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*ASMC 2019 / 2020 Awards Presentation*

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## Advanced Sport Management Diploma Awards

The awards ceremony of the Olympic Solidarity Advanced Sport Management Course 2019/2020 was held at the National Olympic Committee's "Hemasiri Fernando" Auditorium.

On this momentous where the inner sanctity IOC gospel protruded nineteen young men and women walked aisle to be heralded real Olympic people.

Speaking on the occasion NOC S L ' s programme Director B . L . H . Perera explained the concept of course in this manner " T h e Advanced Sport Management Programme was conducted by the National Olympic Committee could be seen in different perspectives.



*NOC Sri Lanka President Suresh Subramaniam Addressing the audience*



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Meanwhile the Secretary General of the NOC SL Maxwell de Silva delved into the importance of the course and said “I am extremely happy for being able to conduct a n d



successfully complete this programme in spite of the challenges posed by Covid-19 pandemic and actually by doing so we in reality were able to raise the bar of the importance of Olympism.”



“First you could put it as the responsibility of the National Olympic Committee.

“Because the National Olympic Committee’s mission statement clearly explains that we are bound to protect and develop Olympism.

“In that context the Advanced Sport Management Programme is a very timely developed programme conducted by the International Olympic Solidarity movement where the NOCs could benefit out of this course to train senior level managers to conduct sports organisations”.

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Chief Guest of the ceremony was Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Rathnayake, Vice Chancellor of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and Mr. Anuradha Wijekoon – Secretary Ministry of Youth and Sports was invited as the Guest of Honour.

The recipients of the awards were Lieutenant Commander D. M. J. N. Pinthu, Mr. Abdullah Yusuf, H. Gehan M. Dias, Reshmin Mihin Amarasinghe, Senaka Ranasingha, Mrs. Irangani Rupasinghe, Ms. D. S. Vitharana, Ms. Devni Madurapperuma, Ms. Iroshika Namasingha, Ms. J. A. S. D. Bandara, Ms. Lakna Harindi Hewawaravita,

Ms. M. G. G. H. Laksara, Ms. M. T. P. L Perera, Ms. Udeshika Kaushalya Dantanarayana, Ms. V. N. Rajapakse, Sqn. Ldr. Lilangi Randeni, Wing Commander M. R. M. H a m z a , Mr. P. M. K. Jayawardena from the 5th A S M C 2016/2017, Ms. Hithaishi Jayawardena from 6th ASMC 2017/2018.



# Yevan David

## the Sri Lankan future hope for Formula 1

He is only fourteen-years-old now, but, the young Kart-racer Yevan David lives with the dream of emulating his driving idol Lewis Hamilton and becoming a F1 champion.

Explaining in his own words he spelled his ambitions.

He said “I love the feeling of going over one hundred kilo metres on the straight and feeling the wind close to my body.

“I also love the feeling of winning because you are beating everyone else in top competitions and achieving.

“Eventually I want to be a formula 1 driver and along with that I also want to be formula one champion.

“My hero is Lewis Hamilton and I have tried to follow his footsteps.

“Watching Lewis win the World Championship with Mercedes in 2014 encouraged me in my passion and dream to be the first Sri Lankan driver in Formula 1.”

To back his claims, he has the necessary base being the Karting IAME Asia series Champion in 2017 and Asia Cup Cadet Champion in 2018.

Though the brains behind Yevan’s success, father Yohan David is more than modest about this accomplishments of his son.

Yohan explained “It’s comforting to note that Yevan is doing well in the European Karting circuit without any pressure from this end of activity.

“He wishes to continue in the same circuit till 2022 and move to the formula 4 or may be stick on to the same course for another year.

“Nonetheless he would be joining the formula 4 club in 2023 and by then he also would be turning 16. There if he is good and keeping to the expectation there is a chance of racing team inviting Yevan to join their racing team.”

Born in London, a Lankan by citizenship and residing in Singapore Yevan is a multi-faceted prodigy who now has

moved to Italy to pursue his driving ambitions and further studies.

The story goes as “It was the finals of the IAME Winter cup.

“On a cold February winter morning in Valencia, Spain amongst 55 European drivers stands a young Asian driver Yevan representing his motherland.

“Reaching the finals in Europe was an achievement as only the top 36 drivers make it through.

“Against all odds Yevan would start seventh of 36 drivers. Soon he rockets into fourth position in a phenomenal first lap.

This made the experienced European racing fraternity stand up and take note of the little Sri Lankan driver.



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Initially Yevan was a young trail blazer at the Karting Circuit in Bandaragama prior to moving to his bigger dreams in Karting in Singapore. He live with one unbending ambition.

Yevan aims to Blaze the trail in the international circuit and emulate his legendary hero Lewis Hamilton and attain a height that no Lankan has scaled.

In Valencia, Spain Yevan won the Asian Cadet (Under-12) Championship in 2017 as he turned 10 beating the current Sauber Academy drivers to the title and then in 2018, he won the Asia Cup Cadet title on home soil at the only internationally sanctioned kart race in Sri Lanka.

During the rest of the year Yevan was in Australia where he took provisional pole at the third round of the Australian National Championship.

In 2019 he moved into the competitive Junior Class, and finished runner-up in the Rotax Max Asia Championship, winning a ticket to represent Sri Lanka at the Rotax World Championships with fellow Sri Lankan driver Eshan Pieris.

During the pandemic he has spent time honing his skills on Sim (simulated) racing finishing third in the Semi-Pro Class of ERacing GP organised by former Formula 1 driver Alex Yoong.

The path and passion were always clear, to be the first Sri Lankan in F1 and the first Sri Lankan world champion in F1.

The path however is volatile, expensive and inundated with multiple pitfalls that could derail a career, but Yevan has persevered and like Lewis Hamilton has made the most of opportunities provided to him.

The next stage for Yevan is to compete full time in Europe in 2021 in karts, prior to moving into Formula 4.

“I now reflect back to Hamilton’s own start-up career, when he was a 13-year-old boy.

Thanks to Ron Dennis of McLaren sponsorship of this 13-year-old boy, he’s now perhaps the all-time greatest world champion of Formula 1.

Had it not been for this interaction who knows, he may have ended up as yet another race engineer and lost to the world of Formula 1 as champion driver,” young Yevan explained on his current focus.

Whether Yevan obtains the financial support to provide him the opportunity to reach F1 is a question but there is no doubt the strength, resilience and perseverance in his character provides him that extra factor to win if given the chance.



# Mario's crusade for peace and sports

**M**ario Ananda, son of singer Gration Ananda came up with the concept to uplift the sports aspect of the country two years back.

"I'm engaged in many social services related to children, such as voicing against drugs alcoholism smoking, suicide, child labour and child abuse.

"I'm currently affiliated with projects conducted by ILO, Sri Lanka United Nations Friendship Association, Paralympics Sri Lanka to train basketball for the differently abled children and Youth Temperance Organisation of Sri Lanka."

The song "Living on the edge" (English) / "Randee nosali" (Sinhala) was created to redefine teenage and sportsmanship.

Sports can help any child to overcome their tragic life styles.

Putting focus into sports can build the personality, mindfulness and good health, which is crucial for a person in any age to achieve any goal in life.

For the last decade we have been heavily criticising cricketers for not doing their job properly but that is a psychological effect on the spectators since it's the only sport which gives them a thrill to entertain themselves.

It's a matter of a need of others sports/ sportsmen going international to win and bring glory.

It helps the spectator to draw focus out of cricket to see that there are many other possibilities that Sri Lanka could keep their mark over the world map and in return give sports like takes, cricket a chance to fail at times and overcome their misand have some time to rebuild their mental fitness before going on to another match while confronting criticism.

Mario explains "The most important point I thought of doing this visual on my own was to identify under 15 champions and record holders of Sri Lanka excelling in any kind of sport.

"I wanted to feature them in my visual with me so that the country would get attention on them.

"A poor sportsman would get a chance to establish their identity via this song as some of them would run together with me, swim together with me etc."

The visual was launched on "MARIO ANANDA" YOU TUBE CHANNEL on Tuesday April 6th International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2021 at 12.00am

