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HEAD OF SCHOOL

Chartered Architect / Urban Designer
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QUALIFICATIONS: ACADEMIC/ PROFESSIONAL

Part I Examination of the RIBA. Dept. of Architecture, University of Ceylon, Colombo.		1969
Bachelor of Architecture Part II Examination of the RIBA. University of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.	B.Arch.(Hons.)	1973
Professional Practice Examination Part III Examination of the RIBA. University of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.		1975
Fmr. Member, Royal Institute of British Architects.	RIBA.	1975
Member, Sri Lanka Institute of Architects. AIA.(Sri Lanka)		1975
Diploma in Urban Design College of Art, Heriot-Watt University, Edin., UK.		1982
RIBA. Diploma in Urban Design	Dip.UD.(RIBA.)	1983
Fellow, Sri Lanka Institute of Architects.	FIA.(Sri Lanka)	1986
Master of Science, Urban Design College of Art, Heriot-Watt University, Edin. UK.	M.Sc.(Urban Design)	1987

Personal Distinctions

35 Years of academic experience at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, of which 4 years was as Head, Department of Architecture and 6 years as Dean, Faculty of Architecture, both administrative posts. Ex officio Member of the University Senate and Council. Chairman, Faculty Board. Appointed Acting Vice Chancellor on three occasions. Served 20 years as a Council Member of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA). A Past President of the SLIA. 10 years as a Vice President of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA). Chairman, Career Guidance and Skills Development Committee OPA.

17 Research Publications. Attended 15 International conferences.

Served 2 years as the Honorary Secretary, of the Architects Regional Council of Asia (ARCASIA). Former, Chairman of the Architects' Registration Board, (SLIA).

Professional Practice: Consultant Architect and Urban Designer.

Peer reviewer for IRQUE project.(Improving Relevance and Quality in University Education)

Facilities Development Consultant to TEDP, Ministry of Vocational & Technical Training.

Head of School, City School of Architecture, CSA.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Hon. Fellow Member – SLIA
Sri Lanka Institute of Architects AIA (SL), Membership No F0037
- Chartered Architect
Architects Registration Board of Sri Lanka
Registration No – CA 98280
- Fmr. Member- Royal Institute of British Architects and ARCUK.

AWARDS & PUBLICATIONS

- "Aided Self-help Housing", Building Research Institute, State Engineering Corporation, Sri Lanka. July, 1979
- "A Corporate Plan for Low Income Group Housing" Architectural Research Unit Papers, University of Moratuwa, Issue No. 2, Nov 1987.
- "Computer Aided Design for Architecture", The Computer Society, Sri Lanka INC Jan.1988
- "Architecture as a Career", Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (Pub: Career Guidance Service), Jan. 1991.also Ceylon Daily News Supplement, 15th Feb. 1991.
- "The Changing Scenario in Office Design", Ceylon Daily News Supplement, 14th March 1991.
- "B. Sc. (BE) Design Philosophy, Year Three, 1978-1985. A Case Study"
Architectural Research Unit, University of Moratuwa, July 1991.
- "Architectural Education at Moratuwa", Ceylon Daily News, 'SLIA Annual Sessions '94' Supplement, 17th Feb. 1994.
- "Quality of Life in Housing in an Urban Context", Education of a Design Professional, Synthesis of Tradition & Modernity for a Sustainable Society', ed..Meera Deobhakta, EDP'95, CAA/WSE Conference document, Rudra Sansthapan Publication, Dec '95.
- "A Professional's Responsibility Towards the Environment", Country Paper Presented at the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation of Architects, Conference April 1996, New Delhi, India. The Sri Lanka Architect, SLIA Journal, March-May1996, Vol. 101 No.16.
- "Who is an Architect, and what can he do for you and the society?" Ceylon Daily News, 'SLIA Annual Sessions '97', Supplement, 06th Feb. 1997.
- "Technological Advancement and its Impact on the Built Environment." (An Overview), Archi-texts, Department of Architecture, Uni. Moratuwa,1999.
- "Fifty years of Architectural Education", University Education since Independence, Ed. S Tilakaratne, H P M Gunasena, University Grants Commission, Colombo. 2000.
- "Contextual Architectural Design"- a teaching philosophy (Abstract published), Educational Innovation Across Disciplines, 2nd Asia-Pacific Conference on Problem Based Learning, Tamasek Polytecnic, Singapore. 2000. Full text: www.tp.edu.sg/pblconference/Paper.htm
- "Green Games" – (an appreciation of environmental planning at the Sydney Olympic Village) The Sri Lanka Architect, SLIA Journal, Dec-Feb 2001, Vol. 102 No.04.
- "Patrick Geddes in Colombo", The Sri Lanka Architect, SLIA Journal, March-May 2001, Vol.103 No 01.
- "Architecture of Sri Lanka" (a photo-montage from vernacular to contemporary)- Archikonst, Philippine Architecture, Construction and Real Estate. Vol 5 No.1 Issue 15. 2002.
- "The Impact of Governance Related to Training of Youth as a Resource Base for National Productivity", Economic Review, A Peoples Bank Publication, Vol 29 No. 01/03, April/June 2003.
- "Education and Employment in Sri Lanka: a look to the future", Joint Paper Lal Balasuriya and Rees Hughes, (abstract) 9th International Conference on Sri Lankan Studies. Nov 2003, Uni. Ruhuna, SL.

- "The Impact of Corporate Governance on Productivity," Sri Lanka Contributor to, Basic Research on Impact of Corporate Governance on Productivity, Asian Experience, ed. Dr Eduardo T Gonzales. Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Tokyo, 2004.
- "Relevance and Importance of Local Natural Resources for a Sustainable National Economy and Social Development," OPA Journal, The official Publication of the Organisation of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka, Vol 23, May 2008.

Participation in Professional Bodies and Associations

Council Member of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA)	1981 to '88
Secretary, Board of Architectural Education, SLIA.	1981
Chairman Public Lectures Committee and Asst. Treasurer, SLIA.	1984
Chairman, Board of Architectural Education, SLIA.	1987/88
Member of Senate, University of Moratuwa	1985-87, 1993-to 2002
Vice President, SLIA.	1991/92
Senior Vice President, SLIA.	1993/94
Member, Executive Council of the Organization of Professional Association.	1994 to date
Member, Steering Committee on Physical, Engineering, Mathematical Sciences, and Build Environment. Natural Resources, Energy and Science Authority of Sri Lanka (NARESA). (Reconstituted) National Science Foundation (NSF)	1994 to date
President, SLIA.	1995 to 1997
Member, Board of Directors, Institute of Construction Training and Development (ICTAD)	1995 to 1998
Member, Board of Directors, Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau. (CECB)	1997 to 1998
Member Planning Committee, Urban Development Authority. (UDA)	1995 to 1997
Member of University Council	April 1997 to 2002
Member, Steering Committee for the Energy Efficient Code for Sri Lanka.	1996 to 1997
Hony. Secretary, Architects' Regional Council of Asia (ARCASIA)	1996/98
Vice President, Organization of Professional Associations. (OPA)	1997 to date
Member, College of Past Presidents (SLIA)	1997 to date
Member Steering Committee on Master Plan Study for Industrialization and Investment Promotion in Sri Lanka, JAICA. Project for Ministry of Industrial Development. Member of Team Formulating a 'National Policy for Space Science Application in Sri Lanka'.	1999
Member, Board of Management, Institute of Technology, Uni, Moratuwa.	2001 to 2002
Chairman, Career Guidance and Skills Development Committee, OPA.	1999 to 2007
Chairman, Architects' Registration Board.	2003 to 2005
Organized OPA / DTET joint skills training programme for Tsunami areas	2005
Member, Board of Studies, City School of Architecture	2008
Chairman, Education Standards Committee, SLIA/BAE	2008 to Date
Member Board of Directors, Urban Development Authority	2013/2014

Participation at International Seminars and Conferences

Official delegate of the SLIA to the 3rd Asian Congress of Architects, Seoul. Theme - The Asian Spirit: Architecture for the community.	Nov 1988
Official delegate of the SLIA to the 8th ARCASIA Forum, Singapore. Theme - Asian Cities in Asia's Century.	Nov 1995
Commonwealth Association of Architects, CAA/WSE Conference, (EDP'95), Theme - Education of a Design Professional Synthesis of Tradition & Modernity for a Sustainable Society', Trivendram, India.	Dec 1995
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation of Architects' Conference. SAARCH. (Official delegate of the SLIA)	April 1996 New Delhi, India.

Official delegate of the SLIA to the 7th Asian Congress of Architects, Jakarta. Sept 1996
Theme - City with a Soul: The Role of the Architect in a Changing World.

Official delegate of the SLIA to the 9th ARCASIA Forum, Tokyo. Sept 1997
Theme - Architecture of the Future in Asia.

Official delegate of the SLIA to the 8th Asian Congress of Architects, Colombo. Nov 1998
Theme - Re-defining the role of the Architect to face Challenges of the 21st Cent.

Association of Commonwealth Universities Conference, Glasgow, UK Feb 2000
Theme- Converting Linkages to Partnerships.

The Millennium Conference, Sri Lanka 2000, Kandalama. Sri Lanka. Feb 2000

Joint Organisers -Universities of Salford, Moratuwa, Turin & Venice.
Theme- Cities and Sustainability, Sustaining our Cultural Heritage.

SLIA nominee to visit Sydney Olympic Games and BHP Olympic facilities- Sept 2000

2nd Asia Pacific Conference on Problem Based Learning, Singapore, Dec 2000
Theme- Educational Innovation Across Disciplines. (Paper presented)

1st APO Research Coordinating Meeting. Cebu Philippines. Nov 2001

2nd APO Research Coordinating Meeting, Hanoi, Vietnam. Sept 2002

Regional Workshop on Best Practices in Disaster Mitigation. (Lessons Learnt
from the Asian Urban Disaster Mitigation Prog. and other initiatives). Bali.
24-26th Sept 2002

Innovation & Internationalization in the Qualification of Technical & Vocational
Education & Training TVET (Experts),

Workshop for Asia & South Asia, Colombo, Sri Lanka, Nov 22-25, 2006

Invited by the Vice Chancellor and the University Council to deliver the
Convocation address at the University of Moratuwa Convocation-2010.(22nd June 2010)
Topic - Local Natural Resources for a Sustainable National Economy and Social
Development.

National Architectural Students Association (NASA) Congress, Chennai India. 2015

OTHER INTERESTS

▣ Participation in Clubs and Societies

Life Member, Old Boys Association, S Thomas' College, Mt Lavinia.
Life Member, Sri Lanka Wild Life and Nature Protection Society.
Life Member / Council Member, Sri Lanka Natural History Society. 1979-81/90-95
President, Sri Lanka Natural History Society 1992
Hobbies- Wild Life Photography, Travel (cultural, architectural, environment and
ecosystems)

TEACHING & TRAINING EXPERIENCE

▣ Present Employment

Head of School, City School of Architecture Sept 2011 to date
(Accredited by the Royal Institute of British Architects. RIBA).
In Partnership with the University of The West of England, Bristol, UK.

▣ Employment at University of Moratuwa.

35 Years of Academic Experience

University of Moratuwa, Department of Architecture	1978 to Sept 2008
Appointed Associate Professor, Department of Architecture	1991
Appointed Professor, Department of Architecture	June 2001
Head, Department of Architecture (Administrative Post)	1993 to 1997
Dean, Faculty of Architecture (Administrative Post)	April 1997 to 2002
Act. Vice Chancellor (Administrative Post) [1 Month]	March/April 1999
Act. Vice Chancellor (Administrative Post) [2½ Months]	July/Sept 1999
Act. Vice Chancellor (Administrative Post) [1 Month]	March/April 2001
Retired from University service- Snr. Professor and Director Postgraduate Studies	Sept 2008
Emeritus Professor, University of Moratuwa	2008

SUMMARY

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