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## Call for unity urged by President Suresh Subramaniam

**B**alance, vision and drive has special merit in any deed or activity. The 2020 version of the Annual General Meeting of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka concluded on Saturday proved that the above values played a special significance in the proceedings.

To start with, the president NOC SL Suresh Subramaniam proudly announced that for the first time in the organisation's history they were able to present an audit report sans any flaws in it. In his speech the president was quoted saying "I am very happy to see at least one person from -

each federation is present at this auditorium. It was a tremendous task during the last two years to meet people personally and I am very happy you all are present here today.

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He also paid special mention to the NOC SL treasurer Gamini Jayasinghe and also the NOC SL accountant Gayani Seneviratne for their indefatigable contribution to the effort.

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*Dr. Thurairajah receiving his commendation plark from NOC Sri Lanka president Suresh Subramaniam*

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He also said “Likewise each of my committees have tremendous work, though during the last two years many people in the world including Sri Lanka were struggling mainly due to the vagaries of the Covid-19 pandemic; but we stuck to our guns.”

At that point the NOC SL President thanked his co-members – Asanga Seneviratne who led the High Performance subcommittee by identifying future prospects; then the Junior Development Committee headed by Shirantha Peiris who has taken his role very seriously, Women’s Committee Chairperson Niloo Jayatillaka who has been working very closely with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) -

getting the women’s rights through Safe Sport programme and many other related programmes put together.

He also mentioned the Procurement Committee, Medical Committee and the others and thank them for their hard work.

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*Suranjith Premadasa president Sri Lanka Equestrian Association receiving his memento plark from NOC Sri Lanka president Suresh Subramaniam*



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Mr. Subramaniam added "We had a very strenuous one year, but we managed to work that for our benefit, Zoom or whatever possible way." He also mentioned about the role that the GoodSport played. As result of the decline of activity we have converted the magazine into a weekly e-magazine where we inform you about the latest developments sports world.

He then added "We have great backing from the corporate sector and companied in the calibre of Akbar Brothers, MAS holdings, Sun shine Holdings, Hirdaramani, Crysbro who have come forward to sponsor the "Next Champ" Junior Development programme 18 and under and they have been identified in various sports where twenty young athletes are involved. "

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*A moment of silence for the stalwarts who have departed*

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The Committee also welcomed and hailed the contribution made to the cause of Olympism by Dr. Chelliah Thurairajah and was presented with a special plaque commending his services.

The NOC SL also appreciated the new Olympic entrants - Gymnastics and Equestrian.

# TT titles for Senura and Bimandee

Crysbro scholarship holders Senura Silva (boys) and Bimandee Bandara (Girls) bagged the Under 15 and 18 Junior National Championship Table Tennis titles 2020 at the Bandaragama Indoor Stadium. Senura won the title in the years 2018,19 and 2020 while for Bimandee it was the first occasion.



# MAS Holdings and the National Paralympic Committee join hands

**M**AS Innovation (Pvt.) Ltd., a subsidiary of MAS Holdings, entered a partnership with the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) to provide innovative, best-in-class sports attire for Sri Lankan National Para Athletes.

This partnership follows the MOU signed between MAS and the NPC on 23rd November 2021 establishing MAS as the official clothing partner for the NPC, and will be applicable for local trainings, selection trials and competitions held both locally and internationally for the Sri Lankan Paralympic contingent.

Through this partnership, MAS will be the official clothing partner for the NPC over the next two years, with Sri Lanka's Asian Youth Paralympic team being the first recipients of sporting gear provided by MAS, South Asia's largest apparel and sportswear manufacturer for the world's leading sportswear brands.

"Sri Lanka will be represented by six young athletes and two swimmers at the 3rd edition of the Asian Youth Para Games held in Bahrain with an overall participation of more than 35 countries. The Athletes will be competing under different categories and are now undergoing the last lap of their training in Colombo. This partnership with MAS will greatly benefit our athletes, elevating their performance and status as representatives of Sri Lanka," said Lt. Col. Deepal Herath, President, NPC.

Sri Lanka alone has more than 1.7 million people living with some form of disability. Many between the ages of 15 and 35 who are eligible and interested in para sports -

often go unidentified due to infrastructure and socio-economic challenges, with only a few having the opportunity to participate at a club or national level.

"We are proud to support and empower these talented athletes" said Ranil Vitarana, the Chief Innovation Officer at MAS adding, "We are at the forefront of innovating the highest quality of adaptive sports apparel, and leveraging upon our expertise we hope that we can enhance the performance of Sri Lanka's para-athletes, raising the standard of national para sports in Sri Lanka".

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Recognising the challenges persons with disabilities face with conventional clothing which requires the full usage of both arms or legs, MAS ventured into the Adaptive Apparel space in 2019, catering to persons with temporary and permanent disabilities and mobility restrictions.

Through comprehensive research with medical professionals, caregivers

and users from the United States and Sri Lanka, MAS creates products that enable independent dressing and incorporates adaptive functionality into mainstream clothing.

“Our ultimate aim is to create impactful apparel solutions that enable communities to be inclusive, blurring boundaries and empowering all athletes to realize their full potential” added Vitarana.

MAS employs over 380 persons with disabilities who are involved in co-creating and testing Adaptive Wear including Para-athletes Amara Indumathi, and Kumudu Priyanka who participated in the Tokyo Paralympics 2020, who have also been closely involved in the development of Adaptive Activewear. This partnership is a testament to MAS’ commitment to inclusivity and its position as a leading corporate entity supporting persons with disabilities.

About MAS: MAS Holdings, the largest apparel tech company in South Asia, is among the most recognised design-to-delivery solution providers in apparel and textile manufacturing. Home to a community of over 100,000 people, today, MAS spans across manufacturing plants in 16 countries, with established design locations placed in key style centres across the world. Catering to the demands of a dynamic and ever-changing industry, the MAS portfolio has expanded exponentially; into brands, wearable technology, FemTech, start-ups and fabric parks worldwide.

Over 30 years of operations, MAS has gained global recognition for its ethical and sustainable working environment and for the organisation’s tireless efforts in social development and women’s empowerment.

Product excellence and craftsmanship have placed MAS on the world map as an industry leader, showcasing unfailing delivery in innovative manufacturing and design. By empowering people, enhancing products, and engaging in meaningful partnerships, MAS aspires to be a change maker, enabling dreams and enriching the fabric of life on our planet.

