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3rd March 2021

The President,
St. John's & Chundikuli Past Pupils' Association,
USA.

Dear President,

RE: ROBERT WILLIAMS MEMORIAL BICENTENNIAL BLOCK - BICENTENNIAL PROJECT

In the year 2023, St. John's College will be completing 200 years since it was founded. During the last two centuries, as one of the leading academic institutions of Sri Lanka, we have produced many distinguished global citizens in all spheres of life. By the grace of the Almighty and with the complete support of the old boys, despite all the struggles and challenges, the College has steadfastly stayed on course.

Consequentially, we are now at the pivotal juncture of our journey as we approach the Bicentennial year. For our 150th and our 175th year celebrations we have erected two important structures, the Peto Memorial Jubilee Hall and the Office Complex respectively. Therefore, with the support of all, we have decided to build ROBERT WILLIAMS MEMORIAL BICENTENNIAL BLOCK and make it the flagship project to commemorate this important milestone.

Undeniably, the Robert Williams Memorial Hall which has always been one of our historic landmarks is now in ruins due to the ravages of war. The rebuilding of this monument will not only restore the splendor of an important landmark of the college, but it will also fulfill some of the College's quintessential needs. The recent changes made to the curriculum by the Ministry of Education have introduced new reforms and guidelines which have created a dire need for additional classrooms to meet the demands of the new streams.

This new structure will have two floors which will contain seven classrooms, a room for the archives, Lobby/ Multipurpose Room, a Pavilion, two Toilets, and a room for storage. However, certain elements of the existing structures will be retained to retain the legacy of the historical building. I have attached herewith: Dear General Secretary,

1. A comprehensive 3- D video
2. The Floor plan
3. A document detailing the funding needed for each area

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4. A detailed 'Plan of Actions' and
5. FAQs.

This is submitted with the confidence that the alumni and the well-wishers of the college will contribute generously to support every effort for the successful completion of this endeavour. The project's estimated cost is SLRs. 96,500,000. We are very keen to know how much you can commit by 15/3/2021. We anticipate having 30 percent of the target by May to proceed with the selection of the builder, and then decide on the plan of the construction. A further 30 percent is needed thereafter, as early as possible (latest by first week of October 2021) to begin the construction. We need to complete this project by December 2022.

We have opened a separate account for this specific project and the details of which are given below:

Name of Account : St. John's College, Jaffna, Sri Lanka
Account Number : 8007713367
Bank Branch : Commercial Bank, 474, Hospital Rd, Jaffna
Swift No. : CCEYLK LX
Bank Code : 7056
Branch Code : 006

If any Old Boys or well-wishers wish to contribute towards this project, kindly share these details with them.

Mr. Bernard Sinniah, Global Lead of Eagle Vision committee, will be in constant touch with all of you. Please feel free to contact me or him if you need further information.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

V. S. B. Thuseetharan,

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