

Profile of Mayooran Somanathan

Dear my fellow Jaffna Hindu College friends,

My name is Mayooran Somanathan. Many of my friends call me Mayooran or Mayoora. My motivation to run for the Vice President position of the Jaffna Hindu College Association of Canada (JHCA Canada) is driven by my aspiration to work unitedly together with other members and take the JHCA Canada to the next level in focus, vision and community service.

I am a Senior Chemical Engineer by profession and a licensed Professional Engineer in Ontario. I have been working in the Mining and Metals Industry in various capacities of Engineering and in senior leadership roles for the last 16 years. I currently work as a Mineral Processing Manager for Sacre-Davey Engineering, leading a group of process engineers on various mining projects throughout the world.

I am no stranger to the Jaffna Hindu College Association (JHCA) Canada. I first joined JHCA Canada in 2003 when I was a university student and held the portfolios of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer in the executive committee during the period of 2003 to 2005. From 2006 to 2012, I served as the Webmaster of the JHCA Canada in its early years of web presence. Later, from 2017 to 2018, I served as executive committee member of the association as well. During my tenures in the executive committee and during the times I was out of it, I enjoyed providing my time and contribution towards the fund raising, key constitutional changes in 2005, events coordination, ticket sales and adding new members to the association. I consider the efforts I put in as part of the constitutional amendment group during the year 2005 as one of my crucial contributions to the future of the association. This effort paved the way for wider sections of our general membership to start becoming executive committee members, releasing the association from the clutches of some negative forces. This constitutional amendment brought in the 3-term maximum limit for an office bearer to stay at the position of president, bringing an end to unlimited occupation of the higher position and abuse of power.

Our association is currently at the crossroads, having to reinvent itself according to the demands and needs of the times we live in. While we need to reaffirm our utmost commitment to the needs of our alma mater (Jaffna Hindu College), we also need to envision programs towards growing the leadership, teamwork, educational and career driven focus at the school and homeland.

I strongly believe that through my understanding, experience and familiarity with the evolution of the JHCA Canada over the last two decades, and my professional and volunteer experience in wider community (through Association of Sri Lankan Graduates of Canada, Our Society and other organizations), I bring a good mixture of administrative, leadership and teamwork skills that will be of good value to the next executive committee of the JHCA Canada.

My humble request goes out to you for making the right choice for Vice President on December 9th, 2023.

“United we stand; Let’s unite and move forward with positive energy”.

Yours Sincerely,

Mayooran Somanathan, P.Eng

Vice President Candidate