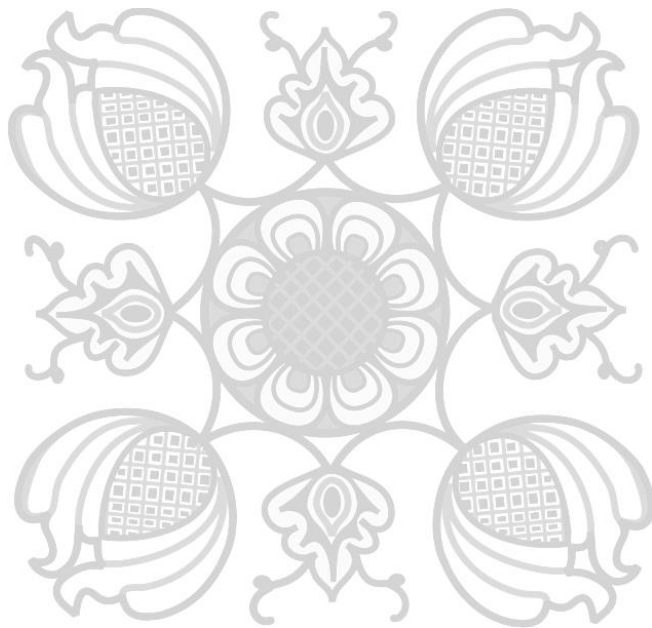


Annual General Meeting of The National Trust Sri Lanka

26th March 2015



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NATIONAL TRUST – SRI LANKA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2014

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the members of the National Trust – Sri Lanka on 26th March 2015 at 6.00 pm at the HNB Auditorium, 479, T.B.Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10.

AGENDA

1. Welcome Address by the President
2. Secretary General's Report for the year 2014
3. Audited Financial Statements for the year 2014
4. Presidents Report for the year 2014
5. Announcement of Office Bearers for the year 2015

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| President | - Prof. Nimal de Silva |
| Honorary President | - Dr. Roland Silva |
| Deputy President | - Mr. U.L. Kadurugamuwa |
| Senior Vice President | - Mr. K.Kanag-Isvaran PC |
| Vice President | - Archt. Ashley de Vos |
| Vice President/Advisor Finance | - Mr. N.G.Wickremeratne |
| Secretary General | - Mr. H.D.S.Hettipathirane |
| Assistant Secretary General | - Archt. Nilan Cooray |

6. 71st Monthly Lecture presented by:

Archt. Sagara Jayasinghe,
“Churches of Sri Lanka”

Vote of Thanks

THE NATIONAL TRUST – SRI LANKA

SECRETARY GENERAL’S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2014

Mr. President,
Trustees,
Members of the Sri Lanka National Trust
Ladies and Gentlemen.

Let me take this opportunity first to re-announce and record the sad news about the demise of Prof Senake Bandaranayake, the beloved Founder Trustee and the Co-President of the National Trust. As we all know he has been an active member of the Board of Trustees from the inception. He guided us even during the period of his illness. His valuable contribution to the Trust by way of writing a prestigious volume on “Twentieth Century Paintings of Sri Lanka”, by presenting several scholarly lectures and by sharing his knowledge with the members who participated in the Heritage Tour Programmes was immense. We deeply mourn his loss.

As Secretary General, I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the National Trust established in May 2005, for the 10th consecutive year. We are going to celebrate our Tenth Anniversary by May 2015 – By now, the NT has become a strong non-governmental body, with a general membership of more than 340 **heritage conscious citizens** many of whom are academics and professionals. Of this a total of **148 are Life Members**.

The year 2014 also saw the successful implementation of a number of heritage based activities which benefited its members in particular and the public in general. As has been the tradition, the National Trust arranged opportunities in the year 2014 for members to meet most of their fellow members by participating in a number of activities of heritage interest. One such activity which brought the membership together and kept the National Trust alive throughout the year was the **monthly lecture series**. Of the **70** NT special lecture series eleven (11) presentations were held in 2014 presented by recognized scholars and professionals in their respective fields and were well attended. In addition to the educational and academic value, the special monthly lectures brought much publicity to the National Trust and became a source of encouragement to both the membership drive and its fund raising efforts. The results have been gratifying as shown by the response of the scholars who delivered the lectures in an honorary capacity and the enthusiasm of the participants. Today after the AGM we will be listening to our **71st lecture** titled, “Churches of Sri Lanka” presented by Archt. Sagara Jayasinghe. Arrangements will be made in future to extend the lecture facility to outstations and re-introduce the simultaneous transmission to Kandy. *(Details of the lecture presentations in year 2014 are given in the report already circulated.)*

In addition to the monthly lecture sessions, the members were given an opportunity to meet in smaller groups when they joined in the **Quarterly Heritage Tours**, another popular activity of the NT. Four Quarterly Heritage Tours were conducted during the year under review, enabling members who participated to gather knowledge about a large number of lesser known heritage sites in the country. As a practice, separate **Tour Guide** booklets were published during the tours for the benefit of both the participating and non-participating members.

The National Trust continued its practice of conducting regular monthly **Progress Review Meetings of the Trustees** and **Meetings of the Management Committee** throughout the year in 2014 without any interruption. The Trust conducted its 104rd **Meeting** of the Trustees just an hour ago to work out the policies, plans and strategies to be implemented and to review the progress of projected activities. Out of this total, twelve meetings were held during the year under review. **The Management Committee** also conducted 12 meetings two weeks before every monthly meeting of the Trustees. As was reported during previous years, one of the main driving forces behind the success of affairs of the Trust during this year too, has been the role played by the “Management Committee” that worked out every minute detail of the programmes of activities, covering all aspects, paying special attention to fundraising, effective management of finances, the membership drive and the policy frame work in relation to day to day operations. On behalf of the general membership, let me take this opportunity to extend our gratitude, to the members of the Management Committee namely, Prof. Nimal de Silva, Dr. Roland Silva, , Mr. U.L.Kadurugamuwa, and Mr. K. Kanag-Isvaran and Mr. N.G. Wickremeratne for working with much dedication throughout the year along with the representatives of the **HNB Sustainability Foundation**, Ms. Devika Anthonisz of the National Trust office and Major General (Rtd) Lohan Goonewardena of M/s F. J & G de Sarams and other volunteers who supported the committee to reach the present level of success. I also wish to announce that Ms Devika Anthonisz who was in charge of the NT office has resigned from that post and Mr Nawaz Bin Sadoon has taken over that responsibility with effect from 1st February 2015. However Ms Devika has indicated her intention to continue to be associated with the activities of the Trust – We record here with much appreciation her dedicated service and the duties already accomplished and the readiness to continue with us.

The National Trust extended its activities to a variety of specialized areas of heritage through the eight **Scientific Sub-Committees** which assisted the Trust to achieve results in the respective specialized heritage subjects such as **Monuments and Sites, Moveable Artefacts, Natural Heritage, Intangible Heritage, Paintings, Sculpture and Visual Arts, Architectural Conservation, Cultural Routes and Industrial Heritage**. During the year under review also, they conducted regular monthly meetings and discussions to formulate and carryout plans covering their areas of speciality. The programmes implemented by these committees were of immense importance to the Trust and to the heritage of the nation at large. The Scientific Sub-committees are comprised of professionals and outstanding persons in the relevant areas of heritage studies. Their professional input has been of much importance to the activities of the Trust. During 2014 also some of the sub-committees helped to publish their work in the form of research material and books to supplement the special publication series, while others conducted workshops and seminars of heritage importance for members and the general public. We thank Dr. Roland Silva, the Past President, Prof. Nimal De Silva and members of the sub-committees as well as their Chairpersons for encouraging and assisting the sub-committees, and also Mr. Prasad Fonseka and Dr. Nilan Cooray, for coordinating the Scientific Sub-committee meetings.

As another major activity, **publication of a series of ten special volumes on Cultural and Natural Heritage** and publication of **another set of seven volumes on Outstanding International and National Artists of Sri Lanka** continues. Of the total of the first series, seven volumes and one book under the seven series are published to date. In addition to the above some other general books on the subject of heritage were prepared during the 2014 and arrangements are underway to publish them by mid-2015. (*Details of the full lists of volumes are attached to the full report*). In addition to dissemination of knowledge among the public on Sri Lanka’s heritage, the publication project supported the National Trust as a mean of raising funds. On behalf of the Trustees and the general membership I take this opportunity to extend the gratitude of the Trust to the authors, the designer

and the copy editor for devoting their valuable time in writing, designing and editing these handsome volumes and so making their contribution to the nation. The National Trust also wishes to thank the sponsors who contributed funds to meet the cost of printing, thus extending their generosity to promote the cultural traditions of our country and the trustees who took the initiative to find suitable sponsors towards this worthy project.

The National Trust was successful in reaching its fund raising targets in the year 2014. Due to its various fund raising efforts, the Trust collected an income of **Rs.4,395,733/-**.by the end of 2014 providing sufficient funds to run its day to day activities. Total spending has been **Rs.2,654,538/-**. Please refer to the Audited Statement of Accounts already made available to you for details. However we still need sponsors for the special publications programme .We take this opportunity to thank the Management Committee for their guidance in more effective management and control of its income and expenditure and **M/s Ernst and Young** for auditing of accounts in an honorary capacity. The sources of funding have been local and international donors, sponsors, well wishers, sale of publications and the general membership fees. The Hatton National Bank continued to contribute generously to meet the day to day expenditure of the Trust during 2014 as well and pledged their support for the year 2015. We thank the Directors of Hatton National Bank for this generous grant.

As a policy, the Trust extended its support and consultancy services to outside organizations free of charge and continued to assist **other institutions** and individuals in **dealing with the subject of the preservation of heritage and in promoting international cooperation** on heritage activities during the year. As it was practiced in the previous years, the National Trust continued to be associated with the extraordinary work of collaboration with public and private sector national and international institutions such as The Department of Archaeology, Department National Museums, Urban Development Authority, Colombo Municipality and the National Physical Planning Department on various heritage projects. The international institutions associated with the National Trust were the **International National Trust Organization (INTO)**, the Dutch-Sri Lanka Association and the Centre for International Heritage Activities (CIE) in the Netherlands. Action has been initiated with the **IINAS, IHS and NUFFIC** in the Netherlands to conduct the training workshop in May 2015 for middle level professionals of the main Sri Lankan heritage institutions under the theme, **“Urban Heritage as an Economic Asset”** . A committee of National Trust experts has been appointed to give advisory support to complement the special project, on the Jaffna Medieval Grid City and development plans for other ancient Fortifications in the North and East- The other Projects undertaken during the year was to continue the development of **the WEBSITE and the Promotion of Modern Arts** .

As was in the past, the achievements of the National Trust during the year 2014 have been mainly due to the team spirit and strong commitment and dedication of the Trustees, the key members of the Management Committee, the Members of the Scientific and other Sub-Committees, the general membership and the well wishers. The commitment and the enthusiasm exhibited by the team of volunteers who were with the Trust through-out is greatly appreciated. Let us take this opportunity to thank them all.

Hoping to see another successful year of operations, let me conclude my report for the year 2014.

H.D.S.Hettipathirana,
Secretary General,
26th March 2015

ANNEXURES

1 Detailed List of monthly special lectures conducted during the year 2014 - 2015

2 Detailed List of Publications

ANNEXURES

Annexure I - Lectures

LECTURES HELD IN 2014 - 2015

List of special Monthly lectures conducted during the Year ending February 2015-

Lecture No.58 - 2014 January – **“SRI LANKA’S NATURE – RED ALERT”**

by Dr. Sriyanie Miththapala

Lecture No 59 - 2014 February – **“REKHAWA - WAKING THE SLUMBERING SINHALA
CINEMA”**

by Prof. Asoka de Zoysa

Lecture No 60 - 2014 March – **“A VOYAGE IN SRI LANKAN DESIGN”**

by Archt. Tilak Samarawickrema

Lecture No 61 - 2014 April – **“CULTURAL MATHEMATICS”**

by Prof.J.B. Disanayaka

Lecture No 62 - 2014 May – **“SRI LANKAN HERITAGE A GATE WAY TO THE
WORLD MAP”**

by Dr. Gamini Wijesuriya

Lecture No 63 - 2014 June – **“EXCAVATION & CONSERVATION OF THE ROYAL
STUPA AT UDA ALUDENIYA”**

by Prof. Nimal de Silva

Lecture No 64 - 2014 July –

“KOVILS OF SRI LANKA”

by Prof. S. Pathmanathan

Lecture No 65 - 2014 August –

“MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGY OF SRI LANKA “

by Lt Cmdr Somasiri Devendra, Dr. Malik Fernando & Rasika Muthucumarana

Lecture No 66 - 2014 September –

**“TWO URBAN TOPOGRAPHERS, ILLUSTRATOR &
PAINTERS OF MID 19th CENTURY CEYLON”**

by Archt Ismeth Raheem

Lecture No 67 - 2014 October –

“ORIGINS OF DRINKING & SMOKING”

by Prof. Carlo Fonseka

Lecture No 68 - 2014 November –

**“SCULPTURAL REPRESENTATION OF
AVALOKITHESVARA BODDHISATVA IN SRI LANKAN
TRADITION”**

by Prof. Nimal de Silva

Lecture No 69

“EVIDENCE OF A SRI LANKAN SCHOOL OF HINDU SCULPTURE”

by Mr Sirinimal Lakdusinghe (January 2015)

Lecture No 70

“WIT BETWEEN HULFTSDORF AND PARLIAMENT”

by Mr Ranjan Gooneratne (February 2015)

Annexure II (Publications)

a) List of publications of the National Trust (already on sale)

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

MARITIME HERITAGE of SRI LANKA-Ancient Ports & Harbours
by several authors and edited by Saral Fernando
(2013- Sponsored by National Development Bank PLC))
ISBN 978-955-0093-07-6

CORAL REEFS of SRI LANKA
by Nishan Perera
(2011 Sponsored by Central Finance Company PLC)
ISBN 978-955-0093-04-5

HERITAGE BUILDINGS of SRI LANKA
by Nimal de Silva & D.P.Chandrasekara
(2009 – Sponsored by Ceylon Biscuits Limited)
ISBN 978-955-0093-01-4

SRILANKAN PAINTING IN THE 20th CENTURY
by Senake Bandaranayake & Albert Dharmasiri
(2009 – Sponsored by Unilever)
ISBN 978-955-0093-02-1

BIRDS of SRI LANKA
by Gehan de Silva Wijeyratne
(2009 Sponsored by Central Finance Company PLC)
ISBN 978-955-0093-00-7

ARCHAEOLOGY AND PHOTOGRAPHY – The Early years 1868-1880
by Ismeth Raheem
(2009 – Carson Cumberbatch PLC)
ISBN 978-955-0093-03-8

FLOWERING PLANTS – Commonly encountered in Sri Lanka habitats
by Sriyanie Miththapala, Siril Wijesundara, Janaki Galappatti
(2011 –Sunshine Holdings PLC)
ISBN 978-955-99378-1-4

THE SCULPTURE of TISSA RANASINGHE
by Neville Weeraratne
(2013)
ISBN 978-955-0093-06-9

HERITAGE DAY TOURS – Volume I

by Nilan Cooray

(2014)

ISBN 978-955-0093-08-3

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE of SRI LANKA- Fortifications along the Kelani River

by D.P.Chand rasekara

(2012- Sponsored by Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation))

ISBN 978-955-0093-05-2

THE PROTECTION of CULTURAL HERITAGE and CULTURAL PROPERTY

By Justice A.R.B.Amerasinghe

(2007)

PICTORIAL BOOKLETS for Children

by M.W.E.Karunaratne

(2011)

b) List of publications already written and completed –but not published yet

- 1 Art of Making Face Masks of Sri Lanka by Prof Lioel Bentharage
- 2 Ancient Kotte Kingdon by Prasad Fonseka
- 3 Animals of Sri Lanka by Gehan de Silva Wijeyaratne
- 4 Water Falls of Sri Lanka by Nr Sunil de Costa
- 5 Traditional Jewellery of Sri lanka by Dr Hiranthi Pathirana
- 6 Sri Lanka’s Railway Heritage by Nr Vinod Wickremarathne and K-D- Nandasena
- 7 Ornamental Plants of Sri Lanka by Dr Sriyanee Mittapala
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c) List of publications being written and edited

- 1- Architecture - Geoffrey Bawa - by Dr Shanthi Jayawardena
- 2- Paintings- George Keyt by Prof Albert Dharnasiri
- 3- Dance – Chirasena by Mirak Raheem
- 4- Music – Ameradeva by Prof Carlo Fonseka
- 5- Literature –Martin Wickrenasinghe by Martin Wickremasinghe Trust
- 6- Drama- E-R- Sarathchandra by Prof KNO Dharmadasa
- 7- Dances of Sri Lanka by Prof Lionel Bentarage
- 8- Classical Sculpture by Prof Chandra Wickremagamage
- 9- History of Coinage by Dr Kavan Rathnathunge
- 10- Book on Lawton’s Photographs

**THE NATIONAL TRUST – SRI LANKA
PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2014**

By

PROF. NIMAL DE SILVA

Dear Trustees, Dear Members of the National Trust, Dear Friends of the Trust,

I am happy to announce that the National Trust of Sri Lanka has completed ten years of their yeoman service in fulfilling the objectives of preserving, documenting, study and dissemination of knowledge on both cultural and natural heritage of Sri Lanka. The National Trust has published many books written by authorities on different subjects related to Culture and Nature, conducted seventy public lectures and visited many places of heritage interest. In addition to the monthly meetings of the Trust monthly meetings were held by the Scientific Committee and the Management Committee. Further many of the monthly lectures were simultaneously transferred to the benefit of the Kandy audience. I greatly appreciate the strength, support, contribution and the initiative given by the inaugural President of the Trust, Dr. Roland Silva.

With great sadness I like to announce the death of Prof. Senake Bandaranayake who was instrumental in establishing the Sri Lanka National Trust and was the Co-President of the Trust. Professor Bandaranayake was the Professor of Archeology, Vice Chancellor of the University of Kelaniya, scholar of high reputation, a researcher, author, a diplomat who served as Sri Lanka’s Ambassador to many countries and High Commissioner in India and was a very good teacher. We are grateful for all the services he rendered to the National Trust. During the last year we managed to continue the good work previously carried out by the National Trust.

Monthly Lectures both Cultural and Natural Heritage

During the last year we were fortunate to get eleven learned personalities to deliver the following lecturers to the membership and the public.

January – Dr. Sriyani Miththapala - “ Sri Lanka’s Nature- Red Alert”

February – Prof. Asoka de Zoysa - “Rekhawa- Waking the slumbering Sinhala Cinema”

March - Archt. Thilak Samaravickrema - “A Voyage in Sri Lankan Design”

April – Prof. J.B.Dissanayake - “Cultural Mathematics”

May – Dr. Gamini Wijesuriya - “Sri Lankan Heritage a Gate Way to the World Map”

June – Prof. Nimal de Silva - “Excavation and Conservation of the Royal Stupa at Uda Aludeniya (Gampola Period).

July – Prof.. S. Pathmanathan - “ Kovils of Sri Lanka”

August – Lt. Comdr. Somasiri Devendra, Rasika Mutukumarana, Dr. Malik Fernando. –
“Maritime Archaeology of Sri Lanka”

September – Archt. Ismeth Raheem - “Two Urban Topographers, Illustrators and Painters
of Mid 19th Century Ceylon”

October – Prof. Carlo Fonseka - “Origins of Drinking & Smoking”

November – Prof. Nimal de Silva - “Sculptural Representation of Avalokithesvara
Boddhisatva in Sri Lankan Tradition”

Every lecture was attended by nearly 200 members and guests. The objective of these lectures was to create interest in different facets of Culture and Nature and to disseminate knowledge

Historic Tours to Heritage Sites

Quarterly tours were organized to visit places of Historical, Cultural or Natural interest which were worthy to experience. The Quarterly Day Tours were done on the last Saturday of the middle month of each quarter. There were about forty participants on every tour which commenced from the PGIAR premises at Bauddhaloka Mawatha at 6.30 in the morning. An academic booklet of about 20 pages were prepared for the benefit of the participants for each tour following a pre-tour.

Heritage Day Tours – Vol I by Dr. Nilan Cooray and published as a tribute to the late Ms Nirmala de Mel, the former chairperson of the Tour Committee of the National Trust was launched on 31st January 2014

Future Plans

It is planned to diversify the activities of the National Trust with the assistance of volunteers. It is proposed to conduct a lecture series in Kandy with the establishment of the Kandy Branch of the National Trust and the first lecture is scheduled for 1st April this year.

We are thankful to our principal sponsor Hatton National Bank PLC and the other sponsors who helped our publications. We are also grateful to the Director, PGIAR for providing free accommodation in the premises at Bauddhaloka, Mawatha for the National Trust office. Finally I wish to thank all the Trustees of the Sri Lanka National Trust and our Manager, Devika Anthonisz for their commitment

Thank you all,

THE NATIONAL TRUST – SRI LANKA
TRUSTEES AS AT 31st December 2014

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| Prof. Nimal de Silva | President |
| Prof. Senake Bandaranayake | Co-President |
| Dr. Roland Silva | Honorary President |
| Mr. U. L Kadurugamuwa | Deputy President |
| Mr. K. Kanag-Isvaran P.C. | Senior Vice-President |
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| Prof. Jagath Weerasinghe | |
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| Archt. Ismeth Raheem | |
| Ms. Upekha Chitrasena | |
| Mr. Sirinimal Lakdusinghe | |
| Archt. D. P. Chandrasekera | |
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