



THE BURGHER ASSOCIATION

Dear Fellow Member

It gives me immense pleasure to address this communique on a positive note after a lapse of almost three years being compelled to remain inactive. Nevertheless, we were blessed to be able to continue with our charity projects, our annual Christmas hamper project, and also our student sponsorship programme in association with Werkey National Education Scheme (WNES) from Australia, despite the many hardships keeping in the forefront the main objective of The Burgher Association which is the "Upliftment of the Burgher Community".

We are now ready to hold our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 5th November 2022 commencing 5.30 pm in the Board Room of Havelock Sports Club, Colombo 5, and following thereon would be a "*Members Get Together*" in the same vein of partying as only the "BA" knows how, meting out the best in fun and entertainment. The meeting is open to those holding paid up memberships as at 2019/2020, but of course renewals can be done prior to the meeting. The "*Members Get Together*" would commence at approximately 7.30 pm and tickets are priced at Rs 2000/- inclusive of dinner.

The BA urges its young members to join the Executive Committee when nominations would be called upon from the floor at the meeting. The Association marks its 21st Anniversary on 13th October 2022 and it is our aim to bring the Association to its helm before our 25th Anniversary in 2026, perhaps by which time God willing we will have our own headquarters with our own venue for events. The Association sadly although it holds a database of over 2500 can only count on a little over 100 dutiful members who are always there to support it. Our Association over the years has been able to continue only due to the support and passion of its past Executive Committees and its present Committee which continues to hold members who have held positions from its inception virtually. This is why we are appealing for more members to get into the forefront.

We can proudly say that our Association is the only one which gives membership only to **Burghers**, with Associate membership offered only to those who are married to Burghers or are children of Burgher mothers. Indeed a proud heritage !

With the intention of wooing more members we have launched a competition where Burghers could send in a short write up based on their views and comments on the Association together with constructive criticism, if any, to assist the BA in going forward. Two cash prizes of Rs 25k and Rs 15k are on offer to the best two write ups, which should reach the office of The Burgher Association, 16 Borella Cross Road, Colombo 8, no later than **Friday, 28th October 2022**. The winners will also be offered free membership i.e. single or family, as the case may be, for one year. The prizes would be distributed at the "*Members Get Together*".

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM and also to have your active participation in all our future events and activities.

God bless you!


Carlyle De Zilva
President
2019-2022,

10th October 2022

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