

Request of Minuwangoda City Development Foundation for funds for roofs of 4 houses

After the Tsunami the Trade and Industry in the city of Sneek in Friesland, the Netherlands has formed a foundation in the name of "Handel en Industrie Sneek". It is called H I S voor Azie (H I S for Asia) President NAAL forwarded this request for funds to Mr. Geert Jan Douma of H I S FOR ASIA and they agreed to provide the required cost of roofs all 4 houses LKR 500,000 for this very poor families. NAAL is releasing funds in tranches of 25% at a time. The project is progressing well and the houses will be ready for occupation by end of December 2010.



NAAL FAMILY WISHES TO CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FOR THEIR NEW APPOINTMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Mr Nihal Fernando- Hony. Treasurer NAAL-being appointed as the Director General, Urban Development Authority. Urban Development Authority is the prime Government Organization responsible for Urban Development. We wish him all the best in this very important position.

Mr. C.Withanachchi- One of our Committee members who has been appointed as a Senior Asst. Secretary to H.E. the President. Mr.Withanachchi is a member of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service and we at NAAL hope that he could contribute to the development of the Country.

Mr.Thilina Kiringoda – Elected as the President-Elect of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA). OPA is an umbrella Association of 43 Professional Associations. Mr.Kiringoda is the Senior Deputy Director (Project Management) at UDA. Mr.Kiringoda had served the NAAL committee as its secretary in the past.

Mr Nimal Jayatissa- One of our members who had served the NAAL committee earlier has been

appointed as Deputy Chief Operational Manager of the Sri Lanka Port Authority. We wish him all the best in the development of Ports in the country.

Mr. S G Punchihewa – Hony Vice President NAAL Was recently felicitated by the INSTITUTE of PHYSICS, Sri Lanka (IPSL) at its Pearl Jubilee as a senior Physicist for the services rendered for physics. He is a Fellow of IPSL.

VISITORS FROM HOLLAND

The Honorary Consul for Sri Lanka in Rotterdam in the Netherlands Mr. Bernard Menken visited NAAL office on the 17 November 2010. President briefed him about NAAL activities and projects . He was surprised that NAAL could do such a volume of work with volunteer members comparable to the work volume handled by a NGO with substantial overheads. He promised to keep in touch with NAAL and help us in finding funding sources to help Sri Lanka.

The Visit of IT sector benefactor and good friend of NAAL Mr. Arie van Duijn & Mrs Tineke van Duijn in July this year was very useful to exchange ideas and for embarking on new projects.

Visit by Velsen Delegation in December

The visiting delegation from Velsen will be as follows, (a)Mr. Guus Hartendorf (Chairman SOS Velsen) and Mrs Jantine Hatendorf (b) Mr. Klass van Slooten (Secretary SOS Velsen) and Mrs. Johanna van Slooten (c) Mr. Willem Meesters (Board Member) and Mrs. Guusje van Nieuwenhuizen and (d).Mr. P Charles van Ikelen (Board Member-Elect)

The visit would be their annual working visit to Sri Lanka to monitor the progress of Velsen Projects. The period of 26th December to 1st January 2011 was selected in order to attend the Galle Season (Galu Samaya) and they will declare open the Aththiligoda Community centre & the Mural, hand over another part of the compost bins to Matara Municipal Council, visit Krapitiya Hospital to see the new extension of Oxygen pipe line and manifolds to the Cardio Thoracic unit. They will also visit other NAAL-SOS V projects to see their progress and visit sites for proposed new projects to see their feasibility.

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NETHERLANDS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF LANKA – 39TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 39th Annual General Meeting of NAAL was held at the Berjaya Mount Royal Beach Hotel, Mt. Lavinia on Sunday, 6 June 2010. A large number of members and their families attended the AGM which was followed by fellowship and party games.

The Annual Report of NAAL highlighted that the following four new projects had been completed during the 2009/2010 period:

- (a) Furniture for the Community Center, Habaraduwa Housing Scheme
- (b) Furniture for the Bona Vista Home for the Elders
- (c) A Cardio Emergency Patient Trolley and eight Infusion Holding Stands fabricated in stainless steel to the Lady Ridgeway Hospital, and
- (d) A Cool Room for Storing Pharmaceuticals at the Karapitiya Hospital, Galle. In addition a large number of on-going projects had been supported by NAAL during the year.

A day outing for NAAL Members and their Families was successfully completed with games and lots of fun at Lagoon Paradise Hotel, Pamunugama on 21 February 2010.



OFFICE BEARERS ELECTED FOR THE YEAR 2010/2011:

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The Children singing at the AGM



Adults at a game very much focused

Donation of Educational Toys to 22 Pre Schools in Galle

22 Pre Schools were handed over with educational toys and other equipment for the value of LKR 14,268.50 per school. Each Pre-School was further given a cash sum of LKR. 2 500 to purchase any other necessary items and send the receipts to NAAL. The items and cash envelopes were handed over at the Galle Municipality on Saturday, 9 October at 1430 h. His Worship the Mayor, Municipal Council Members, officials and all the pre-school heads were present at this occasion. The President of NAAL briefed the gathering on how the NAAL obtained money and also got the help of Velsen at the request of Mayor Galle, to embark on this project. The Mayor thanked the President and the Executive Committee of NAAL for the continuous support extended to him and said that all the equipment and other items donated will be used to improve the services to Galle citizens. He said that Velsenpura pre-school of Galle Municipality came to the forefront in the **World Children Day contests** organised in Galle for the children.



A Pre-School Teacher receiving the goods from the Mayor



Each school received this set of Educational Toys



The official handing over ceremony at Galle M.C.



The Pre-school teachers awaiting to receive goods

Handing over Concrete Compost bins to the Matara Municipal Council

SOS Velsen has decided to donate 700 Concrete Compost bins to the Urban Council of Matara. On Sunday, 10 October 2010 the first set of 150 bins was handed over to the recipients in the presence of the Mayor, Matara and MC Members and NAAL Ex-Co Members at a function held at Nupe, Matara. The Chairperson of Isadeen Town Citizen's Committee also participated. The Mayor thanked the NAAL and the SOS Velsen for helping the project of Solid Waste Management. He said that NAAL has already assisted the Matara Municipality in a number of projects. He mentioned that Matara MC was recently adjudged the Best M C at a conference held in Canada. Mr. S P C Kumarasinghe, President NAAL explained the history of the relationship of NAAL with the City of Velsen and that NAAL was happy to help the City of Matara in this Solid Waste Management project.



Pictures taken at the handing over ceremony of the Garbage bins at Matara with the recipients

Handing over Furniture and equipment to the Habaraduwa Tsunami Project

Mr.Fons Hertog then Mayor of the City of Haarlemmermeer in the Netherlands and the citizens donated funds to build 25 houses for Tsunami victims of Habaraduwa at Kahatagaha-watte. The houses were handed over in 2007. At the request of the President Mr.S Liyanage of the Senehasa Welfare Society, NAAL Ex. Co donated Two tables, filing cabinet 60 chairs, water boiler and cups and saucers to their community centre using remaining funds from the project. The photograph below shows some equipment being handed over.



Community Centre for Aththiligoda Tsunami Housing Complex



New Community Centre Aththiligoda Housing Project Under Construction

NAAL is extremely proud to say that the Aththiligoda Tsunami housing project is one of the best built in the country. The District Secretary Galle allocated the houses to Tsunami victims of Galle and was handed over in February 2009. The NAAL Committee inspected construction of the community centre suggested a few improvements and it is expected to be declared open by delegation from SOS Velsen scheduled to visit Galle from 26 December 2010.