## A WALK THROUGH ANURADHAPURA with ASHLEY DE VOS

## The 41st lecture in the Monthly Lecture series of the National Trust of Sri Lanka will be held at the HNB Auditorium, 22<sup>d</sup> Floor, HNB Towers, 479 T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

The evolution of Anuradhapura as a city from its early beginnings, depicted in the recorded history of this land, bears witness to its episoidal development over a period of many centuries, first from a small village, a town and eventually to a City. Many significant events some good, some bad, were carefully and faithfully woven into the narrative recorded on Ola and stone. Ashley de Vos worked for close to ten years in Anuradhapura. Come walk with him and experience the Anuradhapura he discovered.

Arch Ashley de Vos is a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects and a Fellow of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects. He has trained as a Landscape Architect in the UK and in Architectural Conservation and Heritage Management in Italy. He is a Faculty Member - University of Moratuwa and the International Centre for Conservation, Rome (ICCROM) and The Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU,Nara, Japan). He has served as the National Chairman of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS). He has been an advisor to the Government of India on Tourism development of the Northern Buddhist Sites in India. He has been actively involved in conservation of the World Heritage sites of Anuradhapura under the UNESCO/Sri Lanka Cultural Triangle Programme and the rehabilitation of City of Galle and many heritage sites in Colombo. He has been awarded South Asian Architect of the Year 1996, 1998 and 2007 and the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects Special Life Time Award of Excellence in 2009. He has been honoured with National Awards of Vidya Jyothi and Deshamanya.