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NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM MR. KALINGA INDATISSA PRESIDENT OF 'SLABSA'



With the dawn of 2014 we have a very ambitious program that would cater to all aspects of the game. We intend introducing new and innovative thinking to develop the game in all provinces. I must necessarily place on record one sincere appreciation of the support extended to in by the world body. I may take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy 2014, where all your ambitions and expected goals would be cherished. It is with a sense of pride and happiness I pen down this message to all baseball lovers in Sri Lanka. In the year 2013, after one election office bearers of the Association we were able to develop and promote the game to a great extent. I wish to thank all the office bearers, the players, coaches and the baseball enthusiasts for the support extended to us. Special mention must be made of His Excellency the President, the Hon Ministers of Sports, the Japanese and Korean Governments, JAICA and one main Sponsor SLT for their encouragement and support.

SRI LANKA SECURED THE SILVER MEDAL AT THE 11TH WEST ASIA BASEBALL CUP HELD IN PAKISTAN



Sri Lanka National Baseball Team secured the Silver Medal at 11th West Asia Baseball cup held in Lahore, Pakistan. Pakistan won the Gold medal, defeating Sri Lanka 3/0 while Afghanistan won the Bronze medal. Mr. Nelanka Karunaratne of Sri Lanka was adjudged as the Best catcher in the tournament.

NATIONAL BASEBALL TEAM CAPTAIN & VICE CAPTAIN APPOINTED



SLABSA appointed the Captain and Vice-Captain of the National Baseball Team that took part the 11th West Asia Baseball Cup held in Pakistan towards the end of November. Mr. Iresh Kosala and Niroshan Punchihewa were named as the new Captain and Vice-Captain of the team.

SERVICES OF A PROFESSIONAL PHYSIOTHERAPIST FOR NATIONAL TEAM



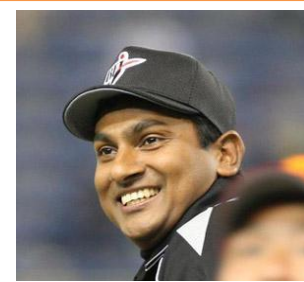
Services of a professional Physiotherapist was obtained for The National Baseball team for West Asia Baseball Cup.

Mr. Chatura Rodrigo has the following SKILLS & ABILITIES:

- High quality physical education experience
- Principal of Kinesiotherapy for neurological and spinal column afflictions
- Variations of human figure and evaluation of suppleness through goniometry
- Impact of biological fundamentals on sports activities



World renowned apparel manufacturer MAS partnered with SLABSA for national teams baseball uniforms. Pictures show that Vice President of SLABSA Mr.Sagara Kariyawasam along with national team members accepting the uniforms



Baseball Federation of Asia (BFA) appointed Sri Lanka umpire Mr.Sujeewa Wijayanayake as the Umpiring Supervisor for the 11th West Asia Baseball Cup

which was held in Lahore, Pakistan from November 25th to December 2nd 2013. He is the only umpire in South Asia who has an international umpire license.

1st WEST ASIA BASEBALL UMPIRING SCHOOL



01st WEST ASIA BASEBALL UMPIRING SCHOOL was held on the 16th & 17th November 2013 at Japan-Sri Lanka Friendship Baseball ground. All participants received good training and the Training Panel paid individual attention to all involved.



Mr.Koji Aso, Chairman of the Rules and Umpiring Committee of BFJ and Deputy Director of the Umpiring of BFA, conducted the Camp and was assisted by Mr. Shinnou Yutaka and Mr. Sujeewa Wijayanayaka.



The two day Umpiring Camp was attended by umpires from India, Pakistan, Nepal and Iran in addition to the Sri Lankan Umpires. Mr. Calvin Yeh from the BFA training department attended as the supervisor of the event.



All participants were presented with certificates issued by the BFA at the concluding ceremony. Western Province Youth Affairs & Sports Minister Hon. Upali Kodikara was the Chief Guest at the closing ceremony and presented the certificates and souvenirs to participants.



TOKEN OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO UMPIRE INSTRUCTORS



SLABSA presented Token of Appreciation awards to Mr. Koji Aso(Deputy Director Umpiring-BFA), Mr. Calvin Yeh(Director Training-BFA), Mr. Shinnou Yutaka(International Umpire) , Mr. Sujeewa Wijayanayaka(International Umpire) and Mr. Kaushal Dharmakeerthi for their valuable contributions towards the 1st West Asia Umpire School held in Sri Lanka. Awards were presented by Western Province Youth Affairs & Sports Minister Hon.Upali Kodikara.

**MR.CALVIN YEH CONDUCTED
A COACHING SESSION**



Mr.Calvin Yeh of BFA training department, who arrived to supervise the 1st West Asia Umpiring School, conducted a few hours coaching session for the Sri Lanka National Baseball Team.

APPOINTMENT OF COACHES



SLABSA appointed Mr. Amila PATHIRAJA and Mr. Malindu Hewage as Sri Lanka National Baseball team coach and Assistant Coach respectively for the 11th West Asia Baseball Cup held in Pakistan. Furthermore, Mr. Chnadima Jayasekara and Mr. Sisira Kumara were appointed as Under 16 National Baseball team Coach and Under 18 National Baseball team coach. Commander of Navy, Vice Admiral Jayanath Colombage, former world Cup winning Cricket Captain Member of Parliament Arjuna Ranathunga and Olympic Silver Medalist, Coordinator for Ministry of Sports, Susanthika Jayasinghe and President of SLABSA handed over the appointment letters.

WOMENS BASEBALL LAUNCHED



Women's Baseball was launched in Sri Lanka on the 30th October 2013 at the Welisara Navy Grounds. After a ceremony to mark the occasion, a day's coaching camp was held with participation of over 100 players. Along with the Commander of Navy, Vice Admiral Jayanath Colombage, former world Cup winning Cricket Captain Member of Parliament Arjuna Ranathunga and Olympic Silver Medalist, Coordinator for Ministry of Sports, Susanthika Jayasinghe were present to the launching ceremony.



TOKEN OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO FORMER COACH MR.YASUMA WATANABE



Sri Lanka Baseball Association presented an Appreciation Award to Mr Yasuma Watanabe, former Sri Lanka Baseball Coach and Initiator of the Japan – Sri Lanka Baseball Ground. Mr Watanabe was here in the country for a short stay and he was presented the Award by the President of SLABSA President Counsel Mr Kalinga Indatissa at ceremony held in Colombo. National Baseball team Captain Mr. Iresh Kosala and Vice-Captain Mr. Niroshan Punchihewa were also present at the event. Mr. Watanabe was the Guest of honor at the league match between Sri Lanka Navy and Shakthi Baseball Club which was held on Sunday, the 29th December 2013.

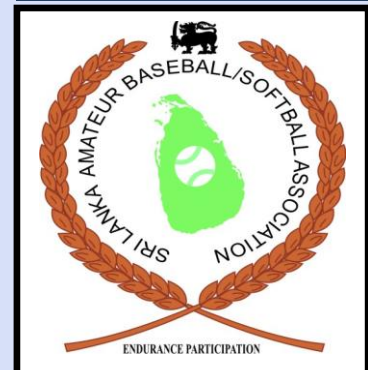


BASEBALL PLAYERS MEET SANGA



Sri Lanka Cricketing hero Kumar Sangakkara making a point to the Captain and Vice Captain of the Sri Lanka Baseball Team and Olympic Silver medalist Susatnthika Jayasinghe is also in the picture.

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