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A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS:

TRANSITION OF LEADERSHIP AT MIDTOWN

On the 25th of June, the Rotary Club of Colombo Midtown came together for its annual transition meeting — a cherished moment that marked the formal handover of leadership.

In a symbolic and heartfelt gesture, **outgoing President Rasini Bandara graciously collared incoming President Jananga Piyadasa**, passing on the baton of leadership for the Rotary year ahead.

Hosted by Immediate Past President Rasini, the evening was a warm tapestry of gratitude, celebration, and reflection. Members looked back on a remarkable year of service and fellowship, honouring milestones that shaped an unforgettable journey.

All board members and contributors who played a pivotal role in securing accolades from the District for the year 2024 - 2025 were also commended and presented with a small token of appreciation by IPP Rasini Bandara — a sincere gesture of thanks for their dedication and hard work.

True to the Midtown spirit, the night was more than ceremony — it was a celebration of camaraderie. Laughter echoed, stories were shared, and friendships deepened as members ushered in a new chapter with hope, unity, and purpose.

As we look to the future under President Jananga's stewardship, we do so with renewed enthusiasm and an unwavering commitment to creating meaningful impact — together.





MIDTOWN LAUNCHES 'SUWA MATHA'

Supporting Healthier Mothers and Babies

In a powerful start to the Rotary year 2025–26, the Rotary Club of Colombo Midtown proudly launched its first project “Suwa Matha”, a heartfelt initiative designed to uplift the health and well-being of underprivileged pregnant mothers.

Rooted in Rotary’s July theme of Maternal and Child Health, **Suwa Matha provides monthly nutrition packs worth Rs. 5,000 to each mother over a 10-month period, covering both pregnancy and the critical postpartum stage.**

The project officially commenced on the 19th of July at the Panadura MOH Clinic, where the first cohort of 10 mothers received their packs. The warmth and appreciation shared that day was a reminder of how compassion and community spirit can change lives.

Our goal is to extend this support to 100 mothers across Sri Lanka in the months to come – ensuring that no mother is left behind during this vital phase of life.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the generous donors and well-wishers who have already come forward. Your support is not just providing nutrition—it’s providing hope, dignity, and a healthier tomorrow.



Ready to change a life?
Sponsor a mother. Nourish a baby.
Be a DONOR-
Contact us today.



A UNITED EFFORT FOR CLEAN SHORES

On 26th July 2025, the Rotary Club of Colombo Midtown proudly partnered with the Centre for Beach Cleanup Sri Lanka to take a bold stand for our environment at the largest beach cleanup event ever held at Crow Island. Fueled by unwavering community spirit and a shared determination, our members joined forces with passionate volunteers to take decisive action in protecting our coastline — a priceless natural heritage that demands our urgent care.

Together, we removed substantial waste and debris, not only restoring the breathtaking beauty of our shores but also sending a powerful message about the critical importance of environmental stewardship. This was more than a cleanup — it was a statement of responsibility and hope for future generations.

This partnership marks a defining moment in our relentless commitment to safeguarding Sri Lanka's coastal ecosystems. Every piece of rubbish collected represents a victory in the fight for a cleaner, healthier planet. We know that lasting change is only possible when communities unite with purpose and resolve.

As we reflect on the success of this initiative, we urge everyone to join us in sustaining this momentum. The health of our coastlines depends on collective action — and together, we will continue to champion a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future, one cleanup at a time.



A POWERFUL START TO RCCMT YEAR 2025/26: FIRST GENERAL MEETING SETS THE TONE

On 9th July 2025, the Rotary Club of Colombo Midtown held its First General Meeting for the Rotary Year 2025/26 at MaRadha Colombo, setting the stage for a year driven by impact, collaboration, and purpose.

The evening brought together members in a vibrant spirit of fellowship as President Rtn. Jananga Piyadasa shared his compelling vision for the year, centered around the theme "Unite for Good." He also presented the club's Strategic Plan, structured around Rotary's seven Areas of Focus, outlining the club's direction for meaningful, community-driven initiatives.

A major highlight was the introduction of the newly appointed Board Members, whose passion and leadership will guide the club through another impactful year. The club also proudly welcomed new members and introduced potential Rotarians, reflecting its ongoing commitment to growth and inclusivity.

With strong participation and renewed enthusiasm, the General Meeting laid the foundation for a remarkable year ahead — one where service meets strategy and unity fuels lasting change.



MY VOCATION, MY PASSION: GET TO KNOW OUR MEMEBERS AT RCCMT

At our recent RCCMT General Meeting, we proudly launched a new segment titled "My Vocation, My Passion" — a platform for members to share the work they do and the purpose that drives them.

This week, we heard from Rtn. Pesala Sampath, Lead Consultant and Infrastructure Team Lead . Pesala introduced us to cloud computing — a concept most of us interact with daily, often without realizing it!

To make the complex topic relatable, he used the brilliant "Pizza as a Service" analogy, breaking down IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS into digestible slices of understanding. He also spoke about his role in designing and managing the cloud infrastructure that powers these services.

Pesala's session beautifully connected his professional world with our everyday experiences, making tech feel a little less intimidating and a lot more fascinating!





ROTARY MIDTOWN PARTNERS WITH CO-ENERGI TO CHAMPION ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY



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On 21st July 2025, the Rotary Club of Colombo Midtown proudly signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Co-Energi (Pvt) Ltd, one of Sri Lanka's leading sustainability and energy consulting firms, marking the beginning of a purposeful partnership to advance environmental initiatives.

This strategic collaboration not only reflects our club's steadfast commitment to protecting the planet, but also aligns with Rotary's global focus on supporting the environment—a cause that is increasingly urgent in today's world. Through this alliance, we aim to design and implement impactful, data-driven projects that promote environmental awareness, energy efficiency, and sustainable living across communities.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. Shahid Sangani, Chairman/CEO, and Rtn. Past President Irshad Halaldeen, Director of Co-Energi, for their vision, leadership, and willingness to partner with Rotary Midtown in this timely endeavour.

Represented by our club President Jananga Piyadasa and Rtn. PP Irshad Halaldeen, this MoU sets the foundation for a series of initiatives that will not only mitigate environmental harm but also empower individuals and organisations to adopt greener, more responsible practices.

The journey has begun, and the future is green!



MEETING WITH ROTARACT PRESIDENTS & SECRETARIES – ALIGNING FOR IMPACT

On the 20th of July, a strategic meeting was held with the Presidents and Secretaries of our sponsored Rotaract Clubs to review and align their annual plans for the Rotary year.

Led by Club Youth Co - Director PP Numan Zarajudeen and President Jananga Piyadasa, the session provided a platform for sharing project ideas, setting expectations, and fostering stronger collaboration between the Rotary Club of Colombo Midtown and its Rotaract counterparts.

The meeting reflected a shared commitment to meaningful youth engagement and impactful community service, ensuring all clubs are aligned with Rotary's core values and thematic goals for the year ahead.

YOUNG HEARTS FOR LITTLE HEARTS



Every year, over 3,000 children in Sri Lanka are born with congenital heart disease. Many of them await urgent, life-saving care.

The Rotary "Little Hearts" Project aims to change that — by building a 10-storey Cardiac and Critical Care Complex at Lady Ridgeway Hospital, the largest children's hospital in the country.

On the 20th of July, **the Interact Clubs of Ilma International and Gothami Balika Vidyalaya stepped up in an inspiring act of service, donating towards this life-changing initiative.** Their compassion, leadership, and willingness to act show us that age is no barrier to making a big impact.

Their gift is more than a donation — it's hope for a healthier tomorrow for thousands of little hearts.





FIRST BOARD MEETING OF THE NEW ROTARY YEAR

The 16th of July 2025 marked the first Board Meeting of the new Rotary year at the Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town.

The meeting brought together a dynamic group of individuals, united by a shared commitment to service above self. As plans, projects, and possibilities for the year ahead were discussed, the energy in the room reflected a strong sense of purpose, collaboration, and community spirit.

With a renewed vision and clear direction, the Board is set to lead the club through a year of meaningful service, leadership, and growth.



STRENGTHENING BONDS BEYOND THE MEETING ROOM – FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION.

On the 30th of July, the Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town took its weekly meeting out of the boardroom and into Excel World for an evening of fellowship, fun, and a friendly game of bowling.

The evening was a perfect blend of reflection and recreation. Members took a moment to look back on the successful projects completed in July and shared their enthusiasm for the plans lined up for August and September.

Following the meeting, everyone enjoyed good food, great company, and the thrill of discovering a few unexpected bowling pros among the group!

More than just a game, the evening highlighted what Rotary Mid Town stands for—bringing together individuals across generations to build lasting connections, broaden perspectives, and create a shared impact that goes beyond meetings.





COMING UP IN AUGUST 2025

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF COLOMBO MID TOWN

Celebrates

51ST INSTALLATION CEREMONY

2025 - 2026



DELVIN PEREIRA
DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF
SRI LANKA & MALDIVES DISTRICT 3220



JANANGA PIYADASA
PRESIDENT
RC COLOMBO MID TOWN



27th of
August 2025



@7 pm
onwards



At Hilton
Residencies

For Registration's Contact:

PP G S Sylvester on 777368648

Registration Fee - LKR 9500.00

Dress Code : Formal

Event will be Followed by Cocktails, Entertainment & Dinner



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Beyond Chalk: AI for ENGLISH TEACHERS

A bold new program to revolutionize how English is taught.

**Free Online Training by
Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town**

A first-of-its-kind program to help English teachers harness AI and modern tech in the classroom.

Who Should Join?:

English teachers who are ready to modernize their teaching methods

Format:

6 Weekly Zoom sessions | 2 hours per week

Program Snapshot

Week 1 – Why AI matters + top tools (ChatGPT, Canva, Quillbot)

Week 2 – Design slides that teach and engage

Week 3 – Gamify grammar and vocabulary (Kahoot, Wordwall)

Week 4 – Teach speaking with avatars, simulations & voice tools

Week 5 – Listening with AI: quizzes, slowed audio, recognition

Week 6 – Build smart lesson plans + assess with tech

Trainer:

Isuri Kodikara – English lecturer, trainer, and AI-for-teaching expert.
Register now via the link in the caption





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you're doing the
best you can.



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