

## VIBRANT VOYAGES

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rotaract serves as an exceptional platform, seamlessly blending community service with the fostering of fellowship. As we step into the Rotary International Year 2023-24 themed 'Limitless You for a Passion-Driven Future,' Rotaract invites individuals to embrace personal growth, emphasizing positive thinking, self-reflection, and adaptability.

Aligned with this year's theme, the Rotaract Alumni Mora challenges its members to spearhead fresh initiatives, amplifying their energy and efficacy in nation-building endeavors. By steadfastly pursuing excellence and nurturing camaraderie, Rotaract provides an invaluable arena where individuals can impact communities positively while refining their personal development journey.

In its one last final edition, the Rotaract Alumni Mora's Club Service Avenue hosted the final phase of "let's meet 4.0" with RAC of University Alumni and "Club trip" to Sinharaja forest reserve took place. Additionally, the Community Service team successfully completed the "Dream Cricket" project with Rotary Club of Colombo West and west family Rotaract clubs. Also we completed the Robotic session with the RoboticGen team under the project Nena Sayura, Third phase of Share the Joy at Aloka Elders Home, Panadura, Blood donation campaign under the project "Suwa Arana" and then finally the project Manudam Second phase at the Leprosy Hospital under the Ministry of Health in Sri Lanka.



In the realm of Professional Development Avenue, "Limitless Horizons 3.0" phase 3 was completed by partnering with Asian International Academy. Furthermore, "DIYer" Phase two was completed by covering the aspect of energy auditing and utilizing sufficiently. "Brand Etiquette Mastery" was completed as a collaborative initiative with RAC of University of Moratuwa. The International Service Avenue hosted the project "Maitri" in the month of January as a joint initiative with RAC of Kathmandu, RID 3292. This project was shortlisted under the International Service Avenue for the RSAMDIO People's Choice Award.

As we conclude this final newsletter of the year, we extend our deepest gratitude to the dedicated members, contributors, and partners of Rotaract Alumni Mora. Your unwavering support, passion, and commitment have driven the success of our initiatives and profoundly impacted our community. Embracing the theme 'Limitless You for a Passion-Driven Future,' we've taken bold steps in personal growth and community service.

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Thank you for your relentless pursuit of excellence, nurturing fellowship, and being the heart and soul of our projects. As we look forward to new beginnings, let's carry the spirit of camaraderie and passion into all our future endeavors. Here's to the remarkable journey we've shared and the boundless possibilities that lie ahead. With heartfelt gratitude and best wishes for continued success, Rotaract Alumni Mora.

Viva la Rotaract!

**Rtr. Lakshani Pathirage**  
**President 2023-24**

# EDITORIAL MESSAGE

Rotaract, a club of excellence and camaraderie, offers a platform for personal growth intertwined with community service. It's a vibrant space where individuals can flourish by making significant contributions to their communities while also improving themselves. Cheers to a decade of dedicated service and unwavering commitment! As our 10th anniversary as Rotaractors approaches, we celebrate a testament to our shared journey and cherished memories.

As an integral part of the Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa, the Editorial Avenue stands as a testament to the power of words in driving positive change and fostering strong connections within our club and beyond. Our avenue's contributions throughout the past year extended beyond mere text. We meticulously crafted, corrected, and polished every piece of content, from project descriptions to event captions. This attention to detail ensured the club's message was conveyed effectively and professionally across all platforms.

We extend our gratitude to every member who has contributed to the success of our endeavors. Your commitment and enthusiasm are the driving forces behind the impact we create. Let us continue to embody the principles of Rotaract and work together to create a better future for our community and beyond. Thank you for being an integral part of Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Mratuwa, and we look forward to the continued journey of service, leadership, and friendship.

Cheers to a year in which we strengthened the connections through words!

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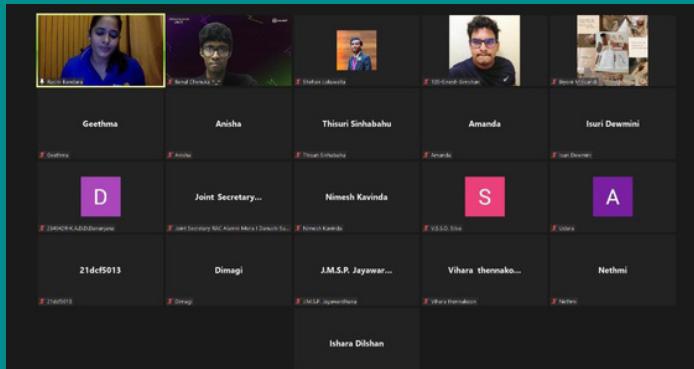
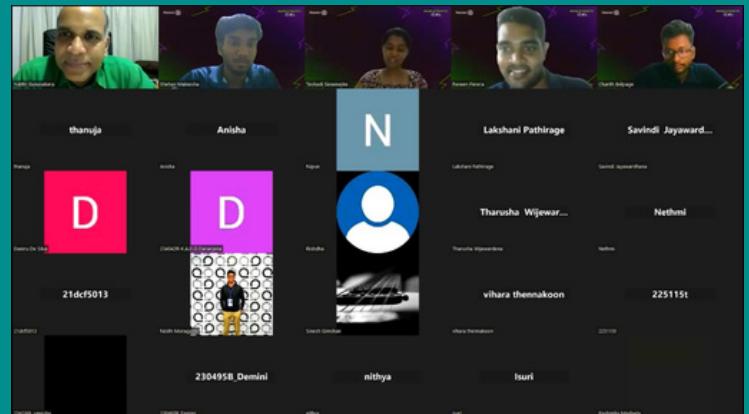
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# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

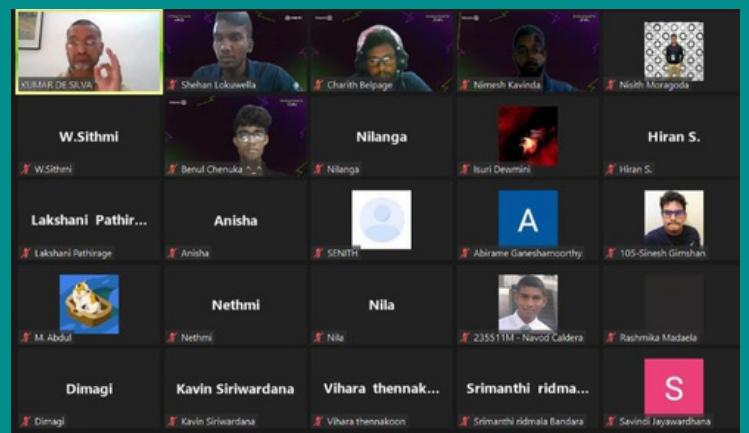
## Brand Etiquette Mastery

The "Brand Etiquette Mastery" project included a series of online sessions designed to improve corporate etiquette, personal branding, and communication abilities of the participants. In collaboration between the Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa and Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, the organization of workshops was done.



The skills and understanding participants get from the sessions will help them succeed in leadership positions, professional relationships, and personal branding initiatives as they advance in their professions.

Valuable certificates were given to attendees to incentivize participation, and their attendance was monitored during the sessions. Zoom was used for the workshops, and registered members were given access to a separate group where all appropriate material was presented.

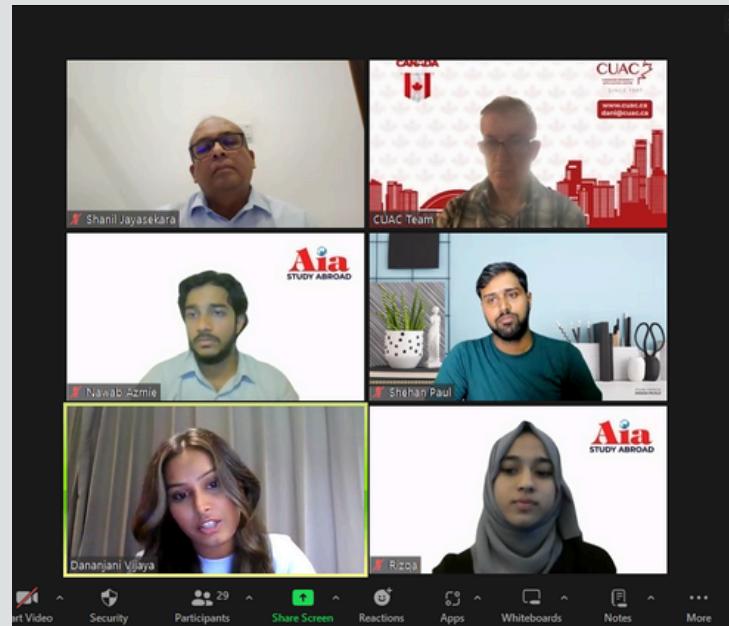


# Limitless Horizon 3.0

## Phase 3

A webinar was organized with the goal of giving participants comprehensive information about the VISA application process, scholarships that are available, and how to collaborate with a global educational consultant to obtain a higher education opportunity at their ideal university with the best scholarship.

This phase primarily focused on those who wished to pursue MSc and BSc degrees at foreign universities across many countries, including the UK, Canada, Australia, UAE, New Zealand, USA, and several other European countries.



As a preeminent worldwide educational consulting company, Asian International Academy (AIA) collaborated with the University of Moratuwa Rotaract Club of Alumni to provide the invaluable information.

On May 12th, we had the privilege of having the guest speakers as follows to share their insights and experiences.

- Dananjani Vijaya - Manager at AIA Study Abroad
- Dani Zaretsky - Co Founder & Chief Information Officer at Canada University Application Center
- Shanal Jayasekara - Managing Director at AIA Holdings and Manager at Canada University Application Center Sri Lanka Office

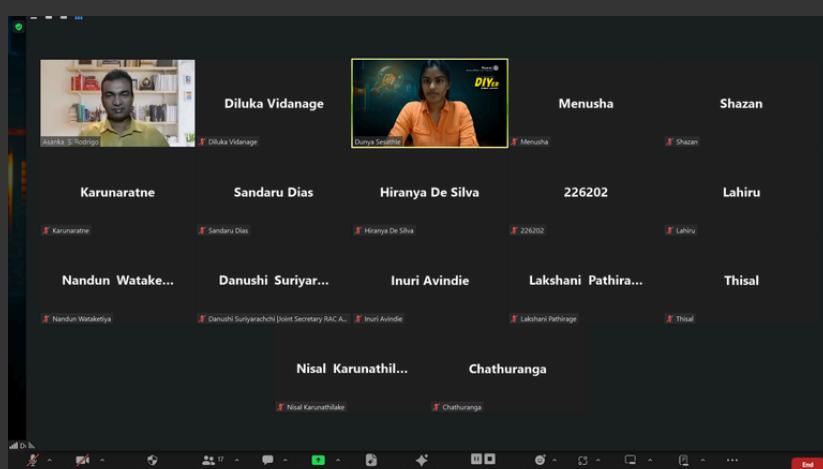
# DIYer Phase II

Through promoting awareness of fundamental technological skills and offering useful knowledge for entrepreneurial endeavours, "DIYer" seeks to transcend the typical skill development program and emphasize the significance of individual skill development.



## Phase II

Energy audits for sustainable energy management was the focus of phase II of the project. On April 4, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., Dr. Asanka S. Rodrigo of the Electrical Engineering Department of the University of Moratuwa conducted this session.



The objective was to educate experts in the industrial and residential sectors how to apply energy auditing techniques to cut back on energy use. This workshop provided insightful information on effective energy management, creation of energy sources at own using renewable energy sources, and the significance of being prepared for an energy crisis.

# INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

## United We Stand 2.0

M a i t h r i

The comprehensive initiative “Project Maitri” is a joint project with Rotaract Club of Kathmandu which was designed to meet the essential needs of children who are visually impaired, especially in sexual and reproductive health education.

To expedite the learning process, the project team also supplied menstrual braille guidebooks, a weighing machine, and other hygiene supplies.



### January 12, 13 and 14th at Shree Gyan Chakshu School

Important disciplines such as menstruation, child rights, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender-based violence were focused during the session.



### January 16th at Adarsha School and Birat Deaf School

The session was conducted by modifying the content to meet the needs of pupils with different types of disabilities. The main goals of each school continued to be promoting awareness of gender-based violence, child rights, and menstruation.



# CLUB SERVICE AVENUE

## Let's Meet 4.0

Phase 4



"Let's Meet 4.0" project is a flagship effort of RAC of the University of Moratuwa that aims to strengthen a sense of belonging and community among its members. Every stage of the project is designed to provide distinctive experiences that accommodate a wide range of interests, guaranteeing that every member feels appreciated and included.

The Avurudu Celebrations was held on April 20, 2024, at the Leprosy Hospital Ministry of Health Sri Lanka, as the project's last phase.



The focus of the project was the celebration of the Sinhala and Tamil New Years included customary games and cultural events. This phase, which was coordinated with RAC University Alumni, offered a chance to partake in significant cross-cultural interactions and commemorate the diverse customs of the New Year.

# Club Trip

The Rotaract Club of Alumni, University of Moratuwa, traded cityscapes for stunning scenery on a two-day trip to Sinharaja Rainforest (May 4-5, 2024). Kayaking adventures on Hikkaduwa Lagoon and hikes through the lush Sinharaja enriched their appreciation for the country's natural beauty.



Beyond exploration, the trip fostered camaraderie through shared experiences, strengthening the club's community. This escape served not just for relaxation, but for personal growth and leadership development, as members planned and executed a successful project. An unforgettable experience for all, this trip exemplifies the club's dedication to service and community building.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE AVENUE



## Dream Cricket

Dream Cricket, a collaborative effort by Rotaract clubs of Alumni of University of Moratuwa, American National College, Colombo West, and University of Moratuwa, with the Rotary Club of Colombo West as part of their Rotary Family Project, redefines the game for a special audience. On May 24th, over 60 children from nearby centers for differently-abled children were welcomed to The Turf, Colombo.



More than just runs and wickets, Dream Cricket focused on empowering these children through the joy of cricket. Rotaractors designed fun activities incorporating throwing, catching, and aiming, all geared towards improving motor skills and coordination. The day was filled with laughter, cheers, and a sense of accomplishment as each child participated and received a medal. Lunch parcels for the journey home ensured a memorable experience, leaving everyone with a smile. Dream Cricket goes beyond the sport, celebrating inclusion and the potential within each child.



# Nena Pahana

"Nena Sayura," a beacon within the "Nena Pahana" initiative by Rotaract Alumni Mora, shines a light on academic success. This program empowered O/L students at Lunawa Primary School and St. Matthew's College, Dematagoda in Mathematics, Science, and English by tapping into the passion of dedicated university students from the University of Moratuwa.



St. Matthew's College, Dematagoda, buzzed with innovation on May 25th as "Inventors for Tomorrow" took flight. This robotics workshop, co-hosted by Robotic Gen, saw students collaborate, build, and dream big. It was a one-day spark of invention, igniting a passion for science and technology in these future innovators.





# Share The Joy

## Phase 3

The RAC of UoM once celebrated birthdays with cake and candles, but "Share the Joy" changed the tune. This heartwarming initiative transformed birthday celebrations into opportunities to spread sunshine to those most needed it. Rotaractors traded birthday gatherings for visits to community centers, bringing joy to different corners of their world.



The third phase of Share The Joy, was at the Aloka Elders Home, Panadura. Here, birthdays became vibrant celebrations, filled with the rhythm of dance, the harmony of singing, and the warmth of shared meals. But the joy wasn't a one-way street. Rotaractors discovered the profound connection that comes from giving back, a feeling far richer than any birthday cake. It fostered a stronger sense of community and built lasting relationships with local centers.



# Suwa Arana

## Blood Donation Campaign



Suwa Arana is persistent to enhance the overall health and quality of life in the community. This magnificent initiative was organized by Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa, and jointly executed with the Interact Club of Visakha Vidyalaya.



### Suwa Arana 24.2 - Suwa Arana Blood Donation Camp

Its success was greatly attributed to the National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS), whose knowledge and resources were vital in making it happen. Together with Siri Wangeesa Dhamma School, Sri Wijayarama Viharaya in Piliyandala the blood donation camp was held on April 6 at Sri Wijayarama Viharaya, collecting a significant amount of blood and raising awareness about the importance of regular blood donations.





# Manudam

## Phase 2

"Manudam" is a remarkable community service initiative spearheaded by RAC Alumni Mora and RAC University Alumni. After the success of its first phase, Phase 2 launched on April 20, 2024, and centered around a donation drive for the Leprosy Hospital under the Ministry of Health in Sri Lanka.



The project team gathered essential supplies for patients and staff and hosted a communal lunch for all the patients. This endeavor provided crucial support and strengthened community bonds through shared efforts for a worthy cause. "Manudam" epitomizes the spirit of service and compassion, leaving a lasting legacy on communities and reinforcing a steadfast dedication to fostering kindness and making a profound impact in the world.

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