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## ***School Song***

### **School of Our Fathers**

Thy spirit first to life awoke  
In eighteen hundred and thirty five;  
Beneath the sway of Marsh and Boake,  
Thenceforth did Lanka's learning thrive.

### **Refrain**

School where our fathers, learnt the way before us  
Learnt of books and learnt of men, through thee we'll do the same  
True to our watchword "Disce Aut Discede"  
We will learn of books and men, and learn to play the game

Within thy shade our fathers trod  
The path that leads to man's estate;  
They have repaid the debt they owed;  
They kept thy fame inviolate.

### **Refrain**

And we their loyal sons now bear  
The torch, with hearts as sound as oak;  
Our lusty throats now raise a cheer  
For Hartley, Harward, Marsh and Boake.





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***Seated: L - R*** Senaka Kalansuriya, Ravi Rajan,





## ***About Us***

The Royal College Old Boys' Association of Ontario (ROCOBA) is a dynamic and thriving community of alumni who proudly uphold the traditions and values of Royal College, Colombo. Established in 1991, our association has been the cornerstone for connecting Royalists across Ontario, creating a sense of unity, fellowship, and service.

Our mission is to foster camaraderie among old boys, support charitable initiatives, and contribute to the development of Royal College and its students. With over three decades of commitment, we have become a platform for networking, mentorship, and collective progress while upholding the Royal College ethos of "Disce Aut Discede" – Learn or Depart.

### ***What We Do***

#### ***Community Engagement:***

We organize a variety of social, cultural, and educational events that bring together alumni and their families, keeping the Royalist spirit alive in Ontario.

#### ***Support for Royal College:***

ROCOBA actively contributes to Royal College through scholarships, infrastructure development, and support for underprivileged students in Sri Lanka.

#### ***Networking Opportunities:***

The association facilitates networking among professionals, entrepreneurs, and academics, fostering career growth and collaboration.

#### ***Annual Gala & Fundraisers:***

Signature events like the New Year's Eve Gala bring together Royalists and supporters for a night of entertainment, fellowship, and fundraising.

### ***Our Values***

**Loyalty:** We are dedicated to preserving the legacy of Royal College and supporting its future endeavors.

**Integrity:** All our activities are conducted with the highest level of honesty and transparency.

**Unity:** We strive to create an inclusive environment for all old boys, irrespective of their backgrounds.

### ***Join Us***

Whether you're a recent graduate or a long-time alumnus, ROCOBA Ontario welcomes you to join our vibrant community. Together, let's continue to uphold the Royal College spirit and make a meaningful impact both here in Ontario and back home in Sri Lanka.

Floreat!





## ***History***

The Royal College Old Boys' Association of Ontario (RCOBAO) was established to bring together alumni of Royal College Colombo who are now residing in Ontario, Canada. Since its inception, RCOBA has been a vital platform for fostering camaraderie, preserving traditions, and promoting the values instilled during our years at Royal College. Over the decades, the association has grown into a thriving community that not only connects old boys but also supports charitable initiatives, organizes cultural and social events, and promotes the spirit of unity among Royalists worldwide.

## ***Vision***

To be the leading alumni association that nurtures the Royal College legacy, fostering lifelong connections and empowering members to contribute positively to society.

## ***Mission***

To unite alumni of Royal College in Ontario and beyond through meaningful engagement and collaboration.

To organize and support events that uphold the traditions, values, and culture of Royal College.

To contribute to educational and charitable causes in both Canada and Sri Lanka.

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## ***Message from the President***

December 31, 2024

Dear Fellow Royalists, Ladies and Gentlemen and distinguished guests,  
Wishing everyone a joyous and Happy New Year!

Welcome to the 33 rd , annual New Year's eve gala celebration.  
As We gather here tonight to bid farewell to the year gone by and welcome the new one,I want to take a moment to reflect upon the past year. This past year has been filled with challenges and triumphs, laughter and tears but most importantly it has been a year of growth and connection.

A significant amount of planning and effort goes into the staging a large event such as this. I would like to extend My deep gratitude for the tireless efforts of our ROCOBA executive committee members.  
Special mention to all the ROCOBA spouses for their tireless efforts and assistance in the success of this event.

I would like to Thank Sam Samarajeeva our Dance committee Chair who has worked diligently over the years for the continued success of this annual event. Special mention to Dil Rajendra our Past President who has graciously guided us through this year's event success.

Our Executive board of ROCOBA and membership will continue to work closely to give back to our School and participate in local charity and community events.

So as we raise our glasses tonight, let's toast to the adventures that await us, to the lessons we've learned and to the incredible journey that lies ahead. May the New Year bring you joy, health and prosperity.

Here's to new opportunities, cherished moments, and a brighter future together.

Sincerely,  
Ravi Rajan  
President

ROCOBA – Ontario.





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## ***From the Dance Committee Chair***

December 31, 2024

Distinguished Guests & Fellow Royalists,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you all to the 33rd Annual New Year's Eve Royal Gala Dinner Dance.

For over three decades, the Royal College Old Boys' Association (ROCOBA) has had the privilege of hosting this grand event, and today we proudly celebrate the 33rd year of this tradition.

This year we have flown in one of the long standing well recognized and respected singers from Sri Lanka Corrine Almeida to entertain you.

We hope you will have a gala evening with your family and friends tonight ushering the New Year

A heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to all the committee members, their spouses, sponsors, advertisers, and everyone who worked tirelessly to make this evening a success.

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Let the party begin!

***Sam Samarajeeva***  
Chairman  
Dance committee





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December 31, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER DOUG FORD

Hello and Happy New Year to everyone attending the 33<sup>rd</sup> New Year's Eve Gala of the Royal College Old Boys Association of Ontario.

Ontario's prosperity and cultural strength owe much to the skills and talents of our people. We continue to be a destination for newcomers from across the globe who bring skills, training and education that enrich our workforce.

I'm pleased to know that many alumni of the Royal College, Colombo, in Sri Lanka have chosen to live, work and raise families in this great province. I thank the members of Royal College Old Boys Association of Ontario for hosting this gala.

Alumni associations such as yours play an important role in building professional networks and mobilizing members for worthwhile community and charitable initiatives.

To everyone, have a joyous and prosperous New Year ahead of you!

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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 33rd New Year's Gala of the Royal College Old Boys Association of Ontario.

This special occasion offers alumni of the Royal College in Colombo, Sri Lanka, an opportunity to renew old ties, share treasured memories, and look to the future with optimism and hope. The education you received at this institution has contributed to your personal and professional development and will always be part of the proud history that unites you.

I would like to commend the members of the Royal College Old Boys Association of Ontario for their commitment to fostering fellowship in the community. Canada is truly a multicultural nation, made stronger and more resilient by our diversity.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and for happiness and success in the coming year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Trudeau".

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December 31st 2024

Message for the Annual New Year's Eve Royal Gala Dinner Dance

Dear Members of the Royal College Old Boys' Association of Ontario,

As you all gather to celebrate the Annual New Year's Eve Royal Gala Dinner Dance and welcome 2025, it is a moment of joy and pride to reflect on the remarkable bond we share as alumni of Royal College.

The alumni of Royal College have always played a pivotal role in preserving the institution's legacy and ensuring its continued excellence. Through your support and generosity, you have consistently uplifted the school by providing resources, mentorship, and guidance to the next generation of Royalists.

In a country like Sri Lanka, where institutions like Royal College strive to maintain their prestige amidst challenges, the support of Old Boys' Associations is not just a privilege but a necessity. Your dedication strengthens the foundation upon which Royal stands tall, allowing the school to sustain its academic, extracurricular, and co-curricular endeavors.

On behalf of the College and all its stakeholders, I extend my gratitude to the Royal College Old Boys' Association of Ontario for your tireless efforts and continuous support.

Your commitment to Royal College ensures that its traditions, values, and standards are upheld for generations to come.

As we step into a new year, I wish the Old Boys' Association of Ontario immense success and prosperity in all your endeavors. May 2025 bring happiness, health, and continued achievements for every one of you and your families.

Thank you for being an integral part of Royal College's journey. Let us continue to work together to preserve and enrich the legacy of our beloved alma mater.

With warm regards and best wishes,

  
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December 31, 2024

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On behalf of all members of RCOBANA it gives me utmost pleasure to convey our collective heartfelt **Best Wishes and Congratulations** to our Royal Brethren at Royal College OBA- Ontario (ROCOBA) on this joyous occasion of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Years Eve Gala on December 31, 2024.

ROCOBAN in its 33 years of existence have performed great projects to help our Alma Mater and to promote fellowship locally among its members. This year I am made to understand that part of the proceeds of this dance will fund Royal College Loyalty Pledge (RCLP) scholarships for socio-economically under-privileged students in RC which is a fantastic program to be part of. Furthermore, to have gala events such as this plus Royal Rumble plus Royal-Thomian Cricket encounter and the "Dansala" during the Vesak season takes enormous amount of work, showing the depth of commitment, hard work, and power of the organization. So, kudos to all your members!

I was fortunate to be associated with this great brotherhood for over 12 years while living in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). I have taken some of the fabulous lessons learnt at ROCOBA to RCOBANA in California, such as having our spouses involved in the organization; In person committee meeting with spouses where dinner and drinks will be served. These changes have paid handsome dividends during my presidency in RCOBANA!

Tonight, at the Royal Ball, you will renew your fellowship and camaraderie as well as form new ones which will last a lifetime! And the funds raised here will enable you to continue doing the great work.

I, on behalf of RCOBANA, which is the oldest and one of the biggest Royal College OBA's in North America, would like to take this opportunity to wish the President, Ravi Rajan and his team every success at this event as well in all their endeavors!

**FLOREAT!**

Charit Seneviratne, PhD

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December 31, 2024

It is with immense pleasure that I convey my warm wishes to the President and members of the Royal College OBA – Ontario on the annual occasion of their dinner dance.

The true spirit and camaraderie of the Royal College fraternity is well executed by everyone coming together to celebrate life and raise for our alma mater. The commitment and dedication of the Toronto Royalists towards our alma mater and to the growth of local community is commendable.

On behalf of the RCOBECF committee 2024/2025 I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Toronto Royalists for your valued contributions towards our alma mater Royal College.

I wish you all success in this year's dinner dance.

Floreat -May you prosper!

Sudath RannuluMD  
President RCOBEC Foundation  
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## S. Thomas' College Old Boys' Association of Canada

December 31, 2024

Congratulations on another successful annual dance event! Your dedication to this tradition is impressive. Years of hard work have made this event a cherished part of the community, bringing joy and culture to all participants.

On behalf of all Thomians, I wish you all the very best.

**Esto Perpetua!**

**Balen Rajanathan**

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## ***From the Royal College Union***

December 31, 2024

Dear Members of the Royal College Old Boys' Association in Ontario,

On behalf of the Royal College Union, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to RCOBA Ontario on hosting the 33rd Annual New Year Gala. This milestone reflects the unwavering spirit and camaraderie of Royalists far from home, united in celebrating our cherished traditions and values.

Our alma mater is facing challenging times, especially when it comes to maintaining and developing the required infrastructure and resources for students and staff. The Royal College community is deeply indebted to your Association for its continued support to ensure that Royal College continues to be the premier school in the country. I take this opportunity to urge your Association to redouble its efforts towards funding and sponsoring the myriad of urgent and vital projects that the Royal College Union has undertaken.

Your dedication to fostering bonds among alumni and your commitment to supporting charitable initiatives is a testament to the enduring legacy of Royal College. As we usher in another year, may this gala be a memorable occasion filled with fellowship, nostalgia, and inspiration.

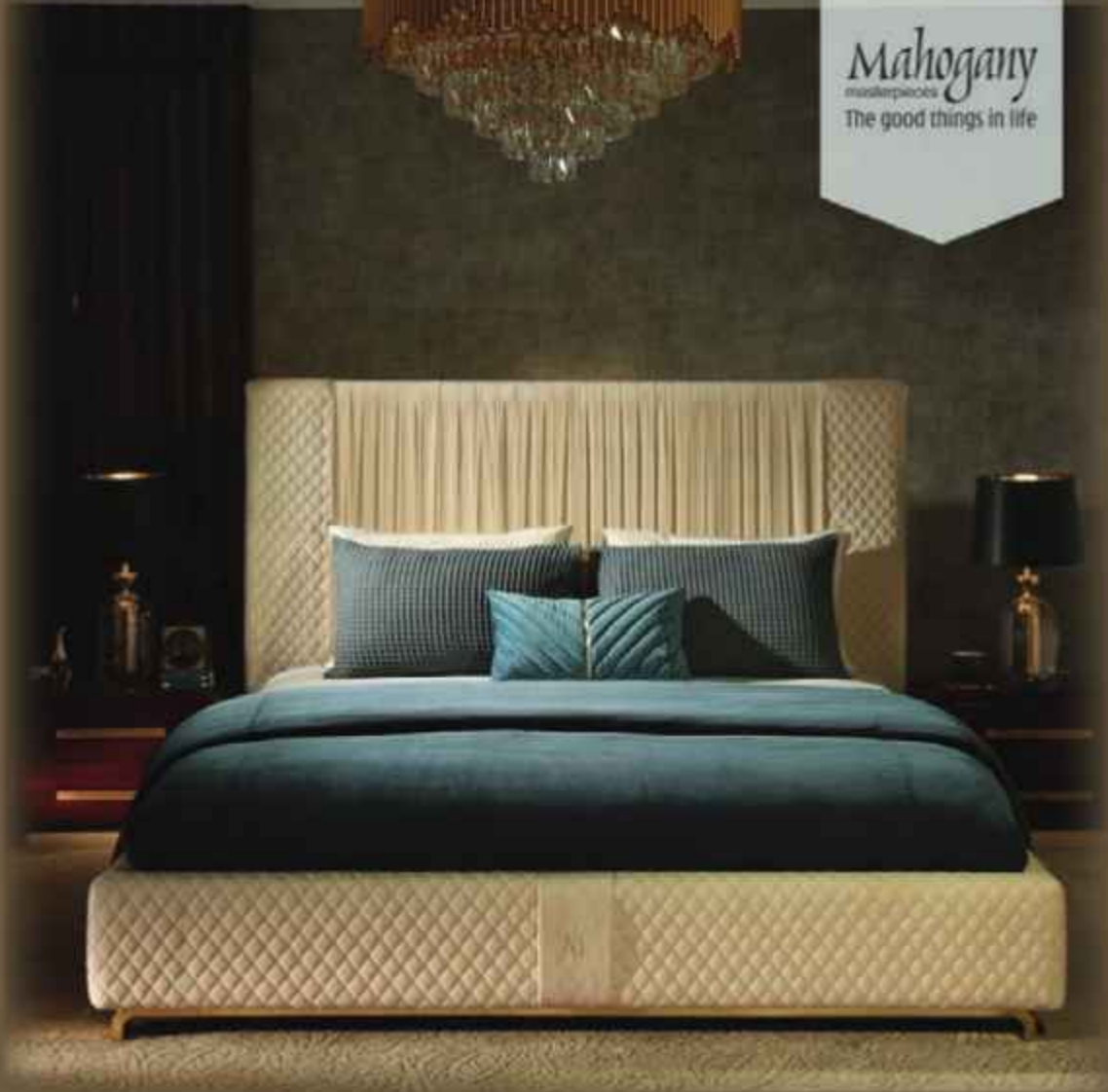
Wishing you a successful event and a prosperous year ahead!

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## ***From the Loyalty Pledge Management Committee***

December 31, 2024

Greetings to all Royalists, celebrating the 33rd Annual New Year's Dinner Dance organized by the Royal College Old Boys Association of Canada (ROCOBA) on December 31, 2024.

On behalf of the Loyalty Pledge Management Committee (LPMC) of the Royal College Union, we extend our warmest greetings.

Since 2003, the Loyalty Pledge has proudly awarded 2,488 "Help a Needy Student" Scholarships, aiding many students in overcoming financial hurdles to achieve their academic dreams. Up to 2023, we have also granted over 300 Tertiary Education Scholarships, supporting numerous graduates, including doctors, engineers, and IT professionals from State Universities. Additionally, we have expanded our support with language training and communication skills development tailored for our scholars' benefit.

ROCOBA's ongoing support has been invaluable in this journey. Your annual donations and contributions, particularly the equipment for language and communication skills training, are deeply appreciated. We were also thrilled to welcome your office bearers in their visit earlier this year for fruitful discussions with our committee.

Despite the economic challenges of recent years, we remained committed to our promises, ensuring support for economically challenged students. As we prepare to welcome the New Year, we reflect on the strength and resilience of our community.

On behalf of the LPMC, I wish all members of the Royal College Old Boys Association of Canada, along with their families and loved ones, a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Let's embrace the season's joy and look forward to brighter days ahead.

Warm regards,

Abhaya Amaradasa  
Chairman,  
Loyalty Pledge Management Committee  
Royal College Union





## *Compliments of the Season & Best Wishes*

**From the ROCOBA Patrons**

Royal College Principal, Azad, Kuken, Chubi & Dilkaran

### **MENU**

#### *Cocktails*

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#### *Dessert*

FRUIT PLATTER | ASSORTED CAKES | ASSORTED PASTRIES

#### *Midnight Feast*

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**From the ROCOBA Patrons**

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## **PROGRAM**

December 31, 2024

### *33<sup>rd</sup> Annul New Year's Eve Royal Gala Dinner Dance*

- 6.30 pm Reception & Cocktails  
Renew old ties
- 7.15 pm Raising of the Standard
- 7.25 pm College Song
- 7.30 pm Welcome speeches | Door & Early Bird Draws
- 8.00 pm Skyline Everybody on the floor
- 9.00 pm It's Corrine Hold your partner tight
- 10.00 pm DJ Kushmin
- 11.00 pm Let's Boogie
- 11.45 pm Countdown begins with Corrine
- 11.59 pm Good Bye '24

#### **Midnight Happy New Year 2025**

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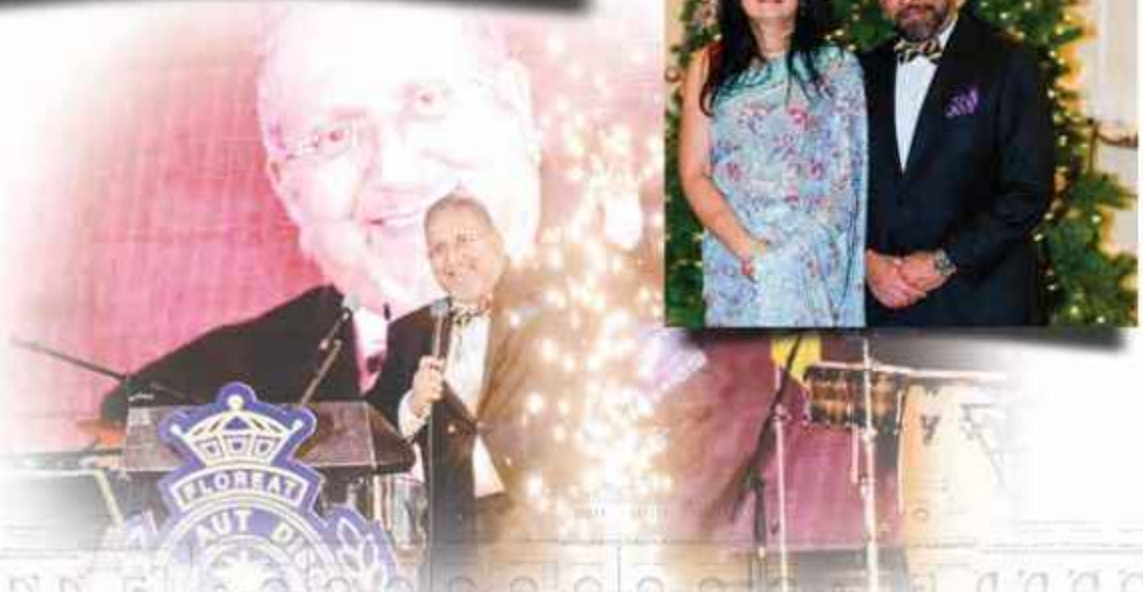
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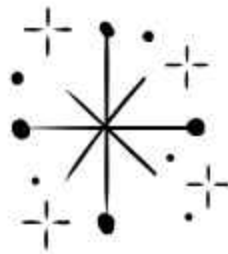


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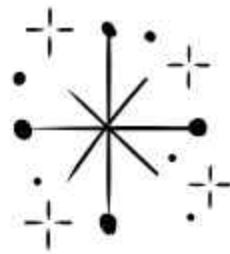
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THE GOLDEN AGE OF TEACHERS - NOW NO MORE,  
I FEAR FOR THOSE WHO YET TO BE BORN.  
VANDALS MAY STRIVE TO SACK OUR SEAT OF LEARNING,  
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HER BLOOD IS BLUE, HER HEART IS SOLID GOLD

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## Laugh Lines: Wit, Sarcasm, and Everyday Humor

1.

A teacher asks her students, "If there are five birds sitting on a fence and you shoot one, how many are left?" Little Billy raises his hand and says, "None, because the sound of the gun will scare them all away."

The teacher replies, "The answer is four, but I like the way you think."

Billy then says, "I have a question for you, Miss. There are three women eating ice cream cones. One is licking, one is biting, and one is sucking. Which one is married?"

The teacher blushes and says, "The one sucking?"

Billy says, "No, the one with the wedding ring, but I like the way you think."



2.

A wife asks her husband, "Do you think I'm pretty or ugly?"

The husband replies, "You're both."

The wife, confused, asks, "What do you mean by that?"

The husband says, "You're pretty ugly."



3.

A kid walks up to his dad and says, "Dad, I need some help with my math homework."

The dad says, "Okay, what's the question?"

The kid says, "If you have \$10 and you ask your dad for \$5, how much will you have?"

The dad replies, "Still \$10 because I'm not giving you \$5."

4.

A man got stopped by the police. The officer asked, "Do you know why I pulled you over?"

The man replied, "No, officer."

The officer said, "You were driving at 100 miles per hour!"

The man responded, "But I've only been driving for 10 minutes!"



5.

A woman asks her husband, "Honey, how would you describe me?"

The husband replies, "A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H-I-J-K."

The wife, confused, asks, "What does that mean?"

The husband says, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Fabulous, Gorgeous, and Hot."

The wife smiles and says, "Aw, thank you! But what about I-J-K?"

The husband smirks and says, "I'm Just Kidding."



6.

A kid asks his teacher, "Can I get in trouble for something I didn't do?"

The teacher says, "Of course not."

The kid replies, "Good, because I didn't do my homework."



7.

A wife was yelling at her husband, "You need to be more like the man in my romance novels!"

The husband said, "Fine, give me a sword, and I'll go fight a dragon!"

The wife snapped back, "No! Just listen to me and do the dishes."

8.

At dinner, a kid asked his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?"

The dad said, "We don't talk about things like that at the dinner table!"

After dinner, the father asked, "Now, what did you want to ask me?"

The kid replied, "Oh, nothing. There was a bug in your soup, but it's gone now."



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## ROYAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

A VIEW FROM A STAR PLAYER, CAPTAIN OF ROYAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL AND NATIONAL PLAYER, CHAIRMAN FOOTBALL ADVISORY AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF ROYAL COLLEGE, MR. PRADEEP VITTANACHCHI

MR. VITTANACHCHI REFLECTS ON HIS REMARKABLE JOURNEY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FOOTBALL ADVISORY AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (FAMC) IN THIS HEARTFELT MESSAGE. HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH ROYAL FOOTBALL ADMINISTRATION BEGAN IN 2011 WHEN HE WAS INITIALLY INVITED TO CHAIR THE COMMITTEE BUT DECLINED DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS. AFTER RECONSIDERING IN 2013, HE TOOK ON THE ROLE, DETERMINED TO HELP ELEVATE THE SPORT AT HIS ALMA MATER.

WHEN HE STARTED, RESOURCES WERE MINIMAL, BUT HIS LEADERSHIP TRANSFORMED ROYAL FOOTBALL INTO A FLOURISHING INSTITUTION. HE OVERSAW THE REVIVAL OF THE ALBERT EDIRISINGHE TROPHY MATCH AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ROYAL TRINITY ENCOUNTER, NOW PLAYED FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS J.R. JAYAWARDENE CHALLENGE TROPHY. ONE OF HIS PROUDEST MOMENTS WAS REWARDING THE UNDER-18 FOOTBALL TEAM WITH A TOUR OF MALAYSIA FOR THEIR REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT.

VITTANACHCHI ALSO REALIZED HIS VISION OF LAUNCHING THE ROYAL FOOTBALL ACADEMY, ENSURING THAT THE SPORT'S FUTURE WAS SECURE WITH DEDICATED FACILITIES AND QUALIFIED COACHES. HE CREATED A FOOTBALL FAMILY WHATSAPP GROUP AND PUBLISHED A BOOK TO COMMEMORATE THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ROYAL FOOTBALL, BOTH OF WHICH BECAME IMPORTANT MILESTONES IN FOSTERING A CLOSE-KNIT FOOTBALL COMMUNITY.

GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT HE RECEIVED THROUGHOUT HIS TENURE, VITTANACHCHI EXPRESSES HIS DEEP APPRECIATION TO VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS AND COMMITTEES WHO HELPED HIM ACHIEVE THESE MILESTONES. AS HE STEPS DOWN, HE WISHES CONTINUED SUCCESS FOR ROYAL FOOTBALL AND ITS FUTURE GROWTH, LEAVING BEHIND A LEGACY OF DEDICATION AND PASSION FOR THE SPORT.





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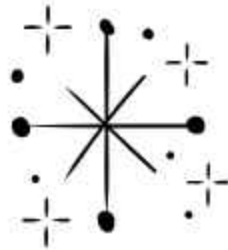
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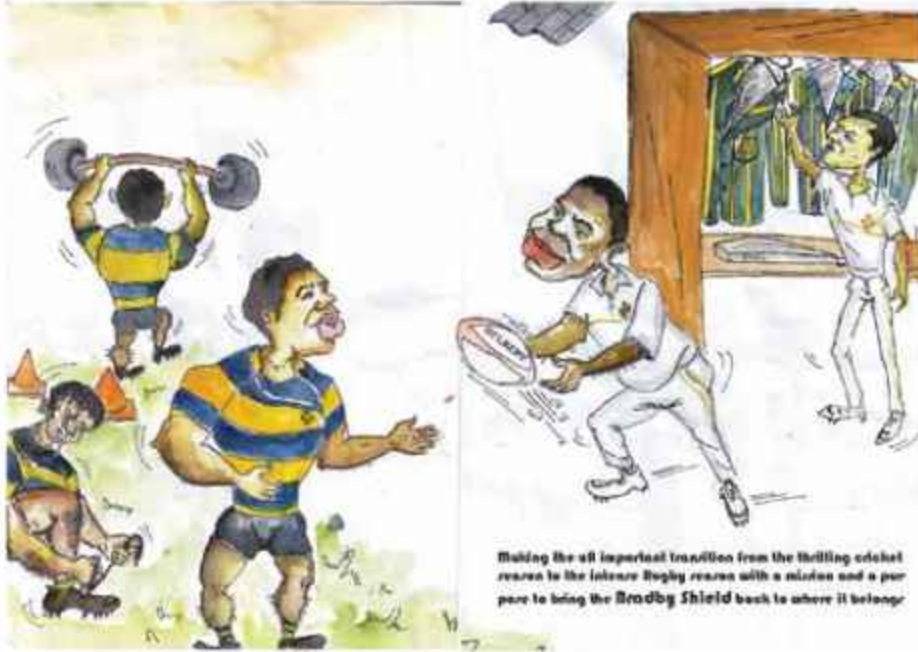


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