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'Drone captures of the new Classroom Block'

The members of the 'Trinity150' Advisory and Oversight Committee warmly welcome the new Principal Rev. Fr. Araliya Jayasundara OSB, due to assume duties on 1st October 2020. A Trinitian through and through, and we could do no better than to present a message from him to the Trinity Family.

"My Dear & Distinguished Alumni of Trinity College. I am Fr. Araliya - the new custodian of our hallowed and beloved alma mater. I deem it a singular honour bestowed upon me by the Almighty to steer the destinies of Trinity, especially as we are at the threshold of the Sesquicentennial Jubilee of the founding of this seat of excellence. Many timely projects have been initiated under the grandiose T150 Initiative. I am ever grateful to the visionary thinking of my predecessor Mr. Andrew Fowler-Watt and the team that formulated this venture. The passion and the efficiency of the current T150 committee is exemplary.

"The Trinity Story 1872-2022" - Trinity History Project is another that will be initiated soon. All these initiatives have one common goal, i.e. to reignite and inspire the passion for College that will transform her as the "best school of all". Whilst thanking individuals, groups and batches for your contributions and expertise, we invite you to join us in this journey of transformation."
Respice Finem

Fr. Araliya Jayasundara OSB
Principal - October 2020

We offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to Dr. Nalin Wikramanayake Phd, Acting Principal, who very graciously stepped in to take the school through challenging and troubled times. His professional advice and guidance on aspects of the T150 Project was of immense help. We wish him well!

'Alison House seen through the partially installed windows at the new Classroom Block'

ENGINEER TO THE PROJECT – MR VASANTHA RATNAYAKE

Mr Vasantha Ratnayake, is a Civil & Structural Engineering Consultant with a MSc on structural engineering from the University of Surrey, with over 40 years experience in this field including Project Management, and has been the Engineer to the Trinity 150 Project from inception. He has been directly associated not only with engineering activities but also, all project and technical matters and been a tower of strength to the Advisory & Oversight Committee. What is most admirable is that his services are voluntary - FOC! An unassuming, genial and yet a highly focused person.

Although not a Trinitian himself, Mr Ratnayake has always had close connections with Trinity as four of his siblings and three nephews schooled at Trinity. In a statement, Mr Ratnayake commented that all Trinity 150 projects are happening at a good and, progressive pace despite numerous work disruptions due to Bomb blasts, COVID-19 and elections in 2019 and '20, and that he would love to see the successful completion of all the T150 projects as Trinity College is an exceptional educational institute with a great history, a bright future, and that his involvement in the Project gives him deep self-satisfaction.

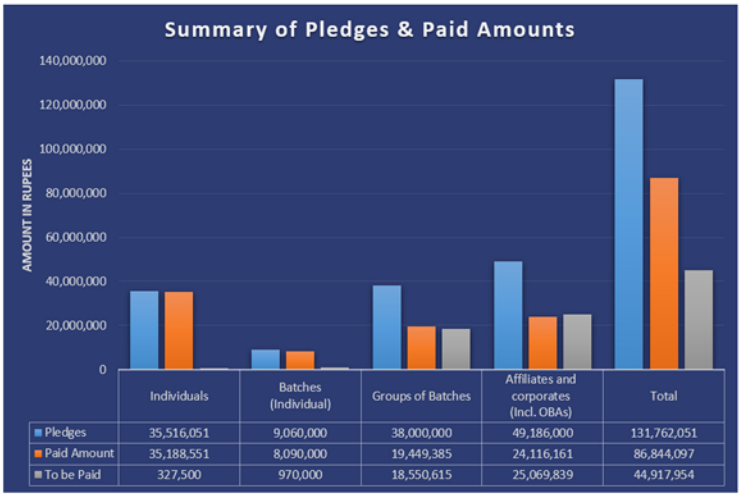
Our grateful thanks to Mr. Ratnayake for his selfless and untiring efforts.

Fundraising

Total pledges (including paid-up) as of 18th September 2020, Rs.131,762,051

Pledges from OBA's & Batches

British Columbia OBA: CAD 10,000 (Rs. 676,860 PAID)
California Trinity Alumni: US$ 10,000 (Rs. 1,741,000 PAID)
Colombo OBA: Rs. 15mn (Rs.9.5mn PAID)
TCK OBA of Sydney AUS $ 20,000 (Rs. 677,627 PAID)
Melbourne OBA: AUD 50,000 (Rs. 4,997,500 PAID)
Toronto OBA : CAD 60,000 (Rs. 3,346,290 PAID)
TCK OBA AKL NZ: NZ$ 12,000 (Rs. 441,884 PAID)
TCK OBA - UK £ 15,000 (Rs. 2,310,000 PAID)
TCK OBA Brisbane: AUS $ 3,400 - (Rs. 425,000 PAID)
T150 USA Campaign $50,000/- ($ 20,000/- From Washington)
Batches of '76 through to '81: Rs. 30mn (Rs. 12,000,000 PAID)
Batches of '65 through to 68': Rs 2mn (Rs. 1,449,385 PAID)
TCK Centenary Group - 1972: Rs 6mn (PAID)
TCK Batch 82: Rs. 2,15mn (PAID)
TCK Batch 83: Rs. 2mn (Rs. 1,530,000 PAID)
TCK Batch 87: Rs. 100,000 (PAID)
TCK Batch 88: Rs. 2.11mn (PAID)
TCK Batch 89: Rs. 700,000 (Rs. 200,000 PAID)
TCK Batch 96: Rs. 2mn (PAID)



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Progress as of 11th September 2020

Alison House

- Process of Handing over of First and Second Floors of Alison House being finalised by Project Management Group presently.
- Central Ventilation System installation delayed due to a few technical issues.

New Classroom Block

- Structural work including roof covering completed.
- Ground and First Floor wall and soffit plastering done, including first coat of paint.
- Electrical wiring on Ground and First Floors completed.
- Water supply and drainage lines completed, with tiling work in progress
- Proposed changes to the Top Floor layout by College Administration & A&OC being assessed by Consultants at present.
- Completion due in December '20/Jan '21.

Next Project: Science Lab / Classroom Block layout / design has been signed off by the Actg, Principal and preliminary work such as seeking local authority approval is in hand. Commencement of construction work has been planned for early January '21.

Project Progress Photographs

New Classroom Block

Top level of new Classroom Block

Internal view of Top Level

Internal view - Ground Floor

Internal view - First Floor

Terrace view - Top Level

Alison House

Ground Floor Student toilets - Progress

Student toilets - First Floor

Internal view - Second Floor

Internal view - First Floor

Site Visits

The Trinity150 Advisory and Oversight Committee visited College on 22nd August 2020 for a site inspection which was followed by a meeting

The Trinity150 Advisory & Oversight Committee (A&OC) is grateful to the batches of 1983 and 1988 for providing funds to the T150 projects.

The Advisory & Oversight Committee together with the Principal, wish to convey their gratitude and appreciation to the old boy fraternity worldwide for their overwhelming support of Trinity150 and devotion towards their Alma Mater.

Advisory & Oversight Committee

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