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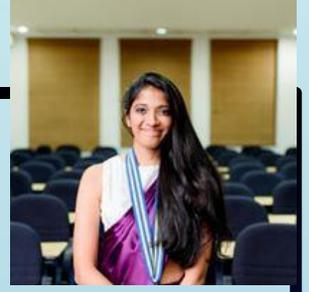
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*The Rotaract Club Izmir and the Rotaract Club of
Achievers Lanka Business School*



*6330 kilometers apart, yet so
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President Speaks



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Welcome!

It is with great pleasure that I pen down this message to the joint bulletin between the Rotaract Club of Achievers Lanka Business School and the Rotaract Club of
I believe that a Twin Club Agreement is a window of opportunity to strengthen the bond between the two clubs all the while exchanging cultures and building a long lasting relationship between two clubs from different countries.

Cultural exchange is a core component of Rotary, Rotaract and Interact. It is of paramount importance in fostering a sense of global leadership and service throughout our community. Cultural exchange is sharing different ideas, traditions, and knowledge with someone who may be coming from a completely different background than your own.

Sri Lanka was long famous for its rich social diversity and the harmonious co-existence of various communities. Therefore, I am a firm believer that as Sri Lankans we always try to enhance our cross-cultural understanding.

It's important to be aware of the differences between cultures, particularly if you are volunteering, working, or living in a new country or interacting with people from a different country than your own and as Rotaractors we are constantly looking for better ways to transform the youth of our country into global citizens.

I'm extremely excited about this joint bulletin and believe that it will give a better understanding of our cultures and traditions. I sincerely hope that it will show a glimpse of the beauty of Sri Lanka and paint a picture of its wonders.

As a final note, I would like to convey my sincere gratitude to everyone involved, who worked tirelessly with dedication and commitment to make this joint bulletin a phenomenal success!

Best,

Rtr. Sathma Jayasinghe
President
Rotaract Club of Achievers Lanka Business School

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President Speaks



Warm Rotaract Greetings,

Dear members of Rotaract Club of Achievers Lanka Business School,

At first take our greetings and cordial love to you, we are deeply grateful and take immense pleasure in being associated with Rotaract Club of Lanka Business School.

We are so glad to be twin club with you and our twinning agreement is a great opportunity to exchange cultures and build a long lasting relationship between two clubs from different continents. This helps both clubs and societies to broaden their horizons. We had awesome opportunity by being twin club and know our culture each other. Our WAKE UP PROJECT is the one of the best result of our power of twinning. We connects the World and made Project with 53 clubs from all around the World together. It is our pleasure that we worked on this together with high passion. Also we had Double the Culture which was extremely good experience for knowing each other, our cultures and countries. We hope our twinning and friendships will last forever. Our next aim is visiting our countries and have chance to know each other more.

It is our pleasure to be twin clubs with Rotaract Club of Sri Lanka, and big thanks to the all members of Rotaract Club of Achievers Lanka Business School. Let's connect the World again and our projects and friendships will take forever.

Thank you

Kinf Regards,

Rtr. Melis UZŞEN

President

Rotaract Club of Izmir, 2019-2020

Conquer Colombo 2020

9th of February 2020. A day much eagerly anticipated by the rotaracters of RACALBS. From the meticulous organization and execution by the organizing committee and the careful pre-planning by many of our participants, Conquer Colombo is by far one of the most hyped events of the Rotaract calendar. Setting the bar higher than ever before, My Cola Conquer Colombo 2020 was back with more new twists and challenges of all forms, be it rowing challenges, electric scooter challenges and even VR gaming challenges. This grand scale project involving almost 500 participants was initiated with the motive of aiding of the club's major community service project "Project Life". This project targets at combatting Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) in several affected communities in Killinochchi by aiding for the building of Reverse Osmosis systems. Since its inauguration in 2013, Conquer Colombo has been more than successful in aiding project life along with providing a unique experience to its participants.

Having run a strong PR campaign teasing this year's participants with past, present and futuristic videos of Colombo city, This year's Conquer Colombo ran the theme of "Time Travel" where the participants took part in a time based adventure in order to save the apocalyptic city of Colombo. The storyline was ingrained in each of the three phases (namely past, present and future phase) and also within each challenge which included a unique story of its own. Shifting CC paradigms every year, this year's event included the concept of hunting for "Key Fragments" which was a first in CC history. Completing each challenge in a phase provided a hint to the location where the key fragment relevant for the phase was hidden. Once the participants have found the 3 fragments (which pieced together forms an QR code), it led the participant to a surprise coordinated location. This new format of the race was definitely an eye opener for many of Conquer Colombo's veteran participants who has grown accustomed to the monotonous setting of the race. All these factors added in glamour and spice to My Cola Conquer Colombo 2020 and truly shifted the metrics of this year's competition.

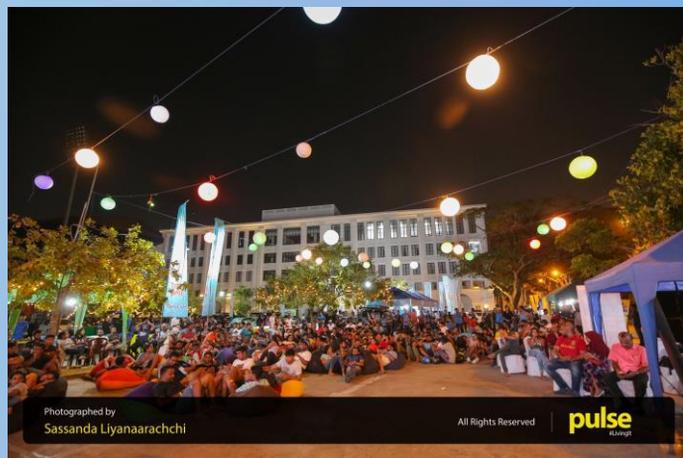


The event kickstarted with variety of small entertainment items by a few of the participants as the crowd started registering at Race Course in the morning. Following heated competition for the best themed and funkiest ride awards, everyone's attention was taken away to the exotic cars of the Italian car enthusiasts club and the grand entrance of the 4x4 monster trucks by the Ironman team. Following the announcement of the rules and regulations, the participants were taken by surprise by the sudden play of cryptic video. It showed an obscure time traveller fore-warning of an apocalypse in the city and that the participants must travel in time to save this mystery time traveller from a time chamber to save the city.

The cryptic message finally triggered the kick start of this much awaited race. Following a literal stampede of participants racing to obtain their first clue sheet, teams were rushing at every direction to reach their rides and to figure out where to head first. Having the opportunity to check up on each of the challenge locations, it was a pleasure watching the participants engage in not only heated competition but also genuine team work where each member prioritized and played according to each of their strengths. Cracking open a mystery chest at Escape The Room, speed painting two historical flags, rowing across the Beira or even fumbling on the floor playing bean bag twister, It goes without saying that this year's CC was truly an experience to remember for both the participants and organizers alike.



The closing ceremony capped off one of the greatest events of the Rotaract calendar on a high note. Having pieced together the 3 key fragments, many teams scrambled back to race course to find the fabled time chamber where they witnessed the thrilling ending of the storyline. The closing ceremony started off with the commencement of the raffle draw which is one of the more awaited events during Conquer Colombo. Winners walked away with gift baskets and a variety of exciting gift vouchers. Up next came the awards for best themed, funkiest ride, Supermen and Wonder Women. Last but not the least, the top fifteen teams of Conquer Colombo 2020 were awarded with variety of exciting prizes from gift baskets to voucher. Team "Young Dumb and Broke" came in third and received a variety of amazing prizes along with an opportunity for an overnight stay at Mango House, Galle Fort. Winners of the Super men award "Team Joe-Pete" also went on to take the number 2 spot of My Cola Conquer Colombo 2020 winning an overnight stay at Jetwing hotel along with other exciting prizes. Team "Ali's Army" topped the point list of this year's event and went on to be crowned champions of My Cola Conquer Colombo 2020, securing 4 return air tickets to Singapore among other exciting prizes.



One Seed, One Hope

(15/06/2019-ongoing)

In this Project our goal is to create internal physical improvement, external physical improvement, as well as educational improvements of Elementary School of Pirinççi in Pirinççi Village, Ödemiş, İzmir, Turkey. In our project, we especially cared about social improvement. With that in mind, we have renewed our village school in term of education and physically in the purposes of reducing diseases, sanitation, water management and enviromental improvement, increasing literacy, ensuring peace, maternal and child health.

In our project we tried to create internal physical improvement, external physical improvement, as well as educational improvements. First, we renovated the water-leaking roof of our school. Then we renovated the toilets, which were unusable and we informed the children about water conservation. We have repainted the classroom walls and renewed desks to make sure that the children are in a hygienic environment. By gifting computers and a printer to children, we allowed them to improve themselves and keep up with the developing technological advances. We have constructed a stage in an empty classroom, thus, children will be able to perform on stage for the first time in their lives and help their own social development. We drew educational visuals in the school yard so that they can play street games together. We have created a large scale health-kit for the prevention of diseases in our school. We have created a competition and asked our students to paint pictures on the issue of peace. When our competition is over we'll present their prizes. Finally, we have created hygiene-kits for the mothers of our students and we will give them our kits as soon as possible.



With the innovations we have made to our school, children have been educated in more hygienic conditions. Beehives and a heavy smell in the toilets seriously threatened children's health. First of all, with toilet renovation we got rid of beehives and stinking toilets. Due to the rainwater and humidity flowing constantly from the roof, there was heavy smell and an unhealthy educational environment in the classrooms. We have made a significant improvement in our school by painting the classrooms and repairing the roof.

A village of 350 people directly benefited from our project. Children were provided with education in good and hygienic conditions. At the beginning of our project, we learned that the school sent their children to remote village schools because of poor physical conditions. One of our biggest goals was that our school was educated in good conditions and the number of students increased by re-enrolment in our school due to the improvement of physical conditions. In our discussions with the villagers, we were happy to learn that they were happy with the physical improvement of the school and that they would re-enroll their children in school.

When we first went to our village school, teachers and the people of the village had no knowledge of Rotary and Rotaract. We told everyone in the village and school about the objectives and principles of Rotary. When the people saw us, our project and the differences we made, they understood Rotary and Rotaract better. At the same time, we promoted our institution by providing sponsored advertisements with images of our project in Instagram. We've spoken to our principal, we've got her ideas and opinions. Then we created an 18-person project group. We have put our projects in our school in priority order according to weather conditions and needs. We organized a "Night Picnic" event with 360 guests to create a financial source for our project. In accordance with the funds we obtained, we made our plans with our project team consisting of 18 people. First, we bought the necessary materials to renew our school and then we made it to our school, which is 2 hours away from the city center. First, we bought the necessary materials to renew our school and then we made it to our school, which is 2 hours away from the city center. With our team of 28 people, we have made our project stages with our visits to our school on different dates. Our interact and Rotary Clubs have also supported us in the project. Interact Club of Işıkkent, Interact Club of Dokuz Eylül, Interact Club of Karşıyaka, Rotary Club of İzmir, Rotary Club of Karşıyaka and Rotary Club of İzmir supported us on different stages of our project.

Together we organized the "Night Picnic" event, which took place in August with 360 guests. We have allocated all of the proceeds from here to the fund of our project. On the other hand, we continued our search for sponsors in line with our list of needs. Also we have earned the right to regional incentive grant from the Rotary Foundation of the IR District 2440. Within this framework, we have created a budget of 4,000 Euros (24,000 TL) for our project.



In our project, we wanted to invest in the future by touching the lives of children between the ages of 7 and 11. Our biggest goal was to contribute to the upbringing of students as beneficial individuals to society. We wanted to broaden the horizon of each child and we based our project on these goals. We worked very hard for about 1.5 months to create the financial source of our project. We found sponsors for our Night Picnic event, where we obtained project funding, and we didn't spend any funds on the event. We started with the top priorities in line with our budget. We tabulated expenses of the organization in meetings held every two weeks with our project group. We stayed in the vicinity during our visits to our school, which is 2 hours away from the city center, and devoted a large part of our time to our project. 3 clubs have created a sense of working as one club. We have strengthened our friendships and created a project that could affect future generations that are beneficial to society.



Cultural Exchange

Firstly, Turkey is a country having a very unique location, belonging to both the Anatolian peninsula in Western Asia as well as to the Balkan Peninsula in South-eastern Europe, with the Black Sea to their north and Mediterranean Sea to the south. It is home to 82 million people, with a range of ethnic groups; Turkish being the majority comprising over 70% of the population, with Kurdish and Arabic as popular minorities. Turkey is a country ideal to explore ancient civilizations, to climb high mountains, or swim in warm seas! Turkey's largest city Istanbul, is one of its largest attractions.

Hagia Sophia

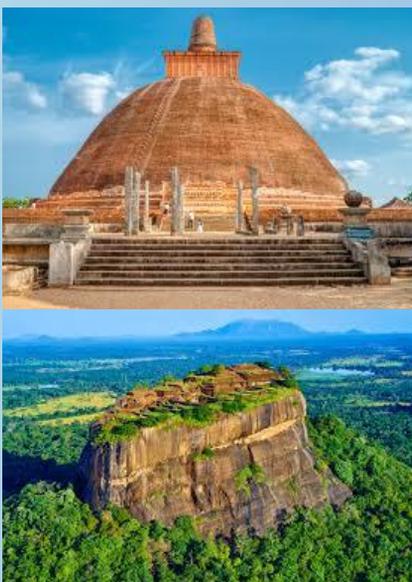
Being one of the world's greatest monuments, Hagia Sophia, meaning *Holy Wisdom* was originally built as a Cathedral in the 6th century CE. Having been built in just 6 years, it has served as a cathedral, mosque and now a museum during its 1400 year life span.

When Istanbul was still named Constantinople (named after Roman emperor Constantine) and under Roman rule, the enormous Hagia Sophia stood as an undeniable symbol of Christendom within the Roman Empire.

Several architectural features were employed in the building of the Hagia Sophia. The use of nascent technologies of the day, design aspects, and artistic flourishes marked the cathedral as a departure from the norm. The cathedral also maintained the traditional themes and important Christian figures which contributed to its place in the ancient and now modern imagination.



Sri Lanka is an island in the Indian Ocean off the South Coast of India which is also referred to as the "Pearl of the Indian Ocean". Even though Sri Lanka does not have the largest size, it is home to a population of around 20 million people. The island has a varied landscape with attractive beaches across the coastline to cooler and more mountainous regions towards the center of the country.



Sri Lanka has also had a rich history dating back to nearly 3000 years. This history has been well documented through written chronicles and can be further evidenced through the historical ruins where the ancient kingdoms used to be located. Sri Lanka used to have highly developed technology for the time, as evidenced through the Jetavanaramaya, a Buddhist stupa that was the third highest structure in the world at the time of its construction as well as the ancient rock fortress of Sigiriya, where a castle, complete with a functioning water transportation system was built on the summit of a 200m high rock.

Sri Lanka is also home to many unique national festivals and celebrations and is one of the most famous worldwide tourist destinations offering a wide variety of experiences

Our Clubs

Rotaract Club of Achievers Lanka Business School

The Rotaract Club of Achievers Lanka Business School was chartered on the 10th of March, 2020 under our parent club, The Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town. The club is based in one of the leading CIMA tuition providers in Sri Lanka and is the first and only CIMA institute with its own Rotaract Club. The club is now in its eleventh year, with many successful projects to its name. Within just 10 years from inception, Rotaract club of Achievers Lanka Business School now stands toe-to-toe with several clubs than have been in existence for approximately 30 years. Despite the relative inexperience, the club, guided by able hands of distinguished past presidents has built up a reputation of carrying out one successful project after the other. The club is specially known for implementing unique projects based on different concepts

Some of our signature projects are Conquer Colombo, a scavenger hunt with around 800 participants, Jumpstart which gives a platform for young entrepreneurs, Project Life, combating Chronic Kidney Disease by providing sanitary water to rural communities and Sneha, a programme for tutoring underprivileged children. All in all our club is one of the most successful in the district and has won many awards and recognition

Rotaract Club of Izmir

Established in 1983 as first Rotaract Club of District of 2440 and second Rotaract Club of Turkey. We continue our activities with Izmir Rotary Club as the tutelar club. We organise projects for community and humanity. We eliminate inequality of opportunity in society, as well as targeted removal of the project, members and guests to contribute to the professional and personal development is performing training and practice. We had more than 600 members since established and considered worthy for national and international prizes in history. Members of Izmir Rotaract Club includes people who are beginning of their professional carrier or undergrad, and we have meetings on first and third Thursdays of each month for creating activities and projects.

Our service projects are designed to improve the quality of life at home and abroad. These projects often address today's most critical issues, such as violence, drug abuse, AIDS, hunger, the environment, and illiteracy. It is required to complete at least two major service projects annually, one to serve the community and the other to promote international understanding. Each should involve all or most of the members of the club. We join a community which extends across the world, bringing friendship and hope to the lives of people around them.