

### Message from the President PRISL



I am grateful to the membership for entrusting me with the challenging task of leading the PRISL which was established 63 years ago as the pioneer in providing technical and professional knowledge for the personnel engaged in the rubber and plastics industry in Sri Lanka.

Amidst the vital signs of the nation's economic recovery, PRISL recognizes its role in contributing to the national economy. The institute actively supports the development of the plastic and rubber sectors by imparting sound ethical guidelines to the industry. Through its professional grades of membership, PRISL is dedicated to upholding high standards of education and professional competence in the science, engineering, and technology of plastics and rubber.

In line with its vision and objectives, PRISL is committed to fostering the growth of the Sri Lankan polymer industry. As a pivotal institution, PRISL envisions itself as not only a hub for networking but also as a driving force in promoting the interests of its members. The institute aims to achieve this

through innovative initiatives such as regular technical meetings, seminars, workshops conferences, local and global exhibitions and visits to manufacturing plants and industrial sites.

The infusion of youthful dynamism into PRISL's new management structure, coupled with the wisdom and experience of seasoned professionals, signals a progressive step forward. As PRISL embarks on key strategic initiatives, it aims to consolidate its position as a dynamic and influential player in the Sri Lankan polymer industry, contributing significantly to the nation's economic growth and technological advancement.

In this era where building bridges and not barriers is the solution to the problems faced by the country, PRISL is no exception. Fostering commitment, corporation and clarity in place of conflict. Confrontation and confusion are the key to sustainable success of our beloved institution

### From the Editor's desk



It is a great honour to be elected as the Chairperson of the Editorial sub committee and would like to express my sincere gratitude for the confidence you had on me, at a period where industry is facing numerous challenges. I take great pleasure in taking this opportunity to update Industrialists with latest Plastics and Rubber Industrial news while updating the Industrialists with latest technological advancements enabling upgrading the industry. A huge thank for each of you who contributed the Newsletter with news and articles, without which there wouldn't have been this issue of newsletter. Let me wish you goodluck and prosperity, in the year ahead.



# PRISL's Annual General Meeting 2023

We are thrilled to share the highlights of PRISL's recent Annual General Meeting held on the 24th of November 2023 .

A pivotal moment in our 63-year journey, against the backdrop of Sri Lanka's economic revival, we celebrated our legacy as the trusted knowledge partner for the rubber and plastics industries.

Let's welcome our newly elected Office Bearers who bring a wealth of expertise and vision:

- President: Mr. P P Perera
- Vice Presidents: Dr. Upul Ratnayake, Mr. Prabath Jayasinghe
- Secretary: Mr. Pio Perera
- Treasurer: Mr. K. A. C. Vidyaratne
- Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Devaki Rodrigo

## Committee members

- Mr. Ananda Caldera
- Mr. I.K. Rajapakasa
- Mr. Lalith Jayawardena
- Mr. B. M. H. I. B. Wattegedara
- Mr. Janadhara Jayawarna
- Mr. Anura Herath
- Mr. Sumudu Bowatta
- Mr. P. Jayathissa
- Mr. Dinash Gunasekara
- Mr. Dilan Gunapala
- Mr. Manoj Udugampola
- Mr. Thilak Warakawalage
- Dr. L.P. Nethsinghe
- Mr. Manjula Rajapaksa
- Mr. Sisira Moragoda



Mr. Kalyana Dhirasekera

**Commitment to Growth:** Outgoing President, Mr. Kalyana Dhirasekera, emphasized our commitment to PRISL's Vision and Mission. Incoming President, Mr. P P Perera, expressed dedication to propelling the growth of the Sri Lankan polymer industry. Our strategic initiatives blend youthful dynamism with seasoned expertise, positioning PRISL as a dynamic player in the sector.

**Industry Contribution:** In line with our vision, PRISL is committed to fostering the growth of the Sri Lankan polymer industry. We aim to be a hub for networking and a driving force in promoting our members' interests. Through initiatives like technical meetings, seminars, conferences, and plant

visits, we'll actively contribute to the industry's development.

**Ethical Guidelines and Professional Standards:** PRISL actively supports the plastic and rubber sectors by imparting sound ethical guidelines. Our professional grades of membership uphold high standards of education and professional competence. We recognize our role in contributing to the nation's economic recovery.

**Progressive Step Forward:** The infusion of youthful dynamism into our new management structure, combined with the wisdom of seasoned professionals, signals a progressive step forward. As we embark on key strategic initiatives, PRISL aims to be a dynamic and influential player, contributing significantly to the nation's economic growth and technological advancement.

**Thank You to Our 100+ Members:** A heartfelt thank you to the 100+ members who actively participated at the AGM . Your commitment and engagement are the driving force behind our success!



Mr. P P Perera



## Welcome to the PRISL Team



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Prof. K. M. Thilini D. Gunasekera as the new Director of Education. Her academic expertise in Polymer Science and learner-centered education aligns perfectly with our commitment to face the emerging challenges in the field of polymer education. Prof. Gunasekera is leading the charge in restructuring our curriculum to provide students with cutting-edge knowledge and skills. Furthermore, she is tirelessly working to secure NVQ Level 4 certification for our Certificate courses, enhancing their credibility and the opportunities they offer to our students.



Standing L to R: Mr. Anura Herath, Mr. P. Jayathissa, Mr. Sumudu Bowatta, Mr. Thilak Warakawalage , Mr. Dilan Gunapala, Mr. Dinesh Gunasekara, Dr. L.P. Nethsinghe, Mr. Manoj Udugampola, Mr. B. M. H. I. B. Wattegedara, Mr. Sisira Moragoda, Mr. Janadhara Jayawarna

Seated L to R: Mrs. Devaki Rodrigo(Assistant Secretary), Mr. K. A. C. Vidyaratne(Treasurer) Dr. Upul Ratnayake(Vice President) , Mr. I.K. Rajapaksa( Past President), Mr. P P Perera(President), Mr. Ananda Caldera ( Past President), Mr. Prabath Jayasinghe (Vice President), Mr. Pio Perera(Secretary), Mr. Lalith Jayawardena ( Past Treasurer)

## Education high lights 2023!

At PRISL, a comprehensive set of initiatives has been successfully implemented to elevate the quality of education provided. Notably, practical sessions have been incorporated into certificate and diploma courses, enriching the learning experience for students. Additionally, preparations for NVQ 3 & 4 qualifications signify a commitment to ensuring that the institute aligns with recognized standards.

Dedicated efforts have been made in maintaining high academic standards during the formulation of rules, regulations, and by-laws for educational courses. The introduction of structured marking and moderation systems for exam papers has been pivotal in ensuring a consistent and top-notch educational experience for all students. Recognizing the diverse students, measures have been taken to ensure inclusivity for Tamil students in certificate courses.

To further support educators in delivering exceptional learning experiences, a lecturer appreciation and training workshop was conducted, equipping them with the necessary tools and knowledge. In a bid to prepare students for global opportunities, an English course has been introduced for Diploma and Higher Diploma programs.

In a significant move towards enhancing hands-on learning experiences, a new structure for mini projects within the Diploma course has been implemented. This strategic approach not only enriches the educational journey but also prepares students for real-world applications of their acquired knowledge.

PRISL's commitment to offering recognized qualifications is evident in ongoing efforts to obtain the NVQ 5 Certificate for the 2nd batch of the Higher Diploma Course. This dedication underscores the institute's pursuit

of academic excellence and relevance in the educational landscape.

Beyond local boundaries, PRISL has proactively sought to expand its global reach and impact. Initiatives aimed at enhancing the international Techno-Edu Clientele demonstrate a forward-looking approach. Additionally, efforts to raise awareness in specific provinces reflect a commitment to making quality education accessible to a broader audience.

In summary, PRISL's multifaceted approach, encompassing curriculum enhancements, teacher training, and global outreach, positions the institute as a leader in providing high-quality education with a focus on relevance and inclusivity.

## Sri Lanka's focus on export economy manufacturing highlighted at COMPLAST 2023

The 7th edition of the Complete Plastics Exhibition (COMPLAST 2023) recently took place from August 25th to 27th, 2023, at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference

the Industrial Development Board Sri Lanka, emphasized the event's role in fostering international collaborations and driving industrial growth.

COMPLAST 2023 featured over

200 companies, with significant representations from India, China, and Sri Lanka. PRISL played a pivotal role in this gathering, providing a platform for more than 80 local companies to showcase their innovative products and solutions alongside 50 Indian companies and 80 Chinese

en economy in dynamic times. He acknowledged COMPLAST 2023 as an instrumental platform showcasing Sri Lanka's manufacturing prowess to a global audience, contributing significantly to steering the country's economy towards sustainable growth through exports.



Hall (BMICH), showcasing Sri Lanka's commitment to strengthening its export-oriented economy through manufacturing. This successful event was made possible through a collaborative effort between the Plastics and Rubber Institute of Sri Lanka (PRISL), Smart Expos, and the Industrial Development Board.

With the theme "Shaping Innovation, Powering Progress," the inauguration ceremony, presided over by Dr. Ramesh Pathirana, the Minister of Industries & Plantation Industries, highlighted the nation's dedication to industrial advancement. Notable dignitaries, including Dr. Satyanjal Pandey, the Deputy High Commissioner of India for Sri Lanka, and Dr. Saranga Alahapperuma, Chairman of

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companies.

B. Swaminathan, CEO of Smart Expos India (Pvt) Ltd, emphasized the importance of nurturing an export-driv-

The event emerged as a landmark, bringing together key stakeholders from the manufacturing sector and providing a unique platform for the exchange of ideas, innovation, and exploration, with PRISL at the forefront of these efforts.



**Congratulations to  
Mr. Kirthi Wanasinghe**



Kirthi Wanasinghe B Sc (SL), M Sc (Lond), FPRI (Lond & SL), FIM3(Lond), Chartered Chemist. Past President PRISL and past Director education

was conferred MA Buddhist Studies by NAGANANDA INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BUDDHIST STUDIES at the Convocation held on 08th December 2023.

**Donation of Lab equipment by  
Yokohama TWS**

On the auspicious day of December 13, 2023, PRISL received a generous donation from Yokohama TWS, comprising state-of-the-art Laboratory Internal Mixer and Laboratory Two Roll Mill equipment. This noteworthy contribution is poised to significantly enhance the educational experience for PRISL students, providing them with cutting-edge resources for their academic and research endeavors.

The successful realization of this donation owes much to the unwavering dedication and support extended by the esteemed management of Yokohama TWS, particularly acknowledging the pivotal roles played by Mr. Dinesh Gunasekara and Mr. K J Wanasinghe.

Their great efforts and commitment to advancing education and research at PRISL have paved the way for a brighter future for the institution and its students.

This benevolent gesture underscores the strong collaborative spirit between PRISL and Yokohama TWS, fostering a partnership that not only benefits the immediate academic community but also contributes to the broader advancement of scientific knowledge in the field of Plastics & Rubber. The institute extends its heartfelt appreciation to Yokohama TWS for their commitment to educational excellence and looks forward to the positive impact this donation will undoubtedly have on the growth and development of PRISL.





**The Plastics & Rubber Institute of Sri Lanka**

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**Dipped Products PLC**



Dipped Products PLC has been awarded 'Best Exporter of Rubber Products - 2022/23' at the 25th Presidential Export Awards in Sri Lanka! The Presidential Export Awards (PEA) stands as the pinnacle of recognition bestowed by Hon. President of Sri Lanka upon exporters who have made exceptional contributions to the country's export sector and economic advancement.

**Polymer Products Impex Private Limit**



We are thrilled to announce that Polymer Products Impex Private Limited has been awarded the prestigious Gold Award in the National Industry Excellence Award Competition, organized under the purview of the Ministry of Industries.

This Island-wide competition sought

to recognize and honor outstanding entrepreneurs in the Micro, Small, Medium, and Large-scale sectors, and we are proud to be named as the best in our category.

**Elasto**



We would like to announce the resounding accomplishment, at the distinguished CNCI Achiever Awards 2023 conducted by Ceylon National Chamber of Industries for 2023. Textrip secured the provincial level Gold Award and national level Silver Award in the large manufacturing category



## Vanadium Lanka PVT Ltd's Grand Opening Signals a Boost for Sri Lanka's Export Sector

We are thrilled to announce the successful inauguration of Vanadium Lanka PVT Ltd, a dynamic BOI enterprise dedicated to manufacturing and exporting industrial solid tires to international markets. The grand opening took place on December 7th at the state-of-the-art factory located at 51/1, Thalгахawila



Road, Horketiya, Kuda Uduwa, Horana.

The ceremony, graced by the esteemed Minister of Industries, Hon. Dr. Ramesh Pathirana, as the chief guest and Dr. Kulatunga Rajapaksha, Chairman of DSI, as the guest

of honour, marked a significant milestone for the company and the country's industrial landscape.

Vanadium Lanka's commitment to a 100% Sri Lankan investment, with a substantial project investment of USD 1.0 million, is a testament to the company's dedication to contributing to the economic growth of Sri Lanka. The anticipated annual revenue of USD 2.2 million and a local value addition exceeding 40% further emphasize the positive impact this venture aims to make.

With a diverse range of 288 different tire variants spanning 18 sizes, Vanadium Lanka is poised to cater to markets in western Europe, eastern Europe, Russia, and southeast Asia. The targeted regions include Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, Hungary, Russia, Turkey, Singapore, Malaysia, among others.

The opening ceremony was attended by various distinguished guests from both the government and private sectors, along with foreign distributors who joined virtually. The event was a spectacle of cultural richness, featuring traditional performances that added color and vibrancy to the occasion.

In a time when the nation is seeking avenues to boost exports and support local industries, Vanadium Lanka's ambitious initiative sends a positive message of resilience and contribution. The company's dedication to strengthening the country's economic fabric is not only commendable but also aligns with the urgent needs of the current economic landscape.

Vanadium Lanka PVT Ltd invites and requests the presence of prestigious media organizations to cover and celebrate this momentous occasion. The event, broadcasted online via Zoom and Facebook, showcased not just the opening of a factory but a symbol of hope and progress for Sri Lanka's industrial future.

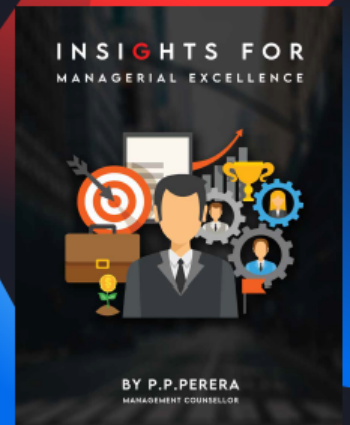


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