



Foundation Supporting A National Trauma Service In Sri Lanka

The Batticaloa Teaching Hospital Emergency & Accident Project (BEAP)

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By JEROME ADAMS (CEO)

Dear Member of the Foundation,

As we approach the Christmas season, I would like to wish you all, our members, sponsors and the many supporters a Merry Christmas, may the festive season bring you great joy and peace as you connect with family and friends. On behalf of the Committee, I wish you all safe travels, if you are going on holiday and happy times with your family.

I have been humbled and thankful for the opportunity to be CEO following Nihal de Run's step down and step up announced at the AGM at the end of September 2018. I am grateful for the many well wishes and messages of support I have received. Rest assured I will truly endeavour to perform my duties and carry on in the great job done by Nihal over the eight years since the formation of The Foundation (Project BEAP). We must now focus our attention to the next phase.

A&E Trauma Unit now open.

Since the formal opening of the building, our team, particularly Deputy CEO Dave Paramanandan, has worked tirelessly in liaising with the new Director of the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital Dr Kala Ranjini



Ganeshlingam, to support the hospital in defect rectification in the new A&E Treatment Unit and I'm very proud to announce that the **first patient was admitted and treated on the 16th December (Sunday)** after religious leaders from the Batticaloa community conducted prayers and blessings for the success of the new unit.!

This has been the culmination of years of hard work by David Young and Nihal de Run to make this dream of theirs and the Foundation a reality. Once again, we the community making up the Foundation and the wider Sri Lankan community in Australia and in Sri Lanka; especially including the main beneficiaries of this service, owe a great debt to these two gentlemen and their hardworking teams in Melbourne and Sri Lanka, for their dedication and passion to this project.

GOLD AWARD from the Green Building Council of Sri Lanka

The Green building Council of Sri Lanka (GBCSL) has awarded the newly constructed A&E Trauma unit the prestigious "Gold Rating" for the ecologically sustainable outcomes achieved by the design and construction of this enormous building project.

The Green SL ratings system covers areas such as



management, sustainability, water efficiency, design and indoor environmental quality to name a few which scored highly to attain this award as the first hospital to do so.

The award ceremony was held at the Earl's Regency Hotel in Kandy on Saturday 15th December.

Dr Ganeshalingam (the new Director of the hospital), Kaushyal Kumarage (of the CECB), Nanda Abesekera (our Green Consultant), Kalinga Pelpola of our Steering Committee and Dr Locana Gunaratne (Consultant Architects)) were present to accept the award. We sincerely thank this dedicated team and many more behind the scenes that made this award a possibility.

We hope with this recognition that similar medical facilities will be encouraged to follow in the model established and reap the many benefits that environmental sustainability brings in renewability and cost savings alike.

Dr Kala Ranjini Ganeshalingam -New Director of THB

As most of you have been following the news of our homeland, it is disappointing that the constitutional crisis of the past 3 months has taken its toll on the economy and business confidence as a whole while the leaders' squabble about who gets the keys to "Temple Trees"?

We must nevertheless be proud of the great work of the civil service mainly the Ministry of health (for our project) that have carried on with their duties despite the lack of leadership and ensured a smooth transition in the role of the new Director which is key to the success of the delivery of the operation and efficiency of the hospital.

We do acknowledge the service of the former Director, Dr Mohamed Sultan Ibralebbe, who worked closely with David and Nihal over many years in the co-ordination and liaison with the Health Ministry and was instrumental in organising the grand opening with Ministers and other dignitaries present in June. We wish Dr Ibralebbe well in the new phase of his working career.

BEAP Mediforce

This is a special new initiative and the objective of David Young and Greg Hoy to create a group of Volunteer Doctors, Nurses and Medical Professionals who will

travel to THB to educate their Medical staff to keep 'best practice' at the heart of our operation at the BTH and other facilities. Lorraine and Melville, who are members of our committee will administer and help to get this initiative off the ground.

Our next Task

We pledged at the outset Rs260m for the building and Rs130m for medical equipment and furniture. A total of Rs390m. Having given Rs300m and spent Rs30m on fees for Architects etc also having Rs15m in the bank we will focus our efforts on the balance Rs45m. This will be mainly for the CT scanner while we work with the Rotarians in Colombo who is also our Trustee Indrajith Fernando to raise a grant of US\$100K.

Our team will need to raise a further A\$30K to achieve this goal. Any offers will be greatly appreciated by you the members.

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