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1995 - 2005  Assistant Secretary-General
2005 - 2008  Vice Chairperson
2008 - 2015  Senior Vice Chairperson
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Dr. M M M Rushanudeen (JPWI)
24 August 2001

Dear Mr. Rushanudeen,

Thank you for your very kind letter and good wishes on my re-appointment as Secretary-General.

I am heartened to note your commitment to the ideals of the United Nations. Such expressions of support always come as a source of encouragement, reassurance and inspiration to me personally, and to all of us who work in the Organization. It is ultimately the faith of people like you that gives us strength to pursue our work.

Please think of the United Nations as your Organization. With your help, and that of millions like you, we will succeed in building peace and better lives for people all over the world.

Yours sincerely,

Kofi A. Annan

Mr. M.M. Mohamed Rushanudeen
Assistant Secretary-General
United Nations Association of Sri Lanka
Colombo
Appreciation letter from
Former Secretary-General United Nations Mr. Ban Ki Moon

The Secretary-General of the United Nations

With my sincere thanks and appreciation for your kind message of congratulations

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The United Nations Association of Sri Lanka (UNA-SRI LANKA) conducted the National Observance of the United Nations Day on 24th October, 2021, with the hoisting of the National Flag and United Nations Flag, at the National Secretariat General of the UNA-SRI LANKA, in Panadura.

The National Flag was hoisted by the President of the UNA-SRI LANKA, Mohamed Zawahir and the United Nations Flag was hoisted by the Secretary General of the UNA-SRI LANKA, Errol Smith, amidst a limited gathering, in keeping with the COVID 19 guidelines.

Present on the occasion were also the UNA-SRI LANKA, Executive Chairman, Dr. M.M.M. Rushanudeen, Treasurer, Kumudu Weerasinghe, Editor & Asst. Treasurer, Dhamadhawa Vitharana, Assistant Secretary General, Dr. Upali Jayawardena and several other members and invitees.

A two-page supplement was published in the Sunday Observer of 24th October, 2021, in commemoration of the 76th Anniversary of the United Nations and the 71st Anniversary of the United Nations Association of Sri Lanka. Copies of this Supplement were officially handed over to the President and Executive Chairman of the UNA-SRI LANKA by its Secretary General. The distinguished invitees were also presented with copies of this newspaper.

Certificates were awarded to those students we had successfully completed the Computer Training Course conducted by the Association.

The Konagawa, Japan Art Competition, which is conducted biennially is a major global event where the UNA-SRI LANKA selects entries and submit them to this competition. It is noteworthy that this year too, three Participants have been adjudged winners and the Certificates received from Japan, were presented to them by Special Life Member of the UNA-SRI LANKA, Shantha Jayasena, who is the Chairman of Lanka Ashok Layland PLC., and Chairman, Lanka Layland Ltd., which is under the Ministry of Industries.

The United Nations Association in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (UNASL) was established on 19th August, 1950 (five years before Sri Lanka was admitted as a Member State of the United Nations on 14th December, 1955). The UNA-SRI LANKA, is a non-profit organization incorporated in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka under the Companies Act No. 17 of 1952 under Registration No. N (A) 133 and under the amended Companies Act of 2007, with its liabilities limited by guarantee it counts over 70 years of active operations in Sri Lanka.

UNA-SRI LANKA, is the sole National Affiliate of the World Federation of United Nations Association (WFUNA), in Sri Lanka, which comprises over 100 member countries and was admitted as a member of WFUNA in 1951. The WFUNA being founded on 2nd August, 1948 by Special Resolution 137 (1) of 17th November, 1947, adopted at the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Sri Lanka, the UNA-SRI LANKA is registered with the following:

a) Department of Social Services (Reg. No. 0097 dated 4th May, 1994) as a Non-Governmental Organization under Regulation No. 1 of 1993 promulgated under Section 5, of the Public Security Ordinance Chapter 40.

b) National Secretariat of Non-Governmental Organizations in Sri Lanka – Certificate of Registration of Voluntary Social Service Non-Governmental Organization under Voluntary Social Services Organizations (Registration & Supervision) Act No. 31 of 1983 as amended by act No. 8 of 1986 (Reg. No. L 16104 dated 25th August, 2000) and


The activities of the UNA-SRI LANKA, involves, taking the message of the United Nations to the grassroots of the Sri Lankan population, with the co-operation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the United Nations as well as the United Nations Information Center.

UNASL currently has over 1800 members, comprising Special Life, Life, Honorary Corporate, Complimentary and Honorary Members as well as 326 schools registered under an island wide UNASL Study Circles program introduced in 1981 and is approved by the Ministry of Education.

It also has a conferred category of membership called Diplomatic Membership for Ambassadors and High Commissioners currently accredited to Sri Lanka.

It is pertinent to mention that the numerous and significant activities carried out by the UNA-SRI LANKA, includes its contribution towards maintaining peace and security, promoting human rights and democracy, preventive and curative health-related activities which include screening and awareness programs on Diabetes and Vision, providing solutions to environmental issues, the alleviation of poverty, economic development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

The UNA-SRI LANKA, is one of the most senior members of the Federation, actively involved in the work of the WFUNA, which is an independent, Non-Governmental organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the United States, Internal Revenue Service Code and also set up under Article 60 of the Swiss Civil Code, with Category One Consultative Status at the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Associate status with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) and United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO), the UNESCO International Labour Organization (ILO), general status with the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), International Atomic and Energy Agency (IAEA), UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF), consultative or liaison links with many other UN agencies.

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United Nations Association of Sri Lanka key officials meet Foreign Secretary at the Foreign Ministry

A delegation of the United Nations Association of Sri Lanka (UNA-SRI LANKA) paid a courtesy call on the Foreign Secretary, Admiral Prof. Jayasinghe Colombage, at the Foreign Ministry on 17/11/2021. They briefed the Foreign Secretary and other officials of the Foreign Ministry present, including M.R.K. Lenagala – Director General (UN & Human Rights) and Mr. Thushara Rodrigo – Chief of Protocol Division of the Foreign Ministry, on the Role of the UNA-SRI LANKA and its future representation on the Executive Committee of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA). Further, avenues for further enhancement of co-operation between the Government of Sri Lanka and the United Nations Association of Sri Lanka, were also discussed.

It was a very cordial meeting and the response from the Foreign Secretary was encouraging. Mementos were exchanged at the end of the meeting.

The UNA-SRI LANKA delegation included, President, Mohamed Zawahir, Executive Chairman Dr. M.M.M. Rushanudeen, Secretary-General, Errol Smith and Editor, Dharmadasa Vitharana.

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M. M. Mohamed Rushanudeen of 299 Layard’s Broadway, Colombo 14, Sri Lanka is a LIFE Member of the Association since 1980.

He was the founder and organiser of the UNA Study Circle at Zahira College, Colombo, Sri Lanka and became its first President.

During his tenure of office, we are aware that he fashioned it into a very high profile hardworking movement and organised several events, one or two on a very high level. During that time, it became the most outstanding Study Circle in our island wide programme in all secondary (high) schools.

In view of his record while in school, he was invited by the National Executive Committee (Board of Directors), to stand for election as an Ordinary Member of the RCo’s for 1992 and again in 1993. He was successfully elected at both annual general meetings and is quite capable of continuing his good work which he undertook while in school, on a national scale now, provided he applies himself to the task.

Kumaras Fernando
Secretary-General

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DESHAKEERTHI M.M.M. RUSHANUDEEN JPW
He is an Most Active Member Board of Directors (National Executive Committee) of United Nations Association in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. He is also a youngest Life Patron & Life Member of UNASL since 1990. He was the founder and organiser of the UNA Study Circle at Zahira College Colombo and become its first President in 1991. In view of his very high record while in school, he is a First & only UNA Study Circle President to be invited by NEC (Board of Directors), to stand election as an Member of Exco for year 92/93 & 93/94 then again in year 95/96, 96/97, 00/01, 01/02, 02/03, 03/04 & 04/05 as Asst.Secretary-Genera L 05/06, 06/07, 07/08, as Vice Chairman. He is an old boy of Zahira College Colombo and Hameed-Al-Hussienie College, Colombo. He is a Social Worker, young businessman and Chairman/Managing Director of M/S. MMR Marketing Services (Pvt) Ltd and NIZAM TRADING Colombo. He is Chairman of UNA Annual 2010. He has contributed in many ways for the success of the programmes implemented by the Association.

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