

Rotaract Newsletter Odyssey

OCTOBER - DECEMBER ISSUE

Charter Day

28 years:
Service,
Leadership,
Friendship

Manusath Handa

Empowering vision,
fostering literacy, changing
lives forever.

MONSTER MASH

Halloween's bewitching
fest of delight

Hand in Hand

Hands join for battling cancer:
Funding hope, spreading
awareness light

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President's Message

As we stand at the midway point of our Rotaract year, it is with great pride and joy that I reflect on the incredible journey we have embarked upon together. Six months ago, we set out with a shared vision and a commitment to make a positive impact on our community. Today, as I address you as your Rotaract President, I am thrilled to share the remarkable progress we have made and the meaningful experiences we have created.

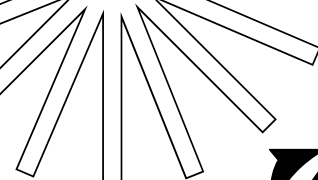
In these past six months, our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to turn our vision into reality. Together, we have completed numerous projects that have not only touched lives but have also brought smiles and happiness to those in need. Whether it was organizing community events, participating in service projects, or contributing to local causes, each initiative has left an indelible mark on our community.

In the last six months, we initiated impactful projects with member enthusiasm. Confident in their success, we restructured existing initiatives for lasting change. Forming new bonds with Rotaract clubs and strengthening existing connections, we expanded our network and collaborations.



Expressing gratitude to our Rotaract family for their dedication, we've proven the power of united individuals. As we move forward, let's strive for excellence, embrace opportunities, and uphold Rotaract's defining principles for positive change. Excited to witness our impact together in the next half of our journey.

Rtr. Yasiru Athugaldura
President 2023-24 Rotaract Club
of University of Moratuwa



From the Editors



With great enthusiasm, we present the Second Quarter Newsletter of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa for the RI year 2023/24. As we progress through this dynamic year, our commitment to impactful service, fellowship, and personal growth remains steadfast. The journey so far has been marked by collaborative efforts, vibrant energy, and the pursuit of positive change

In the past quarter, our dedicated team has been actively engaged in a myriad of projects and initiatives across various avenues, including club development, community service, education, health, and environmental sustainability. We are excited to share the successful completion of several projects and the initiation of numerous others that are poised to make a lasting impact.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our members and supporters for their unwavering commitment to our shared goals. It is your dedication that propels us forward, allowing us to create meaningful change and strengthen the bonds within our community.

As we look ahead to the upcoming quarter, anticipate more updates, exciting projects, and opportunities that align with our mission. Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa remains dedicated to making a significant impact and inspiring positive transformations. Thank you for being an integral part of this incredible journey. Together, let's continue to inspire, innovate, and make a lasting difference!

Rtr. Buvani Guruge, Rtr. Uthpala Karunwardhana

Rtr. Abineyan Ravichandran

Co-editors 2023-24 – Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa

CLUB SERVICES

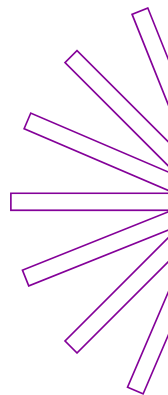


GENERAL MEETING

October Co-chairs: Rtr. Nishani Abeysekara, Rtr. Chethmin Edirisinghe

November Co-chairs: Rtr. Chethmin Edirisinghe, Rtr. Nishani Abeysekara

December Co-chairs: Rtr. Chathu Dewmini, Rtr. Ishini Yasodha



Monthly general meetings for the months of October, November, and December were held with enthusiasm and purpose to warmly welcome the new members who are embracing the spirit of the Rotaract Family and celebrating the finished projects.

The meetings are infused with vibrancy and entertainment by engaging the new members in fun games. Captivating musical events are also infused into the meetings to add an entertaining flair to each gathering. Service letters get presented to the dedicated members of the organizing committee, acknowledging their outstanding contributions to the successful completion of diverse projects throughout each respective month.

CHARTER DAY

Co chairs:

Rtr. Chathu Dewmini, Rtr. Ishini Yasodha

'Charter Day' was the pinnacle of celebration, as Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa emerged on its 28th anniversary. It was celebrated hand in hand with the December general meeting.



Twenty-eight years ago, a humble seed was planted, birthing a movement that now stands tall, its branches stretching wide, resembling a grand tree with an enduring legacy of community service. Those who once embarked on this journey as members have now grown into societal giants, paving the way for new rotaractors to follow. Commemorating 28 years of history is not just an honour; it's a motivational stride toward the future. It reminds us to cherish our roots as we forge ahead, using the past as a foundation to construct a brighter tomorrow.



The occasion was highlighted by the ceremonial cutting of the anniversary cake by the current president Rtr. Yasiru Athugaldura and the speeches that were done by Dr Ranga Rodrigo; the chief guest and Rtr. Paveen Perera; a past president of the club.



The thoughtful decorations in the colours of purple and silver orchestrated by the co-chairs added a touch of festive ambiance to the gathering. The day of 'Charter Day' was not only visually appealing but also a gastronomic delight, complemented by a melodic backdrop of songs. It truly encapsulated the essence of companionship and celebration within the dynamics of the Rotaract community.

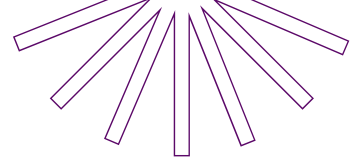


FASHION FORGE

Co-chairs: Rtr. Tashen Silva, Rtr. Isurangi Nethmini Koralage, Rtr. Dewanga Kuruppu

Fashion Forge is an exciting new chapter in the history of fashion that is set to be written by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa. This will be an innovative project that represents a noteworthy first for Rotaract Legacy. An avant-garde project that sends a message to the community through the language of fashion and a fusion of styles. As said by Ralph Lauren, the famous fashion designer from New York, "Fashion is about something that comes from within you". The planning for this exciting event is nearing its end so keep your eyes forward and patient. You will see one of Rotaract Journey's most vibrant landmarks.

MONSTER MASH



Co chairs:

Rtr. Geenath Punchihewa, Rtr. Sanali Wimalarathne, Rtr. Dineth Bandara

Rotaract Mora ventured beyond cultural norms by organizing "**Monster Mash 2.0**", a Halloween celebration at University of Moratuwa, where Halloween isn't a common tradition. The event aimed to infuse innovation and excitement, building on the success of the previous year's festivities. The project added a unique touch as the sole Halloween celebration open to the entire university community, breaking new ground in campus event planning.

To promote the event, the organizing committee utilized social media platforms and strategically placed posters within the university premises.

They even employed a ghostly character, transforming into a mysterious nun, to personally engage with students in the university canteens. The event was scheduled for October 30th at the Old Gymnasium, deviating slightly from the traditional October 31st celebration. Despite the original target audience being set at 250 people, overwhelming demand led to the issuance of additional tickets, resulting in a remarkable turnout of 250+ participants within just two weeks.

On the event day, the Old Gymnasium underwent a spectacular transformation, becoming a haven of horror and thrills with carefully crafted decorations and atmospheric lighting. Attendees were greeted by a costumed nun, setting an intriguing tone for the night. The program featured a movie marathon, a cosplay competition with standout entries emulating iconic characters, and a mesmerizing dance performance that left the audience in awe.



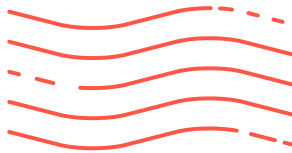
The atmosphere was further electrified with a half-hour music session, allowing attendees to revel in the vibrant energy of the celebration. The event successfully concluded on a high note, leaving an indelible mark as a standout Halloween-themed experience within the university community. Moreover, it aligned with Sustainable Development Goals, incorporating energy-efficient lighting and promoting responsible consumption throughout the festivities.



COMMUNITY SERVICES



HIH



Co chairs:

Rtr. Sayuni Sooriyaarachchi, Rtr. Shehan M. Lokuwella, Rtr. Amantha S. Bandara

Hand in Hand Initiative is one of the largest charitable endeavors of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa. This project is mainly focused on increasing public awareness about cancer and raising a fund to purchase medicine and medical equipment that child cancer patients require. Accordingly, the recent wristband and sticker campaign was successfully held in the days-long Colombo shopping festival in 2023. The donation programme to Child Cancer Hospital will be held in January 2024.



We are planning to initiate a sub-project to educate society about cancer since 60% of cancers can be cured if detected in its first stage. This interim project will be done as a chain of awareness sessions conducted in all three languages that will commence next January.

UNSEEN HARMONIES | ANDURATA ATHVELAK

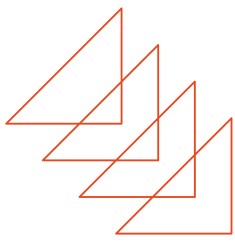
Co-chairs: Rtr. Kimal Venath, Rtr. Nisal Pivithuru

Accordingly, a band consisting of visually impaired individuals was given the opportunity to sing carols and share the spirit of Christmas on the premises of Havelock City Mall on the eve of 19th of December. The performances were not only heartwarming but also served as a powerful expression of the talents within the blind community. Donations were collected as well from the viewers who appreciated the brilliant performances of the band. It was done as a collaborative project with Global Shelter Foundation. The success of "Unseen Harmonies" reaffirms the Rotaract Club's commitment to fostering a more compassionate and connected society.



Andurata Athvelak has been a significant achievement for Rotaract Mora over the years of its community services. The project aims to empower blind communities and offer opportunities to explore and experience the world. Its collaborative interim project, "Unseen Harmonies" was successfully concluded recently.





Co-chairs: Rtr. Bhashitha Dilan Jayarathna, Rtr. Kaveesha Kapuruge, Rtr. Thrishal Shavinda



Nena Aruna is a project created to improve the knowledge of Sri Lankan students. For now, 27 seminars have been conducted in 11 districts including districts in Western Province and Southern Province, Monaragala, Rathnapura, Kegalle, and Kandy. Basically, Science and Mathematics were taught in these seminars. Some lab practical sessions were conducted during the seminars. There is a hope to conduct a night camp as a part of the seminar. Our best will be done to ensure that these seminars will meet the requirements of the schools.



MANUSATH HANDA

**Co-chairs: Rtr. Kumbukage R. Thamodya, Rtr. Ginimella Hewage,
Rtr. Tharusha Adithya, Rtr. Chamudi Vihanga Liyanage**

The visually impaired community is a community that sustains itself through the help of the people all around, and **Manusath Handa** is all about passionately supporting the visually impaired children and the community

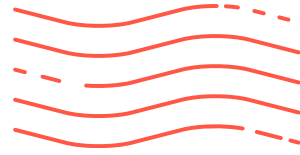


We aim to empower these children by fostering their literacy skills by providing them with audiobooks, magazines, stories, papers, and many more. Thus, through these, we aim to advocate equal learning rights, provide as many learning opportunities and make them feel seen. Providing quality educational content to the visually impaired community is our prime goal and we at Manusath Handa have put together a rich array of recordings generously voiced by dedicated volunteers from University of Moratuwa. Our website, manusathhanda.rotaractmora.org hosts these recordings through an audio library that has a collection of 600+ audio clips covering diverse aspects including newspaper articles, exam papers, magazine articles, entertainment dialogues, and much more.

Despite our efforts, we believe our story hasn't reached enough ears. This year, we're determined to amplify awareness about Manusath Handa within Sri Lanka and internationally through Rotaract, aiming to make our cause known to a broader audience.

To ensure the credibility and quality of our content we have also collaborated with Vijaya Newspapers and the Department of Examinations. To enhance engagement, we're planning interactive sessions at schools for visually impaired students and introducing them to our project's mission while providing easier access to our audio library. Furthermore, going beyond digital accessibility, we've donated physical recordings to blind schools as optical drives.

In addition to our main objectives, we aim to expand our content to serve the global community aiming for international recognition from the blind community. Additionally, we expect to launch a mobile app, acknowledging the preference for mobile access, which will make our content even more accessible.



Co-chairs: Rtr. G. A. Savithi Hansadi, Rtr. Gunasinghage K. Pansilu Silva, Rtr. Teshadi Senanayake

"Revitalizing Rural Resilience: Grama Probodaya's mission to fix water filtration systems in Kahatagasdigiliya, Kukulewa, and Anuradhapura for sustainable community development."

"Grama Probodaya" is a project initiated to support rural Sri Lankan villages that are in dire need of assistance and development into self-sustaining units. This time, the project is taking a significant step toward community development this year by focusing on revitalizing the water supply system in Kahatagasdigiliya, Kukulewa, and Anuradhapura. A thorough investigation uncovered a critical issue, a malfunctioning motor in the water filtering system.

This breakdown has had profound consequences, leaving rural inhabitants grappling with severe water shortages, health concerns, and a lack of access to clean water. In response, the project is collaborating with Aqua Safe to procure and install a new motor, which is the essential component of the filtering system. Beyond infrastructure repair, this initiative is a commitment to enhancing the overall well-being of the community by ensuring a sustainable and reliable water supply. Through these concerted efforts, the aim is to alleviate the challenges faced by the people of Kahatagasdigiliya, fostering a healthier and more resilient community for years to come

'Akuru', a sub-project under the Grama Probodaya initiative, is dedicated to the development and facilitation of libraries. Proposed to be implemented across 5-10 libraries in the Kahatagasdigiliya area, the project aims to create cultural and educational spaces. By promoting access to literature, 'Akuru' seeks to empower individuals in rural communities, fostering intellectual growth and community development. Through this initiative, the project aspires to instill a love for reading, and curiosity, and contribute to the overall enrichment of the communities.



CONNECTING THE DOTS

The **“Connecting the dots”** project is spearheaded under the Rotaract Club’s community service avenue with 3 distinct sub-projects, “Vanakkam”, “Assalamu Alaikum” and “Ayubowan” under it. Currently, all three endeavors are working in progress, in hopes of bettering the lives of innocent rural communities and bringing positive change to their livelihoods.

VANAKKAM

Co-chairs: Rtr. Poobalaraja Varun, Rtr. Latheeshan Thiruchanduran



“Vanakkam project” is dedicated to helping the Tamil and disabled community learn the universal language; English. Sessions will be organised aiming to cultivate and develop individuals’ personalities so that they can stand through and thrive in the ever-developing world. The ultimate goal is to improve their knowledge base as well as boost their confidence for a better future.



ASSALAMU ALAIKUM

Co-chairs: Rtr. Mohamed Asry, Rtr. Tharindu Madhusanka

The “Assalamu Alaikum” project focuses on conducting workshops and tutorial sessions on electronics and robotics in community schools in the Trincomalee district so that the students can learn more practically and get a hand in hand experience in learning these subjects. The primary objective is to give comprehension and knowledge when approaching these subjects rather than just in theory.



AYUBOWAN

Co-chairs: Rtr. Makewitage Ashen Dilantha Perera, Rtr. Thubulle Lekamalage T. Manohara

“Ayubowan” project centers around “Hambanthota Buduraja Sri Sumedharama Vihara Pirivene” and the neighboring rural villages. The primary aim is to lend a helping hand to elevate their quality of life by donating school equipment, school shoes, bags, and books and bringing a smile to the “podi hamuduruvo” and children in this rural Sinhala community.



AYA

Co-chairs: Rtr. Jalina H. Gunathunga, Rtr. Chamod N. Perera

ChatGPT is a smart chatbot that talks like a human using English. In Sri Lanka, some people find it hard to understand and speak English. Project AYA is a team effort between the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and Cohere AI. We're working on making a chatbot similar to ChatGPT but for Sinhala speakers. We're almost done with the project, thanks to the help of over 50 dedicated volunteers who created a strong dataset for the AI. This project is a big step toward making technology more inclusive and accessible.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

ZOOXANTHELLAE

Co-chairs:

Rtr. D.M.Nilanga Dilhara Dissanayaka

Rtr. Mihan Dimath Tilakaratne, Rtr.H.M.Sasvi

Nimethya Kulatunge

Zooxanthellae represents a collaborative initiative involving Rotaractors and relevant authorities committed to the noble cause of conserving coral reefs and rendering valuable service to society.

This enduring project has spanned several years, featuring recent impactful endeavors such as a thorough cleaning session in Mirissa and a vigilant monitoring initiative in Kamburugamuwa. The primary focus is on safeguarding previously established underwater coral farms. Moreover, Zoox is actively engaging in efforts to establish partnerships with local communities and organizations.



PURE WAVE

Co-chairs : Rtr. Manuri Boralugoda, Rtr. T.I.U.Gunasekara, Rtr. S.A. Kalana Jayasankha



The Pure Wave Project aims to remove Common Water Hyacinths from Bolgoda Lake to address challenges such as reduced oxygen levels harming aquatic life and the potential creation of a habitat for disease-carrying mosquitoes. Prior to the official commencement, a trial session was conducted to remove them at the Bolgoda Lake near Pandura and the trial was completed successfully.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICES



UN DAYS

Co-chairs : Rtr. Hirushi Rathnayaka, Rtr. Danika Rodrigo

In this project, we keep creating and sharing easy-to-understand flyers and interesting blog posts on social media for each UN day. The flyers contain detailed information about the event, its importance, and ways for individuals to contribute and support the cause. On the other hand, the blog posts provide a thorough analysis and insights into the main issue highlighted by each observance.

The goal of the blog posts is to encourage discussion and participation from readers, inspiring them to take action for a fairer and better world. This ongoing project brings people from different parts of the world together, allowing them to make a positive impact on these important global issues.



The UN Days Flyer and Blog Sharing initiative continues into the 2nd quarter of the year 2023/24, aiming to raise awareness about various United Nations (UN) observances. These events are important as they focus on issues like making the world sustainable, ensuring human rights, promoting gender equality, and addressing global challenges

CULTIVARE

Co-chairs: Rtr. Kavin Siriwardana, Rtr. Dulan Devinda

Cultivare, a collaborative cultural exchange initiative led by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and Rotaract Club of Rever, successfully transcended geographical boundaries to celebrate and promote global unity. Building upon the achievements of the previous year's project, Cultivare aimed to foster understanding, friendship, and collaboration among diverse communities. The event, which took place on November 4th at 9.00 p.m. via Zoom, featured engaging cultural presentations from both clubs, highlighting various aspects such as nationalities, religions, cuisine, festivals, and traditional dancing styles. This dynamic showcase not only captivated the audience but also provided a firsthand experience of the rich cultural heritage of both Sri Lanka and India.

The interactive session was a vibrant platform where enthusiastic participants from the two Rotaract clubs actively engaged in discussions, expressing their ideas and views. This exchange transformed Cultivare into more than just an event; it became an opportunity for personal and collective growth. Beyond its one-time occurrence, Cultivare extended an invitation for participants to forge lasting connections, embodying the Rotaract spirit of building friendships that transcend borders. The project stood as a testament to the power of cultural exchange in creating a more interconnected and harmonious world, fostering not only connections among individuals but also collaborations within the Rotaract community.

THE GLOBAL WANDERLUST

Co-chairs: Rtr. Chandler Vonhaght, Rtr. Piumini Tishani



The Global Wanderlust project, a collaborative initiative between Rotaract Club of Mulund Mumbai, India, and Rotaract Club of Chuka University, Kenya, celebrated World Tourism Day through digital innovation.

Using online platforms, we showcased the beauty, diversity, and cultural richness of Sri Lanka, India, and Kenya, highlighting their unique attractions and traditions. The project aimed to inspire sustainable tourism practices and foster cultural appreciation in an ever-connected world.

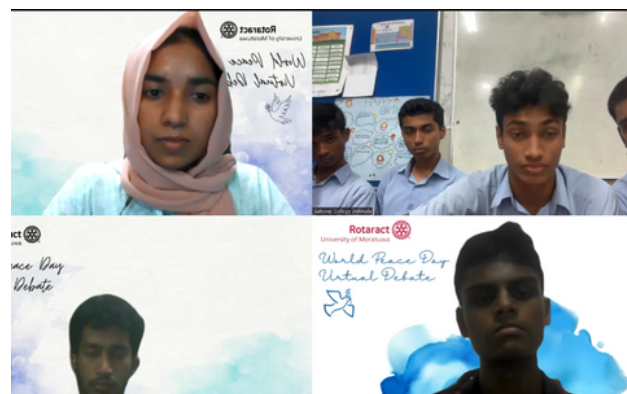
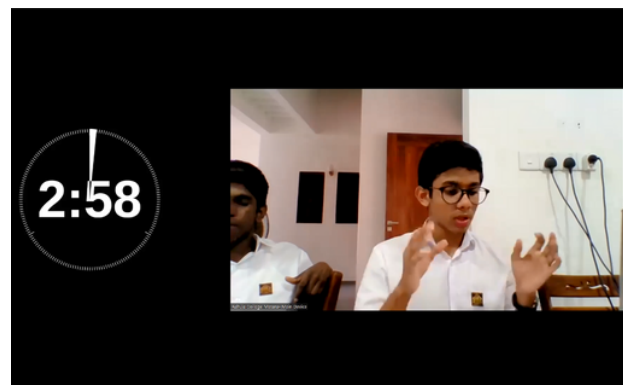


In the virtual realm of "The Global Wanderlust," each country shared insights about its tourist attractions and food culture, providing a valuable opportunity for cultural exchange. The project went beyond informative presentations, incorporating entertaining elements from each country to offer a captivating glimpse into their diverse cultures. By exposing participants to varied cultural expressions, "The Global Wanderlust" contributed to the global celebration of World Tourism Day in a dynamic and meaningful way.

PEACE DAY DEBATE

Co-chairs: Rtr. Kavindu Harshana, Rtr. Bhathiya Kulathunga

The Virtual Peace Day Debate stands out as a pivotal educational initiative, bringing together students from various local schools to delve into meaningful discussions on the crucial topics of peace and conflict resolution. Executed with meticulous precision, the event served as a platform to cultivate the intellectual capacities of young minds, fostering not only critical thinking but also instilling a deep understanding and appreciation for the significance of global peace. The dedication of participating schools, including Ananda College, Colombo, and Rahula College, Matara, was evident in their comprehensive exploration of diverse topics, ranging from the role of diplomacy in conflict prevention to the impact of socio-economic factors on global peace.



Rahula College, Matara's triumph in the knockout debate showcased a commitment to both academic excellence and community engagement. The judging panel, comprising university lecturers and members of the Rotaract Club of Rever, added depth to the evaluation process. The event's adaptability to a virtual format not only facilitated broad participation but also honed students' digital communication skills, reflecting an awareness of the demands of the modern interconnected world. Beyond being a competition, the Virtual Peace Day Debate emerged as a collaborative endeavor, fostering a community of young thinkers poised to navigate the nuances of peace. Its impact extended beyond the virtual realm, resonating within schools and the broader community, underlining the transformative power of education in shaping future leaders and advocates for a harmonious global society on World Peace Day.

SLRMUN

Co-chairs: Rtr. Benul Wijerathne, Rtr. Muftee Mysan

The SLRMUN conference has established itself as one of the most eagerly anticipated and popular gatherings for school and university delegates in Sri Lanka. Rotaract Mora is organizing this conference for the 4th consecutive time this year and the planning is already prepped and well underway. Registrations have been opened for students to register and we anticipate a significant turnout of delegates similar to the previous years. The secretariats, generals, and the organizing committee have already been selected and are diligently working on various tasks to ensure the success of this conference. The conference comprises five main committees namely UNICEF, UNHRC, UNSC, SOCHUM, and IPC.

Through SLRMUN, Rotaract Mora aims to provide a platform for enthusiastic delegates to engage with and address various global issues, including economic crises, pandemics, injustices, and poverty concerns.

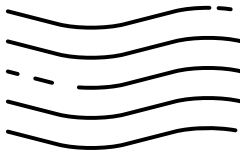
This stimulating conference of the Model United Nations is an invaluable chance for delegates to share opinions, get more knowledge and political insights into countries, express creativity, and develop rational thinking. As such, we warmly encourage school and university students to participate in this enriching conference.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



MENTHER



Co-chairs: Rtr. W.D.Devini Kavindya Kariyawasam, Rtr. A.M.A.Devanga Malsini Alagiyawanna, Rtr. J.P. Pawani Uthpalawanna

The “Menther” project is a women empowerment mentorship program hosted by outstanding female leaders of our country to navigate female undergraduates of University of Moratuwa to unleash their true potential and become beacons of strength, resilience, and inspiration within their communities and beyond. To become leaders and lead by example, break barriers and shatter stereotypes.

The first session started recently for ten selected undergraduates from the Department of Fashion Design and Product Development. They will learn new social and professional skills that will evolve them into confident professionals, making them a force that ripples outward fostering equality, inclusivity, and collectivity. The next phases of this project will be held in sessions for female student groups from the Faculty of Business, Faculty of Architecture, Department of Civil Engineering, Department of Quantity Surveying and Department of Facilities Management.

ARE YOU READY?

Co-chairs: : Rtr. Charith Belpage, Rtr. Sarindu Wijekoon

"Are You Ready" is the Official Career Fair of the University of Moratuwa, now in its 28th consecutive year in 2024. This year's career fair will be held with the theme 'A Transitional Quest in the Corporate World'.

This quarter, we were planning and organizing for its two subsidiary projects: "Global Pathway" and "Image". Two sessions touching on foreign job

opportunities and foreign higher education will be conducted under the Project "Global Pathway" with the objective of furnishing undergraduates with comprehensive information and orientation regarding international job prospects and academic pursuits. Both sessions will be conducted virtually with the facilitation of two distinguished professionals in the field. This will give the undergraduates a huge opportunity to build up awareness of foreign job opportunities, higher studies, and internships and get professional aid from officials from foreign embassies.

-GUEST SPEAKERS-



HEMINDA JAYAWEERA

Senior Consultant
Innovation & Enterprise Development



UMARIA SINHAWANSA

Singer, Musician
& Performer



THE IMAGE
ARE YOU READY? 2024



"EMBRACE ENTREPRENEURSHIP, PERSONAL BRANDING, AND INDUSTRY INSIGHTS—FORGE SUCCESS IN A GLOBAL, INNOVATIVE LANDSCAPE."

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Providing undergraduates with an opportunity to learn about polite and professional social behavior, that would enable them to stand out in the corporate world.

HOW IT WORKS

- 2 Physical sessions
- Facilitated by distinguished professionals in the field

TARGET GROUP

University of Moratuwa undergraduates

Why attend?

- Discover the essence of entrepreneurship
- Build up awareness about personal branding, its importance & relevance in the modern world
- Explore vital opportunities that are pivotal for standing out in corporate landscapes
- Access to mentors or industry experts providing valuable insights
- Exposure to innovative technologies and methodologies shaping industries
- Developing a global mindset essential for success in today's interconnected world

JOIN US TO POLISH UP YOUR ETIQUETTE — YOUR EDGE IN THE COMPETITIVE CORPORATE REALM AWAITS!

Under the "Image" project, two sessions will be conducted focusing on Personal Branding and Entrepreneurship. The Personal Branding session will be facilitated by a distinguished professional in the field of personal branding which will be held physically. This will be a great opportunity for undergraduates to discover the essence of entrepreneurship, build up awareness about personal branding, its importance & relevance in the modern world, explore vital opportunities that are pivotal for standing out in corporate landscape, developing a global mindset essential for success in today's interconnected world and many more.

SPORTS AND SPECIAL SERVICE

MORA SMASH

**Co-chairs Rtr. Chathura Gunawardena
Rtr. Kavindi Patabendige**

In a bid to promote physical and mental well-being, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, in collaboration with Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa, proudly presented the "Mora Smash" – badminton tournament. This indoor sporting event, held on the 29th of October at the University Gymnasium, brought together badminton enthusiasts from various backgrounds.

Mora Smash attracted players of all skill levels, fostering connections and camaraderie among participants. The tournament featured three main categories, catering to Rotaractors, Non-Rotaractors, and a school category, with a total of 12 subcategories, including singles and doubles.



The tournament not only celebrated the competitive nature of the participants but also emphasized the importance of camaraderie and fair play. With over 48 medals awarded, the tournament left a lasting impact on the Sports and Recreational Activities Avenue of both Rotaract Clubs. As Rotaract Mora and Rotaract Alumni Mora bid farewell to each other, we eagerly anticipate future joint projects, building on the unity and positive energy created by this memorable badminton tournament.



Mirror Wall



Thiyara Ranasinghe
Department of Textile & Apparel Engineering
22nd batch

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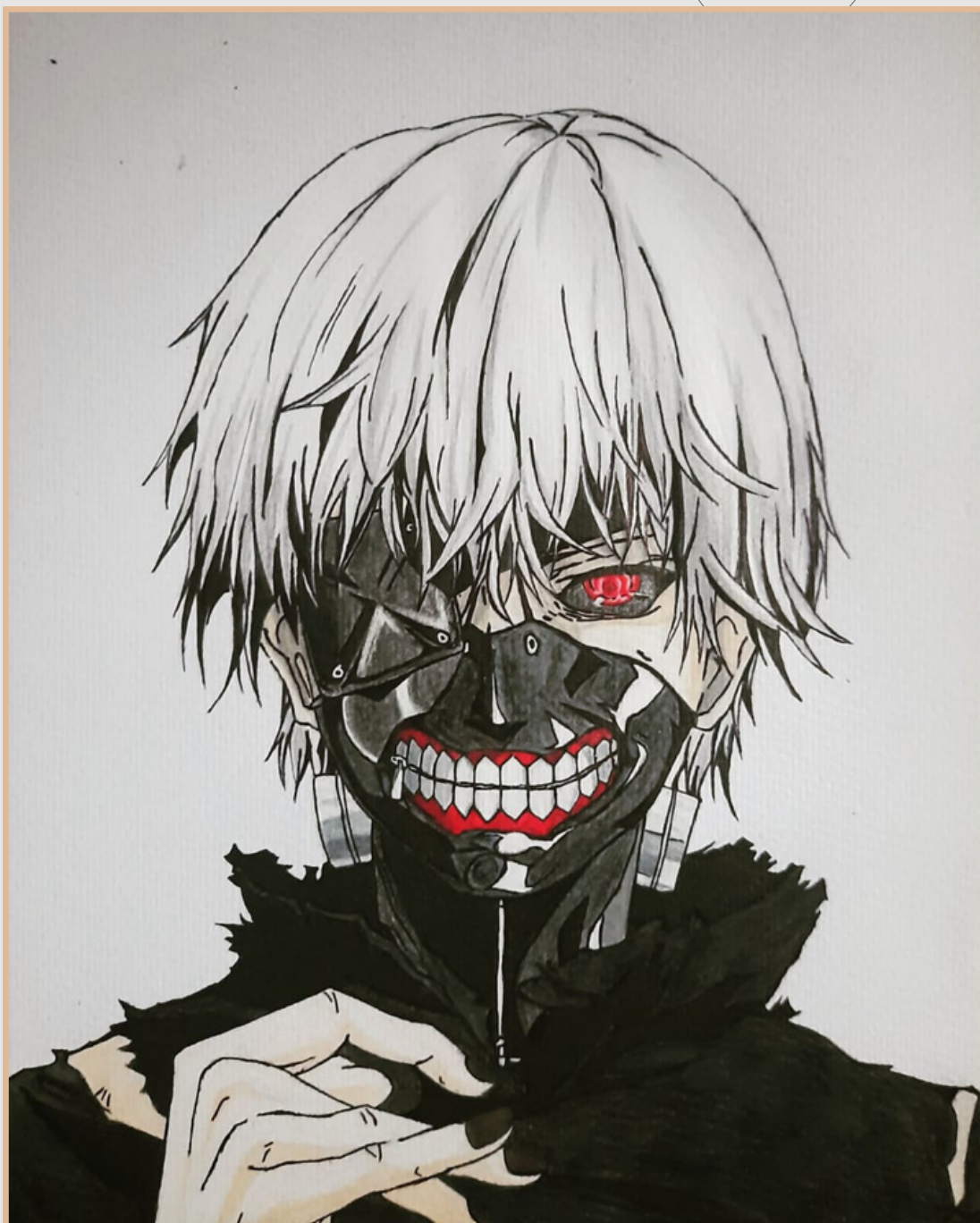
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In the first stages of love, even when it is reciprocated or even when it is not, you start imagining scenarios with the other you may have feelings for. One may call it "daydreaming", but I call it "infatuation." Then looking back, after all is said and done, you may start to wonder if all you remember is correct or if it is a part of your imagination, for our minds tend to romanticize moments and forget the bad things that had happened as a coping mechanism.

Who are you?

You who emerge so vividly,
A delightful affliction,
with whispering words,
Saccharine sweet,
Playing inside my head,
Again and again.
A figure so familiar,
with a ghost of a smile,
crinkling your eyes,
and wind rustling your hair,
under the summer glare.
A memory or imagination?
Searching and wondering,
Who are you?



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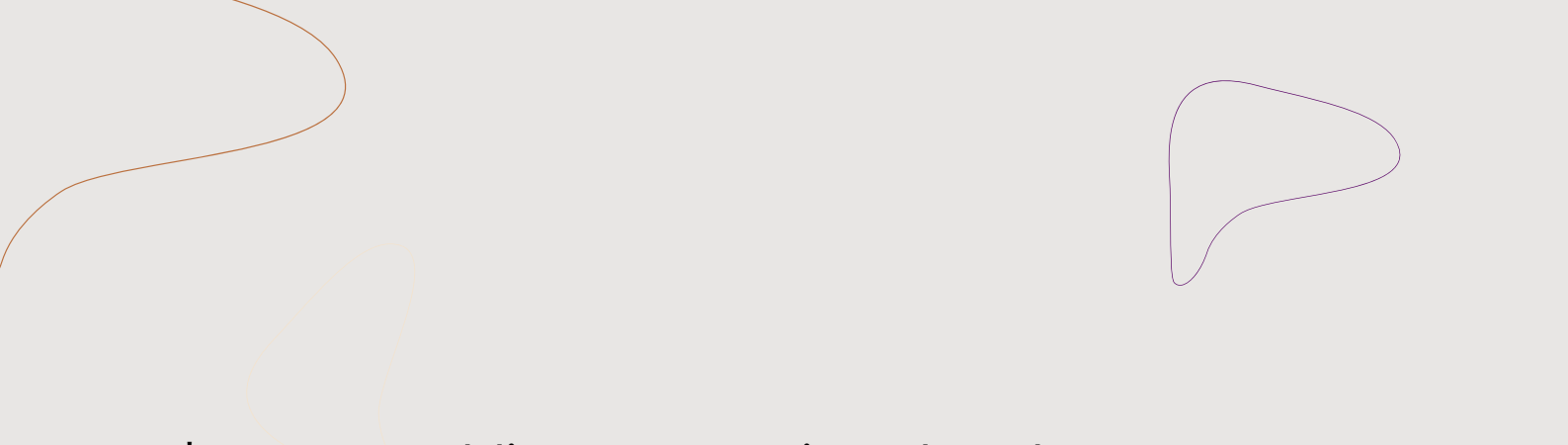
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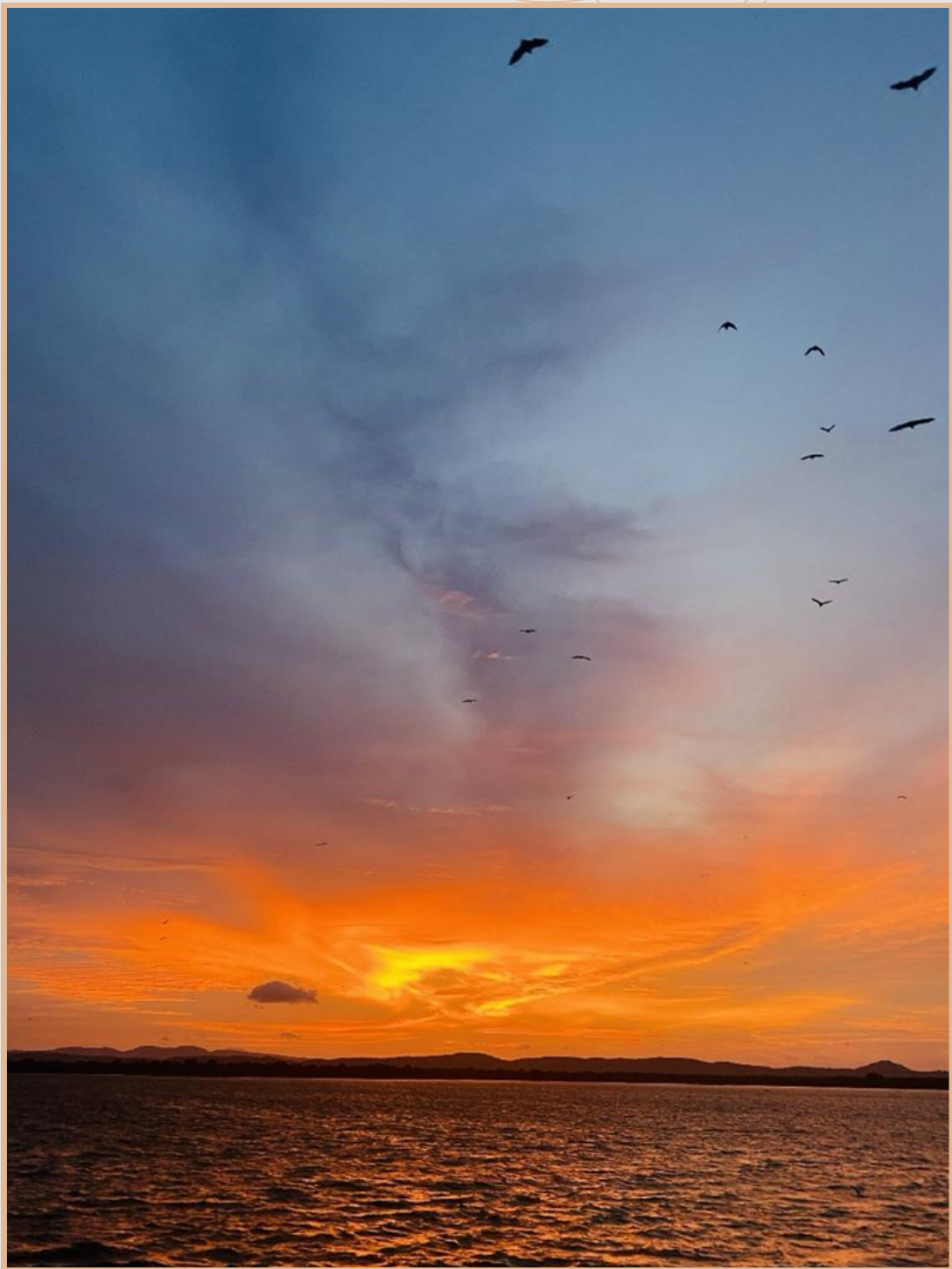




It's your trembling eyes gazing ahead
and those fidgety hands wringing away
That brings a memory to the surface,
of a body pinned to a wall by my hand
In the face of my wrath that veiled the
pain
looking for answers in a silent prayer,
Just to atleast know the reason why.
Now, it's a calm sense of clarity
that rings hollow deep inside my bones,
to precieve having been abandoned,
Yet again...
without given the vaguest chance
to ever even know the reason why.

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