

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF HCPPA (UK)

It is with the utmost pleasure that I welcome you all to the 28th Annual Dinner Dance. I am hopeful that tonight will provide us with an opportunity to celebrate our successes over the last year and also highlight areas in which as an organisation we can make vital improvements.



Amongst us today we are honoured to have the company of our distinguished chief guest Mr Ian Kiru Karan and his wife Barbara. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking them both for giving up their valuable time to attend our event. I know I speak for everyone when I say that we are truly delighted to have you both here.

Mr Karan is a fellow Hartleyite whose perseverance and thirst for education has led him all the way to the cabinet in Hamburg, Germany. Not only is this a phenomenal achievement in its own right, but Mr Karan has made generous donations to Hartley College. The funds will be used to build a new hostel at Hartley College. The construction has already begun and will take 3 - 4 months to complete. Mr Karan's generous contribution will provide future Hartleyites with the opportunity to stay in accommodation which is modern, comfortable and better suited to their needs in the important stages of their educational development. On behalf of HCPPA (UK), I would like to convey my sincere gratitude to Mr Karan for his generosity and continued support..

Another exciting project in the pipeline is the construction of the new college canteen which was made possible by our musical event 'Natha Vinotham,'. This spectacular show featured Kalaimamani P Unnikrishnan and Chella Kuyil S Saindhavi supported by the UK's popular musical band, London Beats. The performance attracted huge crowds ensuring that every seat in the auditorium was filled. I am delighted to say that the first brick was jointly laid last weekend by the principal and the president of our parent body. Once completed the canteen will ensure that students have a suitable area in which they can enjoy their food and socialise with each other. I am confident that by organising similar events, we will be able to provide further assistance to other vital projects at Hartley College.

The summer also saw HCPPA (UK) embark on a new partnership with our sister school Methodist Girls High School (MGHS PPA (UK)). Together we organised a gala day which involved netball, football, volleyball matches and Kothu Rotti and faluda making. The combination of sports, great food and



good company were the perfect ingredients for an excellent day in the sun. It highlighted the benefits of working together and I hope that we continue this partnership for many years to come.

I would like to take this opportunity, in my last year as President, to suggest other areas which would benefit from our support. We have the means by which we can make a difference to the lives of so many young disadvantaged children, who for various reasons, are not blessed with good fortune. The war, has left many young children not only without basic needs, but also, without parents and therefore without direction. Providing the facilities in which these children can go to school, whether it is by funding school buses or by providing study materials will be essential in ensuring they stay on track. As some of you may know, we have arranged bursaries for some Hartley students, specifically to help engineering and medical students. However, we should not forget the young underprivileged students who are not university age.

As an organisation our common goal is to support students so that they all receive an education in an environment which is suited to their ever developing minds.

I would like to express my sincerest thanks to the executive committee, trustees. Founder members and friends.

I wish the association every success in the future.

S. Mylvaganam
President
Hartley College PPA



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF HARTLEY COLLEGE

We are with much pleasure giving the message to the souvenir for the A.G.M 2011. The HCPPA (UK) branch always helps us in numerous ways. Our major development projects are also carried out by the past pupils association, to full fill the needs of the school. It is happy to mention that the canteen construction work is funded by the UK branch.



It is noteworthy that one of our distinguished past pupils will be the chief guest of the AGM - 2011. It is also important to note that even an individual past pupil has come forward to fund a large sum of money to put-up the new hostel building. We pray for him and his family.

I appreciate the successful fund raising programme organized recently by your branch. We never hesitate to make our requests to the UK branch for the development of our School. I congratulate those who work hard for the upliftment of their Alma-mater.

Millions of rupees have been allocated to put up the assembly hall extension of library building and erecting of Cycle Park. Now we are putting up the boundary wall around the school with the sponsorship of the UMCOR (United Methodist Commission on Relief) and the parents, 50% of the total expenditure each.

The Road Development Authority has started the inner road works at a cost of 1 million rupees and the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society has allocated 1 million rupees to improve the sanitation facilities. It is fortunate that the past pupils association and the government invest a large amount of money for the development programmes.

We have had discussions with the secretary of the Ministry of Justice Mr.Sugath Hamlath, the Secretary of the Ministry of Language Affairs Mrs. Malkanthay Wickramasinghe daughter of former speaker Late K.B Ratnayake and the minister of Justice Hon. Rauf Hakeem regarding courts land transfer to the School. The Justice Dr.Shirani Bandaranayake visited the school on the 17th of November 2011, accompanied with the above said officials and inspected the site. Policy wise they have agreed to transfer the northern side of the courts land to the school.

In education our students excel at national level competitions sports activities are also successfully worked out. We are always working together with the UK branch for the upliftment of our alma-mater.

I wish you all success of the AGM-2011 and future endeavour.

Principal
Hartley College



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF GUEST, MR IAN K. KARAN

Old boys often indulge in the luxury of reminiscence. In retrospect, things remembered appear in a kindlier light than the often harsh realities of life as it was.



My time at Hartley was mostly spent in the hostel, interspersed with a year at Wesley College in Colombo and a year living with my grandmother at Kaddaively. Life in the hostel was anything but enchanting; the accommodation was basic, the food unpalatable and most times unsuited to the needs of children in their years of development. Organizing a strike to protest against inadequacies, not only in the quantity of meals offered but also the quality, was to some level a success. However, being one of the ringleaders and spokesman did not endear me to the hostel management or to the Principal. Discipline was always strict and punishment severe. The number of caning I received was second to none and after the “food strike” I was definitely marked as an incorrigible student.

But hostel life also had its brighter side. The need to adjust to different types of students, all living in a dormitory devoid of privacy, hones your social skills. The hostel imbued in me the ability to interact with others and to have an open mind, devoid of prejudices. Sport was an integral part of hostel life and fostered a sense of camaraderie. I particularly enjoyed boxing, but also other forms of sport, like cricket and table tennis. Today, I trace back to those years as the source of my continuing physical fitness.

There was always an invisible but inherent pressure to excel in exams. Unfortunately, I was not a model student. My brother Sam was gifted when it came to science subjects, whether it will be Physics, Chemistry or Biology. To me Maths was anathema and all things abstract, I abhorred. I enjoyed History and English Literature. Forever, I will be thankful to my arts teachers for having instilled in me the love of the English language and a culture of reading. I am grateful that the medium of instruction at my time in school was English. Communication skills in international business are limited without a command of the English language – the universal language of interaction.

The need to conform was a must. Certain rules and regulations learnt at school are apparent also in my conduct in business. However, the school and the Tamil culture in their search for academic excellence, often sacrifice free spirit, which is an essential ingredient for imagination and inspiration. Without imagination, one can possibly follow a successful academic career, but hardly seek success in business. Essentially, the school must not only seek high academic standards, but also invest in shaping all-round personalities. Extracurricular activities such as sports and music must receive more prominence. In today's interconnected world, we need not only great academics but also creative talents to grasp the opportunities that a globalised world offers.

After all these years, I am acutely aware of the debt I owe my Alma Mater. Undoubtedly, the fundament to my later success was laid at Hartley College.

My gratitude to Hartley College is boundless.

Mr Ian K. Karan



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Dr S Sivaloganathan



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF HCPPA (POINT PEDRO, PARENT BODY)

As the President of the Hartley College Past Pupil Association – Parent Body, Point Pedro, I am with great pleasure and proud releasing this message to the Souvenir to be published by the UK branch of the HCPPA.



I wonder how the UK branch is restlessly contributing their valuable time and energy in various projects at the ground. The President Mr.S.Mylvaganam has called me on several occasions and had long discussions during my Presidency of last 4 months. I feel that the Hartley World around me is very busy & active!

In my teachers' day address at the College assembly on 6th Oct 2011, I have requested the students to imagine today itself, the values of being a Hartley College old boy tomorrow! It would be a great achievement, whatever, wherever or however they will be. The state of being a Hartley Old Boy will be their highest degree.

We, parent body has launched a flag day for library week in Sept 2011 and selling raffle draw tickets for fund raising and have participated in cricket tournaments with other PPAs. We also intend to have a get-together on 24th Dec 2011 to refresh relations among old boys and their families.

Now you can see the events happening at the grounds, in my facebook & Hartley College site on the same day!

I fear, whether I qualify, to specially thank Senator Ian Kiru Karan the chief guest of this great event for contributing his time and precious values towards us.

We are blessed with, to live at the ground and eye witness the ongoing developments. At the beginning I thought that the College was in Point Pedro, but now only I realize that it is spread all over the globe!

I wish the 28th AGM of the UK branch to be a successful event which will bring all of us more fortune!

M.Sivanesan
President, HCPPA (Parent Body)





HARTLEY COLLEGE

Past Pupils Association –UK

Annual Dinner & *Dance*

Date: Saturday,
17 December 2011

Time: 6.00 PM

Venue: CIVIC SUITE
Wandsworth Town Hall
Wandsworth High Street
London SW18 2PU

President: Mr S Mylvaganam

Chief Guest: Mr Ian Kiru Karan



PROGRAMME

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| 17.30 | Door Open
Welcome Drink |
| 18.00 | Annual General Meeting |
| 19.00 | Live Music |
| 19.15 | Arrival of the Chief Guest |
| 19.30 | Starters to be served on
the tables. |
| 20.15 | Welcome Speech by
the President

Propose a Toast to
the Chief Guest

Honouring the Chief Guest

Speech by the Chief Guest |
| 21.00 | Dinner |
| 22.00 | Dance |
| 23.00 | Raffle Draw
Vote of Thanks |
| 24.00 | Close |



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF GLOBAL TRUST

Agriculture and fishing remained main source for sustenance of life in early times in the north. Mobility was limited and intellectual pursuits centered around the temples and the royal households. The limitations of agricultural development placed by natural conditions of the peninsula, and meager growth of any commercial economy led the people to seek other avenues for social



mobility. Education & pursuit of professional intelligence and vocational attribute achievements became predominant, facilitated by advent of Christian movements who chose the peninsula to spread the word of God, easily proliferated without any priestly opposition in the region, as opposed to the south where the Buddhist Sangha held the helm. One such facilitatory institution was our Alma Mater that has stood her ground to this day.

She has in her stride produced men and some women, through her dedicated Principal and Teachers, of fair mind serving mankind here and abroad in their chosen fields. Semi truths in recorded history tore the fragile fabric of this united country resulting in resentment and hostility leading to violence and destruction.

Our Alma Mater and people of north bore their share, with pain, patience and faith. During those miserable periods of our times, “Hartley College” stood her ground and continued to serve those seeking her assistance, despite the damages and the inconvenience caused by combating factions.

She in her kindness produced many past students, who remember her with gratitude here and abroad. Many of them rallied round to keep her and restore her to glory in time with their timely assistance.

Our Alma Mater blessed with many past pupils living in many parts of the world, receives assistance through past pupils associations. UK branch, as one of them has been contributing to the needs of the college in many ways-sports, educational needs, and now initiated project for bursaries, a canteen is to be constructed soon for the convenience of the students and teachers. You Mr. President, I must say has been in constant touch with me and my energetic secretary to get things moving, and obtain feedback information for your board.

Continued assistance from your branch, no doubt will strengthen and vitalize our Alma Mater in no small measure. All beneficiaries will remember with love, gratitude and hope.

On this occasion of your annual general meeting, I along with other members of the board of HCPPA Global Trust, send you, your board and members greetings and best wishes for continued healthy fellowship, enabling greater support to Hartley College our Alma Mater.

T. Ragunathan
Chairman- HCPPA Global Trust





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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF HCPPA (COLOMBO, SRI LANKA)

It is my distinct pleasure to send this message on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting and Get-together of the HCPPA UK branch. We are all from one family, as the children of Hartley and as our objective is the same, it binds us in togetherness and proudness.



Our Past Pupil's associations, both in Sri Lanka and around the Globe, have always worked together towards the greater glory of our Alma Mater and may this spirit of friendship, cordiality and faithfulness remain and grow from strength to strength as years pass by.

The special bond of brotherhood between the branches of Colombo and the UK has always been strong and this fact is endorsed by the several exchanges of visits undertaken by the presidents... Present and Past, of both our branches in recent years.

I hasten to express my gratitude to your president Myla and the members of Ex.Co for felicitating me and my wife, at a dinner, during our visit to the UK in June this year.

I also remain happy and contented that I succeeded in encouraging Senator Ian Kiru Karan, from Hamburg, Germany, a distinguished Old Boy of our college, to be your Chief Guest today. I presume his presence to day with his charming wife Barbara will enable a number of you to sit together and recall your days at Hartley. Thank You Barbara and Kiru!

It is with great humility and proudness that I wish to mention that Senator Kiru during his visit to Colombo in March this year accepted a plea made by me as the President of the Colombo branch, to re-build, "The Hartley Hostel" with all modern facilities. Incidentally Senator Kiru, stayed at the Hostel during his student days and has lots of pleasant memories!

The damaged old hostel building has been demolished and the foundation stone for the new building was laid by us on Sept 7th 2011. Construction work is scheduled to commence soon, and is to be completed before end 2012.

Let us all thank him in unison for his magnanimity, as it involves colossal finances. Being a member of the Global Trust, I am also aware of the active part played by the UK branch, President Myla and the Ex-Co, in facilitating and financing the construction of the canteen project-1st phase, and making valuable contributions towards Bursaries to the needy students at Hartley, and also towards sports and other activities of our college. Thank you all.

I wish your function all success and re-iterate our continued desire to work hand in hand with all our branches towards the Glory, Name and Fame of our ALMA MATER!

With Blessings
S. Yogendranathan [President -HCPPA (Colombo)]



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF HCPPA (CANADA & USA)

It gives me great pleasure to send this message to the souvenir magazine, published on the occasion of the 28th AGM and the dinner dance of HCPPA UK on December 17, 2011.



The HCPPA UK branch was the first association to be founded outside Sri Lanka in 1983. It was promoted by the late Mr. W. N. Samuel, Principal of Hartley College and it has traditionally played the role of big brother for years in inspiring and bringing together individual Hartleyites and PPA branches for the betterment of Hartley.

The late Mr. K. Karunanithy was inspired by the UK branch when he emigrated from the UK to Canada in 1986. He floated the idea of forming a PPA in Canada amongst friends, and that led to a Canadian branch forming in 1988 under the presidency of the late Mr. Thiagenthiran.

During his time as Secretary of the UK branch in 2002, the late Mr. Raveendralingam, along with Mr. Elango Aputhanathan, and Shanmuganathan, brought all the branches together and championed the creation of HCPPA Trust in Colombo, the first trust of this kind ever to be held for any School in Sri Lanka.

Today we welcome our chief guest, Mr. Ian Ken Karan. He is a renowned entrepreneur and a senator for Economic Affairs in Hamburg. The UK branch is honoring a well deserved, outstanding Hartleyite who made history, made a name for Hartley, and made all of us Hartleyites proud. We congratulate Mr. Ken Karan on his success and thank him from the bottom of our heart for his government's generous support to rebuild the hostel of Hartley. We also hope Mr. Ken Karan's presence today and his continuous support to Hartley will eventually lead to an HCPPA branch emerging in Germany in the near future.

We are glad to hear that your branch had remarkable success with the fundraising event for the Canteen project and the building of the canteen is now set to go as planned.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of HCPPA Canada & USA, I congratulate the members for their accomplishments and I wish your AGM and Dinner event is a great success.

Let there be light.....

*M. R. Rajezwaran
President, HCPPA (Canada & USA)*



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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF HCPPA
(NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA)**

I am extremely privileged and pleased to send our message of goodwill to our sister organization in UK on the 28th AGM and dinner dance. UK members and the office bearers had contributed immensely and continue to work for the betterment of Hartley College. In addition UK branch maintains a good networking and working relationship with our branch. It was obvious from Mr Mylvaganam's visit to Sydney in 2010 when he met with our committee and shared his thoughts with us even in the midst of his heavy schedule.



All of us are proud and lucky to call ourselves Hartleyites and we face a towering responsibility resulted from political situation back at home. If I can call one person who made many Hartleyites jump with joy by his action is Mr Ian Kiru Karan, the chief guest of the day by funding the rebuilding of our hostel and a bus for our sister school. Thank you Mr Kiru Karan and the team.

I once again congratulate the UK branch for their activities and wish more and more could be done in future. I wish you all success, on my behalf, and on behalf of NSW Branch

S. Yoganathan
HCPPA-NSW



HCPPA (UK) Contributions – Year 2011

Purpose	Amount
Olympiad mathematics competition – Air fare	Rs 14,700.00
Canteen Project- Land Transfer fees	Rs 40,000.00
Canteen Project- Tendering Cost	Rs 19,353.60
Miscellany Printing Cost	Rs 100,000.00
Sports material- Pole vault	Rs 20,000.00
Allocated to canteen project	Rs 3.5 million

Donations by HCPPA (UK) Members

- Donation of £5000 by Dr K. Somasunthararajah to set a bursary fund for Medical Faculty Student.
- Donation of £2000 by Dr P. Ragupathy to set up a bursary fund for Engineering Faculty Student.
- Donation of Rs 142,000.00 by Mrs Piomi Kanagarasa and Members of J Leewise Cricket Team to purchase laboratory equipments and materials to the School.
- Donation of £350 worth of football boots to Hartley Students by Mr S. Arunthavarajah and Mr. M. Sivayogathan.
- Donation of Rs 16,000.00 per year by Mrs Selvarani Gunanantham in memory of Late Dr.Gunanantham's to fund a medical student scholarship.



**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF HCPPA
(VICTORIA BRANCH, AUSTRALIA)**

It is with a sense of delight that I convey this message of best wishes on behalf of Hartley College Past Pupils' Association of the Victoria branch as you hold the 28th Annual General Meeting and dinner dance. I wish to congratulate the members of the UK Branch for all the good work you have done for the Alma mater. We look forward to working with you and in gaining inspiration from your growing strength.



We all feel very proud to be past pupils of our great School. Though we are scattered all over the world, the HCPPA branches have made it easier for us to get closer, exchange ideas, and work together for the betterment of our School and in that the UK branch is great.

As you gather for this occasion, I would like to offer my best wishes for a most enjoyable evening.

Fiat Lux!

*T. Dharmakulasingam
President, HCPPA Victoria*



**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF HCPPA
(VAVUNIYA, SRI LANKA)**

The Past Pupil's Association (Vavuniya Branch) of Hartley College was established and is being strengthened since last year under the guidance of the Principal of Hartley College, who is also the Patron of our association. At present 40 members have come together to support the Principal's plan to develop the School.



I am very much happy to express my sincere thanks for the global coordination between the Hartleyites through Past Pupil's Association in Canada, UK, Australia, and the Parent body at Point Pedro and branches in Colombo and Vanni. I am happy to say that our branch is ready to work with you all for the upliftment of the School.

I wish you all success at the AGM-2011 and in your future endeavours.

*Dr. (Eng.) S.S.Sivakumar,
President, HCPPA-
Vavuniya Branch.*



REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY OF HCPPA (UK)

Once again, it has been a great year for HCPPA (UK) in many ways. As promised in our welcome letter, we held various events including Natha vinotham-2011, Battle of Blues and Gala day to raise funds for our School development and these events also helped to foster fellowship among Hartleyites, friends and families.



We successfully organized a grand musical event “Natha Vinotham-2011” in April this year. The event was performed by famous national award winning playback singer Mr Unnikrishnan and well known young artist in Tamil film industry Miss Saindavi and orchestrated by UK’s popular music band London Beats. The event was very successful. We were able to raise about £20,000 for the School development. I must thank you all Hartleyites, families and friends for your tremendous support without which this event would not have been such a success.

Our next event was Battle of Blues organized by Jaffna Hindu College PPA. It was a 30 over match. We won the toss and put them to bat first. It was very interesting and thrilling match until the last over. However, Jaffna Hindu won at the end. I must thank cricket team and Sports Secretary for arranging such a fantastic cricket match. Also I would like to express my gratitude to those who came over and support our boys.

First time in our history, the Gala day was jointly organized by our sister school Methodist and by us. We arranged several sports activities for kids as well as for adults. It was a wonderful day. Every one enjoyed very well and had tasty food as well. I take this opportunity to thank all those who helped us in many ways to make this event more enjoyable.

Our association has been working closely with the Principal and Global Trust to assess the urgent needs of the College. We are committed to continue our financial assistance towards maintaining and upgrading the School facilities. We promised to build a new canteen to our School in 2009. However, the project was delayed due to various reasons. Now I am proud to say that the project has been started and it will be finished nearly in four months time. I must thank you all for your support for the worthy and urgent project.

I will fail in my duty if I do not mention about our committee members, who are the pillars of these achievements of this year. They are very dedicated and hard working people. I am very fortunate to be part of this committee to serve our Alma mater. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our committee and trustee members for their valuable time and make this year another year of triumph.

Finally, I thank you all present for this year Dinner & Dance and wish you all have a wonderful evening. I also thank our Chief Guest Senator Ian Kiru Karan and his wife Barbara who travelled from Germany to be with us for this great evening.

Thanking You

*Dr Raj Sivakumar
Secretary- 2011
HCPPA (UK)*



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The executive committee of the HCPPA (UK) 2011 wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation.

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