are made by history." - Martin Luther King

Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, chartered in 1995 as the first university-based Rotaract club in Rotary International District 3220 – Sri Lanka and Maldives, was initiated with 16 extremely passionate individuals who were studying at University of Moratuwa. Back in the date, the pioneers of this fraternity may have not foreseen that this initiative will expand to become a leading Rotaract club in the District by housing more than 250 members. With 25 years of its legacy built upon the dedication, passion and persistent leadership of its members, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa has widened its horizons in terms of impact and sustainability of the projects launched under its wings over the years. The club has always nurtured initiatives based on variety of concepts intending to deliver the maximum service to the society and the success of those projects was always the result of the untiring commitment and the dedication of all its members.

These endeavours have many times been acknowledged for its service in both local and international platforms. Among them, the recognition by Rotary International for four times in its history stands out.

- You are not Alone – 1999/2000
- Handz – 2010/2011
- Grama Prabodaya – 2016/2017
- Zooxanthellae – 2018/2019

'You are not Alone' which focused on serving the community in border villages who were suffering from the heat of the brutal war, was carried out as a signature community service project in the Rotaract Year 1999/2000. The project was able to win the 'Best Community Service Project – South Asia Region – 1999/2000' since the project truly impacted society by showing the importance of peace to the world.

'Handz' which was initiated in 2008, brought a new concept for the community service avenue of the club by overtaking the common boundaries of donating materials to people in need. The project focused on the empowerment of the underprivileged communities in North Central province in sustainable means.

The dream project of the club, 'Grama Prabodaya' was initiated in 2016 serving the underprivileged community in Ranugalla, Monaragala by hosting a series of sub-projects as the 1st chapter. The project focused on the economic and community development of a selected area on a massive scale. The 2nd chapter was launched in Hambegamuwa, Monaragala in 2018 and the 3rd chapter was launched in Nochchiyagama, Anuradapura. 'Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards - International Single Club Winner – 2017' award was awarded to Grama Prabodaya by Rotary International considering the influence it had on the society.

'Zooxanthellae' was a project which has an impact on the world which would last for more than a thousand years. After having several surveys on the field, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa deposited steel structures, which make houses for new corals in the coastline of Rumassala. The project received Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards - South Asia Regional Winner award in 2019 for its beneficial impact on the environment.

As Rotaract in Sri Lanka proudly celebrates its 50 years of service and Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa celebrates its 25th anniversary, we decided to showcase the award-winning projects to reminisce this momentous journey and inspire sustainable initiatives to serve the communities across the globe.

Viva La Rotaract Mora!

Rtr. Dhanuka Perera
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Rotaract, being a global fraternity of members, all with a straight vision of rendering a service above themselves to the world, celebrates its 50th year of exemplary service in Sri Lanka this year. The service rendered through the Rotaract movement throughout 50 years has spoken volumes about the rich hearts of our Rotaractors, thus gaining recognition for our country across the world.

25 years after the commencement of Rotaract in Sri Lanka, the first-ever university-based Rotaract Club, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, was initiated. Ever since its inception, Rotaract Mora has been triumphant in achieving beyond limits, surpassing all impossibilities and reaching higher each year.

In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the club along with the 50th anniversary of the Rotaract movement in Sri Lanka, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa presents the Special Issue of Odyssey 19/20, the Official Newsletter of Rotaract Mora, to recreate the colours of the signature projects done by the club from the very beginning. When flowing through the numerous projects done from the past up to now, we witness the gravity and exceptional significance that has been carried into the club which have supported to lay down the first bricks of a potent member base as active Rotaractors at the end.

Abiding by the core principles of Rotaract, the club has served the community since the start via a vivid range of ventures and by the present day context, the firstmost initiatives of the club have uplifted the scope and potential to serve and improve as a global community.

Here with the Special Issue of Odyssey 19/20, we bring the momentous shades of the past of Rotaract Mora combined with the essence of the present. The journey explains how unique the club has become through years of service just to create smiles on faces and pulses on hearts.

Viva La Rotaract!

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25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



A glimpse of the past

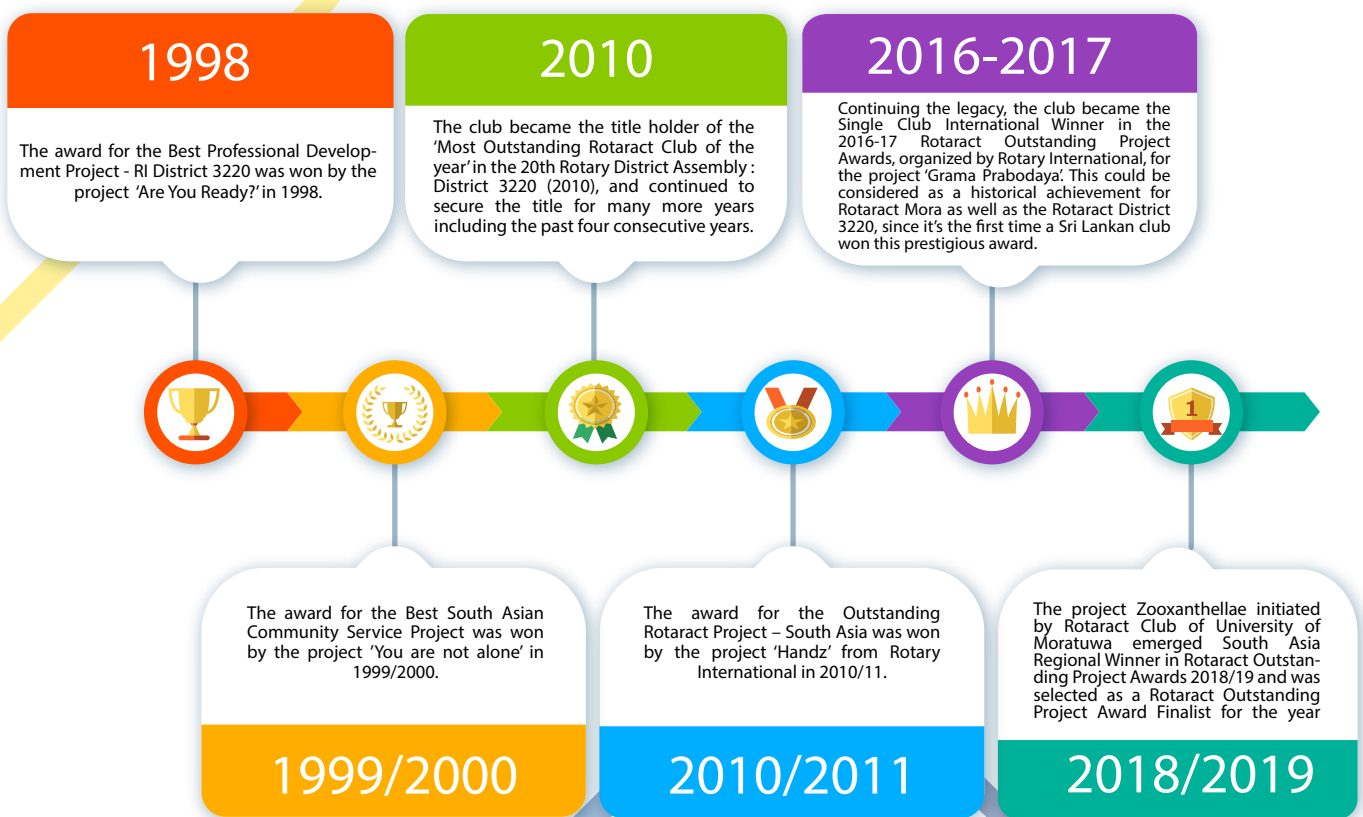
25 years in the past from today, Rotaract movement in Sri Lanka took a step forward by establishing the first Institution-based Rotaract Club in its history, which is now well-reputed as a responsible and professional organization. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Colombo West, it was founded with just 16 members in 1995 with the intention of utilizing the young intelligent minds in experimenting and inventing modern creations for the betterment of the community and themselves. Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, also known as Rotaract Mora, was thus welcomed to the dynamic Rotaract family, to be a party to serve the community forever and beyond. Today, the club has more than 250 Rotaractors in it, who are interested in volunteerism and it's truly overwhelming how the club has gradually grown into what it is today, as we are forever in debt of the past members and the board of officials of the club, who have done an immense contribution towards achieving the glory and reputation that we have today.

Augmenting the ranks

As a responsible organization, which always aspires to initiate and execute sustainable projects that leave a deep imprint on society, Rotaract Mora has come a long way, focusing on and sharing good deeds among people. All the projects we deploy are steered to bring the best to communities associated under the four main avenues; Club Service, Community Service, International Service and Professional Development. Having a set of zestful and diligent advocates who are never daunted by challenges, Rotaract Mora is blessed with a strong member base upon which the sharp witted concepts are being facilitated to win over adversity.

A stroll down the memory lane

As the club celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, let us take a walk down its memory lane, reminiscing about the special milestones that it has passed during this amazing, yet challenging ride. During this massive journey, various types of concepts were brought into the spotlight, which were second to none and that which is evident through the multitude of awards that were taken home. It's such an honour to state that Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa was able to win both local and international recognition for several top notch projects, through the achievement of many Rotary International awards and District awards.



Dispatches from tomorrow

The journey of Rotaract Mora is never ending. There's always going to be ingenuity, turnabouts and headways. Hence, this perpetual journey will continue for many more Rotaract years, introducing wunderkinds to the movement and they will unequivocally stand up for fellowship while endeavouring to serve the community.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE (1999)

Best Rotaract Community Service Project - South Asia Region –1999/2000

Just four years after its inauguration in 1995 as the first university based Rotaract Club in Sri Lanka, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa was already at full steam and rapidly gaining momentum to become one of the most prestigious service clubs in the region. Having just won its first District Awards as Best Professional Development Project for “Are You Ready?” and Best President, the Rotaractors were up for a greater challenge in the Community Service avenue.

As a result of certain unfortunate circumstances, the late 90’s shall ever be remembered as a period of gloom in the history of our motherland. The Civil War that had been raging for two decades had claimed countless lives, property and assets. People, having lost their homes, were suffering as refugees in camps without adequate rations and other necessities. Thus the need was dire that these refugees be taken care of and that mutual understanding was reached between the people of the country.

In this context, Rotaract Mora took timely action and launched “You Are Not Alone” to reach out to those displaced by the war. The Rotaractors reached out to the affected areas and took initiatives to distribute proper clothing, food and other essentials to the refugees. To reflect the theme of the project, a peace exhibition was also held and the children were given books.

This project was able to furnish the Rotaractors at Rotaract Mora with an opportunity to feel the real contentment of social effort while fueling up the innocent souls by effectively communicating the message that ‘They are not alone’. Strengthening the bond between the nationalities and religions was also facilitated by the project, introducing a platform where many social relationships were built upon. Due to the timely nature and success of the project, it was subsequently recognized as the Best Rotaract Community Service Project of the South Asia Region.

HANDZ (2008-2011)

Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards - South Asia Winner
– 2010/2011



For many years, the term “community service” was associated with making material donations to people in need. But truly serving a community entails so much more than providing temporary solutions to the issues faced by them on a daily basis. In hopes of redefining the manner of action attributed to the expression, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa launched ‘HandZ’, a community service project with a different twist. Through this project, our Rotaractors resorted to a more sustainable and innovative approach of

driving underprivileged communities towards development by empowering their people. Thus, through the said empowerment, these people were to be provided the means to be able to develop their localities, by themselves, in the long run.

Initiated in 2008, the project mainly focused on harvesting the knowledge of the students of University of Moratuwa, the leading technical hub of Sri Lanka, in promoting the mediocre living standards of rural villages while specially imparting wisdom on the younger generations of such areas so that they may take over the reins of developing their localities themselves in the future.



The project was implemented in Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa of Sri Lanka's North Central Province. The North Central Province is the largest province in the country in terms of area and home to a population of agriculture-based communities with low average income levels and minimum educational facilities.

Following is a synopsis of the wide array of programs and activities carried out over the years under this mammoth project.

- Mathematics and Science seminars for the benefit of students facing their G.C.E. Ordinary Level examinations, having limited or no access to tutoring and whose schools, at times, lack sufficient staff.
- Workshops on Information and Communication Technology for students and novice monks with limited exposure to using computers and in the subject in general.
- English language proficiency workshops for students.
- Leadership and personality development programs for students.
- Book donations to schools with below par library facilities.
- Gifting laptops to students admitted to state universities.
- Counselling sessions for students and school leavers with family issues.
- Vaccination programs for students.
- Providing drinking water and sanitary facilities to public spaces of certain villages.

'HandZ' was able to secure the award for "Outstanding Rotaract Project – South Asia" by the Rotary International during its running for the scale of work undertaken by the project.



GRAMA PRABODHAYA

Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards - International Single Club Winner – 2016/2017



The core concept of the project 'Grama Prabodhaya' rallies around supporting rural villages in Sri Lanka which lack acceptable living standards and are in dire need of help, and developing them into self-sustaining units so as to uplift the quality of life of the villagers. The project was initiated back in July of 2016.

Each annual chapter of 'Grama Prabodhaya' focuses on developing a particular village or area of the island chosen after carrying out heavy research and site visits to underprivileged villages in the country and gaining thorough insight into the issues prevailing in each area. Following the final selection, a lineup of sub projects that is customized to address key problems in the area is decided upon by the project committee.

'Grama Prabodhaya' for the years 2016/17 and 2017/18 was based in the village of Ranugalla, Monaragala. The 'Intellect' and 'Inspirer' sub projects were introduced to the project lineup under which Maths, Science and English seminars were conducted for the benefit of O/L students in the locality. The construction of a science laboratory and computer lab, and the initiation of a new library at Mo/ Ranugalla Kanishta Vidyalaya were some key milestones in the project's implementation at Ranugalla.



A number of leadership development camps, sports coaching programs, art and literary competitions, and science practical demonstration programs were carried out for students of the school under this project instalment in hopes of uplifting the education in the area and motivating students to work towards better life prospects. Additionally, 'Healing Hands', the annual health camp of the club was also conducted at Ranugalla in the respective years for the benefit of residents in the area.

During the Rotaract year 2018/19, 'Grama Prabodhaya' was implemented in the village of Hambegamuwa, Udawalawa. In addition to carrying out the usual 'Intellect' and 'Inspirer' programs and a leadership training program for students of Hambegamuwa Janapada Kanishta Vidyalaya, the project specially focused on addressing the issue of health in the area by organizing another instalment of the 'Healing Hands' health camp and 'Senehe Yathra', a program gifting pregnant mothers in the locality with essential goods and baby care products. Additionally, the sub project 'Arunaloka' was implemented to improve the facilities of the Siri Sumana Dhamma School in Thanamalvila.



The most recent chapter of 'Grama Prabodhaya', for the year 2019/20, unraveled in the village of Dunupothagama, Nochchiyagama. A building for A/L students of Dunupothagama Maha Vidyalaya was constructed under the sub project 'Sip Sewana'. Additionally, the school's computer lab was also revamped with new computers and furniture. Maths, Science and English seminars for the area's O/L students were conducted under the 'Intellect' and 'Inspirer' programs while children of the locality got to participate in an astronomy camp under the sub project 'Star

Seekers'. Yet again, the 'Healing Hands' health camp was organized at Dunupothagama as well.



'Grama Prabodhaya' has been recognized in the global and local Rotaract arena for its eminent service towards comprehensive development of communities. In 2017, surpassing projects carried out by over 8,000 Rotaract clubs in 167 countries worldwide, the project was awarded the "International Single Club - Most Outstanding Project" award by the Rotary International. This was the first time a Sri Lankan Rotaract club was able to win the prestigious award and proved to be a historical achievement for the Rotaractors at Rotaract Mora.

ZOOXANTHELLAE

Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards - South Asia Regional Winner – 2018/2019

Coral bleaching has increased in a considerable amount over the past years due to destructive human activities as well as various environmental conditions. The mechanism by which corals regain their symbiotic algae probably varies among species. It may occur through uptake of new Zooxanthellae from the water column, although the most likely process is the multiplication of surviving Zooxanthellae that remain in the bleached coral tissues at very low levels. Project 'Zooxanthellae' is an attempt to protect these valuable species by designing and depositing steel structures into the sea with live corals attached, which will provide a base for the corals to grow. Due to that, there would certainly be a visible increase in growth and reproduction of corals.



Thus, Zooxanthellae is an artificial coral reef building project, proposed during the Rotaract year 2016/17 by Professor Nalin Ratnayake and Rtr. Sahan Jayawardana with the timely purpose of providing necessary provisions for the sustenance of coral reefs. It need not be emphasized that the coral reefs have a great impact on the protection of coastline and marine lives. Yet, due to the rapid pursuit of development, people have forgotten to fulfill their share for the protection and sustenance of this priceless and rare natural resource.

Therefore, as a responsible organization, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa decided to support the growth of coral reefs by initiating the project Zooxanthellae.

With the aforementioned objective in mind, the project 'Zooxanthellae' was implemented in the Rotaract year 2017/18 and was then conducted continuously for 2 years, by which, the expected outcomes of this worthy exercise have gradually been achieved. The Rotaract year 2017/18 was dedicated to obtaining the permission for the deposition and the Rotaract year 2018/19 can be defined as the most critical year for Zooxanthellae, where the final deposition of the steel structures was carried out. Following several surveys, which were conducted with the help of the National Aquatic Resources Research & Development Agency, the coastline of Rumassala was chosen as the place satisfactory for coral growth.



Some entities were partnered up with Rotaract Mora, being a huge strength throughout this massive journey. Namely they are, the Siam City Cement Lanka Ltd, Sri Lanka Navy, Ministry of Defense, National Aquatic Resources Research & Development Agency, Marine Environment Protection Authority, Department of Coastal Conservation, Department of Wildlife Conservation and Department of Earth Resources Engineering University of Moratuwa. With the immense support of these units, this two-year-long journey reached its pinnacle on the Final Deposition Day on which the steel structures were deposited by the navy divers.



Moreover, some awareness sessions were also conducted in parallel to this project to apprise the local community about the significance of Marine Ecosystems and to make them aware that conserving the coral reefs is not the one and only benefit to the community through this project. Public Relations campaigns and beach cleaning were part of the awareness programs. Through these, the Rotaractors acquired the chance of learning about the importance and the existence of corals. At the same time, they were able to grab the attention of the general public and to start discussions about this issue, which will lead Sri Lanka to an environmentally friendly country.

Fulfilling the dreams of many who strived to make Zooxanthellae a reality, the project was completed successfully in the Rotaract year 2018/19, driving the years of hard work and commitment into a triumphant conclusion. Further it was adjudged as the 'South Asia Regional Winner' in the 2018/19 Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards that was organized by Rotary International. However, the journey "Zooxanthellae" hasn't been seen to the end yet as Rotaract Mora has already decided to continue the same process in the Trincomalee coastal belt as well, extending the benefaction further afield.



REMINISCING THE LEGACY

Throughout the past 25 years, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa has sustained its standards in the highest level possible, and we owe every fragment of it to the past presidents of the club. Those awe-inspiring personas, on whose shoulders the onerous duties and responsibilities that come with their position were truck-loaded, headed the facilitation of 'service above self', making it seem like smooth sailing from an outsider's perspective, thus reflecting their remarkable leadership. Read the following messages to witness how such astounding personalities put down their thoughts on their Rotaract life in black and white.



"Rotaract Mora was started by few individuals to build a collaborative platform between the industry and the university giving the university students an opportunity to work with the industry leaders and to contribute to the community at large. Today the club has gone far beyond the initial dreams of this team producing multi vision leaders while carrying out world recognized community projects. Join Rotaract Mora to turn yourself in to a balanced leader that the society will embrace."

Rtr. PP Nishan Weerasooriya
Charter President (1995/1996)



"Being part of Rotaract Mora is an experience of a lifetime. The exposure you stand to gain as a member goes a long way in shaping your corporate persona and skills. It helps you to build a close circle of friends and a professional network that will certainly carry you through in the years to come."

Rtr. PP Dilina Fernando
President 2010/2011



"Rotaract Mora family will let you discover the hidden personality in you. If you turn back and look at your journey with Rotaract Mora family you will notice that it has turned you into a completely different person in a way you can't imagine."

Rtr. PP Benura Vithana
President 2011/2012



"Some of the best memories of my undergraduate years are with Rotaract Mora. It was the best place to be outside the lecture halls, where we found ourselves striving to achieve greater things, truly serve the community and develop ourselves. It is an investment for any undergraduate's future and I still reap the benefits of it today in my professional career."

Rtr. PP Chinthaka Dharmasiri
President - 2012/2013



"Leadership, character, integrity and volunteerism are deeply instilled in every Rotaractor at Rotaract Mora as those are the foundation stones for a successful Rotaractor. 25 years of the vigorous and arduous journey of Rotaract Mora have created professionals of different facades in today's society that contributes to the economy, community and leadership of the country. Strong foundations set up by the pioneers have been built upon by generation after generation to make Rotaract Mora a strong and vibrant club. It is an isle of adventures that helps you to identify your true self and your true potential while exploring limitless opportunities. It empowers the young undergraduates to find solutions for the problems we face as a community and nurture professional relationships that help grow your network and finding friends while engaging in causes that make your time worthwhile.

Viva la Rotaract Mora!"

Rtr. PP Ridwan Shariffdeen
President 2014/2015



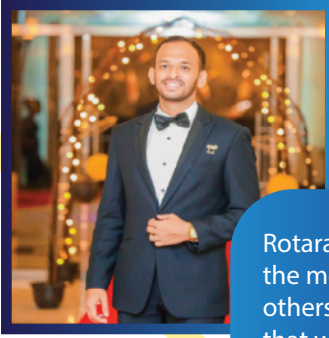
"Join with nothing but a little bit of determination to make a difference either to yourself, the way you live or the society at large, Rotaract Mora will definitely make a better, a greater and a more humble human being out of you."

Rtr. PP Amitha Dissanayake
President 2015/2016



"Rotaract Mora is a youth movement which serves our community while improving its own members. I was fortunate enough to be a part of this great movement and it's true to mention that Rotaract helped me to get the best person out of me."

Rtr. PP Chamal Kuruppu
President 2016/2017



Rotaract Mora was a pivotal moment in my life. Together with the members, we were able to make a positive impact on others lives and change things for good as well as ours and that was the greatest joy for me."

Rtr. PP Rashan Wickremaratne
President 2017/2018



"'When the going gets tough, the tough get going'. There is no better opportunity to prove the statement than being a part of Rotaract Mora."

Rtr. IPP Paveen Perera
President 2018/2019



"Rotaract Mora behaves as a platform to develop the skills and talents of its members. Through this amazing opportunity, we were able to explore new knowledge while serving the society.

Rtr. Dhanuka Perera
President 2019/2020



"Rotaract Mora is an ideal platform for an undergraduate, which opens up many opportunities for individual growth. While learning many new things along the way, it also provides a platform to gain a sense of self-satisfaction by serving the community and the peers around you."

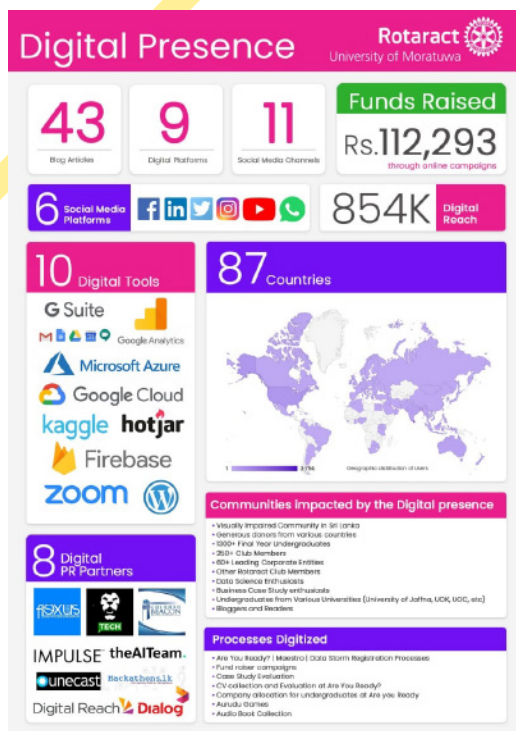
Rtr. Samila Imbulana
President Elect 2019/2020

ROTARACT MORA DIGITAL PRESENCE

Rotaract Mora conducts an extensive amount of service through its platform towards creating brighter tomorrows for communities, and promoting the sustenance and rehabilitation of the environment. Each year, over 50 projects are implemented by the club in this regard across the four main avenues. As an institution bound to service, it is imperative that the club advocates the importance of volunteering towards the betterment of people and the planet by spreading the message of the work carried out by the club.

In hopes of providing an outlet for fellowship appreciation and awareness creation, the club has resorted to using various social media platforms to spread word and broaden its reach beyond its recipient communities and the walls of its bearing university. The club's traverse of the interweb has led to a following dispersed across 87 countries as at present.

The official Facebook page of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa has garnered a whopping 622,100+ likes while its official Instagram account has reached an impressive 131,000+ followers worldwide. The club's official Twitter account has an ongoing audience of 830+ followers. Frequent updates on club projects are posted on these platforms.



The official page of Rotaract Club of the University of Moratuwa on LinkedIn was rebranded in October 2019. Thus far, it has reached 540 followers.

The official club website was revamped at the beginning of the Rotaract year, to improve its user friendliness to the modern user and optimize the site experience of mobile users. The new interface enables a user to easily navigate through the site for more information about the signature projects, organized by the club.

The official club blog holds a variety of content ranging from articles in retrospect of completed projects to featured stories on making positive and impactful changes in the world. Through its recent update, readers are now able to navigate content related to projects, by avenue, with more ease. The frequency of featuring articles on topics worthy of social dialogue on the blog has also been increased over the year and the blog is now open to publishing works of poetry of talented members as well.

The team holding fort on the tech front for the club works tirelessly towards digitalizing various internal procedures of the club for the convenience of club members in project implementation.

One such endeavor has been the 'Are You Ready?' Web Portal through which the previously manual project processes under the club's signature Professional Development project, 'Are You Ready?', such as undergraduate and company registration, and online CV collection and sorting were fully automated.

The newest addition to the club's digitizing revolution will be 'LinkR', a digital membership management application allowing computerized attendance tracking during projects and online project task bidding, which is due to be launched in the near future.

THE HISTORY OF ROTARACT

On the 23rd of February 1905, in Chicago, attorney Paul P. Harris gathered three of his clients with the hopes of initiating a club of fellowship and friendship, exclusively for professionals. Since their meetings were scheduled on a rotational basis at the members' offices, they decided to name their club "Rotary". Within the short time, their association gained increasing local popularity and the first Rotary Club was inaugurated in Chicago. Soon Rotary gained popularity all over the world and the club was renamed "Rotary International". Being the world's first service club, Rotary continues to bring together global professionals and leaders under a humanitarian umbrella and strives to ensure world peace and harmony.



Rotary, by initiating Interact Clubs, was also quick to harness the potential inside schools for the betterment of the society while simultaneously training the young minds to become future torchbearers by providing them this platform to showcase their talents. Although many youth service clubs were sponsored by Rotary, school graduates and university majors were not yet officially under the Rotary banner. Many of them were requesting for an extension of their Interact memberships and various proposals were put forth on this matter. However, on the 13th of March 1968, Rotary announced a new program, "Rotaract", for the young adults eager to contribute their part in the world. The name stands for "Rotary in Action" reflecting the red-hot energy, potential and passion that still continues to propel the fraternity of Rotaract forward.

Within a very short time, Rotaract gained popularity and spread beyond boundaries, reaching as far as India. Thus, subsequently in 1969 the establishment of Rotaract Club of Colombo marked the dawn of Rotaract's voyage in Sri Lanka. Fast forwarding to 1981, Rotaract had gained so much momentum that Rotaractors of South Africa took the initiative in assembling Rotaractors on global scale under INTEROTA. This triennial tradition has been carried forward and the upcoming one has been scheduled in Hong Kong. International meetings for Rotaractors are also held every year at the Rotaract Preconvention Meeting that precedes Rotary's annual convention. The first such meeting was held in Seoul, Korea, in 1989, with more than 450 Rotaractors in attendance.



A few years down the line, in March 1992, the RI Board established World Rotaract Week, which is celebrated annually during the week of 13th March to commemorate the chartering of the first Rotaract club in 1968. During World Rotaract Week, Rotaractors attend meetings with their sponsoring Rotary clubs, undertake joint service projects, and celebrate the accomplishments Rotaract has achieved as a program.

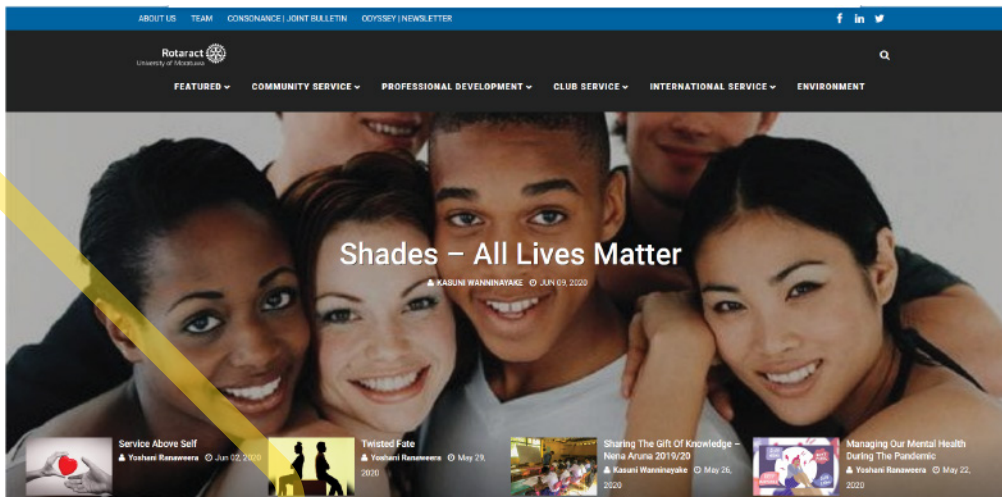
Throughout its lifetime of 52 years, Rotaract has strived and succeeded in serving the community and environment at large. Various projects such as health camps, educational programs, environmental programs and such are being conducted on various scales. One instance would be the fund collection campaign for PolioPlus, devised by the Rotaract Clubs of Heemstede and Hillegom-Lisse, that raised \$210,000 whilst also securing a spot in The Guinness Book of Records (1987). Countless people have benefitted and there is no doubt that their prayers render support in driving the organization forward.

Meanwhile, Rotaract hasn't neglected the professional and social development of its members. Webinars, career fairs, training sessions and various other programs provide the young Rotaractors with a corporate exposure while Rotaract-to-Rotaract collaborations, social meetups and such, provide them with an opportunity to bond with one another and expand their network.

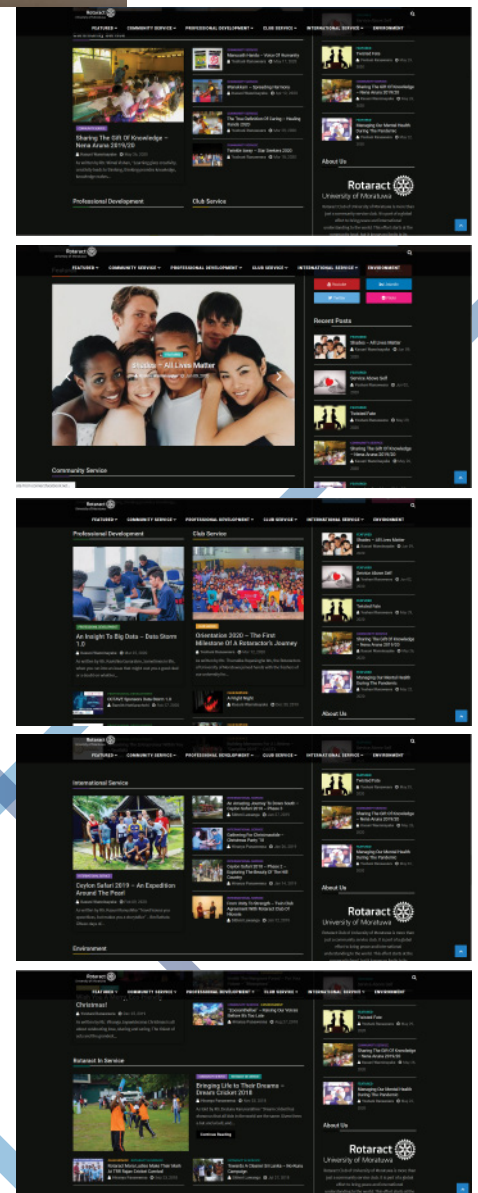
With a mounting reputation and a widespread membership, Rotaract Clubs have been recognized over and over again for their work, which are often on par with similar projects handled by Rotarians. Thus, in 2020, Rotaract has been announced to be promoted to membership status on par with its current parent body, Rotary. This incredible milestone lays the cherry on Rotaract's already exceptional track record. And judging from the past, Rotaractors will undoubtedly carry their flag higher up the mountain in time to come.



On the campus of the University of North Carolina, members of the world's first Rotaract club inaugurate a new, long-term project: They'll plant a young tree to honor each new Rotaract country and its first club. On hand to represent the Rotary Club of Charlotte are: (left) Bill Kemp, Rotaract Committee Chairman, and (right) Charles Grier, Chairman of the District 767 Rotaract-Interact Committee.



The official blog of Rotaract Mora serves the imperative purpose of taking the message of the extensive service rendered by the Club, out into the world. Ranging from articles in retrospect of completed projects to featured stories on making positive and impactful changes in the world, the blog of Rotaract Mora is an ode to the spirit of serving above self through the platform of the global movement of Rotaract.



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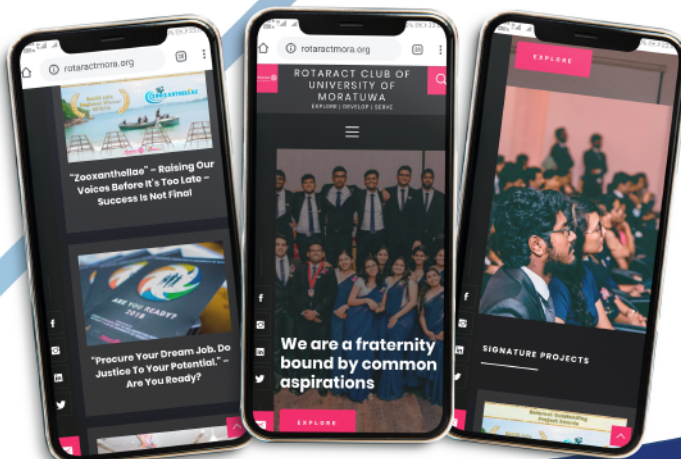


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