



**MINISTRY OF LAW & ORDER AND  
SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT**



**GALLE HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

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## **1. GALLE HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

### **Vision**

The Living World Heritage Galle Fort to be the most Excellent Cultural Heritage City in Sri Lanka.

### **Mission**

To conserve Galle Fort as a Historic Cultural Centre and a Site of Archaeological Importance, and promote it as a Cultural City of Excellence.

### **Values**

- ❖ Conservation of the Ramparts and Buildings
- ❖ Create mutual harmony and understanding among the communities in Galle Fort
- ❖ Create awareness on protecting the historical values
- ❖ Development of Attitudes
- ❖ Physical Development
- ❖ Creating and improving facilities for tourism
- ❖ Creating and developing places attractive to tourists
- ❖ Enhancing the quality of life of the residents of Galle Fort
- ❖ Promoting equality among communities in Galle Fort
- ❖ Promoting traditional livelihoods
- ❖ Regulating activities relating to tourism
- ❖ Improving consumer values
- ❖ Providing an efficient service

## **2. SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GALLE HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

01. Developing facilities for tourism in the Galle Fort
02. Maintaining Galle Fort so that it is clean and attractive
03. Working with the Planning Committee to manage constructions and changes to buildings within Galle Fort
04. Granting permission for the use of common areas within Galle Fort, viz.,
  - The Law Court Square
  - Sudharmalaya Ground
  - Moon Bastion Ground
05. Organizing awareness-raising programmes and field tours in Galle Fort
06. Registering mobile vendors within Galle Fort and regulating such activities
07. Preparing a Traffic Plan for Galle Fort
08. Maintaining a mobile security service within Galle Fort
09. Maintaining an Information Centre and Library in regard to the World Heritage Property of Galle Fort
10. Conducting Cultural Programmes throughout the year
11. Improving infrastructure within Galle Fort
12. Managing still and video photography within Galle Fort

### 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GALLE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

- ❖ The main objective of the Galle Heritage Foundation (as stated in Clause 03 of the Act) is to protect, conserve and develop Galle Fort and its historic hinterland, act suitable in regard to its properties and promote welfare of its residents, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- ❖ In terms Clause 44 of the Act, the Minister in charge of the Galle Heritage Foundation is the Minister appointed to look after the subject of Cultural Affairs.
- ❖ Accordingly, until 2015, the Galle Heritage Foundation functioned as a statutory institution under the Minister of Cultural Affairs.
- ❖ With the formation of the new Cabinet in 2015, the Galle Heritage Foundation came under the State Ministry of Cultural Affairs, with effect from 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015.
- ❖ Subsequently, with further changes to the Cabinet, the Galle Heritage Foundation came under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs, with effect from 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015.
- ❖ Again, in terms of Gazette Extraordinary dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015, the Galle Heritage Foundation became the only statutory institution coming under the Ministry of Southern Development.
- ❖ With the changes to the Cabinet occurring on 24.09.2015, the Galle Heritage Foundation functions under the Ministry of Law and Order and Southern Development.

## 4. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT – 2015

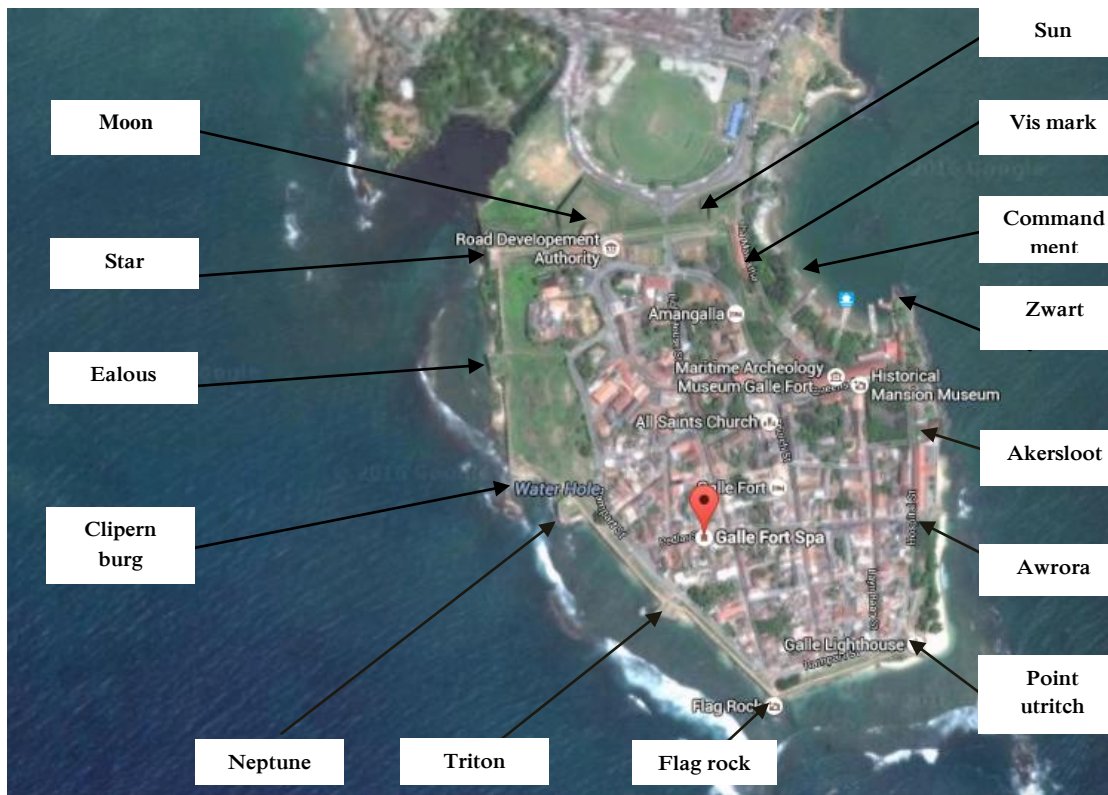
### GALLE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The Galle Heritage Foundation is a statutory institution established by Act No. 07 of 1994.

#### The Area of Operation of the Galle Heritage Foundation

The area of operation of the Galle Heritage Foundation is the Galle Fort which has been inscribed by UNESCO in the list of World Heritage Properties. The length of the Galle Fort, comprising 14 Bastions, is approximately 2.5 km.

#### Map of the World Heritage Galle Fort



- ❖ It is the dungeon on the Moon Bastion that has been conserved by the Galle Heritage Foundation and converted to a historical gallery.

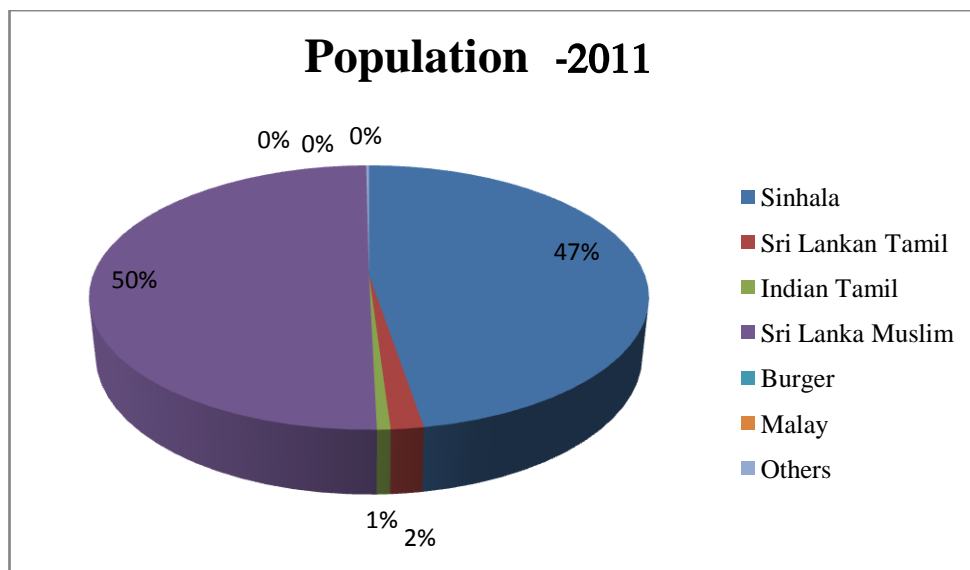
## 4.1 PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT OF GALLE FORT

Galle Fort is the area covered by GramaNiladhari area No. 96D, coming under the Divisional Secretary of Galle Four Gravets, within District of Galle in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka. Its land area is 80.9067 acres (32.7418 hectares).

### Population of Galle Fort – 2011 (According to Ethnicity)

(Source – Website of the Department of Census and Statistics)

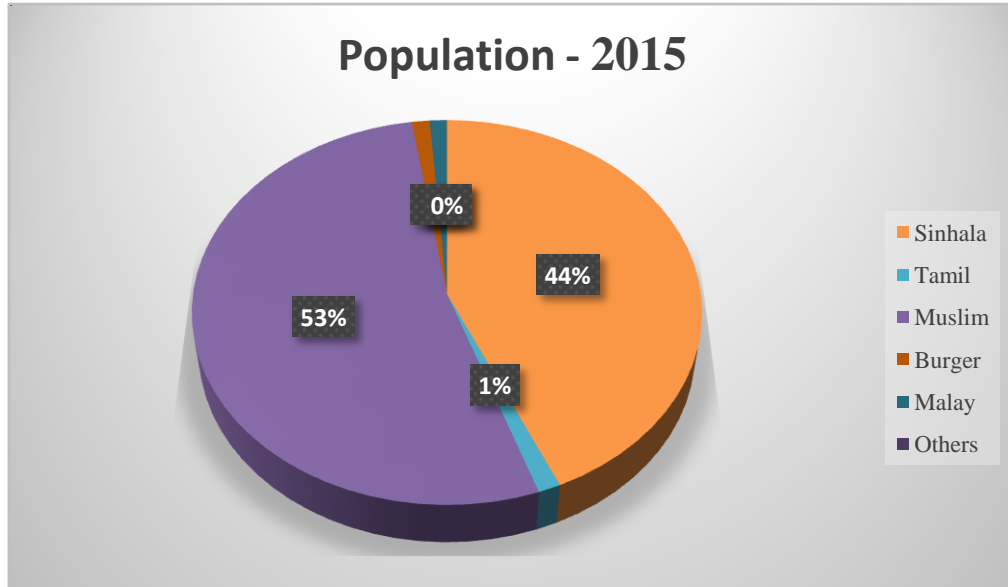
Sinhala	Sri Lankan Tamil	Indian Tamil	Sri Lanka Muslim	Burger	Malay	Others	Total
501	17	07	531	0	0	2	1058



## Population according to Ethnicity (as at 31.12.2015)

(Source – Resource Profile of the Galle Four Gravets Divisional Secretariat)

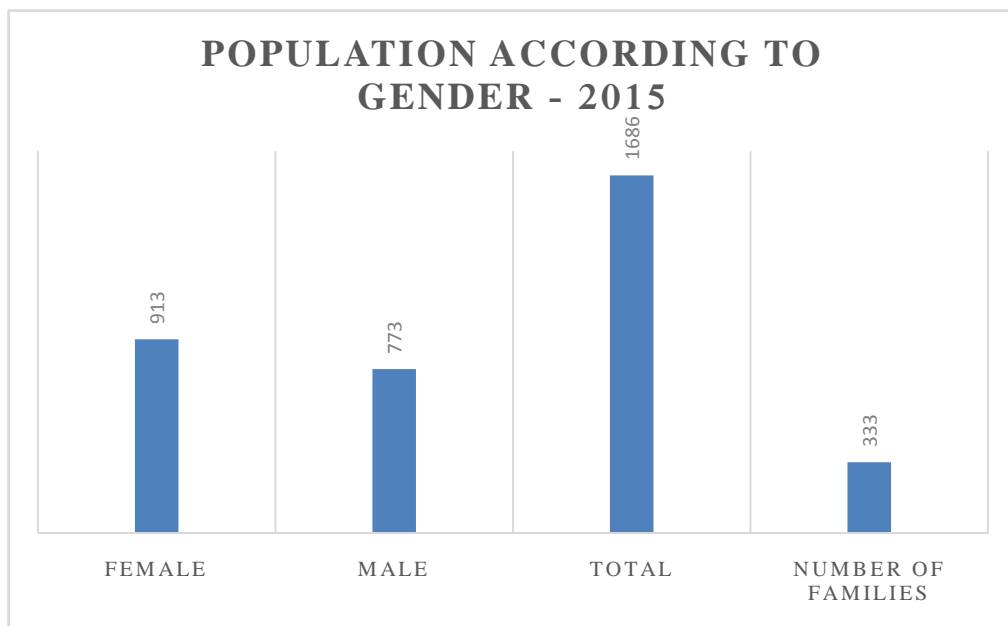
Sinhala	Tamil	Muslim	Burger	Malay	Others	Total
731	22	892	21	22	--	1686



## Population according to Gender (as at 31.12.2015)

(Source- Resource Profile of the Galle Four Gravets Divisional Secretariat)

Female	Male	Total	Number of Families
913	773	1686	333



## Population according to Age Groups & Gender

(Source – Resource Profile of the Galle Fort Gravets Divisional Secretariat)

0-4 years			5-17 years			18-60 years			Over 61 years			Total		
F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total
49	43	92	204	169	373	489	397	886	171	164	335	913	773	1686

## Population according to Age Groups (as at 31.12.2015)

(Source – Resource Profile of the Galle Four Gravets Divisional Secretariat)

0-4 years	5 – 10 years	11-20 years	21-30 years	31-40 years	41-50 years	51-60 years	Over 60 y.	Total
92	130	228	219	226	231	225	335	1686

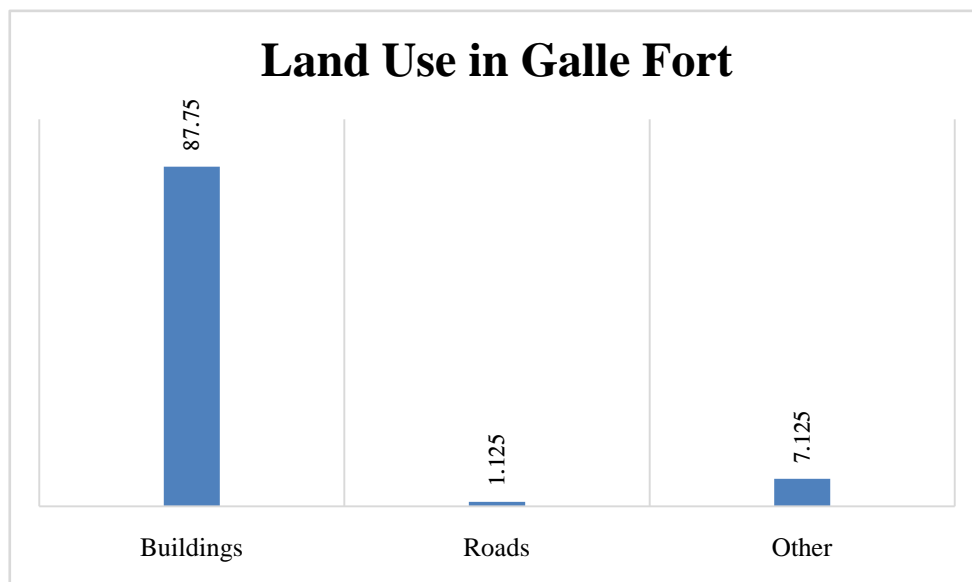
## Population according to Religion (as at 31.12.2015)

(Source – Resource Profile of the Galle Four Gravets Divisional Secretariat)

	Buddhist	Hindu	Islam	Christian (RC)	Christian (Other)	Other	Total
Population	715	22	892	21	36	--	1686
Families	141	06	179	04	03	--	333

## Land Use in Galle Fort

Description	Land Area (Acres)	Land Area (%)
Buildings	87.75	91.40 %
Roads	1.125	1.17%
Other	7.127	7.42%





## 5. STAFF OF THE GALLE HERITAGE FOUNDATION – 2015

Serial No.	Name	Position
1.	Mr. RamyaSiriwansa	Chairman
2.	Mr. H.L. Gunawardena	Director
3.	Ms. Seetha P. Liyanage	Administrative Officer
4.	Mr. A.K.P.K. Jayasiri	Accounts Officer
5.	Mr. L.A. TharangaPushpakumara	Project Assistant (Planning) Substantive Post : Development Assistant
6.	Ms. S.P. Lokuliyana	- do -
7.	Ms. P.G.N. Chandimali	- do -
8.	Ms. B.S. Ilayperuma	Management Assistant
9.	Ms. PiyumiRekhani	-do-
10.	Ms. M.H. IshaniPriydarshanie	-do-
11.	Ms. DilaniHarshikaWickremasuriya	-do-
12.	Ms. M.H. FathimaFouzana	-do-
13.	Mr. M.E. NevmaShirantha de Silva	Driver
14.	Mr. M.L.S. Jayasekera	Security Guard
15.	Mr. W.G. NandanaSaman	-do-
16.	Mr. A.G. Saman Kumara	KKS

Serial No.	Post	Salary Code	Approved Cadre	Present Number
1.	Chairman	Allowances paid under Circular No.PD 3/2015	01	01
2.	Director/Chief Executive Officer	MM 1-1	01	01
3.	Administrative Officer	JM 1-1	01	01
4.	Accounts Officer	JM 1-1	01	01
5.	Development Assistant (Project Assistant – Planning)	MN 4	02	01
6.	Development Assistant (Project Assistant – Information Centre)	MN 4	01	01
7.	Development Assistant (Project Assistant – Programme Coordination)	MN 4	02	01
8.	Project Assistant (Accounts)	MA 3	01	--
9.	Management Assistant	MA 1-1	04	04
10.	Driver	PL 3	01	01
11.	KKS	PL 1	01	01
12.	Security Guard	PL 1	04	02

**PERIOD OF SERVICE OF THE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE GALLE HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

Serial No.	Name	Post	Period of Service
01	Mr. RamyaSiriwansa	Chairman	09.02.2015 – 29.02.2016
02	Mr. H.L. Gunawardena	Director	11.04.2007 – to date
03	Ms. Seetha P. Liyanage	Administrative officer	02.01.2006 - to date
04	Mr. A.K.P. Jayasiri	Accounts Officer	04.11.2005 – to date
05	Mr. L.A. TharangaPushpakumara	Project Assistant – Planning (Substantive Post : Development Assistant	01.08.2006 – to date
06	Ms. P.G.N. Chandimali	-do-	01.08.2006 – to date
07	Ms. S.P. Lokuliyana	-do-	28.04.2015 – to date
08	Ms. B.S. Ilayperuma	Management Assistant (Non-technical)	02.11.2015 – to date
09	Ms. PiyumiRekhani	-do-	03.12.2012-15.09.2015
10	Ms. DilaniHarshikaWickremasuriya	-do-	01.09.2015-to date
11	Ms. M.H.M. IshaniPriyadarshanie	-do-	01.09.2015-to date
12	Ms. M.H. FathimaFouzana	-do-	16.09.2015-to date
13	Mr. NevmalShirantha de Silva	Driver	03.12.2012-to date
14	Mr. A.G. Saman Kumara	KKS	03.12.2012-to date
15	Mr. M.L.S. Jayasekera	Security Guard	03.12.2012-to date
16	Mr. W.G. NandanaSaman	-do-	03.12.2012-tp date

## STAFF CHANGES IN 2015

- ❖ Ms. S.P. Lokuliyana, who holds the substantive post of Development Assistant of the State Ministry of Cultural Affairs, assumed duties as Project Assistant (Planning) with effect from 28.04.2015.
- ❖ The following three Management Assistants (Non-technical) were recruited to the Galle Heritage Foundation, following the interview held on 24.08.2015 :-

<u>Name</u>		<u>Date of Appointment</u>
Ms. Dilani Harshika Wickremasuriya	-	01.09.2015
Ms. M.H.M. Ishani Priyadarshanie	-	01.09.2015
Ms. M.H. Fathima Fouzana	-	16.09.2015

- ❖ Ms. Piyumi Rekhani, who served as Management Assistant (Non-technical) from 03.12.2012, left the service of the Galle Heritage Foundation on 15.09.2015, to take up a post in the Government Service.

**DETAILS OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN THE GALLE HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

**CHAIRMEN**

<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Year of Appointment</b>	<b>Year of Termination</b>
01	Mr. Rupa Karunatileka, Hon. Minister of Plantation Industries	1989	1994
02	Mr. Neville Kanakaratne, Hon. Governor of the Southern Province	1994	2000
03	Dr. Richard Pathirana, Hon. Minister of Public Administration	2000	2002
04	Mr. Rienzie Wijetilleka, Chairman of the Hattan National Bank	2002	2003
05	Mr. Wajira Abeywardena, Hon. Minister of Public Administration	2003	2004
06	Mr. G.H. Ajith Kumara, Hon. Member of Parliament of the Galle District	2004	2007
07	Mr. Parakrama Dahanayake, Member of the Galle Municipal Council	2007	2015
08	Mr. Ramya Siriwanasa, Retired District Secretary	19.02.2015	29.02.2015

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Appointment</b>	<b>Date of Termination</b>
01	Mr. P. Hewawasam, Former GA, Galle	15.12.2001	01.04.2004
02	Mr. P. Wijeratna, Former Addl. GA, Galle	28.06.2004	31.12.2005
03	Mr. N.W.N. de Silva, Former Regional Manager, Bank of Ceylon	12.01.2006	28.02.2007
04	Mr. H.L. Gunawardena, Former Divisional Secretary, Galle Four Gravets	11.04.2007	To date

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Appointment</b>	<b>Date of Termination</b>
01	Mr. Hemanath Gunawardena	01.03.2001	31.10.2003
02	Mr. P.A. Karunasena	25.03.2004	31.12.2005
03	Ms. Seetha P. Liyanage	02.01.2006	To date

## 6. ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE GALLE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

In terms of Clause 5 of the Act of the Galle Heritage Foundation, the Board of Management has been entrusted with the administration and management of the Foundation.

In 2015 the Board of Management comprised the following :-

### Ex-Officio Members

Serial Number	Post	Address
01	District Secretary, Galle (Vice Chairman)	District Secretary's Office, Galle
02	Director General of Archaeology	Dept. of Archaeology, Sir Marcus Fernando Mawatha, Colombo 7
03	Chairman, Urban Development Authority	Urban Development Authority, No. 07, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla
04	Chairman, Sri Lanka Ports Authority	Sri Lanka Ports Authority, No. 19, Cheitya Road, Colombo 1
05	Director General, Central Cultural Fund	Central Cultural Fund, No. 212/1 BaudhalokaMawatha, Colombo 7
06	Director, Coast Conservation Department	Coast Conservation Department, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, New Secretariat, Maligawatta, Colombo 10
07	Divisional Secretary, Galle Four Gravets	Divisional Secretariat, Galle Four Gravets, Galle
08	His Worship the Mayor of Galle	Municipal Council, Galle
09	Director, Post Graduate Institute of Archaeology	Post Graduate Institute of Archaeology, 407, BaudhalokaMawatha, Colombo 7
10	Chairman, National Aquatic Resources Agency(NARA)	National Aquatic Resources Agency (NARA), Crow Island, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15
11	Director, Institute for Conservation of Monuments and Sites	Department of Architectural Studies, University of Moratuwa, Moratuwa
12	Hon. Minister of Cultural Affairs of the Southern Province	DakshinaPaya, Labuduwa, Galle
13	Director, Department of National Museums	Dept. of National Museums, Sir Marcus Fernando Mawatha, Colombo 7
14	President, Netherlands Alumni Association of Lanka (NAAL)	Netherlands Alumni Association of Lanka (NAAL), 95, Prince Street, Colombo 11

## Members elected by the Ex-Officio Members

Serial Number	Name	Post	Address	Date of assumption of office
15	Mr N.A.N. Sarathsena	Naval Commander, Southern Area	Dakshina Navy Camp, Magalle, Galle	21.05.2015
16	Mr H.W. Wijeratna	Chairman, Southern Province Public Service Commission	6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, District Secretariat, Galle	21.06.2015
17	Mr Lal Samarasekera	Secretary to the Governor, Southern Province	Governor's Office, Lower Dickson Road, Galle	17.07.2015
18	Mr Ashley de Vos	Architect/Consultant	131, W.A.D. Ramanayake Mawatha, Colombo 02	21.05.2015
19	Mr P. Saliya de Silva	Senior Superintendent of Polica	SSP's Office, Galle	21.06.2015
20	Col. Dias	Army Commander, Southern Area (Brigade 581)	Southern Area Army Headquarters, Boossa	21.06.2015

## Members appointed by the Hon. Minister

Serial No.	Name	Post	Address	Date of Appointment
21	Mr Ramya Siriwanasa	Chairman	737/1 Pannipitiya Rd., Battaramulla	19.02.2015
22	Mr Sisira Amarasingha	Appointed Member	Thotamuna Rd., Matara	19.02.2015
23	Mr L.K. Ariyaratna	Appointed Member	10/2, Deepani, Sri Wijayarama Rd., Kaluwadumulla, Ambalangoda	19.02.2015
24	Mr P.H. Wimalarathna, Attorney at Law	Appointed Member	113, Sunnyside Estate, Uluwitike, Galle	19.02.2015
25	Mr Chandra Nanayakkara	Appointed Member	09, Devata Rd., Nupe, Matara	19.02.2015
26	Ms K.E. Jayasinghe	Appointed Member	184/2 Edirisinghe Rd., Kitulampitiya, Uluwitike, Galle	19.02.2015

## 7. PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY THE GALLE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

### CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

#### Celebrating the New Year – 01.01.2015

The New Year was ushered in with the chanting of *Seth Pirith* and serving of traditional food. All the members of the staff of the GHF and guests from other related institutions participated. This is a cultural event held every year. The expenditure is borne by the staff members personally.



#### Thaipongal Celebrations – 15.01.2015

A special ceremony to mark the Hindu Thaipongal Day was held at the KadiravelayudaSwamyKovil, in Galle, under the patronage of the Galle Heritage Foundation. Over 100 persons, including Government officers and devotees belonging to all four religions participated. After the religious observations, all participants were served with traditional Tamil food.



This programme is held annually with the objective of promoting peace and harmony among the different religious and ethnic communities, in keeping with the Government's policy of re-conciliation. The GHF spent a sum of Rs.10,000/- for this ceremony.



### **Anointing Ceremony for the Sinhala and Hindu New Year – 15.04.2015**

The traditional anointing ceremony for the Sinhala and Hindu New Year is held annually by the Galle Heritage Foundation. A colourful ceremony was held this year at the Law Court Square, where over 250 guests were anointed and blessed according to ancient customs by three Ayurvedic Physicians. A special feature of the ceremony was the participation of a large number of foreign guests. After anointing, the guests were treated to a drink of herbal tea and a traditional low-country dancing performance.

The sum spent on this ceremony was Rs. 40,865.00.





## **Buddhist Sermon – 12.05.2015**

A Buddhist Sermon was conducted by Ven. UdudumbaraKashyapaThera, Chief High Priest of the MahawaGallewaAranyaSenasana and MawthagamaDodantalawaAranyaSenasana, on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Hall d’Galle, with the participation of a large number of devotees. The sum spent on this event was Rs. 33, 921/-, out of which Rs.30,000/- was contributed by a sponsor. The sum spent by the GHF was Rs.3,921/-.



## **Exposition of the Sacred Relics of the Buddha – 04<sup>th</sup>, 05<sup>th</sup>, and 06<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

An exposition of the Sacred Relics of the Buddha, recovered in excavations done at Neelagiri Seya in Ampare, was held at the Sri SudharmalayaVihara, in Fort, on 04<sup>th</sup>, 05<sup>th</sup> and 06<sup>th</sup> of September 2015. A large number of devotees from Galle and around Galle paid their homage to the Sacred Relics on the three days they were displayed. Among the institutions which supported the GHF in organizing this event were the tri-forces, the Galle Four Gravets Divisional Secretariat, the District Secretariat of Galle and the Ministry of Cultural Affairs of the Southern Province.

The sum spent on this event was Rs. 83,390.00.



## DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

### Re-construction of the Drain opposite the Signara Building

A part of the Signara Building on BaladakshaMawatha has been rented out by the GHF for a restaurant. The drain opposite this building was re-constructed this year at a cost of Rs.251,417.00.



*Before conservation*



*After Conservation*

### Conservation of the Galle Heritage Centre Building

In 2014 the old coal shed building on BaladakshaMawatha, which was in a dilapidated condition, was acquired by the GHF from the Divisional Secretary, and fully conserved, maintaining its old architectural features. This building presently houses the *Galle Heritage Centre*, including the Library of the GHF, and the *Indian Cultural Gallery*, which was established with the support of the Indian High Commission. A large number of visitors call at this Centre daily to obtain information on the Heritage Site of Galle Fort.



Some remaining conservation work on the building was completed this year at a cost of Rs. 198,262.00.

## **Conservation of the Bell Tower**

The bell tower, opposite the old Dutch warehouse building in Galle Fort, is believed to have been erected by the Dutch in the early part of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It was in a dilapidated state during the last few years.

It was fully conserved by the Galle Heritage Foundation at a cost of Rs.807,275.00.



*Before conservation*



*After Conservation*

## **Conservation of the Clock Tower**

The iconic clock tower on Galle Fort was erected by the British in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The top portion of the clock tower was badly damaged by a lightning strike. The Galle Heritage Foundation began conservation work on the clock tower on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015. The contract for this work was awarded to the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau. The sum spent on this work during this year was Rs.4,892,148.00.



*First stage of Conservation*



*After Conservation*

## **Air-conditioning and lighting of the Dungeon on the Moon Bastion**

The dungeon on the Moon Bastion of the Galle Fort was conserved by the Galle Heritage Foundation, and during the last two years it proceeded with the second part of the project of establishing a historical gallery on this dungeon, depicting the history of Galle. Accordingly, 16 paintings and 12 statues, depicting the various stages of the history of Galle, have been installed in this gallery. Air-conditioning and lighting of the gallery was done this year at a cost of Rs. 1,436,586.00.



## **OTHER PROGRAMMES**

### **Preparation of a Management Plan**

The preparation of a Management Plan, in keeping with UNESCO guidelines, was a long-prevailing need of the World Heritage Site of Galle Fort. The responsibility of preparing a suitable Management Plan was entrusted to the GHF by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs. Accordingly, this project which began in 2014 was completed this year. The GHF obtained the services of Prof. B. Mandawala of the Department of Archaeology of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, for this purpose. The Management Plan, prepared by him, was accepted by UNESCO.

A special feature of the preparation of this MP was that it was carried out in consultative and participatory method. During its preparation, several workshops were held at which views and ideas of all stake-holders, including the local and foreign residents of Galle Fort, were obtained.

The preparation of this Management Plan has fulfilled a long-standing need.

## **7.1 AMENDING THE GALLE HERITAGE FOUNDATION ACT**

According to the Act of the Galle Heritage Foundation, the Minister has the power to formulate regulations in regard to certain matters. However, the Attorney-General's Department and the Legal Draftsman's Department had expressed the opinion that prior to the formulation of some of the required regulations, it was necessary to amend the Galle Heritage Foundation Act.

Accordingly, action was initiated to amend the Act. The Cabinet Paper containing the proposal for the amendments bearing No. CA/08/2015 was approved by the Cabinet and submitted to Parliament in May 2015. The Ministry of Law and Order and Southern Development is in the process of taking the necessary follow-up action in this regard.

## **MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD IN 2015**

Ten meetings of the Board of Management were held in 2015. Important decisions in regard to matters under the purview of the Foundation were taken at these meetings.

## 7.2 AWARENESS RAISING AND SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMMES

### **03.01.2015 – Training Programme**

A training programme for students on the Hindi Language and Bharat Music was inaugurated at the Galle Heritage Centre.

### **26.01.2015 – Awareness Raising Programme**

With the support of the Southern Province Ministry of Education, the Galle Heritage Foundation conducted an Awareness Programme on *National Heritages and World Heritages of Sri Lanka*, at the President's College, Matara. About 350 students and 15 teachers participated.

### **20-22 March 2015 –Programme of Exchange of Knowledge among School Children of Fort Cities (Batticaloa and Galle)**

A programme for the Exchange of Knowledge among school children of Fort Cities was held at the Management Training Centre, Wackwella.

A group of twenty five school children from Batticaloa, accompanied by five teachers and an officer of the Zonal Education officer, Batticaloa, arrived at the Galle Railway Station on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015 to participate in this programme. They were welcomed at the Railway Station by 25 students belonging to five schools in Galle, 5 teachers and officials of the Southern Provincial Education Ministry. During this three-day residential programme, the children from the two Fort Cities participated together in various activities. Educational tours were conducted to view places of educational interest such as the Galle and Matara Forts. Contests were held and prizes awarded to winners. The children also performed cultural programmes, depicting the cultures inherent to the two cities.



The Fort Cities Programme is conducted by the GHF in support of the Government's policy of Reconciliation, promoting friendship, goodwill and harmony among the different ethnic communities of Sri Lanka.



A sum of Rs.363,525.00 was spent on this programme.

### **29.03.2015 – Competition among Dhamma School Children under the Ministry Programme Heritage of the Nation is for Children**

A competition among children belonging of Buddhist Dhamma Schools in the Galle Four Gravets Division was conducted on 29.03.2015 at the International Buddhist Centre, Kaluwella, Galle. This programme is conducted annually by the GHF under the guidance and supervision of Ven. Kanumuldeniye Chandawimala Nayaka Thero. About 80 children participated in this year's competition. The presentation of prizes and certificates to the winners was held on 24.05.2015 at the same venue.

The sum spent on this programme was Rs.35,412.00.

### **29.09.2015 – Awareness Raising Programme**

A presentation by Prof. K.D. Paranavithana was held on 20.05.2015 at Hall d'Galle, under the Awareness Raising Programme Fort on Galle conducted by the Galle Heritage Foundation. The audience comprised students from the Galle District studying History and other related subjects.





This event was held with the support and collaboration of the Southern Province Department of Education.

The cost incurred on this event was Rs. 112,544.00



**Series of Presentations conducted by MrTharangaLiyanarachchi, Development Assistant (Planning) of the Galle Heritage Foundation on the theme *Galle Fort and Heritage Management***

- 27.01.2015 – Presentation made to a group of tourists visiting Galle Fort, organized by In Style Travel Agency.
- 08.07.2015 – Presentation made to the officers of the Galle Fort Army Camp.
- 15.07.2015 – Presentation made to the officers of the Boossa Army Camp.
- 18.10.2015 - Presentation made to the members of the Lions Club of Galle.
- Presentations were made to the officers of the Elpitiya Police Training Institute on several occasions this year.

### **7.3 OTHER AWARENESS RAISING ACTIVITIES**

Mr Shiranga Jayasekera, Mobile Security Guard of the GHF, has conducted 25 field tours in Galle Fort this year. Schools, Voluntary Organizations, Foreign Groups, Groups from Universities and various other institutions have participated in these tours.

#### Services provided by the Galle Heritage Centre (Information Centre)

The Galle Heritage Centre, located at BaladakshaMawatha, provides the following services to domestic and foreign tourists :-

- Providing Information
- Organizing field tours of Galle Fort
- Providing Guiding services

Tourists from Japan, Indonesia, Australia, United States of America, the Netherlands, China, Denmark, New Zealand and India were among those who obtained such services this year.

School children, University students and numerous others used the Reference Library of the GHF this year. This is a service provided free of charge.

## FINANCIAL PROGRESS

Description	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Ministry funds for recurrent expenditure (Rs. Million)	4.0	5.3	5.4	8.0	9.0
Ministry funds for capital expenditure (Rs. Million)	4.5	2.5	7.5	7.0	9.0
Operational Income	1.422	1.749	2.440	3.991	4.1478

