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On the occasion of the 32nd Get-together of the Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors in the United Arab Emirates (SLQS-UAE), staged on 8th December 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel - Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai, we fulfill the tradition of presenting the activities of the SLQS-UAE during last 12 months starting from the 31st Get-together.



It was the 10th December 2015, SLQS-UAE hosted the 31st Get-together in glamorous manner at the J W Marriot Hotel, Deira Dubai.

This was the first occasion that our Hon. Consul General of Sri Lanka to Dubai and Northern Emirates, Mr. Charitha Yattegodra and Madame Yattegodra attended an SLQS-UAE event. Hon. Consular General have shown up on the event in the capacity of the Chief Guest. As all our previous diplomats, Hon. Mr. Yattegodra too had continued to assist and attend all the SLQS-UAE events to follow.

A distinguished law professional, former Chairman of the Board of Directors of DIFC Arbitration Centre, former Sri Lankan Representative of the ICC-International Courts of Arbitration and a prominent Sri Lankan expatriate in UAE, Mr. C. Chakradharan was the Guest of Honor of the day.

The SLQS-UAE 31st Get-together was witnessed by exclusive audience, nearly 400 in numbers, comprise of special invitees from public and private establishments as well as professional bodies of Quantity Surveying trade, the members of SLQS-UAE and their treasured families.

The event started as per the Sri Lankan tradition, with welcome dance and lightning of oil lamp. During the address of the Chief Guest, Hon. Consular General have applauded the service of the SLQS-UAE, to its members and the service of the SLQS-UAE members, to the motherland. Pioneer Quantity Surveying professional and a prominent SLQS-UAE member Mr. Dhammika Gamage took the guests thru the history of the SLQS-UAE. The Guest of Honor, Mr. C. Chakradharan delivered a special speech comprises valuable insights of speaker, which

enhanced the knowledge of the members. A representative of Interim Central Committee have addressed the gathering on behalf of the office bearers of the SLQS-UAE.



Two of SLQS –UAE members Ms. Thilini Shiromani Jayawickrama and Mr. Rathnam Jayakumar have been bestowed with SLQS-UAE 2015 Academic Achievement awards. Mr. Rathnam Jayakumar was privileged to fetch the second award, SLQS-UAE 2015 Career Achievement award and Mr. Anuradha Jayaratne been honored with the award for the Outstanding Contribution to SLQS-UAE. Appreciation awards were offered to the organizations which have continuously contributed to the advancement of the SLQS-UAE member community.

Formal session was glittered by the performances of UAE based Sri Lankan dancers of Meshan Dissanayake Dance Academy and first half of the Get-together were concluded with the thanking note



This followed with the Entertainment session, which were glowed by professional Sri Lankan artists, Ms. Mariazelle Gunathilaka and Mr. Jayantha Dissanayake. After several years lapse, SLQS-UAE managed to have our very own band again. Members Banu, Rasitha and Srivantha shown their talent by providing lively music to shake the audience. The event finished in the dawn, with distribution of the raffle draw gifts.

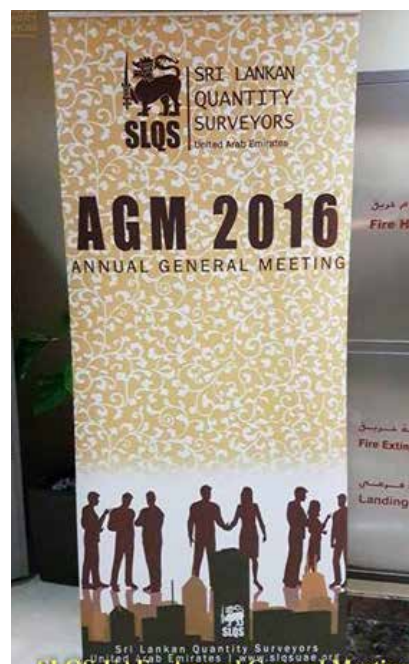
SLQS-UAE had another major event, Annual Cricket Tournament for 21st year and was held at Sharjah English School and Skyline College Cricket Grounds on 12th February 2016. Total of 31 women, kids and men's teams have competed hard to become victories and crowned as the champions

Rigga boys were the winners of the Trophy with Eagles Cricket Club becoming the runners up, X'tream Boys won the Shield with Abu Dhabi Falcons becoming the runners up and Variation Challengers become the Plate winner along with Sinha Gold who become runners up. The Challengers and Green Angles were the winners and runners up in the ladies competition.



Hon. Ambassador of Sri Lanka to United Arab Emirates, Mr. S. J. Mohideen was the Chief Guest of the event and former Sri Lankan Cricket Captain Mr. Bandula Warnapura was the Guest of Honor of the event.

SLQS-UAE had its 1st Annual General Meeting on 25th March 2016 at The Business Village Auditorium, Deira, Dubai. The new Constitution prepared by the Constitution Sub Committee, with the active participation of the members have been presented to the membership and ratified during the AGM. The Interim Central Committee have concluded its role and the responsibilities have been transferred to the newly appointed 21 member Central Committee. Each member of the Central Committee represent the 21 clusters, members of each cluster have selected their own Central Committee member. Mr. Dilanka Wickramasinghe (Secretary), Mr. Vishva Thilakarathne (Treasurer), Mr. Lalith Hettiarachchi (Assistant Secretary) and Mr. Sanath Dissanayake (Assistant Treasurer) have been appointed as the office bearers for the tenure of 2016/2017.



New Central Committee of SLQS-UAE have started its work with Vesak Dansala at the Lathifa Hospital Grounds, during the Vesak Uthsavaya. Our Quantity Surveyors manage to offer around 2000 portions of food to participants of this religious and cultural event.



SLQS-UAE started another event to share the fellowship with our Islam members during the Holy month of Ramadhan. An Iftar party have organized on 16th June 2016 at the Avenue Hotel, Dubai with the participation of members and families of all religious believing.



SLQS-UAE have did its part during the floods in Sri Lanka. Members took the initiative to gather necessities to help our own countrymen who have affected by this natural calamity. With the assistance of Trico, SLQS-UAE distributed relief goods for 410 families in Kollonnawa area, each family getting a pack of 35kg essentials.



On 12th August 2016 SLQS-UAE have conducted its 6th Indoor Cricket Tournament at United Pro Sport Complex with participation of 22 teams including ladies teams. Rigga Boys were victorious on Division 1, beating X'tream Boys in the Trophy final. Team QS played against Knight Riders in Division 11 final and Knight Riders won the Shield. Division 111, Plate were won by Abu Dhabi Falcons by beating Hiru Blasters. USCC Ladies won the ladies trophy.



The Mid-Summer Get-together was an event which shown the multiple talents of the fellow Quantity Surveyors and their family members. SLQS-UAE had this event on 23rd October 2016, at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Deira, Dubai with a participation above 300 guests. Our own SLQS Band have backed 60 plus performances, some of them were good as professional artists.





As continued contribution to humanity SLQS-UAE held its Annual Blood Donation campaign at the Lathifa Hospital, Dubai. Due to unavailability of donation slots, 2016 event was not held during Vesak, and it was shifted to November as the blood banks convenience. Around 75 volunteers consist of members, their families, their friends, other fellow Sri Lankans and non Sri Lankans were flocked to make this event a success. Nearly 50 individuals made this noble donation to extend the lives of needy individuals.

SLQS-UAE have conducted 20 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme with attendance above 1500 participants in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. The increased number of CPDs, the high participation, geographic split between Dubai and Abu Dhabi, the variety in topics and the difference in presenters were an evidence to the high success of the CPDs.

SLQS-UAE strengthen the good relationship with other organizations, have attended and collaborated in other professional, social, cultural and religious events, whatever time it is necessary.



As we always believe the continued involvement of the members were the secret of the success the organization. The patience and tolerance of the families of the members have allowed us spending our precious time to the activities of the SLQS-UAE.



