



Foundation Supporting A National Trauma Service In Sri Lanka

The Batticaloa Teaching Hospital
Emergency & Accident Project (BEAP)

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The President of Sri Lanka at a dinner in his honour at the Sri Lankan High Commission in Canberra



Nihal de Run speaks with His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka Mr Maithripala Sirisena at a dinner in Canberra on 24th May 2017. The President, who in his former capacity as Minister of Health, gave Dr David Young and Nihal de Run the approval to proceed with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Health and the Government of Sri Lanka to establish a Public Private Partnership (not for profit) to build a modern Emergency & Accident Hospital in Batticaloa.

His Excellency was most interested in the progress of the project and said he would keep an eye on the project's progress.



The High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Australia, pictured standing invited Dr David Young and Nihal de Run to meet the President and provide a brief on the work we are doing in Sri Lanka. About 100 people attended the function to felicitate the President who was accompanied by Ministers and Junior Ministers of the Cabinet.

WE HAVE ACHIEVED OUR GOAL

We pledged USD\$2million towards the construction of the Modern ETU. I am delighted to announce that we have achieved our goal. This was largely due to a magnanimous donation from one generous donor in Colombo, to whom we are most grateful. We are still due to receive circa USD300,000 from companies who have previously pledged funds but have yet to fulfil their obligations. When we do, we would have achieved our goal.

The focus now switches to the Machinery/Equipment and Furniture. We pledged USD\$1million for the fitout. We must work to achieve this soon.

The following large items of hospital equipment have been requested of our Foundation.

A 128 slice CT Scanner Unit	Estimated Cost	A \$450,000.00
A Digital X-Ray Unit		A \$164,000.00
A C Arm X-Ray Unit		A \$136,000.00
An Ultrasound Scanner		A \$ 90,000.00
Furniture Pack		A \$380,000.00
Total (This is within the amount pledged)		A \$1,220,000.00

I will attach a copy of the furniture list for your information.



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We will be approaching large internationally known machinery and equipment suppliers to assist us with a donation or a subsidised price for the large items of machinery/equipment. If any of you readers have any contacts or suggestions as to how we may secure a special deal, please get in touch with Dr David Young or myself.

As to the Furniture pack, you may wish to take up the cost of one or more of the items listed. We would prefer the cash as it avoids shipping, clearance, and customs duties etc. If you have good connections in Sri Lanka we may be able to obtain a donation in kind for some of the items listed or obtain a cash donation to the value of the item. We will provide appropriate recognition on the donor list and place a small plaque on the gifted item to thank the donor.

I appeal to those who have not yet given; this is your chance.

BUILDING PROGRESS

I am pleased to advise that the roof structure is nearly complete and plastering of the walls is in progress. Then the builder will be ready to affix the windows before starting on the floors etc.

Meanwhile the Project Consultants are about to award tenders for the Mechanical and Engineering items such as the air-conditioning, lifts, electrical fittings etc.

IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN!!

For our Australian residents, it's getting close to 30th June again. It's that time of the year when we need to think about tax planning. The Foundation is most appreciative of donations you wish to make towards the Machinery/Equipment and Furniture for the hospital. Donations made for our project through Rotary Australia World Communities (see the pathway on the home page of our website www.projectbeap.org) will be eligible for a tax deduction from the ATO. When Rotary receives the money, they will send you a tax-deductible receipt and credit our project account. There is an additional, benefit in donating through Rotary as your donation will qualify for a matching grant from Rotary International thereby making every dollar you donate earn another fifty cents as a matching grant from RI.

In anticipation of your continued support and with thanks to those who have given generously in the past,

Warm Regards

Nihal de Run
CEO
Project BEAP
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