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EDITOR'S NOTE

It is with great pride and excitement that we present to you the 2nd edition of our Quarterly Newsletter for 2025. The past few months have been nothing short of inspiring for JCI Colombo Central, as we continued to live our mission of empowering young leaders to create positive change.

From impactful community projects to enriching training sessions, and from strengthening our bonds within the chapter to representing JCI Colombo Central on larger platforms, this quarter has been a true reflection of teamwork, commitment, and the passion that drives us forward. Each initiative has not only allowed us to grow as individuals but also reinforced the spirit of unity and service that defines us.

As we share highlights, achievements, and stories in this edition, we invite you to reflect on how far we have come this year and how much more we can achieve together in the months ahead. Let this serve as both a celebration of what we've accomplished and a reminder of the exciting journey that still lies ahead.

We sincerely thank all our members, partners, and well-wishers for their continuous support and dedication. Together, let's keep building leaders for a better community, and a better world.

Happy Reading!

DELVING FOR DEATH'S TREASURE - D&D PHASE 2



On May 17th, Sharkiz Arcade in Nawala was buzzing with excitement as adventurers gathered for Delving into Death's Treasure, a Dungeons & Dragons event like no other. Hosted by JCI Colombo Central, the day was filled with laughter, strategy, and plenty of dramatic dice rolls, as five talented Dungeon Masters, Akshan, Anishke, Abdullah, Sandalu, and Bagus led five teams with more than 20 participants through thrilling, interconnected quests.

However, beyond the epic battles and daring escapes, there was a deeper purpose, and that raising funds for the Building Bright Futures project to support the visually impaired community. Thanks to the energy, creativity, and generosity of everyone involved, the event was a huge success. Proving that when people come together to share stories, they can also help write a brighter future.



OPEN MIC NIGHT

On 15th June 2025, JCI Colombo Central hosted its very first Open Mic Night at The Nook Cakery & Café. The event was organized with the goal of giving our members and guests a platform to showcase their talents, strengthen bonds within the chapter, and create a lively evening of fun and fellowship.







The night was filled with soulful singing performances, as members and guests took the stage to share their passion for music. From powerful solos to heartfelt melodies, each performance reflected the courage and creativity of our community. The warm and supportive atmosphere encouraged even the most reserved participants to sing their hearts out, making the evening both vibrant and memorable.

More than just a showcase of talent, the Open Mic Night became a space where members connected in a relaxed setting, celebrated each other, and built stronger friendships. The event reminded us that JCI is not only about leadership and service , it is also about celebrating the unique voices of our members and creating meaningful experiences together.





BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES

In June 2024, JCI Colombo Central launched its first project at the School for the Deaf and Blind, Ratmalana, identifying limited opportunities for older visually impaired students. This led the inception of Building Bright Futures, a programme aimed to develop employability skills of visually impaired youth. Partnering with the Employers' Federation of Ceylon (EFC) and guided by Ms Manique Gunarathne, the team designed a 12-week employability programme for visually impaired youth aged 18–30. The first six weeks focused on spoken English and workplace communication, followed by six weeks of ICT training in Microsoft Office. A travel stipend and refreshments were provided to support attendance.





The programme began on 19 March 2025 with an opening ceremony and concluded on 8 July 2025 with a certificate ceremony. The **J.E. Jayasuriya Award**, which included a cash prize of LKR 25,000, was awarded to Thiloma Thilakarathne. The event was supported by **Cherish Biscuit Pvt Ltd**, who generously sponsored refreshments for the participants.

Employment support was integral, with participants completing forms on their qualifications and interests. Outreach to companies such as MAS, Brandix, and Dialog met limited success, but partnerships with BeConnected, Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts, and Sanasa Development Bank led to interviews and placements, including internships for Yasal Samarajeewa and Lahiru Wijayantha







JCI Colombo Central continues to engage with corporates to secure further opportunities, ensuring participants can apply their new skills in meaningful employment.



AN EVENING OF HOPE

The Evening of Hope project, carried out on 19th July 2025 at the Sri Jinanadha Children's Development Center, truly embodied the values of International Human Duties Day. With just a week of preparation, over 35 donors came forward to support the initiative, showcasing the strength of compassion and community spirit within JCI and beyond.

Thanks to these contributions, we were able to provide 67 school uniforms, 60 bedsheets, 120 pillowcases, a mixer grinder, a coconut scraper, kitchen essentials, a second-hand Yamaha keyboard, toys, as well as food and drinks for a special evening tea. These donations will go a long way in supporting both the daily living needs and the educational development of the children, while also bringing moments of joy to their lives.





As JCI Colombo Central, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to every individual and chapter that supported An Evening of Hope. This initiative was a reminder that when we unite in service, even the simplest of acts can create profound and lasting impact. We look forward to continuing our journey of empowering communities and spreading hope together.



CCJ SPEAK UP CLINIC





The CCJ Speak Up Clinic, conducted by Senator Malik Cader, was a truly impactful learning experience on the art of public speaking. The session focused on practical techniques and real-life applications, helping participants understand how to communicate with clarity and confidence.

Senator Cader used real-life examples and live demonstrations to illustrate the essentials of effective public speaking. Starting from the seemingly minor details such as posture, tone, and eye contact he guided participants on how these small adjustments can make a big difference in building presence and credibility.



The clinic was highly engaging and interactive, allowing everyone to practice and apply what they learned in real time. Participants gained not only useful tools to enhance their public speaking skills but also the confidence to express themselves with impact.





THE JOURNEY CONTINUES… JOIN WITH JCI COLOMBO CENTRAL FOR THE NEXT QUARTER



JCI Colombo Central is preparing to host an event that is about more than just a game. The very first "Summertime Futsal" tournament, to be held at the Colombo Futsal Club (date to be announced soon), is a strategic project designed to foster community engagement and promote the JCI brand.

This mixed-gender 5-a-side event will feature 10 teams, each with at least two female players, highlighting both inclusivity and gender equality in sports. With exciting matches, cash prizes, and a strong community spirit, the tournament aims to promote healthy lifestyles while strengthening JCI's presence and engagement among young adults.



5S SEMINAR

The 5S Seminar has been rescheduled, and the new dates will be announced soon. This program will focus on enhancing efficiency, organization, and productivity, offering participants valuable insights to improve both personal and professional effectiveness.

Are you passionate about creating impact, building connections, and growing as a leader? We're always excited to welcome new members into our vibrant community!

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Let's build something meaningful together.