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EDITOR'S NOTE

We are pleased to present the third JCI Colombo Central Newsletter for 2026, featuring the highlights and achievements of our chapter during the second quarter.

The third quarter has been a vibrant period of activities, opportunities, and memorable moments for JCI Colombo Central. From impactful initiatives and engaging events to opportunities for learning and fellowship, our members have continued to demonstrate enthusiasm, commitment, and a strong spirit of togetherness. This edition captures some of the key moments and accomplishments that made the quarter special.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all our members, partners, and supporters whose contributions continue to strengthen our chapter. As we approach the final quarter of the year, we look forward to building on the momentum we have created and continuing our journey of leadership, connection, and meaningful impact.



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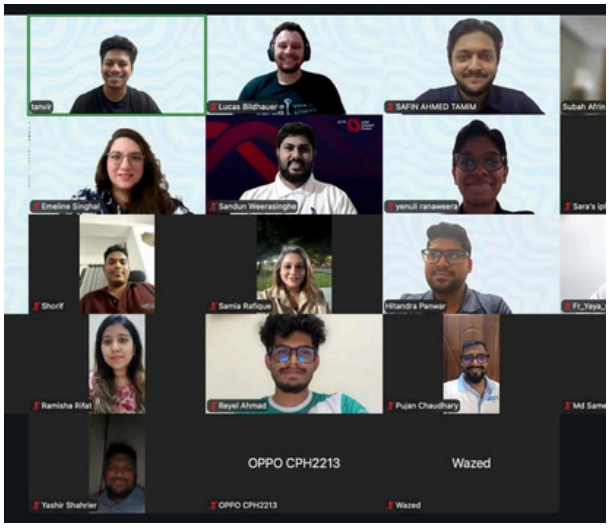
F1 WATCH PARTY

On 5 July 2026, JCI Colombo Central hosted an exciting F1 Watch Party at La Luna Colombo, bringing together F1 enthusiasts and members for an evening of racing, good food, and great company. The event was chaired by JC Sajani Gamage and JC Thaqie Bongso with coordinating support from JC Buwaneka Ariyaratne JC Tamashi Kasthuriarachchi, JC Thambara Basnayake and Prospect ember at the time Vidunesh Balagobi The event gave everyone the chance to experience the thrill of the British Grand Prix together, while connecting with fellow Formula 1 fans and enjoying a lively atmosphere throughout the race.

Beyond the excitement of the race itself, the Watch Party also served as a fundraising initiative and membership drive for JCI Colombo Central. With a strong turnout and plenty of enthusiasm, the event was a fun way to strengthen connections within the JCI community while welcoming new faces and sharing the excitement of F1 with a wider group.



CULTURE WITHOUT BORDERS 5.0



JCI Colombo Central proudly took part in Culture Without Borders 5.0, organised by JCI Dhaka West, bringing together JCI representatives from Bangladesh, Korea, Sri Lanka, France, and Brazil for an engaging cultural exchange. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for participants to learn more about the traditions, heritage, customs, and unique identities of each participating country, with representatives from each nation delivering a presentation on their culture.

Representing Sri Lanka and JCI Colombo Central JC Dhanushi Kasthuriarachchi, JC Tamashi Kasthuriarachchi, JC Thambara Basnayake and JC Yenuli Ranaweera participated. JC Yenuli Ranaweera delivered a presentation, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Sri Lanka. The event was further honoured by the participation of JCI Sri Lanka National President JC Sandun Weerasinghe, who joined as a special guest. Culture Without Borders 5.0 highlighted the spirit of internationalism and demonstrated how JCI creates meaningful connections across borders through cultural understanding and friendship.



INTERNATIONAL HUMAN DUTIES DAY SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

JCI July 10th
International
Human Duties Day

In July, JCI Colombo Central marked Human Duties Day through a week-long social media awareness campaign led by JC Thambara. The campaign explored the seven Human Duties of JCI, dedicating each day to a different duty and breaking it down into simple, relatable actions and examples. The campaign gained strong traction on social media and served as an engaging way to increase awareness and understanding of Human Duties and their relevance to the JCI experience.

The campaign was primarily targeted at JCI members, young people, and the wider social media community, with the aim of creating awareness and encouraging a better understanding of the seven Human Duties and how they can be applied in everyday life.

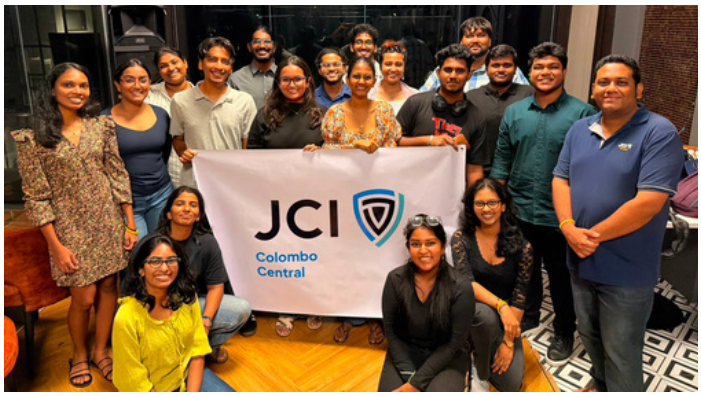


JCI COLOMBO CENTRAL NATIONAL PRESIDENT VISIT

The August General Meeting of JCI Colombo Central was a particularly meaningful occasion as the chapter welcomed three new members — JC Piyumila Navaratne, JC Sachintha Fernando, and JC Vidunesh Balagobi— through a formal induction ceremony conducted by the National President. Taking their membership oath, the newly inducted Jaycees pledged to uphold the philosophy, Constitution and By-Laws of JCI, marking the beginning of their journey with the chapter. They were warmly welcomed and encouraged to actively engage in chapter projects and embrace future opportunities to take on leadership roles.

The meeting also featured a special address by the National President, who highlighted the diverse opportunities JCI offers across the four key areas of Individual, Business, Community and International development. Members were encouraged to make the most of these opportunities for their personal and professional growth. Tokens of appreciation were subsequently presented to the National President, National GLC, Senators and chapter mentors in recognition of their guidance and continued support. Senators also shared their reflections, commending the chapter's governance, member development and balanced portfolio of projects, while encouraging the newly inducted members to fully embrace the opportunities that JCI has to offer.





OPEN MIC NIGHT 2.0

JCI Colombo Central hosted the second edition of Open Mic Night on 5 September at Café Britt Colombo, creating another memorable evening filled with incredible talent, great performances, delicious food, and plenty of fun.

The project was chaired by JC Samadhi Sumenerathne, with the support of JC Hansini Seneviratne, JC Thambara Basnayake and JC Tamashi Kasthuriarachchi. The event provided members with a wonderful opportunity to showcase their talents, participate, connect with one another, and simply enjoy a relaxed evening together.

A special appreciation goes to the amazing project team and JCI Colombo Central Senators for their valuable support in making the event a success.

The second edition brought members together once again, created plenty of great memories, and showcased the vibrant spirit and talent of JCI Colombo Central.



APDC TRAINING

The APDC Training was held on 20 September 2026 at the Colombo Institute of Sales & Distribution (CISD), bringing together JCI members from several local organizations across Sri Lanka. Conducted by the JCI Asia-Pacific Development Council (APDC) Team MSL, the training covered membership growth, sustainable development, parliamentary procedure, JCI governance, fundraising, sponsorship, and strategic partnerships through interactive sessions and a mock meeting.
The team included CL Heaven Penaflorida (Philippines), DO Joshua Tadoy (Philippines), DO Edward Ng (Hong Kong, China), DO Seng Chan Rithy (Cambodia), DO Hiroki Takeda (Japan), DO Biraj Shahi (Nepal), DO Tania Dong (Vietnam), DO Redowanul Islam (Bangladesh), and DO Anooj Mon Selvan (India).

JCI Colombo Central was represented by JC Dhanushi, JC Darini, JC Hansini, JC Tamashi and JC Piyumila. The programme concluded with a group photograph, tokens of appreciation for the APDC team, and certificates for participants. Hosted and facilitated by JCI Gampaha, the training provided valuable practical insights into effective leadership, governance, member development and building sustainable JCI projects.



UPCOMING PROJECTS

Human Duties Day

JCI Colombo Central's International Human Duties Day project is steadily taking shape. Marking the day, the chapter ran a social media campaign highlighting the Human Duties and how members lived them over the past year through each of the chapter's projects.

The project will be chaired by JC Thambara Basnayake, with project support from JC Dinith Gomez, JC Piyumila Navaratne and JC Sachintha Fernando.

In recent weeks, the project team consulted an expert in the field, who shared valuable feedback and will continue to guide the initiative. Building on her input, the team has finalised the first of its online safety session plans and informed partner organisation Sarvodaya, whose confirmation of a start date is now awaited.

The programme is expected to begin in October, with all four planned sessions delivered within the month.

THE FINE ART OF PUBLIC SPEAKING



JCI Colombo Central is excited to announce "The Fine Art of Public Speaking", a highly practical crash programme designed for professionals and aspiring public speakers looking to build confidence, clarity, and effective communication skills.

The project will be chaired by JC Tamashi Kasthuriarachchi with project support from JC Piyumila Navaratne, JC Thaqie Bongso and JC Thambara Basnayake

The session will feature experienced public speaking coaches Malik Cader, Public Speaking Coach & Former JCI World Vice President, and Munshif Hussain, Public Speaking Coach & CEO of Lifeskills Training PVT LTD. They will share their expertise and provide participants with hands-on learning opportunities.

The programme will be held on 15th October 2026, from 9.00 AM to 1.00 PM at gapHQ, Colombo 07, with limited slots available.

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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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