

# UNA - SRI LANKA



# ENDORSED CANDIDATE FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS (WFUNA)

Forthcoming 43rd Plenary Assembly in Georgia

#### 35 YEARS OF HONORARY / VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO UNA - SRI LANKA, WFUNA, UN & MOTHERLAND

- 1992 1995 Executive Committee Member
- 1995 2005 Assistant Secretary-General
- 2005 2008 Vice Chairperson
- 2008 2015 Senior Vice Chairperson
- 2015 2018 Deputy Executive Chairperson
- 2018 to date Executive Chairperson



Executive Chairman - UNA - Sri Lanka

Chairman - Finance, Fundraising & Disaster Relief, Membership Development UN Calendar - Observances, Sustainable Development Goals Sub Committees Volunteer of the Year Award 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017 - UNA - Sri Lanka UNA - Sri Lanka Invaluable Services & Highest Honor Awards Voluntary Service 1985 up-to-date Life Patron, Honorary Member, Life Member Founder President - UNA Study Circle, Zahira College 1990 to 1992 Managing Partner - MMR Marketing Service, Nizam Trading and MMR Prints

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#### Promoting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals - 2030



- Plan of Action for People, Planet & Prosperity
- Seeking to strengthen Universal Peace and Freedom
- Eradicating Poverty in all its forms and dimensions
- Realizing Human Rights, Gender Equality & Empowerment of Women & Girls
- Ensuring Economic, Social and Environmental Sustainability
- Through the 17 SDG's and 169 Targets

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#### **Appreciation letter from**

### Former Secretary-General United Nations Mr. Kofi A. Annan



24 August 2001

Dear Mr. Rushanudeen,

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

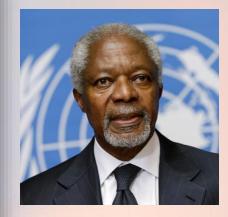
I am heartened to note your commitment to the ideals of the United Nations. Such expressions of support always come as a source of encouragement, reassurance and inspiration to me personally, and to all of us who work in the Organization. It is ultimately the faith of people like you that gives us strength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



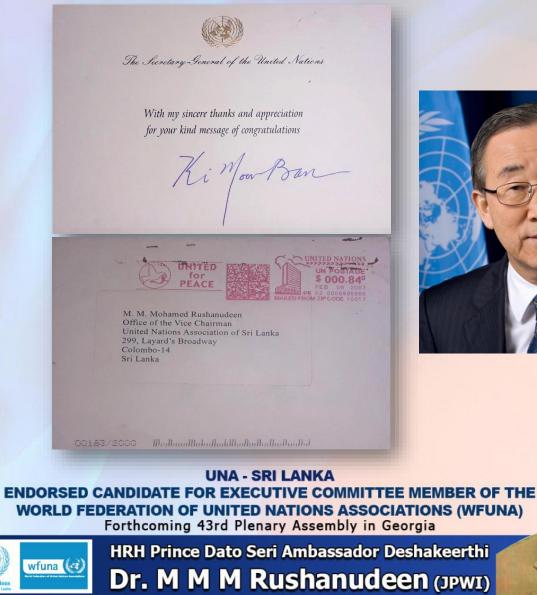
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### Appreciation letter from Former Secretary-General United Nations Mr. Ban Ki Moon





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#### 35 YEARS OF HONORARY / VOLUNTARY SERVICE UNA - SRI LANKA, WFUNA, UN & MOTHERLAND

#### National Observance of the United Nations Day 24-10-2021.



UNA-Sri Lanka Executive Chairman Dr. M.M.M. Rushanudeen addressing the gathering. The Association's President M.M Zawahir, Secretary General Errol Smith & Editor Dharmadhasa Vitharana was also present.

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. Rushanudeen, Treasurer, Kumudu Weerasinghe, Editor & Asst. Treasurer, Dharmadasa 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 75th 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 Kanagawa, 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 notewority 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 Ministro 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 1982 under Registration No. N(A) 133 and under the amended Companies Act 9027, 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 comprising over 100 member countries and was admitted as a member of WFUNA in 1951. The WFUNA being founded on 2nd August, 1946 by Special Resolution 137 (1) of 17th November, 1947, adopted at the United Nations General Assembly, n Sri Lanka, the UNA-SRI LANKA is registered with the:

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 (Registrations & Supervision) Act No. 3 of 1998 as amended by act No. 8 of 1998 (Reg. No.L. 16104 dated 25th August, 2000) and c) National NGO Council of Sri Lanka – Life Membership with effect from 1993.

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 Coals.

The UNA-SRI LANKA, is one of the most senior members of the Federation, actively involved in the work of the VFUNA, 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), Associated status with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) and United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO), the UN 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), and consultative or liaison links with many other UN agencies.

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#### 76th Anniversary of the United Nations Day & 71st Anniversary of UNA - Sri Lanka.



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### Meeting with UN, UNAs, WFUNA & Foreign Ministers

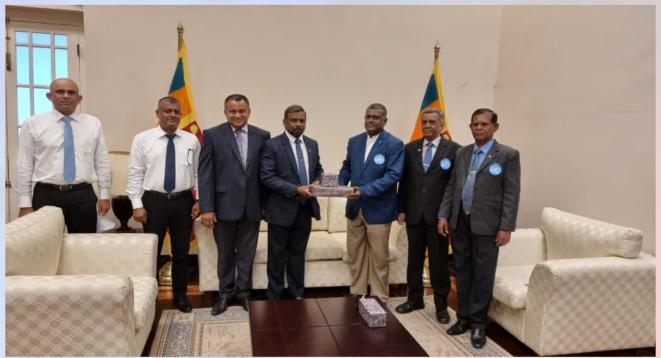




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#### United Nations Association of Sri Lanka key officials meet Foreign Secretary at the Foreign Ministry



A delegation of the United Nations Association of Sri Lanka (UNA-SRI LANKA) paid a courtesy call on the Foreign Secretary, Admiral Prof. Jayanath 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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#### 71st Annual General Meeting of Fiscal Year 2021/2022 of the UNA - SRI LANKA



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#### 42nd Plenary Assembly of The World Federation of United Nations Associations WFUNA in Punta Cana Dominican Republic in October in 2018





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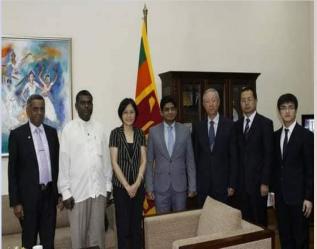


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### **Delegation Meetings**









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# **UN Security Council Briefings**





UNA Sri Lanka Goodwill Delegation to UNA China Meeting with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of People's Republic of China at Ministry Beijing China





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#### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**





### Donate Safety Kits to Sri Lanka Police during Covid19 Pandemic

















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### With UNA - Sri Lanka Colleagues







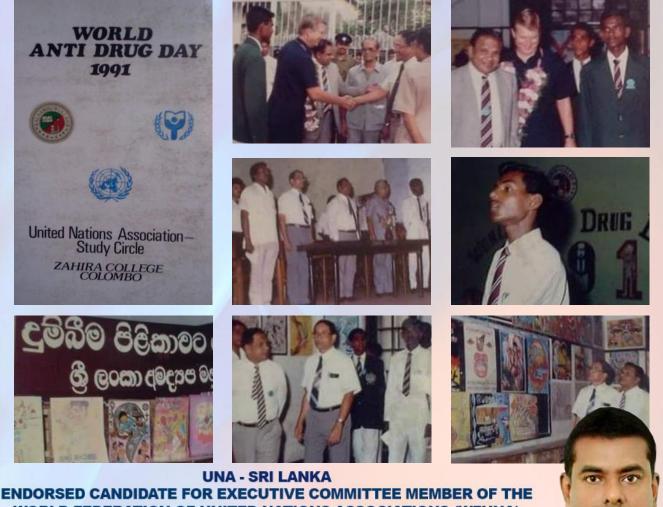
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### **Initiation and Involvement as a Student Leader**



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### **Initiation and Involvement as a Student Leader**









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### Initiation and Involvement as a Student Leader



5th April 1993

M M Mohamed RUSHANUDDEEN of 299 Layard's Broadway, Celembo 14, Sri Lanka is a LIFE Member of the Association since 1990.

He was the founder and organisor of the UNA Study Circle at Sahira College, Colombo, Sri Lanka and became its first Fresident.

During his tenure of office, we are aware that he fashioned it into a very high profile bardworking 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 ExCo for 1992 and equin 1993. He was successfully elected at both annual general meetings and is quite capable of continuing this good work which he underteek while in school, on a national scale new, provided he applies himself to the task.

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### Media Presence

# **68th United Nations Day observed**



Address by Deputy Minister of External Altains Neurosi Perena

The United Nations Association of Si Lanka organised a national observance of the 68th United Nations Day held at the Bishop's College Auditorium, Colombo early this week. This event was organised with the assistance of the Ministry of External Affairs and the United Nations in Sri Lanka. Deputy Minister of External Affairs Neomal Pietra and quest of honour United Nation Residence Coordinator Subinay Nandy graced the occasion

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The World Federation of the United Nations Associations' (WFUNA) 42nd Plenary Session was held at the Dream Palm Beach Resort, Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic recently. Here Deputy Executive Chairman of the United Nations Association in Sri Lanka, M.M.M. Rushanudeen with the President of the Dominican Republic Lionel Fernandez and Past President (WFUNA) Ambassador of the Republic of Korea.

#### DESHAKEERTHIM.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 199 L 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 & 93/9if then again in year 95/96, 96/97, 00/01, 01/02, 02/03, 03/04 & 04/05 as Asst.Secretary-Genera1.05/06, 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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