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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 It is with great pleasure that, I as the Secretary General of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC Sri Lanka) and the Commonwealth Games Association of Sri Lanka (CGA Sri Lanka), present the Activity Report encapsulating the dynamic journey of the year 2023.
- 1.2 The 2023 Annual Report reflects a year of significant activities and strategic advancement for NOC / CGA Sri Lanka. Throughout the year, we engaged in various initiatives, including the introduction of our first-ever strategic plan, which has set a clear direction for the future of sports development in the country.
- 1.3 Despite the challenges posed by the country's economic situation, which led to a reduction in sponsorships, the NOC / CGA Sri Lanka remained committed to supporting athletes, National Federations (NFs), and other sports personnel. This support was bolstered by the assistance of international bodies such as the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), and the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF).
- 1.4 Notably, NOC / CGA Sri Lanka developed the Strategic Plan for 2024 / 2032. Additionally, Sri Lanka's athletics team demonstrated strong performances at the rescheduled Asian Games in China, benefitting from overseas training opportunities that enhanced their competitiveness on the international stage.
- 1.5 In summary, 2023 was a year of strategic progress and athletic success for NOC / CGA Sri Lanka, marked by effective international collaboration and resilience in the face of economic difficulties.
- 1.6 I extend my deepest gratitude to the entire NOC Sri Lanka team; not only my Executive Board also the staff and other volunteers, for their unwavering support, which has been instrumental in driving our success in 2023. Especially the Finance Committee (FC) made a good effort on keeping financial procedures of NOC Sri Lanka in an accurate manner.

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2. STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION

2.1 ORGANISATION OVERVIEW

The NOC Sri Lanka, established on April 30, 1937, as the Ceylon Olympic & Empire Games Association, marked a significant milestone in the country's sports history. This formation enabled Sri Lankan athletes to participate in international competitions, particularly the Olympic Games.

Sri Lanka's modern sports framework owes much to British colonial influence, which introduced various popular sports. The local population, historically focused on indigenous games, began to engage with these new sports, leading to the establishment of several sports associations by the end of the 19th century. However, it wasn't until an invitation to the 1938 Empire Games that the necessity for a central governing body became clear.

The Ceylon Olympic & Commonwealth Games Association was formed to facilitate participation in the Empire Games and was subsequently recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), granting Sri Lanka full membership and participation rights in the Olympic Movement.

The mission of NOC Sri Lanka encompasses promoting Olympism, developing sports at all levels, ensuring adherence to the Olympic Charter, and fostering sports administration. The committee's vision is to cultivate a peaceful world through sports, emphasizing inclusivity, solidarity, and fair play.

Over the years, the name of the NOC Sri Lanka evolved in response to national changes and affiliations, transitioning from the Ceylon Olympic & Commonwealth Games Association to the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka. Currently, the NOC Sri Lanka includes 31 member associations, reflecting significant growth since its inception. The Athletes Commission playing an integral part for the development of athletes, joined the NOC Sri Lanka in 2018.

The Sports Law of 1973 established a formal structure for sports administration in Sri Lanka, bringing all activities under the Ministry of Sports and recognizing the NOC's role. The Constitution of NOC Sri Lanka has been amended to align with local and IOC regulations, approved by the IOC in 2018.

Through Olympic Solidarity, the NOC / CGA Sri Lanka executes programs to enhance technical knowledge among athletes and coaches, support sports administration training, and promote international collaboration. These initiatives contribute to the overarching goal of advancing Olympism across Sri Lanka

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2.2 EXPANSION

There were no new inclusions to the full membership. Therefore, the affiliation of membership was remained in 31 by the ended of 2023. However, the situation of the representatives of Cycling and Handball on the recognition of local and International governing bodies could not be solved during the year 2023. With the inclusion of Amateur Sepaktakrow Association of Sri Lanka and Bridge Federation of Sri Lanka, the associate member federations were increased to 8.

Suspension of AIBA by IOC

The suspension of the AIBA by the IOC was continued in 2023 and the coordination of Boxing was done by Special Task Force under the IOC guidance.

Affiliated NFs with full membership

- Sri Lanka Aquatics Sports Union
- Sri Lanka Athletics
- Sri Lanka Archery Association
- National Association of Canoeing and Kayaking in Sri Lanka
- National Association for Climbing and Mountaineering in Sri Lanka
- Cycling Federation of Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka Equestrian Association
- National Association of Fencing Sri Lanka
- Football Federation of Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka Golf Union
- National Gymnastic Association of Sri Lanka
- Handball Federation of Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka Hockey Federation
- Sri Lanka Judo Association
- Modern Pentathlon Federation of Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka Badminton
- Basketball Federation of Sri Lanka
- National Roller Skating Association of Sri Lanka
- Amateur Rowing Association of Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka Rugby Football Union
- National Shooting Sport Federation
- Ski and Snowboard Association of Sri Lanka
- Surfing Federation of Sri Lanka
- Table Tennis Association of Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka Taekwondo Federation
- Sri Lanka Tennis Association
- Sri Lanka Triathlon
- Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation
- Sri Lanka Weightlifting Federation
- Wrestling Federation of Sri Lanka
- Yachting Association of Sri Lanka

Affiliated NFs with associate membership

- Sri Lanka Baseball/Softball Association
- Sri Lanka Karatedo Federation
- Sri Lanka Wushu Federation
- Sri Lanka Teqball
- Muaythai Association of Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka Kabaddi Federation
- Amateur Sepaktakrow Association of Sri Lanka
- Bridge Federation of Sri Lanka

2.3 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Board member are;

President	:	Mr. Surendran Subramaniam
Secretary General	:	Mr. Maxwell de Silva
Vice Presidents	:	1. Mrs. Niloo Jayathilaka 2. Mr. Joseph Kenny 3. Mr. Suranjith Premadasa 4. Mr. Kanchana Jayarathna
Treasurer	:	Mr. Gamini Jayasinghe
Assistant Secretary	:	Mr. Chandana Liyanage
Assistant Treasurer	:	Mr. Shirantha Peiris
Committee Members	:	1. Mr. Ruwan Alahakoon 2. Mr. Sarath Hewavitharana 3. Mr. Rifdy Fahmy

Representative of Athletes' Commission: Mr. Niluka Karunaratna

2.4 HONORARY MEMBERS OF NOC SRI LANKA

Honorary Life President of NOC Sri Lanka	:	Mr. Hemasiri Fernando
Honorary Life Member	:	Mr. Prema Pinnawale

2.5 SUB-COMMITTEES

The following Sub-Committees were formalized and functioned during the year 2023.

1. Constitution Committee Chairman -Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Dampath Fernando
2. Disciplinary Committee Chairman - Mr. Kanchana Jayarathne
3. Education Committee Chairman - Mr. Maxwell de Silva
4. Ethics Committee Chairman - Dr. Harsha Cabral
5. Finance Committee_ Chairman - Mr. Joseph Kenny & Co-Chair - Mr. Lalith Withana
6. Gender Equity_Committee Chairperson - Ms. Niloo Jayathilaka

- With the resignation of Complaint Committee members Ms. Sabrina Esufally, Ms. Preethi Adhihetty and Ms. Dillai Joseph Rodrigo they were replaced by Ms. Naushalya Rajapaksha, Ms. Widya Kumarasinghe and Ms. Hasanah Cegu Isadeen.

Accordingly, Complaints Committee members of the Safe Sport Policy are;

1. Ms. Jayanthi Kuru- Utumpala (Chairperson)
2. Ms. Sharanya Sekaram
3. Ms. Diordre Croos Moraes
4. Ms. Caryll Tozer
5. Ms. Nedra Wickremasinghe
6. Ms. Shyamala Gomez
7. Dr. Nihal De Silva
8. Ms. Naushalya Rajapaksha
9. Ms. Widya Kumarasinghe
10. Ms. Hasanah Cegu Isadeen

7. High Performance Committee	Chairman - Mr. Surendran Subramaniam
8. Infra-Structure, Maintenance & Environment Committee	Chairman - Mr. Suranjith Premadasa
9. Junior Development Committee	Chairman - Mr. Shirantha Peries
10. Marketing & Sponsorship Committee	Chairman - Ms. Shirantha Peries
11. Media Committee	Chairman - Mr. Surendran Subramaniam
12. Medical Committee	Chairman - Dr. Eshan Jayaweera
13. Olympic Competition Committee	Chairman - Mr. Joseph Kenny
14. Procurement Committee	Chairman - Wg.Cdr.(rtd) Chandana Liyanage

2.4. MEETINGS

The Executive Board (EB) convened monthly throughout 2023, with a total of 13 meetings held, both in physically and virtually. In addition, regular meetings were conducted by sub-committees during the year. The activities and outcomes of these sub-committees are included in this report.

A Special General Meeting was held on 30th June 2023 to approve the Strategic Plan, and the Annual General meeting was held on 30th December 2023.

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 | - Honorary Vice President |
| 2. Mr. Surendran 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 2023 as well.

c. Appointment as Honorary Life Member of CGF

Mr. Hemasiri Fernando, Immediate Past President and Honorary Life President of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka, continued his role as an Honorary Life Member of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF). This appointment was conferred during the Annual General Meeting held in Birmingham on 26th July 2022.

2.7 'OLYMPIC HOUSE'

- a. The Gymnasium of the Olympic House which was outsourced to Ultimates Sports (Pvt) Ltd and its agreement was renewed in 25th May 2022 and agreement is valid till 30th June 2025.
- b. A restaurant was operated at the Olympic House premises by the 'Fortune Entertainment Pvt Ltd' during the year 2023.
- c. The Media Committee of NOC Sri Lanka continued to publish the e-newsletter of 'GoodSport' magazine during the year 2023.
- d. Service Agreement Renewals
The service contacts of elevator - AG MELCO Elevator Company Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, Fire Protection - Southern Fire (Pvt) Ltd, CCTV - Certis Lanka Technology & Consultancy (Pvt) Ltd, security – Redforce Security Service and janitorial services by KNK Building Solutions (Pvt) Ltd were renewed.
- e. Audit of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka
The Internal Audit of the NOC / CGA Sri Lanka was carried out, quarterly, by Moore Aiyar Chartered Accountants during the year 2023 while External Audit was carried out by the National Audit Office.

2.8 MEETING WITH IOC, NOC AND HON. MINISTER OF SPORTS

Due to the frequent changes in the Ministry of Sports and the government, there has been no significant progress in amending the Sports Law and Regulations in alignment with the IOC Charter. As a result, no meetings were held with the Ministry of Sports, IOC and NOC during the year in this regard.

3. TASKS

3.1 SIGNING OF MOUS

a. NOC Sri Lanka - Crysbro Next Champ

In 2020, the NOC / CGA Sri Lanka, in partnership with the Farms Pride (Pvt) Ltd (known as Crysbro), launched the 'NOC Sri Lanka – Crysbro Next Champ' programme to identify the nurture talented athletes. This initiative continued into 2023, providing support from June to August for a selected group of 20 following athletes;

S / No.	Name of the athlete	Amount distributed
1	Kanas Kumar Danushan	126,000.00
2	Amandhika Amarasinghe	141,000.00
3	D.A.Tuder Hemachandra	141,000.00
4	H. Anju Minuwandana De Silva	126,000.00
5	H.G.V. Swarna Sri Bandara	126,000.00
6	K.R. Dhammika	126,000.00
7	M.D. Madushika Premaratne	126,000.00
8	A.D. Nadila Nethviru	126,000.00
9	S. Nethmi Nimthera	141,000.00
10	P. Nethmi Ahinsa Fernando	126,000.00
11	H.H. Ravindu Sithum Jayasundara	126,000.00
12	S A Upul Susitha Fernando	15,000.00
13	R.L. Sachini Rajika Laksarani	126,000.00
14	M. Senori Sasadara Fernando	126,000.00
15	T.O. Vinod Ariyawansha	126,000.00
16	M. Tehan Sanchith Rayan	141,000.00
17	U.L. Tharinda Mandara Premakumara	141,000.00
18	Vishaka Dewini Anagipura	126,000.00
19	W.A. Ishara Samanmali	126,000.00
20	D.M.T.D. Tharushi Karunarathne	126,000.00
Total		2,469,000.00

The Coaches of the above selected 20 athletes were also provided with a monthly allowance as a token of appreciation for their dedicated service. The names of the Coaches are as follows;

S / No.	Name of the Coach	Amount distributed
1	Bandara Uduwelaarachchi	15,000.00
2	D.B.R. Buddhika Dikkumbura	15,000.00
3	G.H.J.W.C. Kumara	15,000.00
4	K.K.D. Nipuna Nirmal Kumara	15,000.00
5	K.M.C.U. Perera	15,000.00
6	M.S. Fernando	15,000.00
7	Mrs. S Karunanayaka	15,000.00
8	R.S. Chanaka Ruwan Kumara	30,000.00
9	S A Upul Susitha Fernando	15,000.00
10	S.M. Rukshan Gunathilaka	15,000.00
11	T. S. Suranga Kumara	15,000.00
12	W.R. Tharanga	15,000.00
13	W.A.R.D. Wansapura	15,000.00
Total		210,000.00

b. Signing an MOU with Department of Forest Conservation

An MOU was signed with the Department of Forest Conservation on 19th September 2023 for the restoration of the Weerakkodichole Forest. This agreement is set to remain in effect for a period of 20 years. I signed the agreement on behalf of NOC Sri Lanka.

c. MOU for the collaboration between NOC Sri Lanka and Hockey Club Rome & letter from the Sri Lanka Hockey Federation

A tripartite MOU was signed in 2023 between NOC Sri Lanka, Hockey Club Rome and Hockey Femminile Libertas San Saba. The agreement was officially signed by the President of NOC Sri Lanka.

3.2 GAMES

3.2.A ASIAN GAMES – HANGZHOU 2022

The Games were held in Hangzhou, People’s Republic of China, from 23rd September to 3rd October 2023. Sri Lanka team comprised of 96 athletes and 57 officials, competing across 21 different sports.

a) Fun Run

The Fun Run for the Asian Games was held on 7th February 2023 at the Port city in Colombo, with the participation of school children. The OCA provided funding of USD 15,000.00 for this initiative. A delegation from OCA headed by Mr. Jeans Zhou Jian, Director of Media & Broadcast attended the initiative.

b) Chef de Mission meeting

The Chef de Mission meeting of the Hangzhou 2022 games took place on 25th and 26th April 2023 in Hangzhou, China. The meeting was attended by Mr. Nishanthe Piyasena – Chef de Mission and Ms. Hansika Wijayagunasekara, Deputy Manager of Games Operations.

c) Team Size Calculator

Sport / Discipline	Athletes (Aa)		Officials (Ao)	Total (Aa + Ao)
	Male	Female		
Aquatics – Swimming	2	1	1	4
Archery	2	1	2	5
Athletics	6	8	5	19
Badminton	1	-	1	2
Boxing	2	-	2	4
Cricket	15	15	10	40
Golf	4	-	1	5
Gymnastics – Artistic	-	1	1	2
Judo	1	-	1	2
Martial Arts – Karate	1	1	2	4
Mind Sports - Chess	1	-	1	2
Mind Sports – Esports	4		1	5
Rowing	2	2	2	6
Rugby – Rugby 7s	12	-	2	14
Sailing	1	1	1	3
Squash	2	1	1	4
Taekwondo	1	1	2	4

Volleyball-Beach Volleyball	-	2	1	3
Weightlifting	2	-	2	4
Wrestling	-	1	1	2
Wushu	2	-	1	3
	62	34	41	137
Officials for entire Team (Technical Staff)				
Chef de Mission (CDM)			1	
General Team Manager (Deputy CDM)			1	
Medical Personnel			3	
Press Attaché			2	
HQ Officials			9	
Total Technical Staff			16	
Team Sri Lanka Delegation (Aa + Ao + Technical Staff)				153

d) Key Officials

1. Mr. Nishanthe Piyasena– Chef de Mission
2. Ms. Reshika Udugampola – Deputy Chef de Mission cum Safe Sport Officer
3. Wg. Cdr. (rtd) Erandika Gunawardane – HQ Team Official
4. Mr. Ruwan Alahakoon – HQ Team Official
5. Dr. Chathuranga Ranasinghe – Chief Medical Officer
6. Dr. Chathura Eidirisinghe - Medical Personnel
7. Dr. N.A.N. Prabhasara Sankalpana - Medical Personnel
8. Ms. Hansika Wijayagunasekara – Administrative official
9. Ms. Chalani Dayarathna – Administrative official
10. Ms. Charuni Dissanayake – Press Attaché
11. Mr. S.R. Pathiravithana - Press Attaché
12. R.P. Harsha Prabhath Perera – HQ Team Official
13. U.G.S.K. Rukaththanadeniya – HQ Team Official
14. Kapila Ruwan Wijesinghe – HQ Team Official
15. H. Nayani Damayanthi – HQ Team Official
16. W.D. Gamini Kapiladewa Costa - HQ Team Official

NOC Officials

Mr. Surendran Subramaniam was unable to attend the Games in his capacity as the President of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka.

Mr. Maxwell de Silva attended the Games as the Secretary General of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka.

Mr. Suranjith Premadasa – Vice President attended the games as the delegate of NOC Sri Lanka.

e) **Notable Achievements**

Sri Lanka had a commendable performance at the Games, securing the following medals:

- Gold Medal** : by Tharushi Karunaratne in Women's 800m
Silver Medals : by Dilhani Lekamge in Women's Javelin Throw
by Women's Cricket team
Bronze Medals : by Men's 4 x 400m Relay
By Women's 4 x 400m Relay

This performance demonstrates Sri Lanka's growth and success across multiple sports on the Asian stage.



f) **Sponsorships for the Team Sri Lanka for Hangzhou 2022**

- DSI – AVI sponsored with team clothing, competition clothing and shoes.
- A Chinese company 'Pano Sports Company' sponsored with team clothing
- LOVI sponsored with opening ceremony kits

g) Media

A total of seven media personnel represented and covered the Hangzhou 2022 event. They are as follows:

1. Ms. Yashodara Dunuwille – GoodSport magazine of NOC Sri Lanka
2. Mr. Thusith Perera – GoodSport magazine of NOC Sri Lanka
3. Mr. Namal Silva – Sporty.lk
4. Mr. Darshana Liyanage – Sporty.lk
5. Mr. Nuwan Udara – Independent Television Network Ltd.
6. Mr. Haritha Perera – www.sportswithharitha.com
7. Mr. Niroshan Priyankara – dinamina

The NOC Sri Lanka financially assisted four media personnel : Yashodara Dnuwille, Thushith Perera, Namal Silva and Niroshan Priyankara.

h) Trainings and Scholarships

- Sri Lanka Wushu Federation - NOC Sri Lanka provided LKR 337,500/- to cover airfare for three Wushu players attending a training camp in Zahedan, Iran, from 12th July to 18th September 2023 in preparation for the Asian Games.
- Amasha De Silva, a female sprinter, has been training in Trinidad & Tobago since September 2022 in preparation for the Asian Games 2022. NOC Sri Lanka invested LKR 10,109,360.33 in her training during the year, with during covered through IOC – Olympic Solidarity and OCA funds. Although she was not able to get selected for the Asian Games, the training proved valuable for her future athletic career.
- **OCA Asian Games Subsidy**
Various sports benefited from the OCA Asian Games subsidy in preparation for the Hangzhou 2022 Games:
 - Sailing – LKR 1,573,500.00
 - Squash – LKR 1,104,618.00
 - Badminton – LKR 945,333.00
- **IOC – OS Continental Athlete Support Grant (CASG) – 2023**
NOC Sri Lanka allocated USD 43,460.00 (approximately LKR 13,828,820.47) form the IOC – OS Continental Athlete Support Grant to assist Rowing, Athletics, and Wrestling with their pre-Games training overseas.
 - The Rowing team, comprising four rowers and two coaches, trained at the Thousand Island Lake training center in Shilinzhen, China, from 2nd to 17th September 2023. The total cost of training was USD 14,200.00 (approximately LKR 4,544,000), with additional bank charges of LKR 2,358.97 and airfare expenses of LKR 2,261,160.00.

- Athletics – The Chinese Olympic Committee hosted 10 athletes and 2 coaches for training in China from 4th to 26th September 2023. NOC Sri Lanka also funded an additional official, a Masseur, for the training camp. The total cost for this training was LKR 5,198,738.30.
- Wrestling_– P. Nethmi Ahinsa Fernando, a Wrestler, and her coach, Suranga Kumara, trained in Budapest, Hungary from 23rd September to 6th October 2023. The United World Wrestling (UWW), in collaboration with the Hungary Wrestling Federation, hosted the team, covering accommodation and training costs in Hungary. The Indian Olympic Committee provided support for food and lodging in India, while the team in India to obtain visas. NOC Sri Lanka covered the visa and airfare expenses, amounting to LKR 1,629,363.20 and as well as LKR 7,926.86 for insurance fees, to enable Nethmi Ahinsa and her coach to participate in the Wrestling Championship in Serbia and continue training in Hungary, in preparation for the Asian Games.

3.2.B COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES – TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

The 7th edition of the Commonwealth Youth Games was held in Trinidad & Tobago from 4th to 11th August 2023. A team of 11 athletes and 4 officials took part in these games by representing Sri Lanka.

a) Team Size Calculator

Sport	Athletes		Officials	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Aquatic	2	2	1	-
Athletics	3	2		
Beach Volleyball	2	-	2	-
CDM			1	
Total	7	4	4	

b) Key Officials

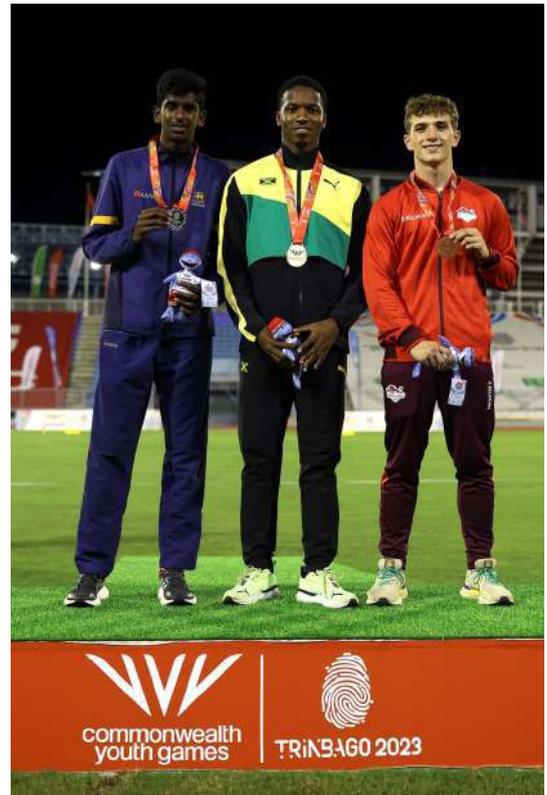
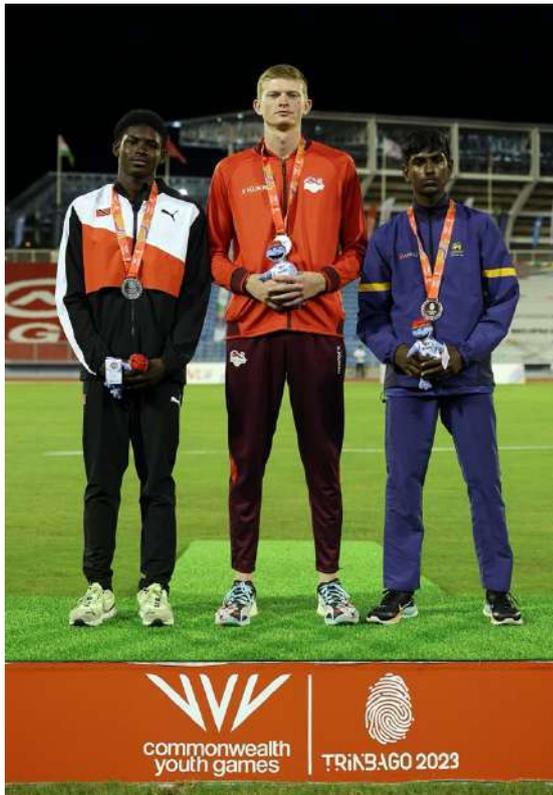
Mr. Sarath Kuragama led the team as the Chef de Mission.

NOC Officials

Mr. Maxwell de Silva attend the Games in the capacity as the Secretary General of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka.

c) Notable Achievements

Team Sri Lanka is 21st in total medal ranking out of 69 CGAs. The Team Sri Lanka will be able to win one Silver and one Bronze medal in the games. A silver medal was won by Ayomal Akalanka in the Men's 400m Hurdles, and a bronze medal was won by Nilupul Pehesara in the Men's High Jump.



3.2.C 8th CHILDREN OF ASIA GAMES – CHEF DE MISSION MEETING

The Chef de Mission meeting of the 8th Children of Asia Games was held from 17th to 20th July 2023 in Yakutsk, Russia. Former athlete, Mr. Shehan Ambeypitiya attended the meeting on behalf of NOC Sri Lanka. Although the games were scheduled for 2024, Sri Lanka will not be participating due to the IOC's guidelines following the suspension of the Russian Olympic Committee and its participation in international events.

3.2.D OLYMPIC GAMES - PARIS 2024

a) Chef de Mission meeting

The Chef de Mission meeting of the Paris 2024 games were held from 13th to 17th July 2023 in Paris. Wg. Cdr. (rtd) Chandana Liyanage attended the meeting on behalf of NOC Sri Lanka. Mr. Joseph Kenny – Vice President of NOC Sri Lanka, was also nominated to attend but declined the invitation.

b) IOC – OS | Scholarships for Athletes – Paris 2024

Under the IOC – Olympic Solidarity Scholarships for Athletes for Paris 2024, NOC Sri Lanka offered scholarships to the following athletes, based on the recommendation of their respective National Federations (NFs). These scholarships, which began in 2022, will continue through to the Paris 2024 Olympics, subject to the terms outlined in the agreement.

	Name	Sport	Start Date	Per month grant USD	Total Distribution during the year 2023	
					USD	LKR
1	Indika Dissanayake	Weightlifting	01.01.22	850.00	10,200.00	3,294,838.00
2	Rajitha Pushpakumara	Judo	01.01.22	1,000.00	12,000.00	3,878,980.00
3	Ishara Madurangi	Table Tennis	01.01.22	1,000.00	12,000.00	3,876,280.00
4	Thilini Hendahewa	Badminton	01.01.22	500.00	6,000.00	1,938,140.00
5	Dilshi Kumarasinghe	Athletics	01.01.22	1,000.00	12,000.00	3,876,280.00
6	Ranitham Liyanage	Badminton	01.05.22	500.00	6,000.00	1,938,140.00
7	Nethmi Ahinsa Fernando	Wrestling	01.09.22	1,150.00	13,800.00	4,457,722.00
8	Chalinda Sampath Liyanage	Taekwondo	01.08.22	1,700.00	20,400.00	Paid to German Centre by OS (approximately 6,589,676.00)

3.1.A The Gymnast - Milka Gehani continued her training in Japan after the Tokyo 2020 under the full sponsorship of the Japan Olympic Committee.

c) IOC – OS | Team Support Grant

Following the submission of applications to the IOC – Olympic Solidarity (OS) for the Team Support Grant targeting the Paris 2024, the Basketball – women’s team and Beach Volleyball – men’s team were supported for their preparations. A total of USD 50,000/- per team was approved for the 2021/2024 period. The funds provided to the respective NFs are as follows;

Federation	Category	Assistance in 2023	
		USD	LKR
Sri Lanka Basketball Federation	3x3 Women’s	20,992.00	6,343,510.69
Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation	Beach Volleyball – Men’s	6,296.00	2,027,280.00

3.3 Assistance to National Federations

3.3.A Annual Grant for the year 2023

14 NFs out of 31 NFs claimed the NOC / CGA Sri Lanka annual grant of Rs. 200,000/- for 2023 during the year 2023.

- Sri Lanka Athletics
- Sri Lanka Badminton
- National Association of Canoeing and Kayaking in Sri Lanka
- National Gymnastic Association of Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka Hockey Federation
- Sri Lanka Judo Association
- National Roller Skating Association of Sri Lanka
- Amateur Rowing Association of Sri Lanka
- Ski and Snowboard Association of Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka Tennis Association
- Sri Lanka Triathlon
- Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation
- Wrestling Federation of Sri Lanka
- Yachting Association of Sri Lanka

3.3.B Wrestling Federation of Sri Lanka. - Financial Assistant of LKR 150,000.00 was provided to the Wrestling Federation of Sri Lanka to support organization of the Wrestling National Championship 2023.

3.3.C Sri Lanka Judo Association – Financially assisted with LKR 198,500.00 to cover the economy class airfare for Ms. A.A. Anusha Gayasri Perera to attend the Thailand International Judo Championship held from 31st August to 4th September 2023.

3.3.D Sri Lanka Basketball Federation – financially assisted with LKR 1,200,000/- to cover airfare and visa costs for 12 athletes and officials attending the FIBA Asia Women Championship 2023 in Thailand. The tickets arranged from Voyzant (Pvt) Ltd with a total invoice amount of LKR 2,311,200.00. Part of the costs of the 3x3 basketball women’s athletes were covered through the IOC - OS Team Support grant for 2023.

3.3.E Modern Pentathlon Federation of Sri Lanka – financially assisted with LKR 500,000/- to conduct Biathlete and Triathle National Tour 2023 (BTNT 2023) on 10th June 2023.

3.3.F Sri Lanka Tennis Association

- The final 50% balance of financial assistance, amounting to LKR 500,000.00 was provided for the preparation of the National Junior & Wheelchair Tennis Teams in 2022.
- The Sri Lanka Tennis Association received financial assistance of LKR 1,000,000.00 (reimbursement) to cover the cost of tickets and visas for the Wheelchair Tennis Team. The support enabled 4 athletes - S.R.D. Dharmasene, D.M. Gamini, K. Manjula Pradeep Kumara, Ignatius Vijayakanth to take part in the 2023 BNP Paribas World Team Cup World Group event, held from 1st to 7th May 2023 in Vilamoura, Portugal.

- 3.3.G Sri Lanka Athletic Association – financial assistance of LKR 930,000.00 was provided for the purchase of 3 air tickets for athletes Thushen M Silva (Pole Vault), Nilupul Pehesara Thenuja (High Jump) and Ayomal Akalanka (400m Hurdles) to attend the 5th Asian Youth Athletics Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, held from 27th to 30th April 2023.
- 3.3.H National Roller Skating Association of Sri Lanka - Financial support of LKR 500,000.00 was provided to conduct the NOVICE'S National Championship 2023, held from 10th to 11th April 2023 at the Kelaniya Rajamaha Vihara premises.
- 3.3.I Sri Lanka Hockey Federation - Financial assistance of LKR 300,000.00 was provided to conduct the AHF National Coaching & Umpiring Course in Colombo, held from 1st to 7th July 2023.
- 3.3.J Sri Lanka Weightlifting Federation – An advance payment of LKR 250,000.00 was provided to the Sri Lanka Weightlifting Federation to conduct the National Senior, Junior and Youth Weightlifting Championships at the National Sports Complex, Polonnaruwa, from 27th to 30th December 2023.
- 3.3.K Sri Lanka Karate Do Federation was supported with LKR 500,000.00 to produce 1,000 medals for its championship held in 2023.

3.4 Assistance to Active Athletes

The following athletes received financial assistance in preparation for various games and events in 2023.

3.4.A **IOC - OS Youth Athlete Development - IF Training Opportunities | UWW - Acclimatization Camp – Serbia**

The United World Wrestling (UWW) in cooperation with Olympic Solidarity, conducted an Acclimatization Camp at the Hotel Crni Vrh, Divcibare, Serbia, from 6th to 15th September 2023. This camp was part of the preparation for the first Paris 2024 Olympic Qualifier in Wrestling, held from 16th to 24th September 2023. IOC – OS supported UWW with USD 3,180.00 to cover all logistical aspects of Sri Lanka's team participation in this event.

3.4.B **2023 OCA-IIHF U16 Asian Ice Hockey Youth Camp**

As part of the OCA/OS Continental Programmes, the OCA organised a Youth Camp in Ice Hockey at Humo Arena in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, from 31st July to 7th August 2023. The NOC Sri Lanka did not participate in this camp.

- 3.4.C On the recommendation of the President NOC Sri Lanka, Golfer Nadaraja Thangaraja was assisted with airfare to participate in various golf tournaments. The athlete paid a sum of LKR 319,415.00 to NOC Sri Lanka which is the 10% of the prize money he won. The events supported by NOC Sri Lanka in 2023 are as follows;
- TATA Steel PGTI Champions 2023, Kolkata from 7th to 10th February 2023 – LKR 109,500.00
 - For the Hero Indian Open 2023 in Delhi from 23rd to 26th February 2023 and Gujarat Open Golf Championship 2023 presented by Gujarat Tourism in Ahmedabad from 1st to 4th March 2023 – LKR 232,900.00
 - Vizag Open 2023, Visakhapatnam, India from 20th to 23rd September 2023 – LKR 134,160.00
 - India Cements Pro Championship, Chennai from 16th to 19th August 2023 and Coimbatore Open from 22nd to 25th August 2023 – LKR 102,500.00
- 3.4.D Wrestler - PSU Fernando received financial assistance of LKR 75,000.00 to attend Senior Asian Championship 2023.
- 3.4.E R K P A Irajini Karunarathne (Karate) received financial assistance of LKR 100,000.00 to attend the 7th South Asian Championship in Kathmandu, Nepal, held from 29th November to 4th December 2023.
- 3.4.F Athletics : Air ticket assistance was provided for athlete Amila Sanath Kumara and coach Sumith Prasanna Vithana to attend the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, held on 6th April 2023 in Lumbini, Nepal. The total cost was LKR 245,200.00
- 3.4.G Boxing
- Air ticket assistance of LKR 392,800/- was provided for Niraj Wijewardana and coach Prasad Wijesekera to participate in the Taipei City Cup International Boxing Tournament, held from 18th to 20th August 2023, along with a training camp from 11th to 17th August 2023.
 - Financial assistance of USD 600/- (LKR 192,708/-) was provided to Niraj Madhushan Wijewardana to cover visa fees, meals, medical supplies, and other necessary expenses for the same tournament and training camp.
- 3.4.H Sudesh Peries, OLY, weightlifter was assisted with USD 1,430/- (course fee USD 1,150/- and transportation USD 280/-) = LKR 467,750/- to follow a CrossFit level 1 certificate course. Additionally, he was also awarded a monetary honorarium of LKR 100,000.00 upon his retirement from competitive athletics.

3.4.I Athlete Career Transition - Athlete365 Career+ Power Up Outreach Workshop & A Forum to Inspire Athletes

The Athlete's Commission of NOC Sri Lanka, in collaboration with the IOC Athlete's Department, conducted an Athlete Career Transition Programme led by Mr. Yip Renkai, on 19th & 20th December 2023. A total of 30 male and 30 females attended participated in the programme. Total expenditure for the programme was LKR 922,237.96. The IOC supported with USD 1,827.18 an equivalent amount of LKR 571,323.36 and NOC Sri Lanka supported with LKR 350,914.60

3.5 IOC – OS | Development of National Sport System (DNSS)

3.5.A Development of National Sport System – Badminton

Sri Lanka Badminton was selected for the Development of National Sport System (DNSS) in Badminton under the auspices of IOC and Badminton World Federation (BWF), facilitated through NOC Sri Lanka. Several online meetings were held between the Sri Lanka Badminton Federation, BWF and NOC Sri Lanka to finalise the programme. Subsequently, the final proposal was submitted to IOC – OS for funding approval.

A total budget allocation of USD 34,641/- was approved by IOC – OS for the project. The programme was started on 16th December 2023, with the involvement of BWF experts: Mr. Andy Ardiansyah Muhammed (Indonesia), Mr. Nikhil Chandra Dhar (Bangladesh) and Mr. Thanabalan Arikrishnan (Malaysia). They visited Sri Lanka from 16th December 2023 to 5th January 2024 to oversee the programme's implementation.



3.6 IOC – OS | Technical Course for Coaches

3.6.A Athletics

Sri Lanka Athletics was offered an IOC – OS Technical Course for Coaches in jumping events. The course was held from 17th to 22nd June 2023, with expertise provided by Mr. Ria Lumintuarso from Indonesia and Mr. Jayalal Ratnasooriya from Sri Lanka, both of whom were appointed by World Athletics.

The course had 13 male and 3 female participants, including some coached of national-level athletes. The total cost of the programme was USD 3,383.00 (equivalent to LKR 1,082,425.75 of which LKR 1,037,700.75 covered the NF expenditure and LKR 44,745.75 was the NOC Sri Lanka’s administration and inspection charges.



Additionally, the IOC – OS directly paid to World Athletics a total of USD 5,000.00 to cover the expenses related to the experts and other logistical costs of the course.

3.6.B Judo

Sri Lanka Judo Association was offered an IOC – OS Technical Course for Coaches in Level 1. The course was held from 1st to 8th November 2023, with expertise provided by Mr. Amel Mekic from Bosnia and Herzegovina, whom appointed by the International Judo Federation (IJF). A total of 48 coaches (37 male and 11 female) along with 2 athletes, attended the course. The total cost of the programme was USD 5,752.00 (equivalent to LKR 1,836,438.48), of which LKR 1,809,938.48 covered the NF expenditure and LKR 26,500.00 was the NOC Sri Lanka administration and inspection charges.

Additionally, the IOC – OS directly paid to IJF USD 3,000/- to cover expert’s indemnities, air ticket and other expenses related to this Technical Course for Coaches in Judo.



3.6.C Sailing

The Yachting Association of Sri Lanka was offered an IOC – OS Technical Course for Coaches. The course was originally planned for 2023 but postponed to 2024 due to the holiday period. The IOC – OS approved a budget of USD 8,560.00 for the programme.

3.7 IOC – OS | Olympic Scholarships for Coaches – International Coaching Course

Ms. H. Maheshika Dilrukshi Perera, a trainer in general conditioning and a physiotherapist, was selected for the International Coaching Course conducted by the Hungarian University of Sports Science in Budapest. The course focused on Sports Science training in general conditioning and was scheduled for the year 2023. Unfortunately, Ms. Perera was unable to attend the spring session, held from 3rd April to 2nd June 2023, due to visa issue. She was re-offered the Fall session, which took place from 2nd October to 1st December 2023. Under the IOC – OS | Olympic Scholarship for Coaches, she was granted a total of USD 10,889.00. This amount included USD 9,418.00 paid directly to the University to cover tuition fee and USD 1,471.00 to NOC Sri Lanka for air ticket, visa and travel insurance.

Ms. Perera successfully completed the course with a grade of ‘excellence’, achieving an impressive average score of 4.87 out of 5.

3.8 Women in Sport High Performance Pathway (WISH) scholarship programme – 2023 / 2025

The WISH programme designed to support and equip women coaches with the potential and ambition to succeed in elite coaching roles with their respective sports.

Ms. Iresha Lalanthi Disanayaka, Weerappulige, an active Wrestling Coach, was selected by the UWW, based on her performances during the Coaching Course held by the OCA in collaboration with the National Olympic Committee of Uzbekistan,. This course, part of the OCA Development Programme for Coaches and Referees “stage 2” for Central and South Asian NOCs held in 2022 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The WISH programme was officially launched on 25th May 2023, and the residential training was conducted from 21st to 26th August 2023 in UK. The programme is funded by IOC – OS, which transferred a total tuition fee of USD 10,274.10 directly to Hertfordshire University.

3.9 IOC Sports Nutrition Diploma (distance learning)

3.9.A Ms. Shalika Harshani, Head of Department, University of Sabaragamuwa, successfully completed the IOC Nutrition Diploma (distance learning). The course was supported by IOC – OS, which paid the course fee of USD 6,117.81 directly to the SportsOracle.Ltd.

The programme commenced on 1st February 2022 and concluded in 30th November 2023.

3.9.B Prof. (Dr) M.A. Ranil Jayawardena, a leading professor in nutrition in Sri Lanka with a medical background was nominated for the IOC Nutrition Diploma (distance learning) on the recommendation of Programme Director, Mr. B.L.H. Perera.

Prof. Jayawardena was awarded IOC – OS scholarship to cover the course fees of USD 2,904.14, which was paid directly to the SportsOracle.Ltd. The programme will run from 1st February 2023 to 30th November 2024.

3.10 **IOC Certificate : Safeguarding Officer in Sport**

Ms. Reshika Udugampola OLY nominated for the IOC Certificate: Safeguarding Officer in Sport programme, which commenced on 1st September 2023. The programme, conducted virtually, will run until 30th April 2024.

Ms. Udugampola was nominated for this programme on the recommendation of Ms. Niloo Jayathilaka, Chairperson of the Gender Equity Committee of NOC Sri Lanka. The programme fee of USD 1,899.42 was paid directly by the IOC – OS to the programme organisers, SportsOracle Ltd.

3.11 **Strategic Plan**

The Strategic Plan, developed by Mr. S. Gobinath and Ms. Hansika Wijayagunasekara in consultations with the Secretary General of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka, Mr. Maxwell de Silva and Prof. B.L.H. Perera, was submitted to IOC – OS for the support. The initiative was implemented throughout 2023 under the consultation of Prof. Emanuel Bayle.

The IOC – OS approved a total budget of USD 20,000.00 for this initiative and advanced a sum of USD 15,000.00 (equivalent to LKR 7,109,600.00) to initiate the activity which is very important to plan the future of NOC Sri Lanka and sport. It was incurred a sum of LKR 9,246,111.00 during the year 2023.

As part of the initiative, Prof. B.L.H. Perera visited the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) from 4th to 8th December 2023. This visit provided NOC Sri Lanka with valuable insights for fulfilling its strategic planning objectives, including obtaining expert feedback from AOC on the implementation mechanism of the NOC Sri Lanka strategic plan. The visit also allowed NOC Sri Lanka to learn from the AOC's achievements and organisational improvement through their strategic plan, particularly in governance, marketing, autonomy, programme/projects development, and financial management.

The IOC – OS supported the visit with USD 2,337.00 to cover air ticket, food and lodging.

Educational Programmes

3.12 Project Walasbedda

The “Project Walasbedda”, initiated under the auspices of Commonwealth Games Federation - Game Changers Grant 2023, was launched at Walasbedda Vidyalaya, a school located in Demodara, Bandarawela, 334 km away from Colombo. The objective of the project was to enhance the interest and involvement of teachers and school children in physical activities.

The programme conducted on 28th April 2023 and included a series of activities designed to foster engagement and development. These activities included:

- Volleyball Workshop for School Volleyball Team, conducted by two referees namely Mr. A.J.M.A. Chinthana Adikari and Mr. S.U. Bandara
- Educational / Motivational Program for school teachers and children conducted by Prof B L H Perera – Academic Programme Director of NOC Sri Lanka
- Donation of classroom furniture (cupboards) to the school
- Donation of Sports Equipment, including Volleyball, Athletics gear (Discuss, Shot put, Javelin, etc.)
- Tree Plantation Program aimed at promoting environmental awareness
- Physical Activities for School Children conducted by Mr. Chalani Dayarathna and Mr. Nipuni Darshika of NOC Sri Lanka

Additionally, Mr. Sumith Prasanna, Assistant Director of Education (Sport), Zonal Education Office in Bandarawela also participated in the programme.



3.13 **9th Advanced Sport Management Course 2023/2024**

The 9th edition of the Advanced Sport Management Course 2023/2024, conducted under the auspices of IOC – OS, commenced on 5th August 2023 with 25 participants. The Course is structured in 7 modules and is scheduled to conclude in 2024.

3.14 **National Courses for Sport Administrators - Advanced Sport Management Courses - Programme Directors (ASMC Programme Directors Training)**

Ms. W.S. Eranga Chrishanthi Fernando and Ms. L.H. Hansika Madushani Wijayagunasekara were nominated in 2022 to train and assist ASMC Programme Director (PD) candidates. Six countries nominated candidates for this programme, which included both Programme Directors Training and Programme Directors Refresher courses. Both Ms. Fernando and Ms. Wijayagunasekara successfully completed their course in 2023 and are currently serving as provisional ASMC PD under the supervision of Prof. B.L.H. Perera.

3.15 **XXV MEMOS**

Mr. Nishanthe Piyasena of Modern Pentathlon Federation of Sri Lanka was nominated for the 25th edition of the Executive Masters in Sports Organizations Management (XXV MEMOS). The programme is conducted over four sessions as below;

- 1st session – 4th to 14th September 2022 in Lausanne, Switzerland
- 2nd session – 5th to 13th February 2023 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 3rd session – 1st to 8th May 2023 in Olympia, Greece
- 4th session – 6th to 9th September 2023 in Lausanne, Switzerland

The IOC – OS supported to cover the tuition fee of USD 7,938.96 by directly paying to the relevant centres. A total of LKR 4,466,868.00 incurred for visa, food & lodging (which were not covered from IOC – OS) to NOC Sri Lanka for this programme and a sum of USD 9,121.00, an equivalent amount of LKR 2,988,639.00 was received from IOC - OS while NOC Sri Lanka borne the balance of LKR 1,478,229.00.

Mr. Piyasena's research was related to his National Federation and he was guided by the world-renowned professor Jean-Loup Chappolet.

Mr. Piyasena successfully completed requirements of the University Certificate in MEMOS 2022/2023 given at Ottawa, Canada on 1st November 2023.

3.16 **Programmes conduct by the International Olympic Academy and other Olympic Committees**

3.16.A **63rd International Session for Young Olympic Ambassadors**

Ms. Upeksha Anjalee attended the 63rd International Session for Young Olympic Ambassadors organized by the International Olympic Academy. The session was held in Athens and in the IOA premises in Ancient Olympia from 10th to 22nd June 2023. The IOC – Olympic Solidarity supported with USD 563.00, covering 50% of her air ticket in economy class.

3.16.B IOA/University of Peloponnese (Greece) – Master in Olympic Studies – 2022/2024

The Master's Programme in Olympic Studies, conducted by the International Olympic Academy (IOA) and the University of Peloponnese, was held from 7th October 2022 to 29th February 2024 in Olympia, Greece. Ms. Dinkey Bandara, the CGF Equip Intern, was nominated for this programme and accepted by the IOA. She was supported under the IOC – OS to cover the programme fees.

- The 1st semester ran from 7th of October 2022 to 10th December 2022.
- The 2nd Semester was held from 18th April 2023 to 10th June 2023

Under the IOC – OS, Ms. Bandara was provided with a total of USD 9,234.70 for her tuition and lodging:

- USD 3,802.93 paid directly by the IOC – OS to the IOA
- USD 5,432.75 paid directly to the University of Peloponnese

3.16.C 8th COC Youth Camp

The Chinese Olympic Committee (COC) hosted the 8th edition of its youth camp, aimed at enhance understanding and fostering friendship among the young people from NOCs worldwide. The camp offered a variety of activities in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere, promoting friendly cooperation and shared development.

Ms. Nipuni Darshika of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka & Mr. Nawanjana Ranathunga, a volunteer from MoraSpirit attended in the camp, which was held from 22nd to 27th October 2023 in Beijing, China.

3.17 Social Development through Olympism and Education – Activation Gender Equity in Sports in Sri Lanka through Volleyball

The Gender Equity Committee of NOC Sri Lanka launched a social development initiative aimed at promoting gender equity in sports through Olympism and Education. As the pilot project, Volleyball was selected as the focus sport.

The programme, which ran from 4th January to 17th June 2023, including a series of introductory workshops, coaching camps and awareness sessions. The final phase, PINKVOLLEY DAY, took place on 17th June 2023 in the Ratnapura district and saw the participation of 1,633 individuals, including school children, as part of an effort to increase awareness of gender equity in sports.

3.18 Olympic Day Celebrations – 2023

As part of its annual calendar, NOC Sri Lanka hosted the 'Olympic Day' celebration on 23rd June 2023, at Viharamahadevi Park, Colombo. After the hiatus of three years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which limited previous celebrations to NOC premises and digital platforms, the event returned to the streets which

a wide range of activities and multi-stakeholder involvement. This year's event was live-streamed on NOC Sri Lanka's Facebook page to engage not only local communities but also global audience, reinforcing the spirit of solidarity under the theme Move, Learn & Discover.

Leading up to main event, several value-added programmes were organized. One notable highlight was the Exhibition by the French Embassy: Paris 2024, which showcased the works of four photo artists depicting champions in a modern light. These images challenged stereotypes and provided a fresh perspective on social-engaged athletes. The exhibition was hosted at Viharamahadevi Park, and during the Olympic Day Walk, the parade paused at the exhibition. His Excellency, the Ambassador of France, delivered a brief address to the public about the photo exhibition.

All the participants in the celebrations were presented with certificates, complementary caps and t-shirts as token of appreciation.



3.19 **Olympic Solidarity Sport Administrators Course for 2023**

3.19.A **1st Session**

The first session of the Sport Administrators Course for 2023 was held from 14th to 17th December 2023 at the 'Hemasiri Fernando' auditorium of NOC Sri Lanka. The course covered 30 hours and was successfully completed by 30 candidates, comprising of 18 males and 12 females, representing various universities, national federations and tri-forces (Army, Navy and Air Force). The course was conducted by National Course Directors - Mr. B.L.H. Perera, Group Captain Nalin De Silva, Mrs. Olivia Gamage and Mr. Gobinath Sivarajah with Rear Admiral (Dr.) Shemal Fernando contributing as a resource personnel. The course was supported by IOC – Olympic Solidarity with a funding of USD 3,500.00.

3.19.B **2nd Session**

The second session of the Sport Administrator Course 2022 was held from 11th to 14th May 2023 at the 'Hemasiri Fernando' auditorium of NOC Sri Lanka, covering 30 hours of the programme. A total of 17 participants, consisting of 12 men and 5 women, successfully completed the course. The programme was conducted by National Course Directors - Mr. B.L.H. Perera, Group Capt. Nalin de Silva, Ms. Olivia Gamage and Mr. Gobinath Sivarajah, with Rear Admiral Dr. Shemal Fernando contributing as a resource personnel. The IOC – Olympic Solidarity supported with USD 2,919.00.

3.19.C **3rd Session**

The third session of the Sport Administrators Course for the year 2023 was held from 10th to 13th August 2023 at the 'Hemasiri Fernando' auditorium of NOC Sri Lanka, covering 30 number of hours. A total of 21 participants successfully completed the course, consisting of 17 men and 4 women. The course was conducted by National Course Directors - Mr. B.L.H. Perera, Group Captain Nalin De Silva, Mrs. Olivia Gamage and Mr. Gobinath Sivarajah with Rear Admiral (Dr.) Shemal Fernando as a resource personnel. The IOC – Olympic Solidarity provided financial support of USD 3,000.00 for this session.

3.20 **Teachers Training Programme – Bindunuwewa**

A special session of the Teachers Training Programme was held at the Physical Education Teachers' Training College at Bindunuwewa, Bandarawela, from 28th to 31st March 2023. The session was attended by 50 trainee teachers. The course was conducted by Mr. B.L.H Perera, Academic Programme Director of NOC Sri Lanka.

3.21 **Enrichment of Undergraduate Quality of Life with Olympic Value Education Programme (OVEP)**

The Olympic Value Education Programme (OVEP) was implemented in a multi-step approach, starting with curriculum development and resource preparation. The programme was carried out by the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka in collaboration with NOC Sri Lanka from 21st to 24th July 2023 at the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka in Belihuloya.

The programme included lectures, workshops, and interactive sessions designed for sport instructors from various Sri Lankan Universities. A total of 82 participants (56 males and 26 females) benefitted from the initiative. The IOC – Olympic Solidarity supported with USD 3,583.00.

3.22 **1st International Conference**

The NOC Sri Lanka sponsored the 1st International Conference on Applied Sport 2023 held on 18th and 19th June 2023 with LKR 500,000.00. This initiative was part of the ongoing partnership between NOC Sri Lanka and the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka to promote sport science and development and its researches.

3.23 **Pre-Competition Sports & Exercise Medicine Workshop for Asian Games 2023 and other international competitions**

The Medical Committee of NOC Sri Lanka organized a one-day workshop on 19th August 2023 for coaches, trainers and elite level athletes, focusing on pre-competition sports & exercise medicine for Asian Games 2023 and other international competitions. The workshop covered several key topics, including:

- Hydration in Sports and Sports Nutrition
- Recovery in Sport
- International Travel for sports Events
- Altitude Training
- Sports Psychology

A total of 77 participants, including 16 women, attended the workshop. The objectives of the initiative were:

- To dissemination latest knowledge on performance-enhancing science related to Sports and Exercise Medicine among leading coaches, trainers and elite athlete.
- To support the preparation of athletes for the Asian Games 2023 and other major international competitions
- To help athletes achieve optimal performance and bring home medals for Sri Lanka..

Resource personnel included:

- Dr. Eshan Jayaweera – Chair of the Medical Committee of NOC Sri Lanka
- Dr, Chathuranga Ranasinghe – Member of medical Committee of NOC Sri Lanka and Speaker in recovery strategies for performance enhancement & preparation for competition
- Prof. Ranil Jayawardena – Guest Speaker in sport nutrition tips for preparation & traveling for competition
- Dr. Chamara Wijesinghe – Guest Speaker in Metal wellbeing of elite athletes
- Dr. Aranjana Karunanayake – Guest Speaker in Athlete screening & injury prevention strategies
- Dr. Rishitha Wijesuriya – Guest Speaker in Anti-Doping
- Ms. Niloo Jayathilake – Chair of the Gender Equity Committee of NOC Sri Lanka, Ms. Reshika Udugampola – Member of Gender Equity Committee & Safe Sports Officer for 19th Asian Games and Ms. Caryl Tozer – Member of Gender Equity Committee.

The IOC – OS provided financial support of USD 2,038.00, contributing to the total programme expenditure of LKR 614,908.78

3.24 **NOC / CGA Sri Lanka Internal Development**

3.24.A **Recruitment of NOC Staff**

- The contracts of Ms. Eranga Fernando, Mr. N. Ranjith and Mr. R.R. Perera were renewed for an additional one-year period.
- The service of Ms. Swasha Fernando, Attorney at Law was continued as the Legal Officer for NOC Sri Lanka, whom recruited to NOC / CGA Sri Lanka based on the recommendation of Mr. Dilshan Jayasuriya, at per month charge of LKR 85,000/-.

3.24.B **eqUIP Workshop in Botswana**

eqUIP Intern, Mohamed Nahtheer, was invited to attend the Commonwealth Games Federation's meeting alongside his allocated mentor from NOC / CGA Sri Lanka, Hansika Wijayagunasekara, for the eqUIP Internship Programme. The meeting was held in Nadi, Fiji, from 8th to 14th October 2023.

During the workshop, discussions focused on implementing the internship programme and conducting annual planning for its successful execution. The workshop aims to provide interns with valuable exposure to the programme, while also equipping mentors with the tools and guidance to supervise and support their interns throughout the year.

3.24.C **Commonwealth Sport Youth Leadership eqUIP Internship Programme**

Applications were called via NOC/CGA Sri Lanka's social media on 22nd December, with a deadline of 27th December 2023. The post was also shared on the university's social media platforms to attract students' attention.

A total of 28 applications were received for the position. To streamline the selection process due to the high number of applicants, a written test was conducted to shortlist candidates for the final interview. The test took place on 29th December, and the top five candidates based on their scores were:

1. Ms. Janithri Uluwita
2. Ms. Gagani Athukorala
3. Mr. Nayanajith Dangalla
4. Ms. Neranji Attipola
5. Mr. Maleesha Akash

The final interview was conducted with Mr. Chandana Liyanage, Mr. Suranjith Premadasa, and Mr. Rifdy Fahmy serving on the interview panel.

The selected intern is Ms. Janithri Uluwita, a final-year student.

4 INFORMATION

- 4.1** The Finance Committee held its monthly meetings regularly throughout the year.
- 4.2** The Gender Equity Committee of NOC Sri Lanka made a significant contributions for the benefit of athletes in 2023. Notably, the Committee organised a Workplace Harassment seminar for the EB members and staff of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka on the 25th of April 2023 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.
- 4.3** Special General meeting, to determine and approve the guidelines for strategic plan was held on 30th June 2023 1730 hrs at the ‘Hemasiri Fernando Auditorium’ of NOC Sri Lanka.
- 4.4** During 2023, Akbar Brothers generously sponsored NOC / CGA Sri Lanka by providing tea, which was distribute to other NOCs and delegates at various events.
- 4.5** In accordance with the tripartite MOU between NOC Sri Lanka, Hockey Club Rome and Hockey Femminile Libertas San Saba, two Hokey athletes L. Sandali Dilhara Perera and A D Pathum Nimni Sathsarani Silva, who were nominated by the Sri Lanka Army, departed for Rome on 9th of February 2023 to play for Rome Hockey Club for a duration of six (6) months. The athletes were also recommended by the Sri Lanka Hockey Federation. All expenses related to their stay and participation were covered by the Rome Hockey club, along with support from Mr. Jaap Suyk.
- 4.6** Mr. Allaam Ousman was provided with assistance to attend the International Technical Official course in Delhi, India from 20th to 23rd March 2023, with a total financial support of LKR 67,360/-
- 4.7** Financial assistance was provided to cover the lecture fee and air ticket cost for Mr. Ria Lumintuarso to conduct the Strength and Conditioning level 1 course for the Ministry of Education's physical education teachers under the Sri Lanka School Sport Council. The total support provided was LKR 593,100.00.
- 4.8** NOC / CGA Sri Lanka donated LKR 1,000,000.00 to the Ministry of Sports Welfare Society in support of the Sport-Up musical extravaganza Ceremony, organized to benefit the Sri Lanka Sports Fund, as part of the Employee Welfare & Sport Society of the Ministry of Sports.
- 4.9** Mr. Prema Pinnewale, an Honorary Life Member of NOC Sri Lanka, launched a sport journey book titled “The Indefatigable”. The NOC Sri Lanka provided financial sponsorship of LKR 250,000.00 to support the publication of his autobiography.

- 4.10** The Amateur Baseball / Softball Association of Sri Lanka, Cycling Federation of Sri Lanka and Handball Federation of Sri Lanka had not settled the outstanding amounts to NOC Sri Lanka during 2023, as well.
- 4.11** On 11th July 2023, Mr. Richard Gray, the grandson of Edward Ian Gray, one of Ceylon's Foundation Olympian from 1948, visited NOC / CGA Sri Lanka. During his visit, he was presented with the 80-year anniversary booklet of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka.
- 4.12** The Hashima City Delegation visited NOC / CGA Sri Lanka on 22nd May 2023.
- 4.13** A Chinese dancing group visited Sri Lanka from the 12th to the 17th of August 2023 as part of the Sri Lanka-China Sports Exchange Program. The Sri Lanka Dancing Federation organized the welcome ceremony, lectures, and workshops during their visit. The group, consisting of 13 children from a dancing school in China, along with their family members, visited the NOC / CGA Sri Lanka on 16th August 2023 at 4.30 pm. This provided an opportunity to discuss their experiences and learn more about Sri Lankan sports culture.

Participation of International Meetings, Conferences & Forums

4.14 OCA Athletes Forum

The OCA/OS Athletes Forum aimed to connect and strategize on supporting athletes in a more effective and efficient manner, was held on 18th and 19th March 2023 in Bangkok Thailand. Ms. Reshika Udugampola OLY, Secretary of the Athletes' Commission and Mr. Chamara Dharmawardhana OLY, member of the Athletes' Commission attended the forum.

4.15 11th IOC International Athletes' Forum (IAF)

The IOC Athletes' Commission organised the 11th IOC IAF from 1st to 2nd October 2023 at the SwissTech Convention Centre in Lausanne, Switzerland. Mr. Niluka Karunaratne OLY, Chair of the Athletes' Commission of NOC Sri Lanka attended the forum.

4.16 6th Asia Congress & 5th Asia Annual General Assembly

Mr. Gihan Kuruppu attended the 6th Asia Congress & 5th Asia Annual General Assembly held in Hong Kong. NOC Sri Lanka supported him by covering his airfare for the event.

4.17 ANOC General Assembly 2023

The ANOC World Beach Games took place in Bali, Indonesia, from 5th to 12th August 2023. Following the games, the ANOC General Assembly was held on the 13th August 2023. Mr. Surendran Subramaniam – President and Wg. Cdr. (rtd) Chandana Liyanage – Assistant Secretary were scheduled to attend but did not.

4.18 42nd OCA General Assembly

The 42nd OCA General Assembly and the OCA election were held on 8th July 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand. Mr. Surendran Subramaniam – President, Mr Maxwell de Silva – Secretary General. Mr. Shirantha Peiries – Assistant Treasurer attended the Assembly, with MR. Peiries serving as the third delegate. However, the IOC declared the OCA election held on 8th July 2023 as null and void.

4.19 Extraordinary General Assembly of OCA

The OCA was scheduled to conduct an Extraordinary General Assembly on 15th August 2023 at 13:00 hrs Kuwait time, virtually. However, due to the non-recognition of the OCA election by the IOC, the meeting was cancelled.

4.20 TAFISA General Assembly 2023

TAFISA General Assembly took place in Germany from 2nd to 5th November 2023 and Mr. Maxwell de Silva attended the assembly.

4.21 CGF General Assembly 2023

The CGF General Assembly was held on 14th & 15th November 2023 in Singapore. Mr. Gamini Jayasinghe – Treasurer and myself attended the General Assembly.

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Maxwell de Silva
Secretary General
NOC / CGA Sri Lanka