

SLA NEWSLETTER

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

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வணக்கம்! Hello!

It's with immense pleasure we are inking this message as editors of SLA for the SLA Newsletter for the August 2014 semester. During this semester Sri Lankans of AIT excelled in numerous activities that have been organized by the university hand had kept the Sri Lankan flag flying high.

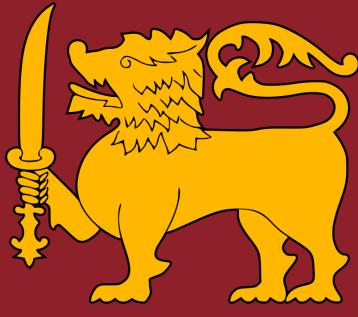
In August 2014 semester Sri Lankan Association organized an "Elle" tournament and a Thai Survival Program for its community. These were considered to be major projects for the semester. This newsletter contains the most highlighting events which SLA involved and the achievements which SLA gained during the semester.

Special thanks goes to Sarith Alwis, Sachintha Wijethunga, Gayan Seneviratne, Sameera Liyanage and other photographers for their great work in photography. Our sincere gratitude goes to President and the committee as well as all the members of SLA for their support given for us to make this newsletter a success.

Malika Ratnayake & Bhagya Maheshi,
Editors,
Sri Lankan Association.

SEMESTER IN BRIEF

- 23rd August 2014
1st General Meeting and Election of Office Bearers /Committee
- 28th August 2014
Transfer of 101 undergraduate students from SAITM to AIT
- 30th August 2014
SLA Welcome Breakfast
- 31st August 2014
SAITM Staff Dinner
- 22nd September 2014
SLA Welcome Dinner
- 11th October 2014
2nd General Meeting and Amending the Constitution
- 10-13th November 2014
Thai Classes
- 16th November 2014
Elle Tournament and Tea Party
- 4th December 2014
3rd General Meeting



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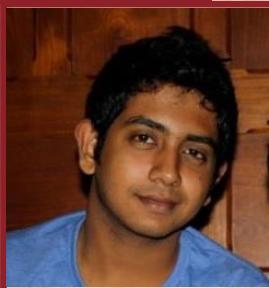
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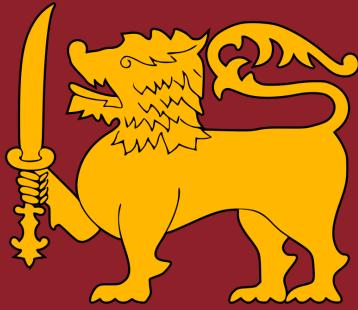


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SLA WELCOMES 126 NEW STUDENTS

With the beginning of the August 2014 semester, 126 new Sri Lankans joined AIT. Out of 138, 101 were for the undergraduate program and 25 for postgraduate studies. SLA members were present at the Suvarnabhumi International Airport to welcome new students.

Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, SAITM, Dr. Sisuru Sendanayake, SAITM lecturers and the some parents of new students were also present at this occasion.



SAITM STAFF DINNER

Sri Lankan Association organized a special dinner for SAITM Staff on 31st August 2014. The dinner was prepared by the Sri Lankan community and it consisted of many mouth-watering Sri Lankan dishes.

Dr. Sisuru Sendanayake, Dr. Rajeev Mallawarachchi, Dr. Thilini Rajakaruna, Dr. Nandika Miguntanna and Dr. Kushan Wijesundara attended this occasion.



SLA WELCOME BREAKFAST

Sri Lankan Association of AIT organized a Welcome Breakfast to welcome all the new students who joined AIT for the August 2014 semester. The event was held on 30th August 8 am onwards at the Main Cafeteria. Following the traditions of Sri Lanka, the breakfast consisted of "Kiribath" and "Lunumiris", and a cup of Sri Lankan tea.

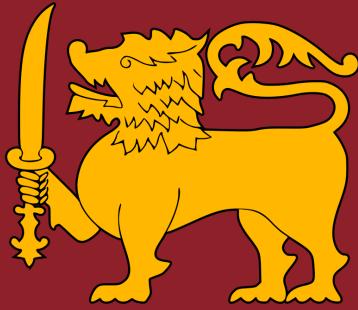
The academic staff of SAITM, current Sri Lankan students of AIT and the parents of the new students were also present at this occasion.



SLA WELCOME PARTY

SLA Welcome Party for the August 2014 semester was scheduled to be held on 22nd September 2014 at the Korea House. But unfortunately this event had to be canceled at the last moment in scare of a H1N1 epidemic threat.

Although the party was canceled, all the members of the Association were provided with dinner packets.



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PEACE - LOVE - LIFE

Sri Lanka was able to make their mark again at the AIT Welcome Show held on 19th October 2014. It was a glamorous night filled with traditional dances and music of different countries.

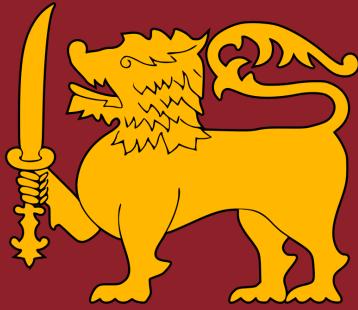
Sri Lankans took part in all the categories of the night including competitive and non-competitive items. In the competitive dance category Sri Lankans performed a blend of different dances winning the hearts of the audience.

The Sri Lankan drama was based on the accidental arrival of an alien to AIT. The play included many hilarious scenes and had the audience stitched to their seats from the beginning to the end. Sri Lankan drama was able to win the first place of the category for the forth consecutive time.

The most awaited item of the night was Mr and Miss AIT. Sri Lankan contenders Mr. Danuka De Silva and Ms. Poshi De Zoysa performance for the category was admired by the judging panel as well as the audience.

Sri Lankans were able to give a taste of its rich culture to the AIT community through the traditional dance item. The item by Sri Lankans for the talent show was a duet by Theekshana Wickramathilaka and Madusha Gallage. It was a splendid fusion of the piano and the violin which mesmerized the audience.





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MINI OLYMPICS

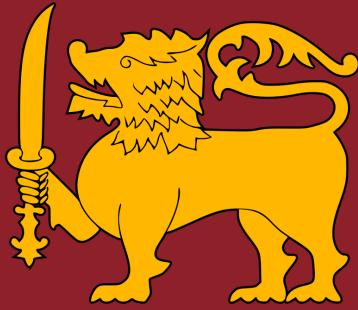
Mini Olympics is the main sporting activity organized by the Student Union of AIT. Students, faculty and staff take part in different sporting activities in each semester which in turn strengthens the bond between the AITians. In each semester many games and sports are organized and following the tradition, this time volleyball, cricket, chair ball, badminton, basketball, football, tennis, swimming and many other games and sports were organized.

Sri Lankans were able to win the overall championship of the Mini Olympics with 32 gold medals which was a lead of 24 gold medals to the runner – up of the Overall Championship, Thailand. In addition to the gold medals, Sri Lanka won 37 Silver and 37 Bronze medals bringing the total tally of medals to 101 which is 84 more than the runners up.

Following are the list of winners from Sri Lanka in the Mini Olympics of August 2014 semester.

SLA congratulates all of them for their performances.





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ATHLETCS

Men (100m)	Gold	- Sadun Dilupama
	Silver	- Chamalida Mandavala
	Bronze	- Janith Hirosha Gallege
Women (100m)	Gold	- Manavi Mendis
	Silver	- Udayanthi Ilangasinghe
Men (200m)	Gold	- Chamalida Mandavala
	Silver	- Sadun Dilupama
	Bronze	- Jayasingam Aduran
Women (200m)	Gold	- Udayanthi Ilangasinghe
	Silver	- Manavi Mendis
Men (400m)	Gold	- Jayasingam Aduran
	Silver	- Sadun Dilupama
	Bronze	- Chamalida Mandavala
Women (400m)	Gold	- Manavi Mendis
	Silver	- Tara Fernandez
	Bronze	- Shavinki Perera
Men (1500m)	Silver	- Sadun Dilupama
	Bronze	- Kannathasan R
Men (5000m)	Gold	- Nuwan Hettiarachchi
Women (1500m)	Bronze	- Tara Fernandez
Men (100m x 4) Relay	Gold	- Chamalida Mandavala Sadun Dilupama Jayasingam Aduran Gihan Rajapaksa
	Silver	- Praveen Wickramarachchi Rusuru Yapa Nadeeshal Kodithuwakku Janith Hirosha Gallege
Men (400m x 4) Relay	Gold	- Nuwan Hettiarachchi Jayasingam Aduran Sadun Dilupama Chamalida Mandavala
	Silver	- Janith Hirosha Gallege Praveen Wickramarachchi Nadeeshal Kodithuwakku Shehzard Rifthie

Women (100m x 4) Relay	Gold	- Pamoda Imbulana Tara Franandez Praveena Samarathunga Manavi Mendis
	Silver	- Naditha Imbulana Chetha Dharmawansa Nuwandi De Silva Udayanthi Ilangasinghe
Women (400m x 4) Relay	Gold	- Naditha Imbulana Chetha Dharmawansa Shavinki Perera Udayanthi Ilangasinghe
	Silver	- Pamoda Imbulana Tara Franandez Praveena Samarathunga Manavi Mendis
Women (shot put)	Gold	- Praveena Samaratunga
Men (Shot put)	Silver	- Lahiru Feranando
	Bronze	- Pramod Munasinghe
Men (Disk)	Gold	- Lahiru Feranando
	Silver	- Pramod Munasinghe
	Bronze	- Milinda Senavirathne
Women (Disk)	Gold	- Praveena Samaratunga
	Silver	- Asali Peiris

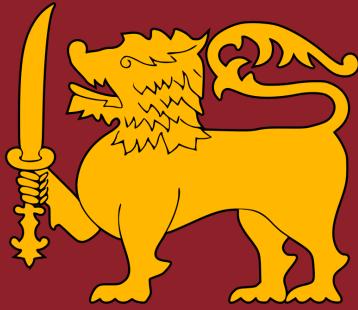
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Men' Single	Silver	- Minura Sharon Lekamge
	Bronze	- Kasun Dissanayake
Men' Double	Silver	- Nadeeshal Kodithuwakku Minura Sharon Lekamge
	Bronze	- Ruchika Bandara Kasun Dissanayake

SNOOKER

Men' Double	Bronze	- Miyuru Weeratunge Tharindh Perera
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SWIMMING

Men' Freestyle (33m)	Gold	- Binara Sakalasuriya	Men' Individual Medley	Gold	- Binara Sakalasuriya
	Bronze	- Lahiru Welagedara		Silver	- Mustafa Juzar
Men' Freestyle (66m)	Gold	- Binara Sakalasuriya		Bronze	- Nipuna Wickramanayake
	Silver	- Lahiru Welagedara	Mixed Relay	Silver	- Binara Sakalasuriya
Men' Breaststroke (33m)	Gold	- Damitha Tilakaratna			Lahiru Welagedara
	Silver	- Mustafa Juzar			Bawani Guruge
	Bronze	- Akhila Jayasekara			Pamoda Imbulana
Women' Breaststroke (33m)	Bronze	- Bawani Guruge		Bronze	- Mustafa Juzar
Men' Breaststroke (66m)	Gold	- Mustafa Juzar			Sameera Liyanage
	Silver	- Lakshitha Ekanayaka			Praveena Samaratunga
	Bronze	- Akhila Jayasekara			Wathsala Warusamana



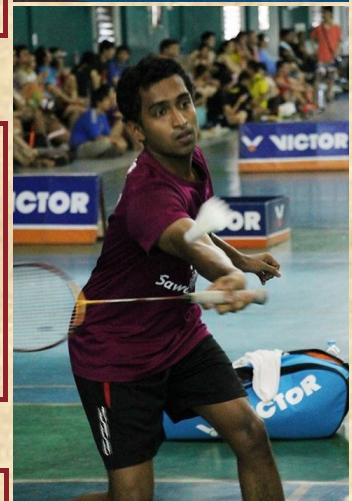
BADMINTON

Women' Breaststroke (66m)	Silver	- Bawani Guruge	Men Single	Gold	- Nuwan Hettiarachchi
	Bronze	- Wathsala Warusamana		Silver	- Sahan Sachinda Rathnayake
Men' Backstroke (33m)	Gold	- Binara Sakalasuriya		Bronze	- Chathuska Sooriyaarachchi
	Silver	- Mustafa Juzar	Women Single	Silver	- Abinayaa Uthayakumar
	Bronze	- Damitha Tilakaratna	Men Double	Gold	- Nuwan Hettiarachchi
Women' Backstroke (33m)	Bronze	- Praveena Samaratunga			Madawa Rathnayaka
Men' Backstroke (66m)	Gold	- Binara Sakalasuriya		Bronze	- Pubudu Athukorala
	Silver	- Damitha Tilakaratna			Ravinath Herath
	Bronze	- Nipuna Wickramanayake	Mixed Double	Silver	- Sahan Rathnayake
Women' Backstroke (66m)	Silver	- Praveena Samaratunga			Shavinki Perera
	Bronze	- Pamoda Imbulana			



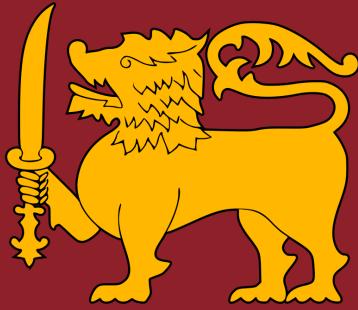
TABLE TENNIS

Men' Butterfly (33m)	Gold	- Mustafa Juzar	Men Single	Bronze	- Nuwan Hettiarachchi
	Silver	- Lahiru Welagedara	Men Double	Silver	- Nuwan Hettiarachchi
	Bronze	- Nipuna Wickramanayake			Praneeth Randula Kodikara
Women' Butterfly (33m)	Silver	- Praveena Samarathunge	Mixed Double	Bronze	- Praneeth Randula Kodikara
Men' Butterfly (66m)	Gold	- Binara Sakalasuriya			Tara Fernandez
	Silver	- Mustafa Juzar			
	Bronze	- Nipuna Wickramanayake			



TENNIS

Men' Single	Silver	- Janitha Yasasvi
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CRICKET

Gold	- Terrance Levangama Janitha Yasasvi Darshana Abeyrathna D.R.S.S.Yapa H.W.R.Kumara P.A.R.P.P Jayawardene Madawa Rathnayaka Shalitha Deshapriya Aashik Muhammed Rivindu Jayawardane Jasyasnigam Adhuran Damith Thilakarathne Nadeeshal Kodithuwakku
Bronze	- Kasun Dissanayaka Janitha Hirosha Thamaru Lakshan Sithira Kavin Mohomed Rafeez Chathushka Sooriyaarachchi Chandima Perera Kasvinda Kulathunga Nathika Priatharshana Risny Mansoor Lahiru Welagedara Vimantha Hettiarachchi Musni Mohamed Yuvin Sugeesha Sabeethan Kanagasingham

CARROM

Men Double	Gold	- Tharindh Perera
	Gold	- Pasan Walisundara
	Silver	- Supun Dissanayaka
	Silver	- Shalitha Deshapriya
	Bronze	- Rusiru Yapa
	Bronze	- Samitha Amarasinghe
Women Double	Gold	- Chetha Dharmawansa
	Gold	- Shakthi Gunawardana
	Silver	- Mihiravi Samaranayake
	Silver	- Chathuri Hettipathiran
Mixed Double	Silver	- Sohani Liyanage
	Silver	- Yuvin Sugeesha
	Bronze	- Abinayaa Uthayakumar
	Bronze	- Sachith Alwis

SQUASH

Women	Gold	- Chetha Dharmawansa

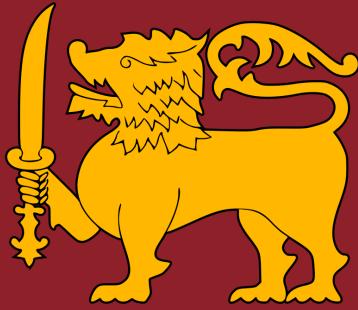
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Gold	- G.P. Kodithuwakku

THUG OF WAR

Men's	Gold	- Lahiru Weerasinghe Rusiru Yapa Lakshitha Ekanayaka L. Pramod Munasinghe Pasindu Pathirana Yuvin Sugeesha Sandeepa Gunasekara Sarith Alwis Milinda Senevirathne Isuru Kaluarachchi Madhushanka Hettihewa	Silver	- P.A.R.P.P. Jayawardana G.R.M.B. Gunatilake I.A.D.C. Idirimanna K.B.A.G.P. Kodithuwakku J.K. Menuka Perera M.J.L. Samarasinghe M.I. Sulaimaan H.S.M.M. Caldera Dishan Jayasekara Rafeez Mohammad Sudheera Yapa	Women's Gold - Praveena Samaratunga Manavi Mendis Chamodya Ranatunga Chathuri Hettipathiran Asha Himali Tennakoon W.Mihiravi Y. Samaranayake R W Malithi Amanthika Shavinki Perera D.H.S Tharindi Jayasree Shakthi Kalpani Gunawardana
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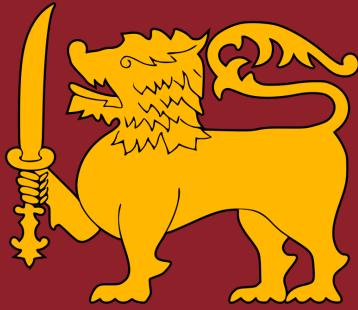
ELLE TOURNAMENT & TEA PARTY

In order to improve the harmony and unity among members of the Sri Lankan community, an "Elle" Tournament was organized by the SLA. It was held on 16th November 2014 at the AIT Main ground. Despite the nearing submission deadlines and end semester exams, almost all the Sri Lankans took part in this event.

Twelve teams consisting of fifteen players each fought competitively to be the Elle Champions for the year 2014. After several hard fought rounds "Kandurata Eksath" team became the champions beating "Pathumthani Eksath" team in what became to be a very intensified and close final. The winners of the tournament were awarded with a champion's trophy and medals.

All the Sri Lankans who attained the event were able to experience the best of Sri Lankan cosine through the "Manel Lanka" stall which provide lunch for the event. A tea party was organized in the evening to conclude another successful event organized by the Sri Lankan Association.





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AIT INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR

International Food Fair for August 2014 semester, organized by the AIT Student Union was held on 7th November 2014 in front of the administration building. Over 12 countries participated in this event showcasing their traditional and delicious dishes.

Sri Lankan stall '**Ceylon Flavours**' presented a variety of snacks, sweets with dessert and drinks including Cutlets, Sandwiches, Chicken roti, "Wade", "Naran Kevum", Biscuit Pudding and Lemon juice. The food was delicious and unique. The "Ceylon Flavours" stall was crowded with international as well as Sri Lankan food lovers. At the end of the day all the food items were sold out.

The "Ceylon Flavors" stall was awarded the trophy for the best decorated stall by the adjudicating panel.



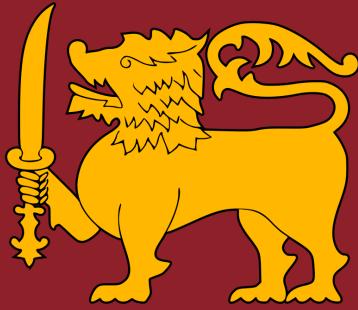
THAI CLASSES

Living in Thailand without a basic knowledge of Thai language is bit difficult. As a solution for this problem Sri Lankan Association organized a three day Thai Class for the Sri Lankan Community. The aim of this class was to equip the students language fundamentals that would help them to survive in Thailand.

The classes were held on 11th, 12th and 13th of November 2014 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in SERD building. The class consisted of lectures as well as role play sessions that presented the students with opportunity to use what they learnt in practical life.

At the end of the session, the lecturers, Ms. Kamonrut and Ms. Deary were presented with plaques in appreciation of the service rendered to the community.





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CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS

Sri Lanka Association celebrated the Graduation of four of its members on 4th December 2014 in its final General Meeting. The graduating students were Mr. Shamendra de Silva, Mr. Shalitha Deshapriya, Mr. Supun Dissanayaka and Ms. Stella de Silva. They were presented with flower bouquets celebrating their success. Addressing the gathering, Mr. Shamendra de Silva thanked the Sri Lankan community for being with them throughout their journey and encouraged the members to enjoy the life while prioritizing the studies.

Sri Lankan Community would like to wish them best of luck in their future endeavors.

SLA T-SHIRT PROJECT

The T-shirt project initiated by the January 2014 semester was extended granting the opportunity for the newly joined students to buy SLA T-Shirts. Around 100 T-Shirts were printed and sold out.



MINI MARATHON & SLOW BICYCLE RACE

Mini Marathon and the slow bicycle race organized by the student union of AIT was held on 12th September 2014.

As in other sporting events, Sri Lankans performed exceptionally well in most events of the day.



AMMENDMENTS FOR THE CONSTITUTION

A special General Assembly was held on 11th October 2014 to introduce some amendments to the SLA constitution. The main amendment was the introduction of the position of Vice President which will lead to the presidency in proceeding semester. The original constitution was made in 1991 where the amendments were proposed to the assembly in accordance with the current situation.