

## Milestones January to August, 2023

**Consular**  
We have made regular engagements with the dept of Immigration & Immigration to address over **4335** cases of consular issues related to issuance of passports, dual citizenship and information requests



### Trade & Investment

OOSLA coordinates with Sri Lanka missions/posts abroad, OSLs and government stakeholders and agencies to identify potential investment opportunities in Sri Lanka, particularly small - Medium investments from OSLs. We have facilitated several OSLs entrepreneurs to get required support from our stakeholder agencies.



### EDUCATION & KNOWLEDGE SHARING INITIATIVES

WE thank the resource persons from our OSL communities around the world for their contribution on English language teaching cyber security, gastronomy & culinary art, Leadership etc, that benefited several hundreds of Sri Lankan students and instructors

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### Philanthropy & Reconciliation

Five philanthropic projects were identified with the collaboration of the Ministry of Home Affairs, District Secretariats. OSLs interested are invited to contact OOSLA for full details of these pilot projects and the modality of implementation.

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# OFFICE FOR OVERSEAS SRI LANKAN AFFAIRS



## About Us

OOSLA is a new institution established in January, 2023 to be the central point for coordinating engagement with the overseas Sri Lankan population spread across the world.

OOSLA facilitates a two-way, multi-faceted interaction - It coordinates access to essential services provided by over 23 Stakeholder institutions of the Government of Sri Lanka to the Overseas Sri Lankans. In the spirit of partnership, OOSLA embraces all OSLs and facilitates seamless engagement with Sri Lanka for them as investors, traders, tourists, philanthropists, resource persons or knowledge remitters, volunteers or as students interested to study in Sri Lanka

OOSLA serves as your "one stop shop" for a mutually beneficial engagement with Sri Lanka.

### The Overseas Sri Lankans :

1. Non-Resident Sri Lankans (Sri Lankan citizens residing overseas)
2. Persons of Sri Lankan origin
  - Persons, who were Sri Lankan by birth or by registration and have subsequently obtained citizenship of another country (naturalised)
  - Persons, whose either of their parents / grandparents (maternal / paternal) was Sri Lankan by birth
  - Dual citizens (persons possessing foreign nationality and Sri Lankan nationality)
3. Foreign spouses of OSLs (only if marriage is subsistence or if there are children in the marital union)

## Our vision & Mission



Engage overseas Sri Lankans as key partners of Sri Lanka's progress in the global context and reconciliation.



To establish the most dynamic single stop institutional gateway for the overseas Sri Lankans (OSLs) that facilitates efficient delivery of services and access to all useful information, and to help nurturing a trusted relationship with OSLs as partners in Sri Lanka's progress and reconciliation.

### What we do?

- provide space for trusted interaction with all OSLs to understand their needs, concerns and interests to support their home country/community.
- Intervene at policy level to expedite delivery of services including consular functions by the relevant government stakeholders.
- Facilitate individual requests regarding investment opportunities and guide OSLs to connect with the agencies mandated.
- Support networking for local professionals with OSL professionals and vice versa, and encourage knowledge sharing, collaborative research and support for skill development in Sri Lanka.
- Provide support for OSL Philanthropic activities and sharing information on immediately available project options, CSR projects by OSLs.
- Facilitate Programs on volunteering for social work
- Encourage visit home & bring a friend, familiarisation tours/ visits to Sri Lanka.
- Enhance dialogue and understanding on diversity through culture, education and awareness raising, paving the way for reconciliation.