



UNA NEWS LETTER

United Nations Association of Sri Lanka

July - December 2017

National Observance of the 72nd United Nations Day



United Nations Association of Sri Lanka conducted the National Observance of the 72nd United Nations Day at a function at the Bishop's College Auditorium, Colombo 3 on 22nd of October 2017 with the distinguished participation of Brigadier Granville Elapatha as the Chief Guest, Dr. Shiran Deraniyagala, as the guest of honour, Members of the Diplomatic corps, UN representatives, Members of UNASL and other distinguished guests. Teachers and students from many Study Circles of UNASL around the country also participated. The function commenced with the National Anthem. Around 1000 participants from all walks of life. Participated the special invitees and dignitaries present, appreciated the work of the Association throughout the year.

Welcome Address was made by the Executive Chairman of the Association Mr. M.M.Zawahir. The copies of the UNASL Annual 2017 were ceremoniously handed over to the Chief Guest, the Guest of Honour and the other distinguished invitees. The outstanding feature of this ceremony is giving many opportunities to students to showcase their talents in the presence of a large audience. The keynote address was delivered by Miss U. R. M. Vidya Nayani Senevirathne a student of Christ Church College, Matale who was the winner of the Annual speech contest conducted by the UNASL. Her speech was on International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development which was the UN Theme for the year 2017. Cultural Items were presented by Estrella Club of Colombo University, Toastmasters Gavel Club and OKI International. Video presentation was made on the activities of the Study Circle of Mahinda Collage, Galle which was awarded as the best Study Circle. Awards were also distributed to the Best Teachers in Charge of Study Circle, the winners and runners up of the Speech Contest, the Quiz Competition and Essay Writing Contest.

Duty Executive Chairman of the UNASL Dr. M. M. M. Rushanudeen was awarded Volunteer of the year award 2017. The Secretary General Mr. Errol Smith delivered the vote of thanks.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

68th Annual General Meeting

68th Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in March 2018.

All Members are cordially invited to attend this meeting. (AGM 01st Notice is included)

The Activities in the year 2017 (July – December)

The National Executive Committee having completed the activities for the year, continued meeting up on a monthly basis at the registered office in Panadura meeting on days most suitable for members of the Executive Committee.

1. UNA China delegation meet State Minister of Foreign Affairs

The delegation from the United Nations Association China visited Sri Lanka and met State Minister of Foreign Affairs Vasantha Senanayake at his ministry recently. The President of UNA China Lu Shumin, Vice President and Director General Zhang Dan, Deputy Director Zhang Yi, and You Bai Shun with Deputy Executive Chairman M.M.M. Rushanudeen and the Secretary General of UNA Sri Lanka Errol Smith were also present.



2. Recent Floods and Landslides in Sri Lanka

The recent torrential rains in Sri Lanka resulted in severe flooding and landslides in many parts of the country. Roads were severely inundated whilst several people lost their lives as well as over 500,000 persons were displaced due and rendered homeless in many areas.

It was observed that the government machinery had also moved in, in a big way providing immediate necessities and medical aid. The United Nations Association of Sri Lanka also worked closely with the government and other voluntary organizations in providing relief to the affected persons.

The damage caused by the floods and landslides were huge and the government along with other NGO's addressed these issues promptly including the environmental clean-up or debris management which needed urgent attention. The Sri Lanka Security Forces and Police played a major role along with the NGO's in this endeavor.

The UNA Sri Lanka has plans to identify schools within the UNA Study Circle and provide any educational equipment which had been damaged and needs replacement.

3. Southern Conference in Galle

Southern Conference of UN Study Circles organized by United Nations Study Circle of Richmond College, Galle was held on 13th March 2017 at Richmond College Auditorium. Children from other schools in the vicinity of Galle also participated in the conference conducted under the distinguished patronage of Mr. Sampath Weeragoda Principal, Richmond College and attended by Vice Principals Mr. Piyasiri Kumarage and Ms. Devika Haputhanthri and Ms. R. R. H. Priyadarshani and Ms. M. N. D. Abeysinghe teachers in charge of the study circle at Richmond. UNASL was represented by the executive chairman, Secretary General and other members of the Executive Committee. The Principal welcomed all those who were present inclusive of the students from nearby schools and teachers in charge, Ms. Kumari Wikkremasinghe Knowledge Management Focal Point, United Nations Information Center conducted a session on Sustainable Development Goals. Mr. M. M. Zawahir Executive Chairman of the UNASL, Dr. G. P. P. Silva former Chairman, Sumathi Fernando Member, and Executive Committee made presentations on various aspect of activities of the UNASL and SDGS. There was also the contest to develop a logo for the Southern conference. An opportunity was also given to representatives of other schools to express their thoughts and conference ended after the vote of thanks by Ms. Priyadarshani.

DAIRY AND DAIRY PRODUCTS

Market situation

International prices of all dairy products continued to decline from their 2013 peak, in particular for skim milk powder (SMP) and whole milk powder (WMP). A key factor was the decline in Chinese import demand, with demand for WMP dropping by 34% from 2014 levels. This decrease in Chinese demand for dairy products was coupled with continued production growth between 2014 and 2015, in key export markets, with total output of milk increasing in Australia (4%), the European Union (2%), New Zealand (5%) and the United States (1%).

The Russian Federation's ban on imports continues to restrict dairy trade. Russian cheese imports dropped by 62% between 2013 and 2015, which mainly affected exports from the European Union, the United States and Australia. Conversely, Belarus has greatly increased cheese exports to the Russian Federation, supplementing demand there. The ban is assumed to continue until the start of 2017; with imports of cheese expected to increase sharply as trading resumes, mostly supplied from the European Union and the United States, albeit at lower levels than prior to the ban.

Production in Oceania is facing challenges, low dairy prices have caused a reduction in the total dairy herd, which dropped by 2.7% in 2015. Furthermore drought and adverse weather conditions related to a very strong El Niño have restricted production in Oceania's pasture-based systems in 2016; this is expected to reduce production in New Zealand by 6.8% and to stall growth in Australia.

Previously good margins combined with the removal of the EU milk quota as of April 2015 has promoted growth in total milk production in the European Union. This growth, however, has been uneven across member states. For example, milk deliveries from the 2014 to 2015 marketing year (April-March) increased by 18.5% in Ireland, 3.7% in Germany, 2.9% in the United Kingdom, and 11.9% in the Netherlands. With increased milk production and limited growth in domestic consumption, EU exports for all major dairy commodities on aggregate are expected to increase by 58.5% between the 2013-15 base years and 2025.

Projection highlights

Per capita demand for dairy products in developing countries is expected to grow consistently over the medium-term, supported by rising incomes and lower dairy prices relative to their 2013 peak. As seen in previous years there is a continued shift in dietary patterns away from staples and towards animal products, due to changes in diets. Strong consumption growth is expected across several markets in the Middle East and Asia, including Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iran and Indonesia, with the per capita consumption of dairy products in developing countries growing between 0.8% and 1.7% p.a., the lowest growth being for cheese and the highest for fresh dairy products. In addition, per capita consumption in the developed world is expected to grow between 0.5% for fresh dairy products and 1.1% p.a. for SMP.

World milk production is projected to increase by 177 Mt (23%) by 2025 compared to the base years (2013-15), corresponding to an average grow rate of 1.8% p.a. which is below the 2.0% p.a. witnessed in the last decade. The majority of this growth (73%) is anticipated to come from developing countries, in particular India and Pakistan. This expansion of production is largely in fresh dairy products, which will grow at 2.9% p.a. in developing countries, and predominantly supply domestic markets. At the world level, production of the main dairy products (butter, cheese, SMP and WMP) is increasing at similar pace to milk production, albeit more slowly than that of fresh dairy products.

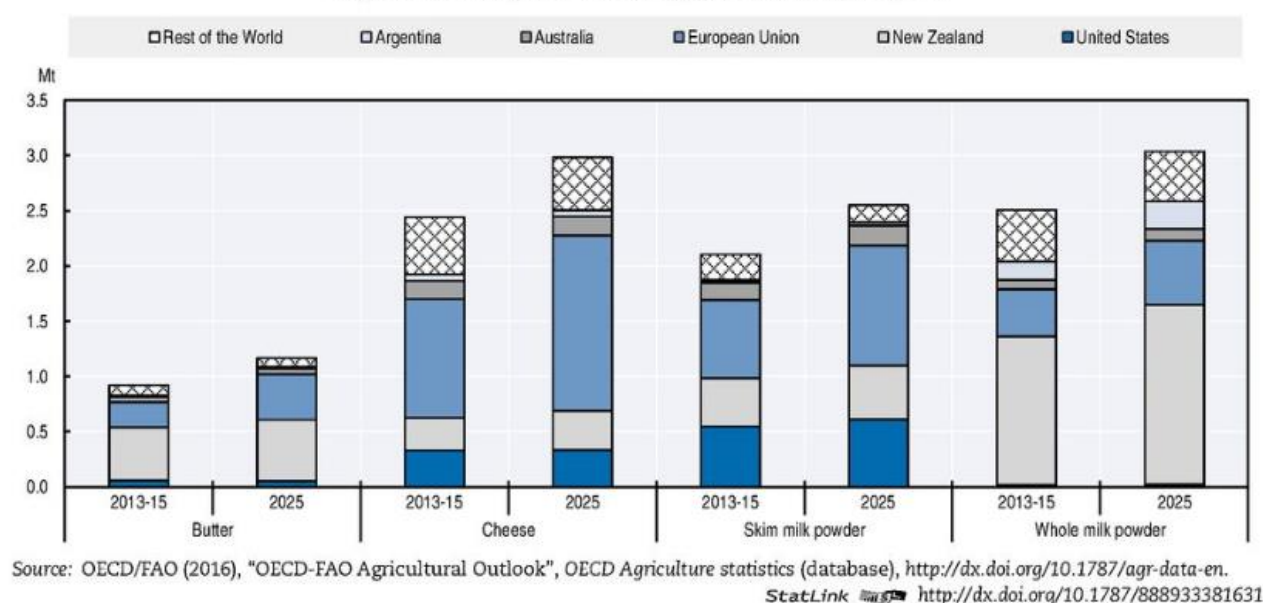
As a result of these demand and supply factors, nominal prices of all dairy products are expected to increase over the medium-term, along with real prices of milk powders, which recover from their current

lows. The real prices of butter and cheese are expected to decline slightly over the next decade, although this is from a comparatively higher base level than for milk powders.

The strengthening of both the US Dollar and the euro will put pressure on the growth of exports from the United States and the European Union, as they become less competitive on the global market. Conversely, exporters in Argentina, Australia and New Zealand are projected to become more competitive on the world market due to relatively weaker currencies.

Continued export growth is expected over the coming decade following the slump in 2014-15. Butter, cheese, SMP and whey all average strong growth of over 2%. Growth for exports of WMP is more modest at 1.8% p.a. With low dairy prices serving as a barrier to market entry for non-traditional exporters, export growth will continue to be satisfied by a small concentration of key exporters. The European Union will be the principle exporter of SMP and cheese, and New Zealand the lead exporter of butter and WMP, as shown in Figure 3.5.

Figure 3.5. Exports of dairy products by region



The global dairy commodity market is prone to disturbances from weather variability, changes in policy, and the opening or closing of trade in key countries. Many of the developments in the dairy market will stem from import demand in the China and how quickly producers react to lower prices. The Outlook foresees a strengthening of demand from developing countries and assumes that while China does not resume importing WMP and butter at 2014 levels, instead servicing much of its demand internally, SMP and cheese imports will increase over the outlook period.

This article has been extracted from OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2016 – 2025 publication of Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations

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First Aid Tips

Danger can befall any one of us any time in our lives. We need to know the key steps to how to preserving life. UNA planed a series of first aid tips publise by every News Letters. Focused on the concept of first aid.

Welcome to our debut tips which will dive you a brief introduction to the concept of first aid.

Why learn you are first aid?

Unfortunately, accidents can — and do — happen, everywhere. When they do, it's those first few moments after an accident that are crucial to whether the person survives or not.

What is First Aid?

First aid is initial assistant or treatment given to a person accident or suddenly taken ill.

Who is casualty?

A casualty is a person with a sudden illness. Sickness or injury.

Who is a First aider?

A first aider is a person who has successes fully completed a proficiency in first aid course and has awarded with a valued certificate issued by recognize organization.

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National Executive Committee Member



National Executive Committee Member Dr. Abeywardhana participated in capacity building Programme with Field Exposure on “Community Driven Development” at Warangal, In India. 6

Protecting the Olympic properties

For 17 days in August, all eyes will be on Brazil as athletes from across the globe come together to compete in the Olympic Games Rio 2016. During this, the world's largest and most complex sporting event, the icons of the Olympic movement from the five interlocking rings to the Olympic mascot, Vinicius – will be central features of global media coverage. This article explores how the international Olympic Committee (IOC) protects these so – called Olympic properties, which are so familiar to us all.

Olympic is a philosophy of life that places sport at the service of humankind. The Olympic Movement encompasses concerted, organized, universal and permanent action carried out by many individuals and entities who are inspired by the values of Olympism under the overall umbrella of the IOC. It brings together athletes from every continent for one of the world's most well-known and celebrated sporting, cultural and entertainment events – the Olympic Games.

The Olympic properties are the visual ambassadors of Olympism. The Olympic symbol, in particular, is one of the world's most recognized brands. The five interlocking rings represent the coming together of five continents and symbolize the Olympic values: Excellence, Respect and Friendship. The Olympic properties have become iconic – they are more than just “logos”. People around the world associate them with the fundamental values of sport and of the Olympic Movement.

Because of their honored place on the world stage, the IOC needs to protect its Olympic properties at the international level. The IOC benefits from special legal means to do this but it also relies on standard means of trademark protection.

THE OLYMPIC PROPERTIES DEFINED

The Olympic Charter is the codification of the Fundamental Principles of Olympism, Rules and Bye-Laws adopted by the IOC. According to Rule 7 of the Charter, the Olympic properties include the Olympic symbol as well as the Olympic flag, motto, anthem, identifications (such as “Olympic Games” and “Games of the Olympiad”), designations, emblems, the Olympic flames and torches.

All rights to any and all Olympic properties belong exclusively to the IOC, including rights to their use in relation to profit-making, commercial or advertising purposes.

By Marianne Wüthrich, Trademark Senior Legal Counsel, International Olympic Committee

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Winners of the Annual Inter School Study Circles Contest

1. The Best Teacher In-Charge & Winners of Best Study Circles Contest 2016/2017.

- 01st Place - M. N. D. Abeysinghe, R. H. Priyadarshani of G / Richmond College, Galle
 02nd Place - R. P. V. Ganga Shayamali of Sri Devananda Central College, Mirahawatta
 03rd Place - N. G. Sadani of Halpathota Roman Catholic School, Baddegama
 04th Place - D. Renuka Weerakon of Mt / Vijaya Vidyalaya, Matale
 05th Place - M. Z. M. Reza of Mt / Christ Church College, Matale

2. Winners of Speech Contest – 2017.

- 01st Place - Vidya Nayani Senevirathne, Mt / Christ Church College, Matale
 02nd Place - Rusira Sathnindu Liyanage, Mahinda College, Galle
 03rd Place - Sithumi Samoda Wimalakeerthi, Sacred Heart Convent, Galle
 04th Place - L. S. S. Vikrama, Mt / Vijaya College, Matale
 05th Place - G. G. Indumini Sewwandi Herath, Sri Pranyarathna College, Gelioya

3. Winners of General Knowledge Contest – 2017.

- 01st Place - H. K. Nadun Sasanga Kumarasinghe, G / Richmond College, Galle
 02nd Place - Lasith Gaurauv Balasooriya, Mahinda College, Galle
 03rd Place - Sanduni Ama Dilrukshi Premasiri, Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy
 04th Place - A.W. G. S. Kaushalya Abeysekara, Sri Swarnajothi National School, Kiribathkumbura
 05th Place - M. Dilini Tharuka Mendis, Southland College, Galle

4. Winners of Essay Writing Contest – 2017.

- 01st Place - H. Kawisha Gayathri Rupasinghe, Holy Family Convent, Maravila
 02nd Place - T. G. M. Mihindula, Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy
 03rd Place - W. M. Gayani Prasadi Wijethunga, Mt / Christ Church College, Matale
 04th Place - D. M. M. K. B. Dissanayaka, Sri Pranyarathna College, Gelioya
 05th Place – W. Lovindu Palani, Sudharma College, Galle



Annual Inter School Study Circles 2017
 Best Speaker Vidya Nayani Senevirathne
 of Christ Church College, Matale



Best Study Circles Contest 2016/2017
 G / Richmond College, Galle

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Special Life Members

Desamanya S. H. M. Anas – Colombo 13 (1671)
 H. E. D. R. Hasan Ali M Alshareef – (1672)
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 M. B. Mohamed Fowzan – Beruwala (1677)
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 Chandima Binduhewa – Moratuwa (1703)
 S. C. Dasith Abeyrathna – Galle (1705)

Annual Members

G. Chandani Gunawardana – Panadura (1683)

UNASL WILL LAUNCH IT CLASSES FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS AND EMPLOYEES

It has been resolved by National Executive Committee of UNASL to launch a programme of improving IT literacy of school leavers and public & private sector employees in collaboration with UNA China and Kumaran Fernando Foundation. Suitable computer courses will be introduced to suit the requirements of the target group. Members of UNASL are kindly requested to direct interested parties to the UNASL Secretariat at Panadura.



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