JCI Colombo Central

DECEMBER, 2025

YEAR END NEWSLETTER



> Every meeting, every project, every challenge shaped us—this year reminded us why we lead and who we lead for.

LEADING WITH INTEGRITY, INSPIRING WITH PASSION

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EDITOR'S NOTE

It is with great pride and reflection that we present the Year-End Edition of the JCI Colombo Central Newsletter. As we look back on the year gone by, we see a journey defined by purpose, progress, and people who consistently chose action over comfort. What began as a vision at the start of the year has grown into a collection of meaningful initiatives, shared experiences, and lasting impact.

Throughout the year, JCI Colombo Central embraced opportunities to serve, lead, and grow. From impactful community projects and knowledge-sharing platforms to leadership development programs and representation at national and international forums, each milestone marked a step forward in our collective journey. Along the way, challenges tested us, but they also strengthened our resolve and reinforced the values that unite us as a chapter.

This year was not only about what we accomplished, but about how we evolved. We grew stronger as a team, more confident as leaders, and more intentional in the way we created change. The bonds formed, lessons learned, and moments shared have shaped who we are today and laid a strong foundation for what lies ahead.

As you turn these pages, we invite you to reflect on the journey we have taken together—celebrating the achievements, appreciating the effort behind every success, and recognizing the people who made it all possible. This edition stands as a testament to the commitment, passion, and unity that continue to drive JCI Colombo Central forward.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our members, partners, and well-wishers for their unwavering support throughout the year. Together, we have proven that when young leaders come together with purpose, meaningful change is inevitable. As we close this chapter, we look ahead with optimism, confidence, and excitement for the journey that awaits.

Happy Reading!

YEAR AT A GLANCE

12

Projects completed

2

Training sessions conducted

25

Members engaged

1

Local Recognition

YEAR AT A GLANCE

2024

9/8/2024-The JCI Experience - What's in it for you? - Sen Malik Cader

11/30/2024 - Rise of The Dragon Queen: D&D

7/14/2024 - Weaving Connections

11/24/2024 - Parliamentary Procedeure - Sen Prasantha Lal De Alwis

12/29/2024 - CCJ Christmas

2025

1/19/2025 - Hope In Every Drop

3/19/2025 - Building Bright Futures: Session - 1

4/2/2025 - Building Bright Futures: Session - 3

4/23/2025 - Building Bright Futures: Session - 5

4/30/2025 - Building Bright Futures: Session - 6

5/14/2025 - Building Bright Futures: Session - 8

5/21/2025 - Building Bright Futures: Session - 9

6/11/2025 - Building Bright Futures: Session - 11

6/16/2025 - Speak Up Clinic

7/19/2025 - An Evening of Hope

10/31/2025 - Delving for Death's Treasure 2 - Test Run for Wrath of the Ice Queen

11/19/2025 - Personal Income Tax Webinar

1/19/2025 - Gala Night

3/26/2025 - Building Bright Futures: Session - 2

4/9/2025 - Building Bright Futures: Session - 4

4/27/2025 - CCJ Mini Awurudu - GM : Apr 2025

5/7/2025 - Building Bright Futures: Session - 7

5/17/2025 - Delving for Death's Treasure

6/4/2025 - Building Bright Futures: Session - 10

6/15/2025 - Open Mic Night

7/8/2025 - Building Bright Futures: Session - 12

10/26/2025 - CCJ 1 Year Celebrations

11/18/2025 - Corporate Law Intertwined with Tax Budget 2025 Insights for Business

12/14/2025 - Wrath of the Ice Queen - Session 1

2026

PROJECTS & IMPACT

Building Bright Futures

Building Bright Futures stands as one of the most impactful initiatives undertaken by JCI Colombo Central this year, reflecting our commitment to inclusive leadership and sustainable community empowerment. The project focused on equipping blind youth with essential soft and professional skills through structured training sessions on communication, interview readiness, teamwork, and workplace confidence. What truly set this initiative apart was its tangible impact.





Beyond training, participants were connected with corporate partners, leading to employment opportunities for several trainees and valuable job-shadowing experiences for others. Most notably, some participants were inspired to continue their journey by joining JCI, embracing leadership and service firsthand. Building Bright Futures strengthened partnerships between the chapter, community institutions, and the corporate sector, creating meaningful pathways to independence, dignity, and long-term impact.



PROJECTS & IMPACT



Dungeons & Dragons

Dungeons & Dragons was introduced as a creative and engaging fundraising initiative to support the Building Bright Futures project, blending storytelling, community engagement, and purpose-driven impact. Through immersive one-shot campaigns—including Rise of the Dragon Queen, Delving for Death's Treasure, and most recently Wrath of the Ice Queen—the project created a unique platform that brought together both seasoned players and first-time participants for a meaningful cause. Designed to be beginner-friendly and experience-driven, each session successfully raised funds while building awareness around the importance of inclusive empowerment. The most recent session of Wrath of the Ice Queen was conducted on 14th December, marking another successful milestone in this initiative.

Beyond its immediate fundraising success, the initiative demonstrated strong sustainability and innovation, with plans already in place to continue the Wrath of the Ice Queen campaign with further sessions in the coming year. The growing interest and repeated engagement reflect the project's ability to transform entertainment into impact, making Dungeons & Dragons a distinctive and scalable fundraising model that strengthens support for Building Bright Futures while fostering a vibrant, purpose-led community.

Impact Snapshot

- Multiple themed sessions conducted
- Strong participation from both first-time and experienced players
- Funds raised in support of Building Bright Futures





PROJECTS & IMPACT

Hope In Every Drop

JCI Colombo Central's "Hope in Every Drop" was a meaningful initiative aimed at saving lives through voluntary blood donation. Conducted in collaboration with the National Blood Bank, the project raised awareness about the importance of regular blood donation and encouraged community participation. The campaign resulted in seven pints of blood donated at the Narahenpita Blood Bank, directly supporting local hospitals and patients in need. Beyond this, the initiative fostered a culture of volunteerism and compassion, highlighting how even a single act of kindness can make a lasting impact.





Evening of Hope

In the spirit of service and community care, JCI Colombo Central organized the "Evening of Hope" at the Sri Jinanadha Children's Development Center, aiming to provide essential support for the boys' home. Through the donation of school uniforms and kitchen essentials, the initiative helped meet the children's daily needs while contributing to their educational welfare. The event, supported by members of the JCI Sri Lanka National Board, reflected a shared commitment to making a meaningful impact and highlighted how small acts of kindness can inspire hope and positive change. The initiative stands as a true testament to the JCI ethos of service above self.



PROJECTS & IMPACT

Open Mic Night

JCI Colombo Central hosted a vibrant Open Mic Night at Nook Cakery Café, providing a platform for members to showcase their singing talents in a cozy and lively setting. Beyond celebrating creativity and music, the event offered an excellent opportunity to engage with the community and increase the visibility of the JCI brand.



It highlighted our commitment to fostering talent, creating meaningful experiences, and connecting with people in informal, inspiring ways, while leaving a lasting impression of JCI Colombo Central's spirit and presence.







CCJ Speakup Clinic

JCI Colombo Central hosted the CCJ Speak Up Clinic, a dynamic session on public speaking conducted by Senator Malik Cader. During the training, participants gained valuable insights and practical tips on how to communicate effectively, deliver speeches confidently, and engage their audience with impact. The session provided an enriching learning experience, empowering members to enhance their communication skills and build greater confidence in both professional and personal settings.

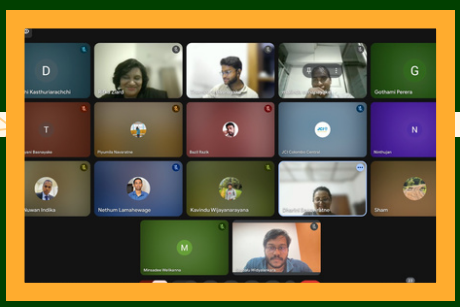
PROJECTS & IMPACT

Corporate Law Intertwined with Tax Budget 2025

JCI Colombo Central successfully hosted a thought-provoking seminar titled Corporate Law Intertwined with Tax: Budget 2025 Insights for Business, bringing together industry experts to unpack the legal and tax implications of the 2025 Budget. The session explored key areas including corporate tax implications, amendments under the Finance Act No. 12 of 2025, and the evolving roles and responsibilities of company secretaries. With insights shared by distinguished professionals from leading legal, tax, and financial institutions, the seminar provided businesses and professionals with practical guidance to navigate regulatory changes and make informed decisions in a dynamic economic landscape.







Personal Income Tax Webinar



JCI Colombo Central successfully conducted a Personal Income Tax Webinar aimed at empowering young professionals and students with essential tax knowledge. The session provided clear insights into fundamental income tax concepts, common pitfalls to avoid, and practical tips for effective compliance. Drawing on real-world experience advising leading organizations, the webinar helped simplify complex tax matters and equipped participants with the confidence to fulfill their civic responsibilities. This initiative strongly aligned with JCI's mission of developing informed, responsible, and active citizens.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION





National Recognition for Member Participation

JCI Colombo Central is proud to have been awarded the Sen. Romesh De Silva Trophy for Highest Participation at the National Convention at the JCI Sri Lanka Inauguration. This achievement reflects the unwavering commitment, unity, and active involvement of our members. Each contribution played a vital role in reaching this milestone, reinforcing the strength of our chapter and inspiring a culture of excellence and engagement across the JCI movement.

REPRESENTATION & EXPOSURE

Trainings and events attended

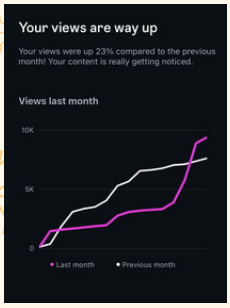
- Introduction to JCI - Sen Mufthy, Sen Prasantha lal De Alwis, Sen Khalil Ur Rahuman
- Expanding your JCI Horizons - Sen Claudia Chor
- Inaguration - JCI Colombo North
- APDC Training: Discover JCI
- Dinner at Sen. Cader's with APDC
- Financial Management for Chapters
- Shuttle Shockers
- Inauguration 2025 - JCI Colombo Midtown
- LOM Officer Training APDC - JCI Gampaha
- Inaguration - JCI Sri Lanka
- Marksman Showdown - JCI Colombo Midtown
- International Human Duties Global Training
- Design Your Success: Canva for Digital Marketing - APDC DO JC Aiko
- Explore Sri Lanka with us - JCI Colombo Mid Town
- Inauguration - JCI Senate Sri Lanka 2025
- JCI Sri Lanka - Ice Cream Dansal
- Sententia - JCI Colombo North
- LOTA 2025
- Dancing Workshop - JCI Colombo MidTown
- JCI Sri Lanka - IPP Visit
- APDC x JCI Sri Lanka (JCI SL Training Academy)
- JCI - Brand Identity Meeting + Presidential Candidate POA

REPRESENTATION & EXPOSURE

Social Media Exposure

- **Instagram Performance**
  - Gained 100+ new followers
  - Achieved approximately 5K + profile views each month over the last year
  - Recorded 100+ interactions each month, reflecting strong audience engagement
- **WhatsApp Community**
  - Actively used for announcements, event reminders, and major updates
  - Updates are shared on a bi-weekly basis to ensure timely communication
- **Additional Platforms**
  - Facebook and LinkedIn are used strategically to share content tailored to the target audience, based on the context and purpose of each post





Quarterly News letter

Successfully released two quarterly newsletters, highlighting key initiatives, achievements, and member engagement



Official Notion Page

Central hub for all updates, resources, event information all in one place

https://jcicolombocentral.notion.site/JCI-Colombo-Central-188ff06c9b32805f8347ea8212182b1b

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ENDING NOTE

As we bring this year to a close, we do so with pride in how far JCI Colombo Central has come and confidence in the path ahead. The journey reflected in these pages is one shaped by commitment, collaboration, and a shared belief in creating meaningful impact. Each milestone achieved this year has strengthened our chapter and prepared us for the future.

We extend our warm congratulations to the newly appointed Board, who now carry forward the responsibility of leading JCI Colombo Central into its next chapter. With fresh perspectives, renewed energy, and a strong foundation built by the efforts of the past year, we are confident in the continued growth and success of the chapter under their leadership.

We also take this moment to express our sincere appreciation to those who guided and supported us throughout the year.

Special thanks are extended to our mentors, the National President, and the National Board for their leadership, encouragement, and unwavering support, which played a vital role in our progress and achievements.

As we move forward, may we continue to build on the lessons learned, strengthen our bonds, and remain committed to developing leaders and creating positive change. With gratitude for the journey behind us and excitement for what lies ahead, JCI Colombo Central steps confidently into the future.

Thank You



2024/2025 board signing off.