



# UNA NEWS LETTER

United Nations Association of Sri Lanka

July- December 2018

## World Federation of United Nations Associations 42<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Assembly



The 42<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Assembly of World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) was held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2018. The Deputy Executive Chairman, HRH Prince, Dato Seri, Ambassador, Deshakeerthi, Dr. Mohamed Marzook Mohamed Rushanudeen, J.P(WI), and his spouse Mrs. Mohamed Nizar Fathima Nazra Rushanudeen, Life Member of UNA were participated.



Mr. Bonian Golmohammadi, Secretary General of WAFUNA ceremonially opened the session.

His Excellency the President of Dominican Republic Leonel Fernandez was elected as the new President of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Assembly

# Computer Training Center

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 the Kumaran Fernando Foundation. Suitable computer courses will be introduced to suit the requirements of the target group. Members of UNASL are kindly requested

Secretariat, Cyril Jansz Mawatha, Panadura. Almost 40 participants were present. The welcome address was made by Mr. Dharmadasa Vithrana, Editor UNASL, whilst Mr. Maduranga Liyanarachchi, who has been selected as the Lecturer of IT delivered a lecture on the "Importance of IT in the Modern World". He emphasized that in the present context IT or knowledge of computer application was an absolute necessity.

Mr. S.L.R.D. Ratugama, former Executive Member of UNASL spoke on the activities of the UN and UNASL and Executive Committee



to direct interested parties to the UNASL Secretariat at Panadura. Seminar on Value of Information Technology:-



UNASL has launched a programme aimed at improving the knowledge of the general public, specially school leavers, through Information Technology.

Member Mr. J.M.L.P. Bandara delivered the vote of thank. The Executive Chairman, Mr. M.M. Zawahir, the Secretary-General, Mr. Errol Smith, and numbers of Executive Committee were also present at the Seminar.

A Computer Training Centre has been established and suitable IT courses have been designed for this purpose. In order to provide an awareness on the importance of IT, a Seminar was conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2018 at the UNASL

UNASL conducted its activities for the 72<sup>nd</sup> year under the guidance of the National Executive Committee. Highlights of activities are indicated below.



***Computer Training Courses***  
*For Adults & School Children*  
***Admission Open...***  
***For More Details 038-2232123***

# The Activities of the UNASL during the Year 2018

## 1. The Schools Study Circle Programme.

The UNA Study Circle Programme inaugurated in 1981 has a membership of 328 partner schools at present.

The Study Circle Programme, 2018 was conducted at the Premises of the Sri Vijaya Saugatha Vidyalaya, Panadura on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September as the part of the UN Day celebrations. Three contests namely, the Speech contest on the one if the UN themes for 2018, "Providing a Quality Education for all is a foundation for Sustainable Development" an Essay contest on "Coast Conservation is vital for particularly Island-States like Sri Lanka for Sustainable Development" and the General Knowledge contest were conducted. Details of winners are indicated elsewhere.



Speech Contest - 2018

## 2. Kanagawa art Exhibition.

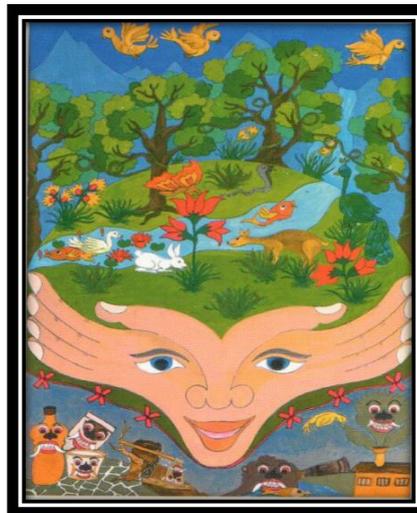
As usual we are now in the process of collecting Artwork of children from Study Circles of 4 – 15 years to the 19<sup>th</sup> Kanagawa Biennial World Children’s Art Exhibition conducted by the Japan Overseas Cooperative Association (JOCA). We wish to state that in 2016 the Artwork submitted by .....<Name of the student and name of the school> through our Association has won ‘President of the United Nations Association of Japan Award ‘. The 20<sup>th</sup> Kanagawa Biennial World Children’s Art Exhibition, we have started collecting Paintings from our Study Circle Schools until 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

Cat Family (Grand Prize)



Ashrafal Alam 9yrs. M  
People’s Republic of  
Bangladesh

Let’s Protect Our Environment



President of United Nations  
Association of Japan Award

S.A.H.M.R. Santhush Roshan  
Bandara Uggoda  
Nalanda Collage, Colombo 03  
11yrs. M  
Democratic Socialist  
Republic of Sri Lanka

## National Observance of the 73<sup>rd</sup> United Nations Day



United Nations Association of Sri Lanka conducted the National Observance of the 73<sup>rd</sup> United Nations Day at a function at the Ramadia Hotel, 345/5, Old Galle Road, Gorakana, Moratuwa on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018, with the co – operation and assistance extended to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and United Nations Information Center.



As the request of honor, members of the Diplomatic Corps, UN Representatives, Members of UNASL, Teachers and students from many study circles of UNASL, around the country, and other distinguished guest also participated.



The Chief Guest Ms. Razia Pendse,

WHO Representative and Acting Resident Coordinator of the UNASL for Sri Lanka , Guest of Honor the Chief Marketing Officer of the Bank of Ceylon, Mr. Indunil Liyanage and the Manager Seylan Bank PLC, Mr. Chandana Weerakkody gave the support and cooperation extended to us to make this event a success. The function commenced with the National Anthem. Around 500 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 keynote address was delivered by Miss Hansini Wimansa Edirisinghe, a student of Vijaya College, Matale, who was the winner of the Annual Speech Contest conducted by the UNASL.



The speech was on Importance of the “Providing a Quality Education for all is a foundation for Sustainable Development” which was the UN Theme for the year 2018.



Assistant Secretary-General of the UNASL Mr. Sumathi Fernando was awarded volunteer of the year award 2018.



Cultural Items were presented by OKI International and Police cultural Troop. Video presentation was made on the activities of the Study Circle of St.

Joseph's Balika Maha Vidyalaya, Kegalle which was awarded as the best Study Circle.

Awards were also distributed to the best Teacher in Charge of Study Circle, the winner and runners up of the Speech Contest, the Quiz Competition and Essay Writing Contest 2017/2018 and cash awards handed over to Teachers in Charge of Study Circle activities.



On behalf of UNASL, the staff of Ramadia Ranmal Holiday Resort and the Maliban Distributors (PVT) LTD, We sincerely thank for all the arrangements and assistance provided to make this event a success.

The Secretary General of Mr. Errol Smith Delivered the vote of thanks. The copies of UNASL Annual 2018 were ceremoniously handed over to the Chief Guest, the Guest of Honor. Special awards were also distributed to the Best Teachers in Charge of Study Circle who served more than 10 years, for their tremendous contribution and dedication.



The following are the teachers who were awarded with honorary membership of the Association representing the schools of the UNA Study Circle Island wide.

- Mr. J.V.W. Nainankada
- Mr. W.H. Jayarathna
- Mr. Daniel Bollagoda
- Mrs. Nandawathi Nanayakkara
- Mrs. Chandani Jayasingha
- Mrs. W.M. Chithra Kumari
- Mrs. N. Dhammika Abesingha
- Mrs. R.H. Priyadarshani
- Mrs. D. Renuka Wijekoon

**Hurry !!!**

**Applications are called for**

## **UNASL Masterminds Competition - 2019 (Upper School Level)**

UNASL Masterminds Competition - 2019 (Upper School Level), is scheduled to be conducted in May/June, 2019, (date will be notified in due course), with the participation of schools in the United Nations Association of Sri Lanka **Study Circle** as well as other schools located island wide. The Competition is being held with the aim of creating different learning opportunities for students whilst focusing on enhancing their knowledge on subjects related to the United Nations Organization including the United Nations Association of Sri Lanka, International & Current Affairs, General Knowledge, Sustainable Development Goals, Human Rights and Sports, etc. The competition is organized by the United Nations Association of Sri Lanka (UNASL) and eligible schools will be invited to send their application.

Await details of the Competition Rules & Regulations and Application Form.

The objectives of UNASL Masterminds Competition (Upper School Level) are to:

- (a) Provide a platform for the School Children to test and add value to their knowledge.
- (b) Provide an opportunity to showcase the knowledge of School Children and disseminate their knowledge among others.
- (c) Create a quizzing culture among the School Children.
- (d) Launch an event that can be added as an icon to the annual calendar of events of the UNASL, in the future.

Participation for UNASL Mastermind Competition - 2019 (Upper School Level) is restricted only to the students of upper school level hence only those from grade 6 and above are expected to compete at the competition. They are also required to participate as teams and there will be **three** students in each team. Competition will be held in the form of answering Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs), and teams will be at the liberty to discuss and answer the questions on the answer sheets distributed to them within the stipulated time. It is also planned to have minimum of 50 teams, 35 from schools from among the UNASL Study Circle and 15 from other schools, for the competition. No entry fee will be charged from the schools of the Study Centre whilst all other schools will be required to pay Rs.5,000/- per team as entrance fee. The competition will be held in a Hotel and all **participants** will be provided with refreshments and lunch, by the UNASL.

Participants will compete for the UNASL Mastermind Challenge Trophy which will be an Annual Event in the UNASL Calendar. In addition to the Challenge Trophy, the winning team will be awarded a cash prize of Rs.100,000/-, first runner-up, Rs.75,000/-, second runner-up Rs.50,000/-, third runner-up, Rs.25,000/- and forth runner – up Rs.15,000/- along with take home trophies, gold/silver/bronze medals and certificates which will also be awarded to all members of the teams. Further, all other participants will receive a certificate of participation.

**For any clarifications you may contact:**

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## **THE RIO 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES**

In relation to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, Brazilian authorities have recourse to a number of laws to safeguard official Olympic symbols including:



• Brazil's Industrial Property Law (Law 9,279/96). This law prohibits the registration as trademarks of names, prizes or symbols of official sporting events as well as imitations likely to cause confusion, except when authorized by the competent authority or entity promoting the event.

- The Pele Law (Law 9,615/98), which grants the Brazilian Olympic Committee exclusive rights over the use of the flags, mottos, anthems and Olympic symbols as well as the names "jogos olímpicos", "olimpiadas", "jogos paraolímpicos" and "paraolimpiadas". It also includes arena rights whereby media rights to sporting events belong to the sport entity organizing or taking part in such an event, but allowing for up to three percent of the event's duration to be transmitted by non-broadcasting title holders for journalistic, sporting or educational purposes.
- The Brazilian Copyright Law (Law No. 9,610/98), which protects symbols, designs and mascots as well as any other works related to the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- The Brazilian Olympic Act (Law 12,035/09), which extends legal protection to all properties associated with the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Federal authorities are responsible for monitoring, investigating and suppressing any unlawful acts that violate rights in the Olympic symbols. The Act also forbids any entity from associating itself or its products or services

with the Olympic Games, whether or not for commercial use, without the express authorization of the Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Rio 2016 or the IOC. The law also provides local authorities and the Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Rio 2016 with the means to efficiently tackle ambush marketing practices (where goods are sufficiently similar to invoke an undue association with the Games), and to prevent unauthorized marketing activities, including sale of Olympic tickets at an Olympic venue or in the airspace surrounding it. These measures were further strengthened with the recent amendment of the law which took effect in May 2016.

- The Brazilian Olympic Law (Law 13,284/16), which defines and criminalizes ambush marketing by intrusion and association, among other provisions related to the Games. This law complements the Brazilian Olympic Act.
- Local Olympic Acts enacted by municipalities and states hosting the games:
  - Rio de Janeiro – State of Rio de Janeiro
  - São Paulo – State of São Paulo • Salvador – State of Bahia and State Olympic Law (Law 13,565/16)
  - Belo Horizonte – State of Minas Gerais and Municipal Olympic Law (Law 10.941/16)
  - State of Amazonas
  - Federal District

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## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERSHIPS

### Special Life Members

J.A.Mohamed Jaward – Wellampitiya (1751)  
 M.Y.Mohamed Thanis – Colombo 13 (1752)  
 M.F. Mohamed Faris – Beruwala (1767)  
 G.M. Rithika A. Dayaratne – Kadawatha (1778)  
 R.M. Chamanthi J. Ratnayake – Kalubovila (1779)  
 Nihal Pushpakumara Mayadunne – Battaramulla (1780)  
 Arumugam Kaviraja – Colombo 05 (1781)  
 M.F. Mohamed Fathin Imam – Veruwala (1782)

### Special Life Members Overseas

H.E. Ambassador Ahmed H. E. Hamad – Egypt (1768)  
 H.E. Mohamed Tawfik Farag Elsayed – Egypt (1773)  
 H.E. Ambassador Ali Akil Khalil – Lebanon (1774)

### Life Members

M.A.Nimal Premathilaka – Yakkala (1753)  
 T.Shaminda Lewis – Nugathalawa (1754)  
 M.H.Haji Anver – Colombo 04 (1755)  
 Dr. Sarath Samarage – Baththaramulla (1756)

J.A.Kamalsiri Jayakody – Poruwadanda (1757)  
 K.A.Theekshana Bandara – Ginigathhena (1758)  
 E.T. Dinal De Silva – Negombo (1759)  
 J. Maheshika Wijekulasuriya – Panadura (1760)  
 A. Shyahanika Wijekulasuriya – Panadura (1761)  
 Deshyamana N.B. Elikewela – Mt. Lavinia (1762)  
 B.M.D. Kumara Balasooriya – Kibulapitiya (1763)  
 M.T.S. Priyantha Appuhamy – Kochchikade (1764)  
 P. Ranjaka Rajapakse – Pannipitiya (1765)  
 H.S. Tharanga Perera – Kaduwela (1766)  
 Suresh Thivviyan – Colombo (1769)  
 Suresh Nithipan – Colombo (1770)  
 K. T. Osanji Ayeshamani – Panadura (1771)  
 K.V.D.W. wijegunaratne – Mt. Lavinia (1775)  
 R. Sithija Priyankara Fernando – Marawila (1776)  
 M.K. J. Koliya B. Dharmapriya – Rathnapura (1777)  
 H.M.D.K. Hathalahawaththa – Kahawaththa (1783)

### Ordinary Members

Sujeewa Dammika Senanayake – Uyanwatta (1772)

# Happy New Year 2019

The President and Members of the National Executive Committee  
 of the  
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