Report of the Secretary General for the year 2021

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 It is with great pleasure that I present my Report on the activities of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC Sri Lanka) and the Commonwealth Games Association of Sri Lanka (CGA Sri Lanka) for the year 2021.

The year 2021 was quite challengeable due to the post novel corona virus (COVID-19). In spite of the pandemic situations, the NOC / CGA Sri Lanka together with its sub-committees put every effort to keep the athletes and NFs active and to support them every possible manner. Especially the Finance Committee (FC) made a good effort on keeping financial procedures of NOC Sri Lanka in an accurate manner. The Committee met monthly and all NOC / CGA Sri Lanka activities are discussed and financial guidelines were followed. Required instructions are issued to finance department to comply with procedures in place. The FC is in the process of developing. a procedure manual. Our sincere appreciation goes to all members of the FC especially Chairman Joseph Kenny and Co-Chairman Lalith Withana for his professional guidance.

The effort made to realistic the Strategic plan was hold due to the pandemic and with the blessings of IOC it is to be done in 2022/2023. The Committee giving a new pace to the education platform, introduced and allocated funds for academic researchers in sport field. The Committee, in order to give more value to the Sport Administrators Course had a discussion with IOC to SUSL to conduct the courses with the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and the university to grant credit.

The Junior Development Committee introduced the Youth Awakening 2026' to bring the junior level talented athletes in a new direction.

The discussions with the Sports Ministry of Sri Lanka on the amendments to the Sports Law and status-co of NOC Sri Lanka, as per the guidelines of IOC were continued this year as well without success.

It is regret to mark on the demise of former IOC President Count Jacques Rogge which made the Olympic families deeply saddened.

2. STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION

2.1 Expansion

with granting the Ski & Snowboard Association of Sri Lanka has sent a letter requesting full membership with voting rights. Ski was granted co-opted membership at the SGM held on 1st of June 2019. And they were granted full membership at the AGM held in 2021.

Sri Lanka Amateur Baseball/Softball Association and Sri Lanka Karate-Do Federation became co-opted members, as per the constitution of NOC Sri Lanka since these two sports are not in the programme of the next Olympic Games – Paris 2024.

Suspension of AIBA by IOC

The suspension of the AIBA by the IOC was continued in 2021 and the coordination of Boxing was done by Special Task Force under the IOC guidance.

2.2 Meetings

Executive Board (EB) meetings were held on a monthly basis. Due to the pandemic most of the EB meetings were held in virtual basis. Accordingly, 12 Executive Board meetings were held during the year 2021.

Furthermore, sub-committee meetings were regularly conducted during the year. The Activities conducted by Sub-Committees have been included into the report.

The Annual General meeting for the year 2020 was held on 27th November 2021.

The Elective General meeting was held on 28th December 2021 and following office bearers were elected / appointed at the elective general meeting for the term of 2022/ 2026.

President	:	Mr. Suresh Subramaniam	(re-elected)
Secretary General	:	Mr. Maxwell de Silva	(re-elected)
Vice Presidents	:	1. Mrs. Niloo Jayathilaka	(newly elected)
		2. Mr. Joseph Kenny	(re-elected)
		3. Mr. Suranjith Premadasa	(newly elected)
		4. Mr. Kanchana Jayarathna	(newly elected)
Treasurer	:	Mr. Gamini Jayasinghe	(re-elected)
Assistant Secretary	:	Mr. Chandana Liyanage	(uncontested)
Assistant Treasurer	:	Mr. Shirantha Peiris	(uncontested)
Committee Members	:	1. Mr. Ruwan Alahakoon	(newly elected)
		2. Mr. Sarath Hewavitharana	(newly elected)
		3. Mr. Neel Perera	(newly elected)

Representative of Athletes' Commission : Mr. Niluka Karunaratna

2.3 Meeting with IOC, NOC and Hon. Minister of Sports

Two meetings were held between IOC and the OCA with the Minister of Sports. Mr. Jerome Poivey from IOC and Mr. Haider Farman form OCA were present. The IOC / OCA stated that the discussions on the Sports Law of Sri Lanka has been gone for more than 10 year but nothing has been happened. The IOC has strictly given deadline to come up with a draft sports law and the Minister agreed to submit before 31st of December 2021.

Mr. Anuradha Wijekoon, Secretary to the Ministry of Sports and Mr. Amal Edirisooriya, Director General of Sports also met with the IOC officials on the same matter during their stay in Tokyo for Tokyo 2020 games.

2.4 Sub-Committees

The following Sub-Committees were formalized and functioned during the year 2021.

Women's Committee
Chairperson – Ms. Niloo Jayathilaka

Finance Committee
Chairman – Mr. Joseph Kenny
Co-Chairman - Mr. Lalith Withana

Media Committee
Chairman (Print & Electronic) – Mr. Suresh Subramaniam
Web & Social Media – Mr. Asanga Senevirathna

Marketing & Sponsorship Committee
Chairman – Dr. Rohantha Athukorala

High Performance Committee
Chairman – Mr. Asanga Seneviratne

Ethics Committee
Dr. Harsha Cabral
Mr. Ray Abeywardena
Ms. Anushi laduwahetty

Medical Committee
Chairman – Maj. Gen (Rtd) Dr. C. Thurairaja & Mr. Sumith Edirisinghe

Education Committee
Chairman - Mr. Maxwell de Silva

Constitution Committee
Chairman – Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Dampath Fernando

Procurement Committee
Chairman – Mr. Nishantha Jayasinghe

Infra-Structure and Maintenance Committee
Chairman – Wg. Cdr. (Rtd) Chandana Liyanage

Junior Development Committee
With the step down from the Chairmanship by Mr. Timothy Speldewinde, Mr. Shirantha Peries was appointed as the Chair.

2.5 'Olympic House'

a. Registration of the NOC
The on-going discussions were going on with the IOC, Ministry of Sports and NOC Sri Lanka on the registration of the NOC and the good governance within the Olympic Movement in Sri Lanka without any undue government interference.

b. The Gymnasium of the Olympic House which was outsourced to Ultimates Sports (pvt) Ltd on 01.07.2016 was continued in the year of 2021 as well.

c. The agreement with the 'Fortune Boat' restaurant which was renewed on 1st November 2016 was continued till 30th July 2021 and it was renewed.

d. The Media Committee of NOC Sri Lanka commenced to publish the e-newsletter of 'GoodSport' magazine in every first Monday of each week.

e. **Service Agreement Renewals**
The service contacts of Lift - AG MELCO Elevator Company Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, Fire Protection - Southern Fire (Pvt) Ltd and the CCTV - Certis Lanka Technology & Consultancy (Pvt) Ltd was renewed.

2.6 International achievements of office bearers

a. In the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)
The following office bearers of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka continued their appointments at the OCA Standing Committees for the term of 2019 / 2023.

1. Mr. Hemasiri Fernando - Honourary Vice President
2. Mr. Suresh Subramaniam - Member, International Relations
3. Mr. Maxwell de Silva - Vice Chairman, Education
4. Mr. Senaka Ranasinghe - Member, Peace through Sports
5. Wg. Cdr. (Rtd) Chandana Liyanage - Member, Information & Statistics
6. Maj. Gen (Rtd) Dampath Fernando - Member, Sports & Environment
7. Ms. Niloo Jayatilake - Member, Women & Sports

b. Appointment of a member of ANOC Culture & Education Commission
The appointment of Mr. Maxwell de Silva, Secretary General of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka as a member of the ANOC Culture & Education Committee, at its Council meeting held on 21st January 2019, was continued in the year 2021 as well.

c. Withdrawal from the post of Honorary Life Membership
Cdr. (rtd) H.U. Silva requested to withdraw his position at NOC Sri Lanka as the Honorary Life Member. Having approved at the AGM held on 27th November 2021, Cdr (rtd) H.U. Silva was revoked from the post of Honorary Life Member.

3. TASKS

3.1 Membership at the International Fair Play Committee

The NOC Sri Lanka obtained the membership at the International Fair Play Committee.

3.2 Signing of MOUs

a. NOC Sri Lanka - Crysbro Next Champ
During the year 2020, the NOC/ CGA Sri Lanka commenced a new programme in collaboration with the Farm's Pride (Pvt) Ltd (alias Crysbro) to identify talented athletes and support the youth athletes targeting future Olympics.

The Committee appointed Mr. Shehan Ambepitiya, Mrs. Susanthika Jayasinghe, Ms. Reshika Udugampola and from NOC – Mr. Suresh Subramaniam, Mr. Maxwell de Silva and Mr. Gamini Jayasighe to monitor the operations of the project. Mrs. Susanthika Jayasinghe, Mrs. Ineka Cooray, Ms. Reshika Udugampola and Mr. Shehan Ambepitiya was appointed to the selection of the athletes.

The Press Conference and the signing the MOU between NOC Sri Lanka and Farm's Pride (Pvt) Ltd was held on 24th of September 2020 at the Foundation Institute.

The names of the selected 20 athletes got benefitted under this programme from 1st January to 31st December 2021 are;

S / No.	Name of the athlete	Sport	Amount given during 2021
1	Kanas Kumar Danushan	Golf	504,000.00
2	Amandhika Amarasinghe	Shooting	564,000.00
3	Madabavitage Tehan Sanchith Rayman	Boxing	564,000.00
4	Sudhdhathcharige Nethmi Nimthera	Boxing	564,000.00
5	H.H. Ravindu Sithum Jayasundara	Athletics	504,000.00
6	D.M.T.D. Tharushi Karunarathne	Athletics	504,000.00
7	W. Deshan Kapila Kumara	Weightlifting	504,000.00
8	R.L.Sachini Rajika Laksarani	Weightlifting	504,000.00
9	Pitiyage Don Senura Dilanka Silva	Table Tennis	564,000.00
10	A.D. Nadila Nethviru	Gymnastics	504,000.00
11	U.L. Tharinda Mandara Premakumara	Taekwondo	564,000.00
12	M. Senori Sasadara Fernando	Taekwondo	504,000.00
13	Kaluarachchige Sithuli Sodithya	Athletics (High Jump)	504,000.00
14	W.A. Ishara Samanmalee	Athletics (Long Jump)	504,000.00
15	T.O. Vinod Ariyawansha	Athletics(400 m Hurdles)	504,000.00
16	M.D. Madushika Premarathna	Weightlifting	504,000.00
17	H. Anju Minuwandana de Silva	Weightlifting	504,000.00
18	Bimandee Bandara	Table Tennis	504,000.00
19	D.A. Wenuka Kithnula	Tennis	529,000.00
20	P. Nethmi Ahinsa Fernando	Wrestling	504,000.00
Total			**10,405,000.00**

The Coaches of the selected athletes were given token of appreciation. The names of the Coaches are;

S / No.	Name of the athlete	Sport	Amount given during 2021
1	Mithun Perera	Golf - Coach	60,000.00
2	Sunethra Karunanayaka	Athletics – coach	60,000.00

3	M.S. Fernando	Athletics - coach	60,000.00
4	R. S. Chanaka Ruwan Kumara	Weightlifting - Coach	120,000.00
5	W. Rangana Tharanga	Gymnastics - Coach	60,000.00
6	S.A. Upul Susitha Fernando	Taekwondo - Coach	60,000.00
7	K.K.D.Nipuna Nirmal Kumara	Athletics (High Jump) - Coach	60,000.00
8	U. A. Uduwelaarachchi	Athletics (Long Jump) - Coach	60,000.00
9	Janaka Wasantha Kumara	Athletics (400m Hurdles) - Coach	60,000.00
10	Rukshan Gunathilaka	Weightlifting - Coach	60,000.00
11	Rajiu	Weightlifting – Coach	60,000.00
12	Buddhika Dikkumbura	Table Tennis - Coach	60,000.00
13	Sudantha Soysa (from January to July 2021)	Tennis - Coach	35,000.00
14	Suranga Kumara	Wrestling – Coach	60,000.00
Total			**875,000.00**

Under the NOCSL/ Crysbro Next Champ, following 20 athletes and their coaches were sponsored to cover their monthly training related expenses. Seneca Gunaratne and Milka Gehani were selected under co-opted scholarship.

b. **Signing an MOU with SL Army**

The NOC Sri Lanka and SL Army signed a MOU, in order to support athletes and to train athletes in the army centers.

c. <u>Sustainability in Sport | Environmental Sustainability Programme Beach Cleaning, Coral Replantation, and Preservation | Signing of Tripartite MOU</u>

The For the first time in the history of NOC Sri Lanka, the Committee commenced a new project under environmental sustainability to replant and preserve corals. The initiative was launched together with Olympic Day Celebrations on 25th June 2019 till 31st December 2020. However, the NOC Sri Lanka The initiated the continuation of the project by signing a tripartite MOU between Tokyo Cement Group (TSG), Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA) and NOC Sri Lanka. The NOC Sri Lanka contributed Rs. 100,000/- to MEPA and TCG contributed by providing reef balls or other structures for reef restoration and also Rs. 250,000/- for coral planting and research projects. Moreover, Tokyo Cement donated 10 cement coral dorms. MEPA has identified a location to install these corals in Banadaramulla in Mirissa and installed them. The Information center shifted to MEPA Regional Office in Matara.

3.3 Games

3.3.1 XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020

The Games were held from 23rd July to 08th August 2021. Initially games were to held in 2020 but postponed to 2021 due to the outbreak of the coronavirus crisis.

Prior to the Games the IOC and the Japan authorities instructed to vaccinated all the participants prior arrival to Tokyo. Therefore, the NOC Sri Lanka arranged vaccination for the potential athletes and their officials through the Sri Lanka Army. The IOC together with the Qatar Olympic Committee arranged a vaccination Hub at the Doha airport.

Sri Lanka team was represented with altogether 9 athletes and 19 officials took part in the Tokyo 2020 as below.

Qualification of Ms. Mathilda Carlson

Carlson won the CAS and accordingly she was the first Sri Lankan Equestrian that was qualified for Olympics.

Direct Qualifications : Athletics – Yupun Abeykoon (within the world ranking quota) got qualified for the Games.
Gymnastics – Milka Gehani (Under re-allocation of Continental quota for Asia got qualified for the Tokyo 2020 and she was the first Sri Lankan gymnast to qualify for an Olympic.

Invitation places for Swimming

The FINA sent invitation for Swimming and SLASU recommended and nominated Ms. Aniqah Gafoor and Mr. Mathew Abeysinghe for Tokyo 2020.

Under the Tripartite Commission Invitation places

Badminton – Niluka Karunaratne, Shooting – Tehani Egodawela, Judo – Chamara Dharmawardhana got qualified for the Games.
Universality places in Athletics – Since no female athletics athletes did not qualify for Games, Sri Lanka athletics recommended W.K.L.A. Nimali (800m) under Universality places.

The officials are for the entire delegation;

1. Mr. Gamini Jayasinghe – Chef de Mission
2. Wg. Cdr. (rtd) Chandana Liyanage – Press Attaché
3. Dr. Himan De Silva – COVID-19 Liaison Officer

4. Ms. Hansika Wijayagunasekara – Administrative Personnel
5. Mr. R.V.A.P. Pregeeth Priyanka – Village Admin (Physiotherapist)
6. Ms. Eranga Kankani – Olympic Attaché (from Hashima city)

Sport specific officials

1.	Athletics	-	Mr. Claudio Licciardello - Coach (of Yupun)
2.			Mr. Sujith Nilantha Abeysekara – Coach (of Nimali)
3.	Swimming	-	Mr. Manoj Abeysinghe – Coach
4.	Badminton	-	Mr. Dinuka Karunaratne – Training partner cum Coach
5.	Equestrian	-	Mr. Suranjith Premadasa – Team Manager
6.			Mr. Nikolay Borisov Nikolv – Groom
7.			Mr. Manfred Von Allwoerden – Horse Owner
8.			Mr. Cedric Jaky Lilian Marie – Veterinarian
9.			Ms. Aenne Muller – Training Pass
10.	Gymnastics	-	Mr. R.A.K. Jeewantha – Team Manager
11.			Mr. W. Ranjana Tharanga – Coach
12.	Judo	-	Mr. Amal Ratnayake – Coach
13.	Shooting	-	Mr. Pradeep Ekanayake – Team Manager

Flag bearers were Milka Gehani of Gymnastics and Chamara Dharamawardhana of Judo.

Team Performances

- Tehani Egodawela - Shooting - 10m Air Rifle (Women) - Overall Ranking - 49 [50]
- Yupun Abeykoon - Athletics - 100m (Men) Round 1 - Heat 3 Rank - 6 [9] {No overall ranking}. However, we can say he is in the 42nd position out of 62 competitors based on the athletes' performance in all the Heats (7) of the 100m (Men)
- W.K.L.A. Nimali - Athletics - 800m (Women) - Round 1 - Heat 4 Rank - 6 [6] {No overall ranking}. However, we can say she is in the 43rd position out of 46 competitors based on the athletes' performance in all the Heats (6) of the 800m (Women)
- Mathilda Karlsson - Equestrian - Jumping Individual - Eliminated - No ranking [73]
- Matthew Abeysinghe - Swimming - 100m Freestyle (Men) - Round 1 - Heat 4 Rank - 8 [8] {No overall ranking}. However, we can say he is in the 48th position out of 71 competitors based on the athletes' performance in all the Heats (9) of the 100m Freestyle (Men)
- Aniqah Gaffoor - Swimming - 100m Butterfly (Women) - Round 1 - Heat 1 Rank - 2 [3] {No overall ranking}. However, we can say she is in the 32nd

position out of 33 competitors based on the athletes' performance in all the Heats (5) of the 100m Butterfly (Women)

- Niluka Karunaratne - Badminton - Singles (Men) - Overall Ranking – 15
- Chamara Dharamawardhana - Judo - 73kg (Men) - Overall Ranking – 17

For the first time in Olympic history, the Games were conducted without international spectators or guests. The IOC & Games Organising Committee refunded all purchased tickets.

Due to the outbreak of corona virus, the delegations was allowed to arrive the Games village only 5 day before the event and within 48 hours from the end of the event (even within 48 hours from the elimination of event). The Games were held in a bio-bubble. The NOC Sri Lanka was strictly concern and in this regard and had a local bio-bubble for 7 days for athletes and their officials before they leave for the games. During the period delegation were done PCR tests every day.

The IOC requested each NOC to appoint a Covid-19 Liaison Officer (CLO) and Dr. Himan De Silva was appointed as the CLO of Sri Lanka delegation.

Media

The NOC Sri Lanka sponsored 14 media personnel including 5 from Rupavahini to cover the Games. The NOC Sri Lanka media team also played a vital role in the social media pages in parallel to the Tokyo 2020 media campaign done by Evenstry.

Trainings and Scholarships

The following athletes were benefited targeting the Tokyo 2020.

a. <u>Training in Japan</u>

IOC – Olympic Solidarity in collaboration with the Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC), the training scholarship offered to the Gymnasts, Milka Gehani in 2019 was continued till 31st August 2021 targeting Tokyo 2020 Games. The training opportunity was given to us during the ANOC meeting, as per the requests of the President & Secretary General of NOC Sri Lanka in 2019.

b. <u>NOC Training Option</u>

The International Olympic Committee – Olympic Solidarity awarded the Olympic Scholarships for Athletes of Tokyo 2020 to the following athletes till 31st August 2021.

Name of the athlete	Sport	per month (USD)	Start Date	Distributed Total value for 2021	
				USD	LKR
D.K.T.W.K. Palangasinghe	Weightlifting	670.00	01.09.2017	5,360.00	**993,208.00**
R. Chamara Nuwan Dharmawardhana	Judo	1,000.00	01.09.2017	8,000.00	**1,482,400.00**
Matthew Duncan Abeysinghe	Swimming	1,000.00	01.09.2017	8,000.00	**1,482,400.00**
Nilani Ratnayake	Athletics	670.00	01.09.2020	5,360.00	**993,208.00**
Chamara Milinda Perera	Wrestling	670.00	01.09.2020	5,360.00	**993,208.00**
Total Distribution				**32,080.00**	**5,944,424.00**

A total of Rs. 5,944,424.00 (USD 32,080/-) has been distributed under the Olympic Scholarships for Athletes – Tokyo 2020 during the year 2021.

d. Under ANOC Special Fund

The Shooter, Tehani Egodawela was supported under the ANOC Special Fund through the National Shooting Sport Federation to purchase the competition kit which was costed Rs. 597,500.00 for Jacket KT Hybrid Prime ~ Rs. 285,000.00, Pants KT Hybrid Prime ~ Rs. 200,000.00, Coldwinner Underwear (Top & Pant) ~ Rs. 77,500.00, Glove – Top Grip Short ~ Rs. 27,500.00 (Holding Hand), Trigger Glove ~ Rs. 7,500.00 (Trigger Hand).

The Athletics athlete -Yupun Abeykoon was supported under the ANOC Special Fund for his training and other targeting the Tokyo 2020.

Description	Disbursed amount (other Currency)	In LKR
to purchase a recovery boot for the purpose of using after long travel	USD 789.00	191,727.00
To undergo special training session with the Italy National Team for Tokyo 2020 from between 12/07/2021 and 18/07/2021	Euro 850.00	193,414.00
Assistance from March to July 2021 – USD 600/- per month	USD 3,000.00	595,600.00
Assistance given to purchase equipment (Reimbursement of expenses made to purchase shoes, clothing, etc) – Upto USD 500/-		99,700.00
Total disbursed targeting Tokyo 2020		**1,080,511.38**

Accordingly, a total of Rs. 1,080,511.38 was sponsored for Yupun Abeykoon targeting the Tokyo 2020.

Niluka Karunarathna was supported to cover his expenses to take part in Olympic Qualification tournaments and expenses related to COVID-19. Accordingly, he was sponsored with Rs. 1,818,921.88.

Also, the Judoka, Chamara Dharmawardhana will undergo a training of 8 – 10 day in Kosovo prior the Olympic Games. The NOC Sri Lanka spent a sum of Rs. 513,045.09 for the training in Kosovo.

e. Training of athletes in Sammu city

The Sammu city had agreed to host our athletes for Tokyo 2020 for 10 days. And the NOC Sri Lanka had planned to send the athletes and their officials for another 10 days training in Sammu city under the IOC – Olympic Solidarity funding of USD 15,000/- for pre-games training camp in Japan. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and with due respect to the protocols established by the Japan Government, the Pre-Games training camps were cancelled.

Sponsorships

The Hirdaramani and Brandix sponsored for Tokyo 2020 with team clothing and competition uniforms. Also, MAS, Sunshine Holdings financially sponsors. Daraz - Official Digital Partner, Coca Cola - Official Beverage Partner – Pending, Eventistry - Official Marketing Partner, Richardson - Official Outdoor Media Partner, EBC - Official Electronic Media Partner (E-fm), LOVI Ceylon- opening ceremony attire, ICL Brands (Pvt) Ltd (EVA), PG Martin

Meetings during visit to Tokyo 2020

During the Games several meeting were held with representatives of the other NOCs.

- Meeting with the President of FINA has agreed to offer support to train 2 swimmers from the age of 14 - 16 in Hungary including Education, Higher Education, and also the University, also he offered us Diving the same age group they will be able to give us 2 scholarships in one of the best academies in Russia.
- The Training Centre where the Gymnast, Milka Gehani is undergoing the training has extended their interest to continue her training; but it will depend on her commitment. And the Centre has also agreed to one or two athletes on the NOC cost.
- Kosovo also agreed to do the training for Judo and any other sport if we want. Having met with the President of International Judo Federation, he has agreed to offer Sri Lanka one slot for training in Kosovo and another one to training in

Hungary where they having a top coach, also Sri Lanka has got 2 another slot from IJF.

- For Wrestling, Uzbekistan NOC has agreed to support for training.
- The South American NOC President agreed to offer our soccer players an opportunity to play in their leagues
- The President of Trinidad and Tobago President agreed to train few of our athletic athletes like 200m, and 400m events.

3.3.2 22nd Commonwealth Games - Birmingham 2022

The Games are to be held from 28th July to 8th August 2022.

a. **Chef de Mission (CDM) meeting**

CDM meeting was held on 8th and 9th September 2021, virtually.

b. **Preparation Grant**

In preparation for the Games, NOC / CGA Sri Lanka submitted a proposal to get assistance for Athletics, Diving and Judo under the Team Preparation grant. Accordingly, the CGF approved a sum of GBP 20,000/-.

Judo – To train one Judoka in Kosovo for 4 to 5 months before the games. – App. GBP 12,500/-

Diving – To assist the Diver in Australia (Dulanjan Fernando) to cover his expenses to continue his training at least for six months to take part in Birmingham 2022. – App. GBP 3,000/-

Athletics – To train overseas one athletics athlete for 4 months before the Birmingham 2022. – App. GBP 4,500/-

c. **Queen's Baton Relay (QBR)**

The baton is arriving to BIA on 3rd January 2022 from Maldives and functions will be held on 4th & 5th January. Several meetings in preparation to welcome the Baton and as well as celebrations were held during the year 2021.

3.3.3 7th Children of Asia International Sports in Vladivostok, Russia in 2022

The 7th Children of Asia International Sports Games festival is to be held from 27th July to 8th August 2022 in Vladivostok in Russia.

a. **Chef de Mission meeting** of these Games was held on 11th & 12th November 2021 in Vladivostok. On the recommendation of the President, Mr. Suresh Subramaniam, Mr. Shehan Abeypitiya was nominated as the CDM for these Games and he attended the CDM meeting.

3.3.4 Postponement of other Games in 2021

1. **6th Asian Beach Games – Sanya, Peoples Republic of China**
   6th edition of the Asian Beach Games which was to be held in Sanya has been postponed until further notice due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

2. **Asian Indoor & Martial Art Games, Bangkok & Chonburi province, Thailand**
   The Games were to be held from 21st to 30th May 2021. However, it was again postponed to 10th to 20th March 2022.

3. **The World Games, Birmingham, USA – 7th to 17th July 2021**
   These Games were postponed to 2022.

4. **Asian Youth Games, Shantou, China**
   The Games were to be held from 20th to 28th November 2021 and it was postponed until further notice.

5. **6th Asian Indoor & Martial Art Games, Bangkok**
   The Olympic Council of Asia extended the invitation for the 6th edition of the Asian Indoor and Martial Art Games. However, the games which was to be held from 21st to 30th May 2021 had to postpone due to the COVID-19 pandemic to be held from 10th to 20th March 2022.

3.4 Assistance to National Federations / Athletes

I. Annual Grant for the year 2021
   23 NFs out of 33 NFs claimed the NOC / CGA Sri Lanka annual grant of Rs. 200,000/- for the year 2021.

II. Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation was assisted with Rs. 200,000/- for the publication of the journal.

III. Assistances given to Sri Lanka Weightlifting Federation
   a. Sri Lanka Weightlifting Federation was supported to renew the licenses of International referees. Accordingly, NOC Sri Lanka supported with USD 700/- to pay to renew the licenses of international referees.
   b. Mr. Kumaradasa, a Referee attached to the Sri Lanka Weightlifting Federation was assisted to travel to Tashkent to attend the IWF World Championship.
   c. Training in Iran for Weightlifters - The President, Mr. Suresh Subramaniam, having discussed with the Iran Olympic Committee, arranged a training in Iran our Weightlifters. Iran had agreed to support 9 athletes. However, the project

was not successful since the federation did not submit the names of the athletes on time.

IV. Assistance given to National Roller Skating Association of Sri Lanka

The National Roller Skating Association of Sri Lanka was financially assisted with Rs. 250,000/- to conduct the National tournament which was held from 24th to 27th December 2021.

V. Assistance given to Sri Lanka Judo Association

Sri Lanka Judo Association was financially supported with Rs. 250,000/- to cover the expenses related to the 58th National Judo Championship which was held on 22nd & 23rd December 2021.

VI. Assistance given to Yachting Association of Sri Lanka

a. The Yachting Association of Sri Lanka was supported with Rs. 1,000,000.00 to cover the expenses in preparation for Asian Games and 6th Asian Indoor & Martial Art Games.

b. The Federation was supported with Rs. 200,000/- to cover the expenses related to the National Championship held on 10th & 11th December 2021 at Bolgoda Lake.

VII. Assistance given to Wrestling Federation of Sri Lanka for the Senior World Championship in Oslo

The Wrestling Federation of Sri Lanka was supported with LKR 186,000/- to bring back the athletes and the coach who were stucked in Oslo. With the disappearance of the Team Manager accompanied the team, the athletes and coach could not have the PCR test on time, prior their departure. Therefore, the NOC Sri Lanka had to intervene and assist the athletes/ coach to reschedule the air tickets.

VIII. Assistance given to Basketball Federation of Sri Lanka

The Senior National Basketball Championship which was conducted by the Basketball Federation of Sri Lanka from 28th to 30th December 2021 and the NOC / CGA Sri Lanka financially assisted the federation to cover it's expenses with Rs. 1,500,000.00.

IX. Assistance to Walala Ratnayake Central College – under HP

The School Athletics Association requesting assistance for Rathnayaka Central College in Walala was recommended to support with Rs. 800,000/- worth equipment for athletes.

X. ANOC Special Fund

1.1. The ANOC, through the OCA allocated each NOC USD 25,000/- to support athletes, NFs and as well as to cover the NOC expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, NOC Sri Lanka assisted the following NFs as follows;

i. Those NFs requested laptops to conduct virtual courses, etc are
   1. Sri Lanka Judo Association
   2. Yachting Association of Sri Lanka
   3. National Gymnastics Association of Sri Lanka
   4. National Roller Skating Association of Sri Lanka
   5. Wrestling Federation of Sri Lanka
   6. Sri Lanka Taekwondo Federation
   7. Sri Lanka Karate Federation
   8. Equestrian Association of Sri Lanka
   9. Handball Federation of Sri Lanka
   10. Surfing Federation of Sri Lanka
   11. Sri Lanka Triathlon
   12. Sri Lanka Baseball/Softball Association of Sri Lanka
   13. Table Tennis Association of Sri Lanka

ii. The Weightlifting Federation was assisted with the requested for a Washing machine worth of Rs. 174,499.00 for the use of National Pool athletes for the safety of the athletes.

iii. The Basketball Federation of Sri Lanka was financially assisted with Rs. 300,000/- from the ANOC Special Fund to overcome their administrative expenses due to the pandemic.

iv. And 2 lap tops for staff members to work from home due to the pandemic including other computer software and other safety items which worth a total of 891,600.00 were purchased for the use of staff of NOC Sri Lanka since they worked remotely.

v. Sri Lanka Rugby was supported with Rs. 2.5. million to cover the expenses of the bio-bubble for the Asian Sevens Series Tournament in Dubai from 19th and 20th November 2021 under the ANOC Special Fund and OCA Activity grant.

1.2. ANOC Special Fund - Distribution of laptops and receival of additional funds of USD 40,000/- (as per the proposal sent to OCA)

The OCA approved an additional funding of USD 40,000/- as per our proposal to meet expenses of training and Olympic Qualifiers of 5 athletes targeting the Tokyo 2020.

The additional funding of USD 40,000/- were utilized for the benefit of following additional funding has been approved for the following athletes.

- Training cost for Chamara Dharmawardhana - Judo in Kosovo for 3 months – USD 5,652/-. The training costed a total of Rs. 513,045.09 (details are given under Tokyo 2020)
- Assistance to participate in World Olympic Qualifier in Bulgaria for W. Chamara Milinda Perera in Wrestling – USD 2,542/-. However, the athlete could not take part in the Olympic Qualifier due to the delay in receiving visa from India.
- The NOC Sri Lanka recommended financial Assistance for Local Training for 5 months and clothing & equipment assistance of maximum upto USD 500/- for W.K.L. Nimali - 800m – USD 1,535/-. However, the Sri Lanka Athletics requested and recommended to support Dilshi Kumarasinghe instead of W.K.L. Nimali. Accordingly, Dilshi Kumarasinghe was considered to assist financially a sum of Rs. 50,000/- per month and a maximum of USD 500/- for clothing and equipment for the entire period for 4 months from April to July 2021.
- Sumedha Ranasinghe was assisted for his local training and equipment – financial assistance for 4 months starting from April to July 2021 a sum of Rs. 50,000/- per month and a maximum of USD 500/- for clothing and equipment for the entire period (initially he was proposed to support with 2 months Overseas Training for Sumedha Ranasinge -Athletics - Javelin Throw and Olympic Qualifier – USD 7,608/-. However, it was changed since there were no qualifying tournament for Athletics that our athletes could take part and due to difficulty in arranging overseas trainings due the current Pandemic situation). Accordingly, Sumedha Ranasinghe was supported with a total of Rs. 150,000.00.
- Training in India and Olympic Qualifiers for Niluka Karunaratne – Badminton – USD 10,700/-
- Training cost - 5 months locally – and Olympic Qualifier for for Indika Dissanayake – Weightlifting – USD 4,964/-
- Assistance for Training in USA for Ushan Thiwanka of Athletics for 5 months clothing & equipment assistance of maximum upto USD 500/- - USD 3,500/-
- Assistance for Training in Itally for Yupun Abeykoon of Athletics for 5 months and clothing & equipment assistance of maximum upto USD 500/- - USD 3,500/

XI. Clarification on Boat Donation Project of Canoeing Association

On the request of National Association for Canoeing and Kayaking of Sri Lanka, in consultation of the legal officers, the NOC / CGA Sri Lanka endorsed the Boat Donation Project of Canoeing for the establishment of the domestic canoe/kayak boat production in Sri Lanka.

3.5 On the recommendation of the High Performance Committee, the Triple jumper, H.P. Balasuriya was given medical assistance with Rs. 50,000/- for her to get treated and operated at the Asiri Surgical Hospital PLC was paid for hospital.

3.6 The following athletes were given financial assistance targeting the games in 2022.

Name of the Athlete	**Sport**	**Duration**	**Per month grant (Rs.)**	**Total disbursed (Rs.)**
Yupun Abeykoon	Athletics	1st October to 31st December 2021	50,000.00	150,000.00
Ushan Thiwanka Perera	Athletics	1st October to 31st December 2021	50,000.00	150,000.00
S.P. Shriyanthika Niroshini	Wrestling	1st October to 31st December 2021	50,000.00	150,000.00
Chamara Milinda Perera	Wrestling	1st October to 31st December 2021	50,000.00	150,000.00
M.D. Chamodya Keshani	Wrestling	1st October to 31st December 2021	50,000.00	150,000.00
K.M. Sandaruwan Siriwardane	Wrestling	1st October to 31st December 2021	50,000.00	150,000.00
G.G.G.D.I. Gurugama	Weightlifting	1st October to 31st December 2021	50,000.00	150,000.00
A.A.U.M. Wijesinghe	Weightlifting	1st October to 31st December 2021	50,000.00	150,000.00
Arshika Wijayabaskar	Weightlifting	1st October to 31st December 2021	50,000.00	150,000.00
Srimali Samarakoon	Weightlifting	1st October to 31st December 2021	50,000.00	150,000.00
Total				**1,500,000.00**

3.7 Dr. Rohantha Athukorala, Chair of the Marketing & Sponsorship Committee, successful in securing sponsorship for Thilini Hendahewa of Badminton and Dilshi Kumarasinghe of Athletics from CIC and Soorya companies.

3.8 IOC – OS | Team Support Grant

Applications were sent to IOC – OS for the consideration to get support for Basketball – women's team and Beach Volleyball – men's team (only one gender each maximum two sports) under the IOC – OS Team Support Grant.

3.9 Development of National Sport System (DNSS)

i. With the close of the 2017/2020 Olympiad, Sri Lanka Amateur Baseball / Softball Association had to close the Development of National Sport System commenced in the year 2019. The International Olympic Committee - Olympic Solidarity (IOC – OS) approved a sum of USD 30,000/- under the this programme for the upliftment of Baseball in Sri Lanka in 2018. However, the Federation could not complete the programme in 2019 as planned due to the tragic Easter Sunday attack in Sri Lanka in 2019 and it is very sad that the Federation also could not continue the programme in the year 2020 as well due to the situation generated by the COVID-19. Hence the Federation was informed to return USD 8,130/- from the received advanced amount of USD 22,500/- (Rs. 3,934,125.00) to the IOC –OS. However, due to misappropriation of funds received from IOC – OS for the Development of National Sport System programme in Baseball, Sri Lanka Amateur Baseball / Softball Association still debt to NOC Sri Lanka in refunding the unused funds of the said programme.

ii. **Development of National Sport System – Badminton**

Sri Lanka Badminton was offered a Development of National Sport System in Badminton under the auspices of IOC and BWF through the NOC Sri Lanka. Several online meetings were held between the Sri Lanka Badminton Federation, the World Badminton and the NOC Sri Lanka and thereafter the final programme was sent to IOC – OS for funding. The total budget allocation of USD 34,000/- was approved by IOC – OS for the project.

3.10 IOC Diploma in Sports Medicine (Distance Learning)

Dr. Lal Ekanayake of Sport Medicine Unit successfully completed IOC Diploma in Sports Medicine (Distance Learning) programme which was held virtually from 01st October 2019 to 30th November 2021. He was benefitted from IOC – OS to cover the course fees.

3.11 12th Advanced Team Physician Course (ATPC) – Istanbul, Turkey

Dr. Himan De Silva had applied directly for the 12th ATPC which is to be held from 1st to 3rd November 2021 and he has been accepted by the event organisors. On the recommendation of the Executive Board, he was recommended for the scholarship of IOC – OS. However, his application was not supported since the ATPC was not included in the OS scholarship programme during the quadrennial period.

3.12 IOC World Conference on Prevention of Injury and Illness in Sport – Monaco, 25 – 27 November 2021

Dr. Himan De Silva had applied directly for the IOC World Conference on Prevention of Injury and Illness in Sport and upon acceptance of his application by the event

organisors, his application for sponsorship was sent to IOC – OS. Accordingly, the IOC – OS approved a total of USD 3,200/- which includes USD 1,300/- the air ticket cost in Economy class to travel from Colombo to Monaco (nearest airport is in France – Nice airport) and back to Colombo, USD 150/- for visa, USD 150/- for Insurance and USD 950/- for the course fee.

3.13 IOC Sports Nutrition Diploma (distance learning)

Ms. Shalika Harshani, Head of Department, University of Sabaragamuwa was nominated for the IOC Nutrition Diploma (distance learning) on the recommendation of Programme Director, Mr. B.L.H. Perera. Ms. Harshani was awarded IOC – OS scholarship to cover the course fees, as well.

3.14 IOC Certificate : Safeguarding Officer in Sport

The IOC Certificate : Safeguarding Officer in Sport was held from 1st September 2021 to 20th April 2022, virtually. Mr. S. Gobinath was nominated for this programme on the recommendation of Ms. Niloo Jayathilaka, Chairperson of the Women's Committee. The programme was sponsored by the IOC – OS to cover the course fees.

3.15 IOC – OS & ITF – Coaching training programme in Valencia, Spain - face-to-face session

Mr. Chryshantha Perera of Tennis was offered the IOC – OS | Olympic Scholarships for Coaches for the Sport Specific Training in Tennis (ITF Level 3 Course for Coaching High Performance Tennis Players) which was conducted by the IOC – OS & ITF together with Pancho Alvarino Tennis Academy in Valencia, Spain. Due to the pandemic situation it was continued from 7th September 2020 to 6th November 2021.

The face to face session was held from 24th October 2021 to 6th November 2021 in Valencia, Spain.

3.16 ICECP – International Coaching Enrichment Certificate Programme

The Sri Lanka Aquatics Sports Union (SLASU) recommended Mr. Akila Sineth, a young coach, for the ICECP programme. This year programme was held virtually due to the pandemic restrictions. The programme started on 2nd November 2021 and will goes until 31st July 2022. The IOC approved and sponsored for the programme fee which was USD 400/-.

3.17 12th Edition of the International Coaching Enrichment Certificate Programme (ICECP) – 2019/2022

The 12th edition of the ICECP was to be completed in 2020. However, the course had to continue till 2022 due to the pandemic situation. Mr. Navindra Dayan of Weightlifting who was nominated and accepted for the 12th edition of the International Coaching Enrichment Certificate Programme (ICECP) which conducts in conjunction with the

United States Olympic Committee and the International Olympic Committee – Olympic Solidarity. The programme involved 3 modules of which 2 were conducted during the year 2019 at the University of Delaware and at the U.S. Olympic Training Centre in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The third module was planned to be held from 26th April to 1st May 2020 in Lausanne, Switzerland. The theory part of the final session was held virtually in 2021 and the practical session and the graduation of the programme is to be held physically in the year 2022 in Lausanne. The IOC – OS approved a sum of USD 2,402/- to cover the air ticket, visa & insurance charges related to the programme.

3.18 Training in Doha Qatar

On the recommendation of HPC and with the consent of the Sri Lanka Athletics, two athletes, namely; Shreshan Dananjaya – Long Jump and Sarangi Silva – Long Jump undergo a training fully sponsored by NOC Sri Lanka / Qatar Athletics Association and Qatar Olympic Committee in Doha Qatar for a five months starting from 1st February 2021 to 15th June 2021. During their training in Doha, the two athletes took part in the Field Championship - Senior Qatar sports club - Al-Arabi Club - Aspire Throwing Area in April 2021 and both our athletes became 1st. The two athletes underwent training in Turkey together with the Qatar Pool from 15th June to 15th July 2021. The NOC Sri Lanka spent Euro 6,900/- (full board accommodation in Turkey for 2 athletes) and QAR 2735/- per person for air ticket from Doha to Turkey and back to Doha. Prior the departure of the two athletes, the Medical Committee of NOC Sri Lanka conducted medical and fitness tests for the athletes. The NOC Sri Lanka spent a total of Rs. 2,569,542.80.

We are thankful for Qatar Olympic Committee and Qatar Athletics Association for the support given for our athletes for training in Qatar and also for arranging vaccinations in Doha.

3.19 Strategic Plan

Strategic plan (Application has been sent to Olympic Solidarity (OS) which was prepared by Mr. S. Gobinath & Ms. Hansika Wijayagunasekara in consultation with the Secretary General of NOC Sri Lanka – Mr. Maxwell de Silva and Prof. B.L.H. Perera was sent to IOC – OS..

3.20 CGF – Commonwealth Sport Fund Sustainability Project

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) project on providing safe drinking water under US Sustainable Development Goals, Two schools have been chosen from kabethigollawa education zone as there is an essential need of safety drinking water, under the recommendation of the education department. GBP 6,000/- was approved to fund under this initiative and donated water filters to Sri Sobhitha Maha Vidyalaya in Madawachchiya and Moraweka Vidyalaya in Moraweka in Anuradhapura district. The programme was officially launched on 14th October 2021.

3.21 Activities of NOCSL Athletes' Commission (NOCSL AC) for the year 2021

The NOCSL Athletes' Commission, under the IOC – OS funding, conducted a series of athletes educational programmes during the year 2021. Accordingly, they conducted a two sessions, virtually, on 'Sports Nutrition' for athletes. The session I was held on 30th November 2021 and the Session II was held on 4th December 2021. Approximately 94 athletes had registered for the webinar. However, more than 100 athletes joined the webinar via zoom. The speaker of the Sessions was Ms. Shalika Harshani. Thereafter, the 3rd session to make awareness amongst athletes on Olympic Values, Mr. B.L.H. Perera conducted the session on 15th December 2021 under the theme of Olympism Makes a Complete Athlete.

Educational Programmes

In spite of the pandemic situation, the NOC / CGA Sri Lanka conducted most of the educational programmes virtually.

3.22 7th Advanced Sport Management Course 2019/2020 - Awarding Ceremony

The ASMC award ceremony was held on 6th April 2021. The Chief Guest was Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Rathnayake – Vice Chancellor of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and Guest of Hounour was Mr. Anuradha Wijekoon – Secretary to the Ministry of Youth & Sports. The undermentioned 19 recipients were awarded Diplomas.

1. Mr. Abdellah Yusuf - Western Province Rugby Football Union
2. Mr. Reshmin Mihin Amarasinghe - National Association of Climbing & Mounteering in Sri Lanka
3. Ms. J.A.S.D. Bandara - University of Sri Jayawrdenepura
4. Mr. H. Gehan M. Dias - St. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia
5. Ms. M.G.G.H. Laksara - Coporate sector, Sport Insurance
6. Wing Commander M.R.M. Hamza - SL Air Force
7. Ms. Lakna Harindi Hewawaravita - Gateway College
8. Ms. Devni Madurapperuma - Athletics Association of Sri Lanka
9. Ms. Iroshika Namasingha - Sri Lanka Aquatic Sports Union
10. Miss. M.T.P.L. Perera - University of the Visual and Performing Arts
11. Lieutenant Commander DMJN Pinthu - Sri Lanka NAVY
12. Ms. V.N. Rajapakse - National Institute of Sports Science
13. Mr. Senaka Ranasinghe - Cycling Federation of Sri Lanka
14. Sqn. Ldr. Lilangi Randeni - SL Air Force
15. Mrs. Irangani Rupasinghe - Athletics Association of Sri Lanka
16. Miss. D. S. Vitharana - M/S Julius & Creasy
17. Miss. U. Kaushalya Danthanarayana - NOC / CGA Sri Lanka
18. Mr. P.M.K Jayawardena - Life Saving Association
19. Ms. Hithaishi Jayawardana - Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology

3.23 8th Advanced Sport Management Course 2020/2021

The 8th edition of the Advanced Sport Management Course for the 2021/2022 was start in June 2021 under the auspices of IOC – OS. Accordingly, the 1st workshop to select participants was held 31st May 2021 and 20 participants were selected. The 1st Session of the Course was conducted on the 26th & 27th July be started in June 2021 and the 2nd session of the course was conducted virtually on 28th August 2021. Other sessions to be held in 2022.

3.24 OVEP Debater 2020 - Awarding Ceremony

The Awarding Ceremony of the OVEP Debator 2020 was held on 23rd of March 2021. The Winners of the Debator was;
1st place – Sirimavo Bandaranaike Vidyalaya, Colombo 07
2nd place – Hillwood College, Kandy
3rd place – Chundikuli Girls College, Jaffna
4th place – Good Shepherd Convent, Kandy

The IOC – OS and OCA were the main sponsors. Huawei and Ewis sponsored with two laptops each for the winning schools.

3.25 Women's Day - Speech Competition

A Speech competition to mark the Women's Day 2021 was conducted by the Women's Committee. A two-minutes virtual speech competition was conducted under the tagline of 'Make Sports A Safe Zone' so as to create an awareness of 'Safe Sport' in supportive to the is a campaign led by Committee under the auspicious of the International Olympic Committee – Olympic Solidarity.

The winners were;
3rd Runner-ups: (Vouchers values Rs. 2,500/- each and books was sponsored by NOC)
Master. Yusf Hazari, Royal College – Colombo and Master. Omar Hazari, Royal College – Colombo

2nd Runner-up: (Vouchers values Rs. 10,000/- was sponsored by NOC)
Ms. Ramya Sivakumar, Director, Kreston Corporate Services (Pvt) Ltd.

Runner-up: (Android mobile phone sponsored by Softlogic through the Chairperson of Women's Committee - Ms. Niloo Jayathilaka)
Mr. Ayeshan Abeywardena, Medical Student at University of Kelaniya

Winner: (Android mobile phone sponsored by Softlogic)
Ms. W.A Kalshini Dulmitha, Holy Angels Girls' College, Kuliyapitiya

3.26 Programmes conduct by the International Olympic Academy

1. IOA Master's Degree Programme in Olympic Studies 2021/2022
   Ms. Dinkey Bandara, the CGF Equip Intern was nominated for the Masters programme which is conducted by the International Olympic Academy. Ms. Bandara is the CGF eqUIP intern of CGA Sri Lanka. However, she was not considered favourably by the IOA.

2. IOA/University of Peloponnese (Greece) – Master in Olympic Studies – 2020/2021
   The programme was to held from 9th October 2020 to 31st December 2021 in Olympic, Greece. Ms. Sachini Abeykoon of Kelaniya University who applied personally for the programme and accepted by the IOA, supported to cover the programme fees under the IOC – Olympic Solidarity. She successfully completed the programme and now Ms. Abeykoon is engaged with NOC Sri Lanka educational programmes voluntarily basis.

3.27 Safe-Sport Policy of NOC Sri Lanka

The Women's Committee, keeping in line with the IOC, changed the name of the 'Sexual Harassment & Abuse Prevention Policy' (SHAP) as "Safe Sports Policy". The activities of the Campaign of the Safe Sports Policy by Dentsu Grant was carried out within the year 2021 as well. Ms. Ms. Niloo Jayathilaka on the invitation by Mr. Chris Chan of Singapore Olympic Committee shared on the Safe Sport policy – Sexual Harassment and Abuse Prevention Policy at the 5th Congress of the Association of Sports Institutes in Asia (ASIA) which was held from 22nd - 26th February 2021.

A webinar in Sinhala medium on safe sport policy to make awareness amongst athletes on the Policy and educate them was held on the 8th November jointly with the Athletes' Commission.

3.28 Olympic Day Celebrations – 2020

The Olympic Day Celebration was conducted on virtual platform on 23rd July 2021 and it was exceptionally successful, This year's celebrations were also participated by many Olympians, National level athletes and as well as NOC members / NFs and foreign participants. On the 'Day' the theme song of the Olympic Day presented by Mr. Mario Ananda was launched. It was exceptional this year since the Torch relay was also done virtually with the participation of selected athletes for Tokyo 2020 and several other elite junior and senior athletes.

For the first time, the NOC Sri Lanka has an island-wide online quiz competition and a short film competition to commemorate the Olympic Day. The Island-wide online quiz competition was registered by more than 200 candidates and it was conducted under

three different age categories – under 18, between 18 and 35, and Over 35. So as to show gender equality, the awards are allocated separately for male and female categories for each age category to encourage the women participation as well. The quiz was based on four main pillars such as philosophy and history of Olympism, modern Olympic movement, issues and challenges in Olympics, and Statistics in Olympics.

The short film competition in concurrent with the Olympic Day Celebrations under the theme of 'Respect, Understand and Move Forward'. The key objective of this competition is to promote, encourage and understand the Olympic values among the younger generation. The competition was called open among the age group between 16 and 35 years old. A very impressive number of 96 filmmakers expressed their interests in applications. However, 14 films were only received due to the travel restrictions in the country. Many of the applicants could not make films within the timeline which was unfortunate and inevitable situation.

Several other activities, keeping in line with the IOC Olympic Day theme were conducted throughout the day and in the evening of 23rd July, Mr. B.L.H. Perera conducted a discussion on Olympism with university high profiles.

Cash prizes was given to the winners of quiz competition and short film competition

Short Film Competition

1st Place Winner	- Mr. Yasiru Sandaruwan Weerasinghe	– LKR 20,000/-
2nd Place Winner	- Mr. Prabath Danushka Jayasundara	– LKR 15,000/-
3rd Place Winner	- Mr. Velupillai Rajesh kanna	– LKR 10,000/-

Quiz Competition

Under 18 year group (Male)

1st Place winner	- Joannsophia Paulsuresh	- LKR 12,500/-
2nd Place winner	- Ranuth Thamuditha	- LKR 8,500/-
2nd Place winners	- S.M.Y.M. Hazari	- LKR 8,500/-

<u>Group between 18-35 years (Male)</u>

1st Place winner	- A.M.A.J. Abesinghe	- LKR 12,500/-
2nd Place winner	- K D J Perera	- LKR 8,500/-
2nd Place	- G.D.P.D.R. Dharmaratne	- LKR 8,500/-

<u>Group over 35 yrs (Male)</u>

1st Place winner	- M.A.A.S.P.De Alwis	- LKR 12,500/-
2nd Place winner	- J.P.M.Gamage	- LKR 8,500/-
3rd Place winners	- V.C.B.Rodrigo	- LKR 5,000/-
3rd Place winners	- Sajith Sri Ranjan	- LKR 5,000/-

Group under 18 year (Female)

1st Place winner	- H.M.Sumuthu Nayanadini	- LKR 12,500/-
2nd Place winner	- T. M. H. W. M. Tennakoon	- LKR 8,500/-
2nd Place winner	- Amuthaa Patchai Pillai	- LKR 8,500/-

Group between 18-35 years (Female)

1st Place	- H.M.Dilum Isurudini	- LKR 12,500/-
2nd Place	- W.H.S. Thilakarathna	- LKR 8,500/-
2nd Place	- HP Minuvanpitiya	- LKR 8,500/-

Group over 35 years (Female)

1st Place	- Manoja Sri Ranjan	- LKR 12,500/-

All other participants in the quiz competition and short film drama competition were given certificates, caps and t-shirts in appreciation their participation.

The participants of the Tree Planting campaign at Sabaragamuwa University were given certificates, caps and t-shirts.

3.29 TAFISA World Walking Day 2021

The annual celebration of the TAFISA World Walking Day were held on 3 October at 10 AM local time around the globe. This year's celebration being active and join the most accessible and inclusive 24-hour relay around the globe! Due to the prevailing the pandemic situation, NOC Sri Lanka decided to conduct the event in a virtual manner.

3.30 Olympic Solidarity Sport Administrators Course – 1st Session

1st course was held virtually from 22nd to 25th April 2021. A total of 29 participants consisted of 20 men and 9 women successfully completed the course and the National Course Directors of NOC Sri Lanka - Mr. B.L.H. Perera, Group Capt. Nalin de Silva, Mr. Maxwell de Sila and Ms. Olivia Gamage together with provisional National Course Directors Mr. Gobinath Sivarajah. Rear Admiral (rtd) Shemal Fernando and Maj. Gen. (rtd) Dampath Fernando provided their contribution to complete the course successfully.

3.31 Olympic Solidarity Sport Administrators Course – 2nd Session

The 2nd Sport Administrators Course diromg the year 2021 was held from 5th to 8th November 2021 virtually via zoom covering 40 number of hours. The course was successfully completed 29 participants of whom 25 were male and 4 were female. It was conducted by National Course Directors Mr. B.L.H. Perera, Group Capt. Nalin de Silva, Mr. Maxwell de Sila and Ms. Olivia Gamage together with provisional National Course Directors Mr. Gobinath Sivarajah and Maj. Gen. (rtd) Dampath Fernando.

3.32 Olympic Solidarity Sport Administrators Course – 3rd Session

The 3rd Sport Administrator Course was held from 4th to 12th December 2021 virtually via zoom. The course was successfully completed by 24 participants consisted of 16 men and 8 women. National Course Directors - Mr. B.L.H. Perera, Group Capt. Nalin de Silva, and Ms. Olivia Gamage, Mr. Gobinath Sivarajah and Maj. Gen. (rtd) Dampath Fernando provided their contribution as a resource person in this course.

3.33 "State Sport Policy 1832 – 2020" of Mr. Lalith Gunawardane

The NOC Sri Lanka sponsored and obtained the right of publication of 'State Sport Policy 1832 – 2020" by written by Mr. Lalith Gunawardane to be published in future.

3.34 8th intake of the M.A. Olympic Studies at the German Sport University in Cologne

Ms. Pavithra Wijewickrama was accepted for the 8th intake of the M.A. Olympic Studies at the German Sport University in Cologne. Due to the pandemic restrictions, most of the modules of the programme were conducted virtually.

3.35 2021-2022 Dream Together Master (DTM) Programme – Seoul National University

Ms. Charuni Dissanayake of NOC Sri Lanka staff was nominated for the Seoul University DTM and she was selected by the University to follow the master's degree programme.

3.36 NOC / CGA Sri Lanka Internal Development

a. Continuation of Ms. Susanthika Jayasinghe

The contract of Mrs. Susanthika Jayasinghe as the Director of the High Performance committee was renewed from 1st August 2022 to 1st January 2022.

b. Recruitment of NOC Staff

contracts of Mr. S.R. Pathiravithane, Mr. N. Ranjith and Mr. R.R. Perera were renewed during the year 2021 for another one year period.

Mrs. Shalinie Kulatunga, Attorney at Law, as the Legal Officer for NOC Sri Lanka from January 2021 onward at a per month allowance of Rs. 60,000/-. She is one of the Junior lawyer under Mr. Dilshan Jayasuriya.

c. Purchasing of Equipment

Under the auspices of OCA, 3 laptops of which one for educational purpose and two for the use of NOC Sri Lanka staff – Ms. Chalani Dayaratne and Ms. Charuni Dissanayake were purchased.

d. Commonwealth Sport Youth Leadership eqUIP Internship Programme

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) introduced the Commonwealth Sport Youth Leadership equip Internship programme amongst its member Commonwealth Games Associations (CGAs) in order to develop sustainable capacity in CGAs in partnership with universities, CGAs and CGF. The goals of this programme are engaging and supporting young leaders from cross the Commonwealth, supporting CGAs to build their human resource capacity and capability, team preparation and other CGA projects and providing the youth of the Commonwealth with professional development and career opportunities etc. As such, on the recommendation of Mr. B.L.H. Perera, Academic Programme Director of NOC, the National Olympic Committee (NOC) / Commonwealth Games Association (CGA) of Sri Lanka selected Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka to introduce and execute this internship programme in Sri Lanka.

Having calling for applications as per the MOU signed with the Sabaragamuwa University, the NOC / CGA Sri Lanka interviewed 6 shortlisted applicants and selected Ms. T.W.A. Nipuni Darshika as the CGF intern under the eqUIP programme. Her term started from 1st September 2021 to 31st July 2022.

The intern period of Dinkey Nilankani Bandara was officially ended at the end of July 2021 and as approved by the EB, Ms. Bandara was extended for another 4 months (until December 2021) and her salary was paid by NOC Sri Lanka The contract of Ms. Dinkey Bandar who was the CGF Intern was renewed from 1st September to 31st December 2021

4. INFORMATION

4.1 During the year 2021 the Akbar Brothers sponsored NOC / CGA Sri Lanka with Tea to distribute with other NOCs and delegates.

4.2 Mr. S.H. Jayasuriya father of Tennis athlete – Savini Disanka Jayasuriya made a complain at Right to Information Commission requesting details on the Asian Games 2018 and her daughters entries which was sent through an Court Order after the deadline. Having brought to notice by the lawyers that the NOC Sri Lanka is not a Public Authority which falls under RTI act, the Commission and the appellant have agreed to seize the case subject to provide some information.

Nomination for Awards

4.3 2021 IOC Women and Sport Award

The Women's Committee having interviewed the candidates, recommended and nominated Ms. Thilaka Jinadasa for the 2021 IOC Women & Sport Award. The Executive Board of NOC Sri Lanka determined to nominated Mr. Jayanthi Kuru-Uthumpala for 2022.

4.4 7th Sheikh Fahad Hiroshima-Asia Sports Medicine and Science Award

On the recommendation of Medical Committee, Dr. Chaturanga Ranasinghe one of the members of the Medical Committee, was nominated for the 7th Sheikh Fahad Hiroshima-Asia Sports Medicine and Science Award (Sheikh Fahad Hiroshima-Asia Sports Fund).

Participation of International Meetings, Conferences & Forums

4.5 CGAs Asian Regional meeting

The Asian Regional meeting of the Commonwealth Games Federation was held on 9th September 2021 at 4.30pm (Singapore time) virtually.

4.6 OCA / OS Regional Forum and CDM Seminar

The OCA / OS Regional Forum was to be held in Sanya, Peoples' Republic of China from 22nd to 25th March 2020 and postponed due to the outbreak of the Corona virus.

4.7 2nd Commonwealth Judo Conference

2nd Commonwealth Judo Conference was held on Sunday, 12th September 2021 at 10:30 am UK time, online via Zoom. NOC Sri Lanka was invited to take part in this Conference.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5.1 Our thanks are due to the Hon. Minister of Sports and the Officials of the Ministry on the cooperation and support they have given to the NOC in every aspect of its work.

5.2 Our thanks are also due to the President - IOC, the President - OCA and various officials of these institutions which have been of great assistance to us during the

year. The cooperation and assistance given by the staff of the Olympic Solidarity division of the IOC must be specially mentioned.

5.3 Our grateful thanks are also due to those institutions that helped us through sponsorships for various programmes and projects.

5.4 Our thanks are once again due to members of the media.

5.5 Our thanks also go toward those institutions and individuals who rendered yeoman service to the NOC. We are most grateful to them.

Maxwell de Silva
Secretary General
NOC / CGA Sri Lanka