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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA

It is with great pleasure that I send this message of felicitation to the Kelaniya University Alumni Association in Australia on the occasion of the upcoming "KUAA Spring Breeze" Family Event, which will bring together University of Kelaniya alumni living in Australia, their families, and the wider Sri Lankan community.

The University of Kelaniya is now among the largest state universities in Sri Lanka, with a proud history of nearly 70 years. Over this period, we have produced many graduates in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Sciences, Medicine, and Commerce & Management Studies. At present, we have close to 16,000 undergraduate students enrolled across six different faculties, spread across three campuses in Dalugama, Ragama, and Peliyagoda.



The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and the acute political crisis of 2022 are now behind us. However, as a state-funded national university, we continue to feel the dire impact of the economic collapse that precipitated the national political crisis three years ago. Our students, particularly those from remote areas and underprivileged families, still struggle to make ends meet and to continue their education.

We are therefore especially grateful for the generosity of our Alumni Associations, which have come forward to support the University of Kelaniya in numerous ways, particularly in relation to student welfare. The Kelaniya University Alumni Association in Australia has been one of the most supportive, and I have every confidence that you will continue to extend your support to your alma mater in the future as well.

My warm good wishes for your KUAA Spring Breeze Family Event – I am sure all attendees will have a wonderful day and that alumni will recall fond memories of their days at the University of Kelaniya.

Professor Nilanthi de Silva Vice-Chancellor University of Kelaniya

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT KUAA

It gives me immense pride and joy to reflect on the remarkable journey of the Kelaniya University Alumni Association (KUAA). Over the past 17 years, we have grown into a strong and united community of professionals, families, and friends who share not only the bond of our alma mater but also a deep commitment to friendship, service, and unity. What began as a simple idea of connection has flourished into one of the most respected Sri Lankan alumni associations in Australia.

Throughout these years, KUAA has risen to challenges with resilience and innovation. During the pandemic, we came together to provide vital support services from legal and medical advice to distributing food and essentials for Sri Lankan students in Australia. At the same time, we rallied to raise significant funds for hospitals in Sri Lanka, delivering lifesaving medical supplies in a time of great need. These efforts truly reflect the heart of KUAA which standing by our members and our wider community in moments of difficulty.



Our greatest strength lies in the friendships and shared identity that connect us. It is this unity that has enabled us to overcome challenges and achieve meaningful outcomes not only for our members but also for the broader community. This enduring spirit of togetherness continues to guide and strengthen KUAA as we look to the future.

As we gather tonight for KUAA Spring Breeze 2025, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our members, their families, and our generous sponsors for your unwavering support. Your dedication has been the driving force behind KUAA's success, and it is with pride and optimism that I look forward to the years ahead.

Together, let us continue to nurture the friendships, unity, and shared vision that make KUAA such a remarkable community.

Gehan De Silva

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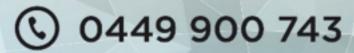


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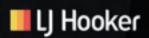
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Looking back on the memories of KUAA Led CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) Projects

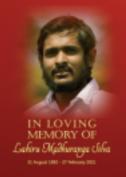


KUAA Disability Support Project (Phase II) University of Kelaniya (March 2022):

As part of the KUAA Disability Support scheme, hearing equipment worth over Rs 508,000 was donated to the students who required them. KUAA 2022 President Rohan Withanarachchi and acting Vice Chancellor Prof Narada Fernando were present at the handover ceremony



COVID 19 KUAA Response: KUAA and Mahamevnawa Buddhist Monastery joined hands to deliver 16,000 dry food rations to the international students living in Victoria who were struggling during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic



Remembering Lahiru with love: Lahiru De Silva, a young Kelaniya University alumnus who had recently migrated to Australia, passed away in a tragic road accident. KUAA came forward to help Lahiru and his young family by asking our members to support them. We gave Lahiru a respectful farewell ceremony at the Springvale Botanical Cemetery and shared the sorrow with his loved ones as one family.



Husmakata Hayyak: KUAA is proud to be a key partner of Husmakata Hayyak, the largest fundraiser by Sri Lankan expatriates living in Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic to support Sri Lanka's struggling health system. Husmakata Hayyak is a COVID-19 relief project initiated by the Australian Covid Appeal for Sri Lanka. KUAA members helped the project in coordination, strategic sourcing, fund raising, digital marketing support, and logistics.

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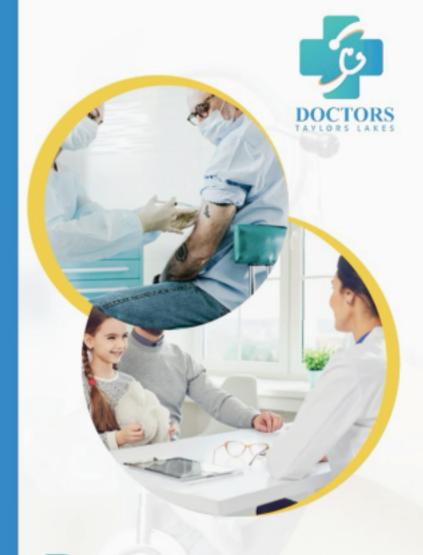
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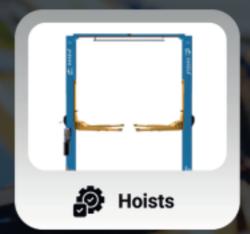
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