



## VIBRANT VOYAGES

2ND QUARTER



2023 (OCTOMBER - DECEMBER)

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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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 second edition, the Rotaract Alumni Mora's Club Service Avenue triumphantly commemorated its "10th charter day celebration," providing a platform for past, present, and prospective members to immerse in the essence of Rotaract. Additionally, the Environmental Avenue launched the "Seaside Saviors" project, fostering a marine-friendly environment by tackling plastic pollution and conducting beach clean-ups. The "Nena Sayura" initiative at Uyana Kanishka Vidyalaya in Moratuwa aimed to educate and inspire Ordinary Level (O/L) students. Moreover, the "Share the Joy" project extended support to children's homes through essential donations and companionship. In the realm of Professional Development Avenue, projects such as "Speak Up 4.0" and "En Vogue 4.0" enhanced members' public speaking and soft skills, alongside providing opportunities in fashion designing and modeling. The International Service Avenue hosted "Debractor" to foster debating skills among foreign Rotaractors, while the "Cook to Connect" project facilitated culinary exchanges. The IT team focused on updating newsletters and maintaining blogs, while the PR and Editorial Avenue curated audiences for various projects. The Sports team organized "Mora Smash," creating a badminton platform for the Rotaract Mora family.



The club's unwavering commitment to nurturing fellowship and pursuing excellence has undeniably made a positive impact on both the community and its members. In closing, extending heartfelt gratitude to all contributors to this remarkable journey is both touching and fitting. Let's extend our warmest wishes to Rotaract Alumni Mora as it embarks on new initiatives, continuing to craft impactful narratives within the community. By fostering a 'Limitless You' for a passion-driven future, Rotaract remains a pivotal platform for individuals to contribute meaningfully to communities while advancing their personal growth. Here's to continued success!

Viva la Rotaract!

Rtr. Lakshani Pathirage  
President 2023-24

# EDITORIAL MESSAGE

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Rotaract, a nexus of excellence and camaraderie, provides a platform for personal development linked with communal benefit. It's a thriving platform where people can thrive by making important contributions to their communities while also bettering themselves. Cheers to a decade of blazing service and steadfast dedication. Our 10th anniversary as Rotaractors approaches, a monument to our shared journey and treasured experiences.

Our club's avenues have built a history that resonates locally and globally throughout these ten golden years. Each endeavor, as a source of pride, calls attention to our commitment and thankfulness. Our commitment remains unwavering to use our collective power as change-makers to create a better future through volunteerism.

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 the Rotaract Club of Alumni, University of Mruwta, and we look forward to the continued journey of service, leadership, and friendship.

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# INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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## Cook to Connect 2.0

Phase 02



### Cook To Connect 2.0

PHASE 2 -

Introductory Session

Via

APPENING TODAY!

Live by Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of  
and Rotaract Club of Mount Carmel College

With ongoing collaboration  
with our Twin Club, Rotaract  
Club of Mount Carmel  
College, experiencing the  
taste of culinary  
companionship as  
Rotaractors from Sri Lanka  
and India came together in  
the kitchen for an  
unforgettable Cook to  
Connect 2.0 - Phase 02  
venture!

### Cook To Connect 2.0 PHASE 2

INTRODUCTORY  
SESSION

20th of November 2023  
Via Google Meet  
From 7.30PM onwards

Live by Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of  
and Rotaract Club of Mount Carmel College

### Cook To Connect 2.0 PHASE 2

COMING SOON!

This warm cooking competition witnessed a vibrant fusion of spices  
and flavors, weaving a beautiful tapestry of cultural exchange and  
culinary joy.

This virtual kitchen took place  
on 20th November 2023 via  
Google Meet, transcending  
geographical boundaries to  
create a shared culinary  
experience for participants from  
both nations.

## PHASE 01: DEBATE TRAINING SESSION



The banner features the Rotaract logo at the top. Below it is the 'DEBRACTOR 4.0' logo with the tagline 'FELLOWSHIP WITH DEBATE'. A portrait of Miss Shreeya Dhakal is shown, with the text 'Meet our trainer: Miss Shreeya Dhakal'. Below her portrait, there is a list of her accolades: Former Program Coordinator at Debate Network Nepal, National Champion in MahaKumbha 2021, and Chief Adjudicator in MahaSangram 2023 (international British Parliamentary debating tournament). The banner also mentions 'Via Google Meet & YouTube Live' and shows icons for both platforms. At the bottom, it says 'An initiative by Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa & Rotaract Club of Kathmandu'.

- Miss Shreeya Dhakal: A Champion Debator and Former Program Coordinator at Debate Network Nepal, whose accolades include being the National Champion in MahaKumbha 2021 and Chief Adjudicator in MahaSangram 2023, an international British Parliamentary debating tournament.
- Mr. Gavin Senaratne: Champion Debater and Head Coach of English Debating at Royal College Colombo, Sri Lanka, with a distinguished coaching career.
- Ms. Alfa Maiya Shakya: Champion Public Speaker, Writer, Researcher, and Trainer, recognized for her achievements in various Toastmasters International contests and social science research.

These talented trainers provided invaluable insights and guidance, enriching participants with essential debating skills and techniques.

The Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa proudly presents 'Debactor 4.0,' a dynamic two-phase program aimed at fostering intellectual discourse and honing debating skills amongst passionate individuals.

### Phase 1: Debate Training Session

Date: Concluded Successfully on 27th November 2023

Platform: Google Meet and YouTube Live

Phase one of Debactor 4.0 commenced with a highly successful debate training session, conducted by three esteemed trainers renowned for their expertise in the art of debate and public speaking.



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## PHASE 02: LIVE DEBATE

Phase 02 of Debractor 4.0 was concluded Successfully on 2nd December 2023. In phase 02, the culmination of Debractor 4.0, participants engaged in a spirited live debate on the topic of artificial intelligence and its impact on creativity. The debate showcased the intellectual prowess and eloquence of the members, who passionately argued their positions.

Debate Topic: "Is artificial intelligence a threat to creativity?"

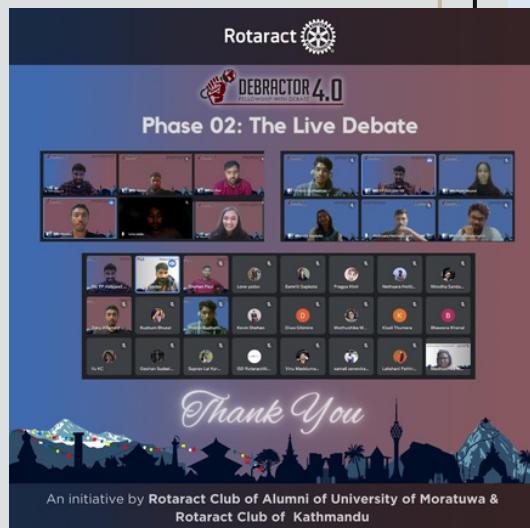
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Rtr Shehan Paul  
Rtr Kevin De Alwis  
Rtr Zaky Ahamed

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Rtr Kushum Bhusal  
Rtr Prabin Budhathoki  
Rtr Nirodha Sampath  
Rtr Nethsara Hettiarachchi

We extend our sincere appreciation to all participants and attendees who contributed to the success of Debractor 4.0, enriching the discourse and making it a memorable occasion. Special thanks to our exceptional moderator, Rtr. Abhijeet Venkatraman Balaji, for skillfully guiding the debate proceedings.



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AVENUE

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## SPEAK UP 4.0

"Speak Up 4.0" is more than just a monthly program; it is a dynamic platform designed for Rotaract club members to refine their public speaking skills and strengthen bonds of camaraderie. This initiative offers a special opportunity for members to eloquently share their Rotaract journey experiences and memories. Through captivating narratives, **Speak Up 4.0** not only enhances communication abilities but also weaves together a tapestry of shared stories, fostering a deeper sense of community and connection within the club.

Rotaract Alumni of University of Moratuwa

## SPEAK UP 4.0

JOURNEY OF BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE ROTARACT CLUB OF ALUMNI UNIVERSITY OF MORATUWA

RTR. THANUJA MEDHANKARA IS POISED TO UNVEIL THE INTRICATE JOURNEY THAT IGNITED HIS FERVOR FOR ROTARACT!

JOIN US

27TH OCTOBER FRIDAY | COLOMBO MEDICAL FACULTY | 6.30 P.M. ONWARDS



At Speak Up 4.0, held at the Colombo Medical Faculty on October 27th, Thanuja shared his captivating journey of becoming a member of the Rotaract Club of Alumni, University of Moratuwa. It says that the journey teaches us about the destination, and Rotaractor Thanuja Medhankara's story is a testament to this. Rotaractor

Next, Geshan Sudasinghe shared his volunteering journey with the Rotaract Club of Alumni, University of Moratuwa on the 10th of December at Sea Horse Hotel, Negombo.

Rotaract Alumni of University of Moratuwa

## SPEAK UP 4.0

HIS VOLUNTEERING VOYAGE WITH ROTARACT ALUMNI MORA

RTR. GESHAN SUDASINGHE IS POISED TO UNVEIL THE INTRICATE JOURNEY THAT IGNITED HIS FERVOR FOR ROTARACT!

JOIN US

10TH DECEMBER | SEA HORSE HOTEL NEGOMBO | 2.30 PM ONWARDS

## PHASE 01

### Limitless Horizons | Higher education guiding session

#### 3.0

#### Phase 01

INTRODUCING RESOURCE PERSONS

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#### Register Now

Via ZOOM | 07:00 PM | 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY



Professor  
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Dean  
Faculty of Graduate Studies  
University of Moratuwa  
and  
Chief Innovation Officer  
National Innovation Agency

Prof. Ajith de Alwis

Dive into the pages of our recent event, Limitless Horizons 3.0 Phase 01, where the air was charged with anticipation and the atmosphere brimmed with intellectual fervour. Held on 7th January 2024, our digital stage welcomed two distinguished guests: Prof. Ajith de Alwis and Dr. V. Logeeshan, luminaries in their respective fields.

An illustrious figure in Chemical and Process Engineering, Prof. Ajith serves as the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of Moratuwa. With a dash of innovation as the Chief Innovation Officer at the National Innovation Agency, Prof. Ajith's insights promised to ignite the spark of imagination.

A beacon of knowledge in the Department of Electrical Engineering at the University of Moratuwa, Dr. Logeeshan's journey through esteemed foreign universities worldwide has shaped his profound understanding of higher education landscapes.

In Zoom online space, diverse participants came together to talk and dream, all seeking knowledge. The event flowed smoothly, each part fitting together perfectly to show the exciting journey of learning. Prof. Ajith and Dr. Logeeshan shared stories that showed the way to success in education and careers.

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at  
Department of Electrical Engineering  
University of Moratuwa

Dr. V. Logeeshan

# EN VOGUE 3.0

## PHASE 01

### Designer journey and story of Up-cycling

In this open session of En Vogue 3.0 Phase 1, participants had the exclusive opportunity to delve into the world of fashion design with Mrs. Lonali Rodrigo, Founder and Lead Designer at House of Lonali. Held on October 7th, the session provided valuable insights and cleared doubts for aspiring designers. It was an engaging experience filled with learning and inspiration.



### Global Insights of Slow Fashion

On October 14th, En Vogue 3.0 Phase 1 continued its journey with a captivating session on "Global Insights of Slow Fashion," featuring Ms. Puja Mishra, Board Member of Operations at the Slow Fashion Movement. Participants had the chance to delve into the sustainable fashion movement and gain valuable knowledge on this evolving trend. The session, conducted in collaboration with the Sri Lankan chapter of the Slow Fashion Movement, was both enlightening and thought-provoking.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE AVENUE

## INSPIRE THEIR FUTURE



The session, held at Prince of Wales College, Moratuwa, on December 7th, witnessed the enthusiastic participation of over 100 students. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Mandapa Pandithage for his invaluable contribution in making this event a resounding success. Together, let's continue to inspire and uplift the future generation!

Embark on a journey of inspiration with "Inspire Their Future," a pioneering seminar series by the Rotaract Club of Alumni, University of Moratuwa. In our latest instalment, we had the honour of hosting Mr Mandapa Pandithage, a renowned motivational speaker and distinguished alum.

Mr. Pandithage, hailed as the Most Outstanding Anandian in 2016, shared his wisdom and insights to empower O/L students. With an impressive academic background spanning the University of Moratuwa and Sri Lanka Law College, his guidance has ignited countless young minds.

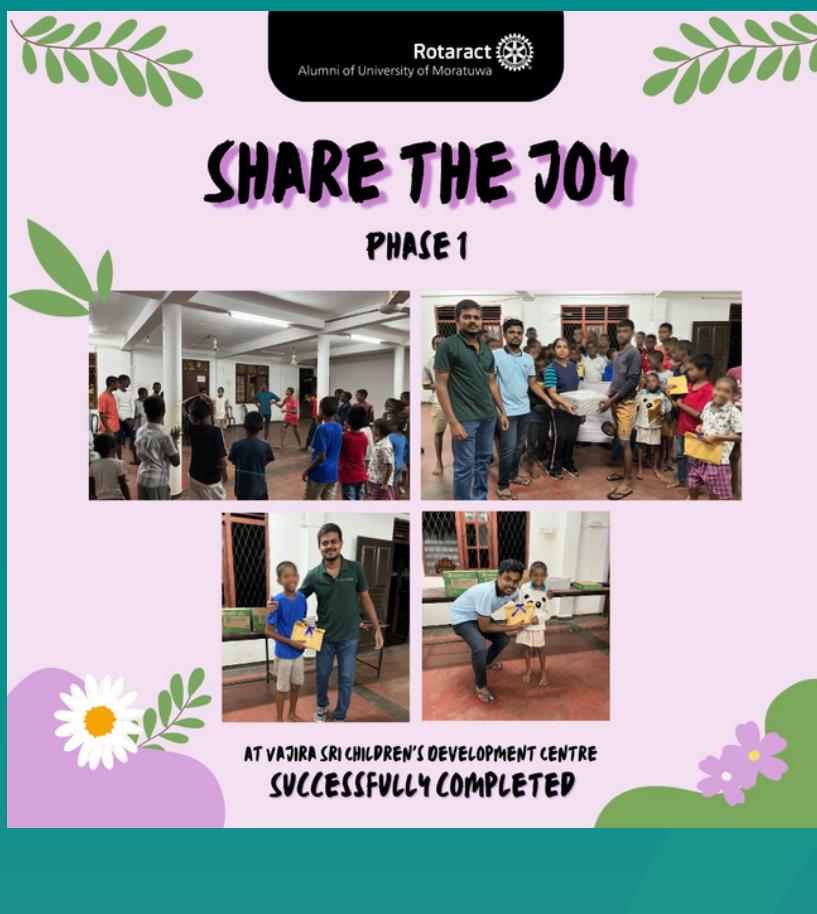


# SHARE THE JOY

## PHASE 1

The Share the Joy - Phase 01 initiative, held on November 5, 2023, at Vajira Sri Children's Development Centre, successfully brought together a community in the spirit of giving. The event centred on linking birthdays to charitable acts, saw collected donations from celebrants contributing to a chosen orphanage or elder home. These donations were shared with recipients, creating an atmosphere of joy and togetherness. Volunteers actively participated, sharing heartfelt moments through singing and dancing.

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A pink-themed banner for 'SHARE THE JOY PHASE 1'. It features green leafy corner designs and a central black Rotaract logo with the text 'Rotaract' and 'Alumni of University of Moratuwa'. Below the logo, the text 'SHARE THE JOY' is written in large, bold, purple letters, with 'PHASE 1' in smaller black letters underneath. The banner includes four small photographs showing people at the event: a group in a hall, a group standing together, a man handing a gift to a child, and another man handing a gift to a child. At the bottom, the text 'AT VAJIRA SRI CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT CENTRE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED' is written in white.

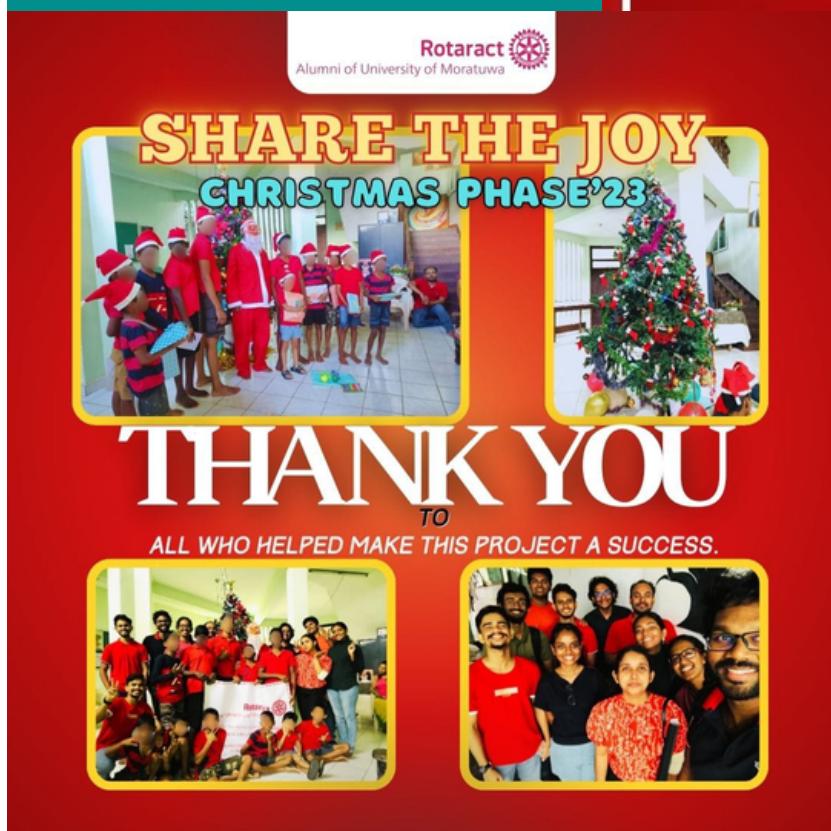
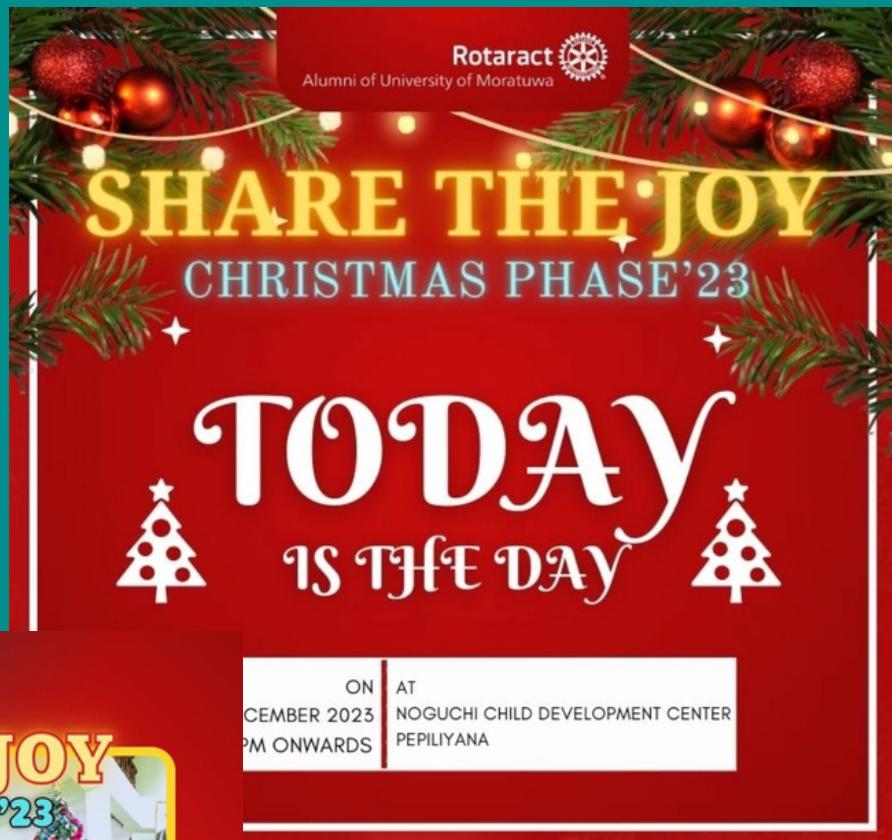
The event, embodying the transformative power of giving, brightened the lives of the tiny souls at Vajira Sri Children's Development Centre, fostering a sense of unity, celebration, and positive impact within the community. Share the Joy is a testament to the beautiful art of giving and its capacity to shape meaningful lives.

# SHARE THE JOY CHRISTMAS PHASE '23

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Share the Joy – Christmas Phase '23 was a delightful initiative designed to bring smiles to the faces of the children at the Noguchi Child Development Center in Pepiliyana. With a sprinkle of holiday magic, participants shared love, laughter, and the true spirit of Christmas on December 17th, 2023.

From joyful activities to thoughtful gifts, the day was filled with warmth and laughter as children revelled in the festive celebrations. Together, we created unforgettable moments that will be cherished for years to come, leaving a lasting memory on both participants and children alike.



# CLUB SERVICE AVENUE

## LET'S MEET 4.0 PHASE 2



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Relive the enchanting moments of our Sunset Beach Gathering, Let's Meet 4.0, Phase 2, held at Sea Horse Hotel Negombo on December 10th, it was an absolute delight. From the tranquil beauty of the shore to the mesmerizing hues of the sunset, attendees embraced the serenity of the evening.

Rotaract Alumni of University of Moratuwa

# Let's Meet

Thank you everyone for coming!  
Successfully completed

Rotaract Alumni of University of Moratuwa

# Let's Meet

Sea Horse Hotel Negombo  
10th December  
From 2.30 pm onwards



Transitioning from the excitement of the day to a relaxing beachside gathering, participants felt the gentle touch of the sand and immersed themselves in the tranquility of the waves. As the stars twinkled above, a delightful dinner was savored, creating unforgettable moments by the ocean's edge.

A Decade of Dedication and Impact: Celebrating the 10th Charter Day of Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa, On the illustrious date of November 4th, 2023, the Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa, marked a significant milestone - it's 10th Charter Day. The occasion was graced with the distinguished presence of the District Rotaract Representative, Rtr. PP.Sathma Jayasinghe from our esteemed District 3220.



A moment that will be etched in our history is the official launch of the Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa's website. This digital milestone signifies our commitment to embracing the future while providing a centralized space to share our achievements, activities, and the impactful projects we undertake. As we reflected on the journey of the past.

The celebration resonated with the echoes of the past as our cherished past presidents and secretaries gathered to reminisce about a decade of unwavering commitment to service and fellowship. Among them was the guide Club Coordinator Dulitha Sandaruwan,



# SPORTS AVENUE

## MORA SMASH



The “Mora Smash” resounding success journey of our annual badminton extravaganza collaboration with Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa was held on 29th of October 2023 at Old Gymnasium University of Moratuwa. The event unfolded as the annual badminton tournament took centre stage. This event was not just a competition; it was a celebration of skill, determination, and the spirit of sportsmanship.

One of the standout features of this year's tournament was its inclusivity. Players of all ages and skill levels, from seasoned veterans to enthusiastic beginners, converged on the courts. The competition was structured to ensure fair play and equal opportunities, fostering an environment where everyone felt welcome and encouraged to give their best.

The tournament was a showcase of badminton at its finest. The matches were nothing short of epic, featuring lightning-fast rallies, strategic drop shots, and powerful smashes that kept spectators on the edge of their seats. Each court became a stage for players to display their unique styles, and the audience was treated to an impressive display of skill and athleticism.

The tournament concluded with a grand closing ceremony, where the winners were honored and awarded their well-deserved trophies. The organizers expressed their gratitude to participants, sponsors, and volunteers who contributed to the success of the event. The badminton community came together to celebrate not only the champions but also the spirit of the game that had brought them all together.

# ENVIRONMENTAL AVENUE

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## SEASIDE SAVIORS

On the picturesque shores of Panadura Beach, a remarkable initiative unfolded on the 7th of November 2023, led by the passionate members of our club and Leo club of University of Moratuwa. Spearheaded by the visionary leadership of our president, Rtr. Lakshani Pathirage, and skillfully chaired by Rtr. Hasara Sudharani, 'Seaside Saviors' emerged as a beacon of environmental stewardship and community engagement.

In addition to the physical cleanup, 'Seaside Saviors' organized an insightful awareness session, guided by Mr. Haritha, an expert in environmental conservation. With a wealth of knowledge and a deep passion for marine life, Mr. Haritha illuminated the critical consequences of pollution on our oceans and the delicate balance of marine ecosystems.



Thanks to the incredible teamwork of the Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa, Leo Club of University of Moratuwa, our sponsor Synopsis, and our wonderful volunteers. We transformed Panadura beach, turning the tide against pollution and leaving a lasting impact.



# OUR TEAM

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