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International Women's Day 2022



The UNA-SRI LANKA commemorated the International Women's Day with a noteworthy project focusing on pregnant mothers at the Panadura Divisional Secretariat New Auditorium, on Sunday, 13th March 2022.

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for celebrating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups

come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for international Women's Day (IWD) is one of the most important days of the year to:

- ❖ Celebrate Women's Achievements
- ❖ Raise Awareness about Women's Equality
- ❖ Lobby for accelerated Gender Parity
- ❖ Fundraise for female-focused Charities

The objective of this project is to develop the morality of low-income pregnant mothers, morality

of low-income pregnant mothers, by educating them to think positively and provide the basic essential needs to look after their new-borns.

The United Nations Observance of International Women's Day this year under the theme, "Gender Equality today for a Sustainable Tomorrow" recognizes the contribution of women and girls around the world, who are leading the charge on climate change adaptation, mitigation, and response, to build a more sustainable future for all.

Guest speakers, Chef Professor Daya Rohana Athukorala delivered a lecture on "Positive thinking and the child development", Dr. Nalika De Silva on "Mothers reaction to the newborn child".

Around 50 participants who were present at the ceremony were gifted with valuable gifts sponsored by Hemas Holdings (PVT) Ltd. – Baby Cheramy, Special Thanks goes to Mr. Chevin Mandawala, Ceylon Biscuits (PVT) Ltd. – Ms. Dharsha Hewapanna, Baby Diapers by Jayani Wijekulasuriya



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And Tharindu Dinal De Silva. Multi Vitamin Syrup by Mr. M. Zawahir, Ambewela Milk Containers by Ms. Tania Silva & Mr. Kugadeep Chandirkumar, Mr. Thushan Kapurusinghe – Chairman Turtle Conservation Project. Tiny Togs – Panadura,

Mr. Errol Smith, Mr. Kumudu Weerasinghe, Miss Visaka Ellawala finance supported for the success of this event.

Ms. Shyama Wijekulasuriya
Assistant Secretary General
United Nations Association of Sri Lanka

UN Sustainable Development GOALS



The UN Member States adopted in 2015, the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**. Basically, it is an urgent call for action by both developed and developing nations. It recognized the need for ending Poverty, with strategies to improve Health and Education, reduce Inequality and spur Economic Growth - while tackling Climate Change, and working to preserve our Oceans and Forests.

The four key principles of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are:

1. Respect Earth and Life in all its diversity.
2. Care for the community of life with understanding, compassion and love.
3. Build democratic societies that are just, participatory, sustainable and peaceful.
4. Secure earth's bounty & beauty for present and future generations.

The Universal Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals is the plan of action for People, Planet and Prosperity.

It encompasses the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 Targets which demonstrates the scale and ambition of this new universal Agenda built on the Millennium Development Goals and to complete what these did not achieve. They seek to realize the human rights of all and to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. They are integrated, indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development, i.e. Economic, Social and Environmental.

However, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres remarked in may this year, that in a world in crisis, most of the SDGs are in reverse gear. The Covid-19 pandemic claimed an estimated 15 million lives and pushed about 100 million people into poverty in 2020 alone, and set back human development, especially women's rights, by a full generation. Developed countries invested trillions of dollars in their own recovery and developing nations have been left to fend for themselves, in a global financial system that favors the richest and punishes the poorest.

Guterres says that at the same time we have hope. He asserts that the 2030 Agenda remains the UN's clearest pathway forward. Over the past three years the UN development system has undergone transformation & is better prepared to respond to countries' needs and priorities, including assisting them to overcome the current multiple crises.

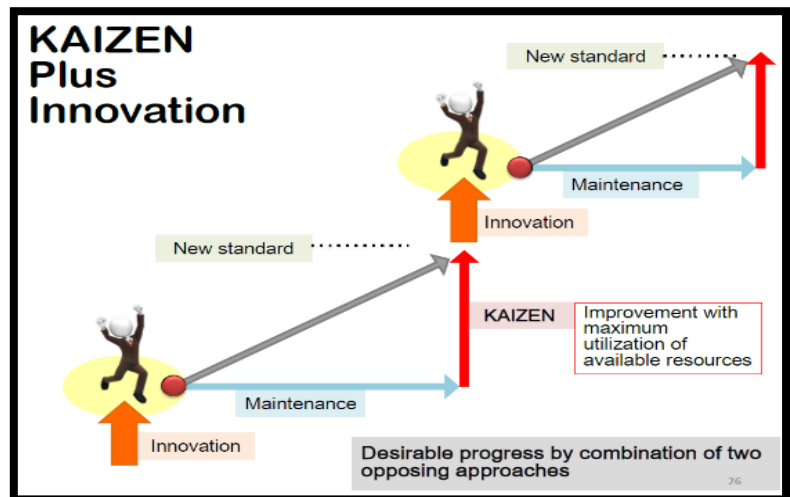
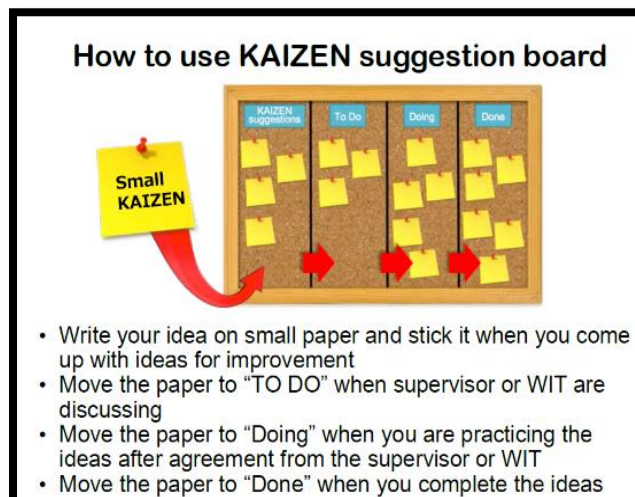
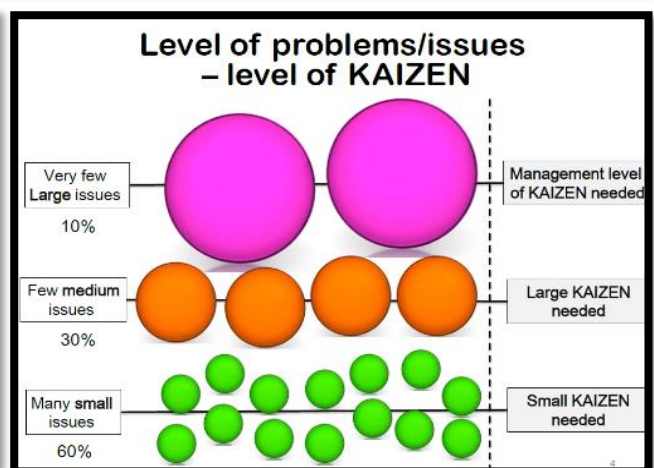
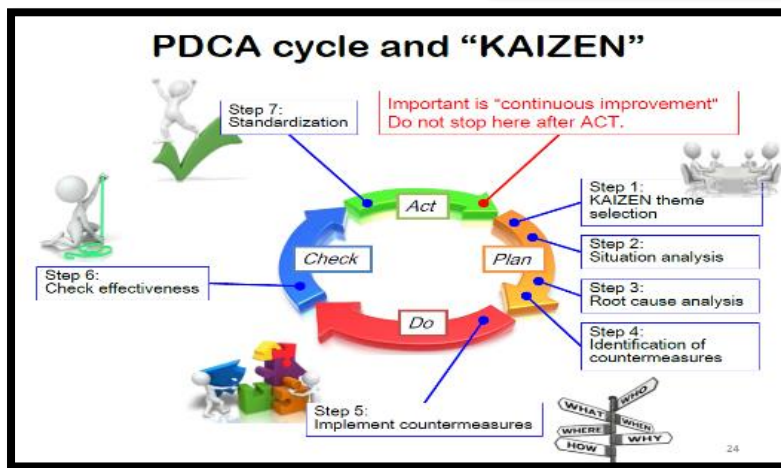
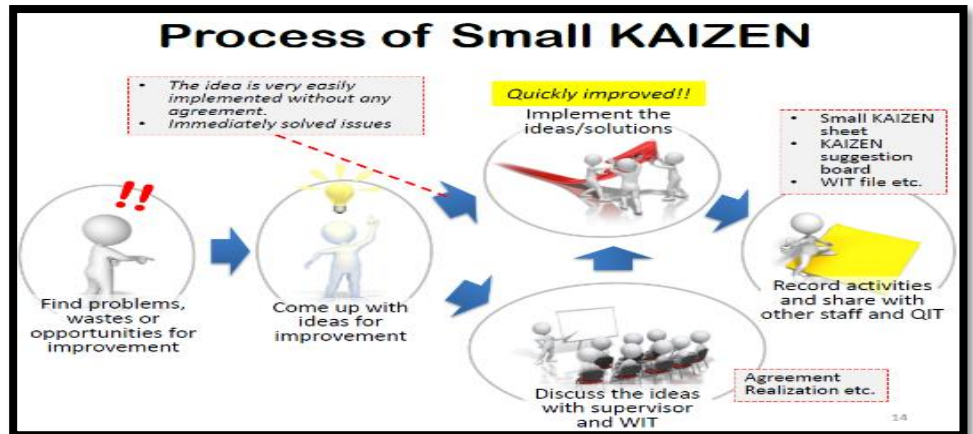
So, let us live in hope!

Dr. T. Anver Dole
Assistant Secretary General
United Nations Association of Sri Lanka

KAIZEN implementation

From the 2021 News Letter

1. Understand what is KAIZEN
2. Understand what is “problem” and levels of problem
3. KAIZEN Process
4. PDCA Cycle and KAIZEN
5. Level of the Problem
6. How to use Kaizen suggestion board
7. Kaizen Plus Innovation
8. Tips for Kaizen



- Tips for KAIZEN**
- Share of ideas and good/best practices within the hospital, and adopt the practices everywhere in the hospital
 - Integrate everyone's image
 - Don't blame other's opinions (No blaming culture)
 - Do what you can do with maximum utilization of existing resources

Mr. Ashoka Perera
Assistant Secretary General
United Nations Association of Sri Lanka

National Observance of the United Nations Day 2022



The National Observance of the 77th United Nations Day was Conducted by the United Nations Association of Sri Lanka at the Lakshman Kadiragamar Institute Auditorium in Colombo on Sunday, 23rd October 2022.

October 24th is the most significant day in the United Nations Calendar. The UN came to its existence on this day when the epoch-making UN Charter was ratified by the five major powers at the time – China, France, Soviet Union, United Kingdom, United State of America, and the rest of the 51 countries.

This event is Observed by all UN member states with the active participation of the state's Foreign Ministries of these states and the United Nations mission in those Countries. However, in Sri Lanka the National Observance of this event as been conducted without a break by the United Nation Association of Sri Lanka with the participation of the Foreign Ministry and the UNDP. The UN Day 2022 – The 77th UN Observance at the Lakshman Kadiragamar Institute Auditorium on the 23rd of October at 06 pm.

The Chief Guest Mr. Sarah Dash, acting resident coordinator of the UN in Sri Lanka was not able to make is physical presence at this ceremony due to unavoidable reasons. Dr. Dayantha Laksiri Mendis former Ambassador and UN Representative in Vienna and a former Vice President of the UN Association of Sri Lanka was the Guest of Honour.

National Flag and the UN Flag by Dr. Dayantha Laksiri Mendis and Mr. M. Zawahir – The President of the UN Association of Sri Lanka. Then a full video of the National Anthem followed and a minute of silence was observed in memory of those who sacrificed their lives while serving the UN during the past year. Many High Commissions and Ambassadors graciously attended the function in response to the UNASL's in Sri Lanka. The Cultural items and the giving away of awards for the best performers of the school study circle community did not take place as most activities were at a standstill in the past few years.

The following speeches were delivered by –

- Mr. M. Zawahir – Wellcome Address
- Dr. Dayantha Laksiri Mendis – The Address by the Guest of Honour.
- Mr. Rakeeb Zawahir – President of the UNASL youth forum
- Mr. Errol Smith, Secretary-General – The vote of thanks.

The official session was terminated at this stage and a Cocktails gathering followed.



Dr. G. P. P. Silva
Honorary Member
United Nations Association of Sri Lanka

72nd Annual General Meeting 2022



Executive Committee took their oath of office collectively.

The members were given an opportunity to express their views on activities of United Nations Association of Sri Lanka. President enlightened the new members regarding the history and the activities of UNASL.

The Secretary – General delivered the vote of thanks

The 72nd Annual General Meeting of the United Nations Association of Sri Lanka was held on 27th March 2022 at the Ramadia Ranmal Hotel Resort, in Moratuwa.

The event commenced with the hoisting the National Flag by Secretary General Mr. Errol Smith and the UN Flag by the Executive Chairman Mr. Mohamed Zawahir. Over 70 members were participated at the Annual General Meeting.

The National Anthem was sung followed by two minutes silence being observed as a mark of respect of those members who had passed away. They were remembered in particular for their contribution to the association.

The welcome address was made by the Executive Chairman Mr. Mohamed Zawahir. Secretary-General Mr. Errol Smith made a presentation on the various activities carried out by the United Nations of Association of Sri Lanka during the year 2021/2022. The report of the Annual General Meeting of March 2021 and the financial report were presented and approved by the members.

Mr. Shantha Jayasena was elected as Pro-Team Chairman and the new office bearers were elected/re-elected to the National Executive Committee for 2022/2023. At the AGM, Mr. Mohamed Zawahir was elected unanimously as President and Mr. Errol Smith was re-elected unanimously as Secretary General, by the members. The elected members of the National



Mr. Dharmadasa Vitharanage
Editor and Assistant Treasurer
United Nations Association of Sri Lanka

Covid 19 Humanitarian Project by United Nations Association of Sri Lanka

Sponsors by Mr. A. S. M. Siddique, Special life member of UNASL.

Covid 19 humanitarian project by United Nations Association of Sri Lanka handover ceremony of electric kettles, NK 95 masks and Oxy-meters to 3 Galle Hospitals in Tangalle and Beliatta on 6th September 2022.

Executive Chairman and Project Chairman Dr. M. M. M. Rushanudeen, Editor and Assistant Treasurer Mr. Dharmadasa Vitharanage, Life member Mrs. Nazra Rushanudeen, Miss Nabeeha Rushanudeen of UNA Sri Lanka and coordination by Gayan present occasion in donations hand over to Hospitals, MOH and educational institute in Galle, Thangalle and Beliatta.



International Peace Day 2022

The International Peace Day is an annual event which we observe at some of the school from our study circles. United Nations Association of Sri Lanka celebrated the United Nations Peace Day on 21st September 2022 at Secretariat office at Panadura. President Mr. M. Zawahir, and five executive committee members participated at this ceremony.



Two Former Executive Committee Members Pass Away



Dr. K. D. S. Ranasinghe
Vice Chairperson
UNASL



Deshakeerthi M. Z. M. Haneffa
Executive Committee Member
UNASL

United Nations Youth Forum

United Nations Association in Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka affiliated with the World Federation of United Nations Associations WFUNA youth committee members in action another humanitarian project.

The inaugural project of the UNASL youth committee diabetes & blood pressure screening programmer conducted at the Lions Clubs International District 306 A1 Regional Multi Service project held at Prince of Wales College Moratuwa on Saturday 20th August, 2022.

Errol G. Smith Secretary-General, Editor & Asst. Treasurer Dharmadasa Vitthana, Deputy Executive Chairman Sampath Priyankara, Asst. Secretary-General Shyama Wijekulasooriya and youth joint covenor life member Thilini Vitharana and members of youth committee of UNASL joined this Project.



Computer Training Center

In 2018, The National Executive Committee of the UNASL decided to launch a programmer to improve the IT Literacy of school children, school leavers and public and private sector employees in collaboration with UNA China and the Kumaran Fernando Foundation. It programmer was inaugurated on the 21st July 2018.

Three batches have completed their training successfully and the fourth batch is having been the continue. The third batch is registered with the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission under the Registered No. P03/0155.



WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS 2022. 01. 01 – 2022. 12. 31

Special Life Member Overseas

Abdullah Mustafa Alkreish	- 1942
Mr. Saed Abdulhadi Kamel Alhasan	- 1961
Ms. Hanen Benabdeladhim	- 1962
Mr. Haidar Hamid Shaker	- 1963
Ms. Tara Akram Ahmed Arbele	- 1964
Ms. Nahlah Jirjees Joga Bani	- 1965
Mr. Riyadh Mejbel Yaseen Aldulaimi	- 1966
Dr. Muthanna Abdullah Badr Alchafat	- 1967

Special Life Members

Fathima Raihana Firoz	- 1941
Mr. Mohamed Faiz M. Faslullah	- 1945
Mr. Mohamed Shums M. Usman	- 1946
Mr. Abdul Sakrook Mohamed Siddique	- 1951
Mr. Mohamed Nawas M. Sharfan Nawas	- 1953
Mr. M. N. Kamal Sri Charitha Molagoda	- 1957
Mr. Selladurai Kumarendran	- 1959

Life Members

Mr. Sahan Prageeth Hettiarachchi	- 1939
Mr. Arulnesaratnam Ravikumar	- 1940
Mr. K. M. Senarath Bandara Rekogama	- 1943
Mr. Ashok Sivalingam Pulle	- 1944
Mr. M. D. Kumath Chamodya Peiris	- 1947
Mr. K. Aruna Nishantha Gomes	- 1948
Mr. Sivasambu Satheeswararasah	- 1949
Mr. M. D. Kamodh Kithnuka Peiris	- 1950
Mr. Mohamed Mashookul Bishri M. Hussain Faizal	- 1952
Mr. Mahathewan Janahan	- 1954
Mr. Muthukutty Kuberalingam	- 1955
Mr. Thurairaja Nirthikan	- 1956
Mr. Thomas Amarathas JP(W/I)	- 1958
Mr. G. H. Chaminda Udaya Kumara	- 1960
Mr. Mohamed Badurdeen Mohamed Siraj	- 1968



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