

PROFILES OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHA BOARD 2010/11

Mr V Kailasapillai has been the Chairman of the CHA Steering Committee from 2000, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of CHA from since its incorporation in 2007. He is a Chartered Accountant, and is the former Vice President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Sri Lanka. He is also the former Chairman of the Colombo Stock Exchange, and the Retired Deputy Chairman John Keells Holdings Ltd. He is currently the President of the All Ceylon Hindu Congress and the Chairman of the Manitha Neyam Trust.

Dr. Markus Mayer is the Country Director of International Alert in Sri Lanka and co-founder of the Social Policy Analysis and Research Centre (SPARC) of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. He has a M.Phil from the University of Freiburg, Germany and a Ph.D with Distinction in Development Geography from the University of Heidelberg with a focus on youth conflicts and regional development planning and is co-editor of *Sri Lanka at Crossroads: Dilemmas and Prospects After 50 Years of Independence* (Macmillan 2000), *Sri Lankan Youth: Challenges and Responses* (FES 2002), and *Building Local Capacities for Peace: Rethinking Conflict and Development in Sri Lanka* (Macmillan 2003). He was involved in various research and training activities on conflict sensitivity in development planning, conflict impact assessment of poverty interventions and the role of local business in peacebuilding. Over the last years he collaborated closely with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the World Bank on issues related to youth employment and socio-economic security and chaired the drafting of a National Action Plan on Youth Employment in 2005/06 for Sri Lanka as a member of a National Task Force on Youth Employment in Sri Lanka. For over 10 years he was attached as a lecturer and researcher to the prestigious South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg (Germany) as well as to the University of Colombo (Sri Lanka), where he coordinated a staff and student capacity development program to improve employability of social science graduates and to create stronger linkages between academics, practitioners and policy makers working on development relevant issues in Sri Lanka. His recent work focuses on economic dimensions of peacebuilding and an engagement with the private sector on better targeted and conflict sensitive Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) interventions.

Mr. Kandiah Neelakandan is an Attorney-at-Law of more than 38 years standing specialising in laws relating to banking, corporate and property matters. He is a Senior Partner of one of the leading Law Firms in Colombo - Murugesu & Neelakandan. He is the Group Deputy Chairman of George Steuart & Company (Private) Limited (one of the oldest mercantile establishments in Sri Lanka) and also functions as its Corporate Secretary. Mr. Neelakandan has held various offices in the Bar Association of Sri Lanka

including the positions of Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of the Law Committee, and he also has been editing the Bar Association Law Journal as its Chief Editor for the last 18 years. He is a member of the Council of Legal Education which manages the Sri Lanka Law College and has also served as visiting Lecturer and Examiner at the Sri Lanka Law College. Mr. Neelakandan has also served as a member of the Finance Commission of Sri Lanka, and also as the Chairman of the Legal Aid Commission. He is also a member of the Steering Committee recently appointed by the Hon. Minister of Higher Education on Higher Education Policy and Strategy. He also served on the Council of the University of Jaffna. Mr. Neelakandan who is a member of the Company Law Advisory Commission played an active role in the preparation of the new Companies Act and regulations made thereunder and has authored the first book on the new Companies Act. He is also the Secretary of the Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners Association of Sri Lanka (BRIPASL) which is affiliated to INSOL which is the international organisation of Insolvency Practitioners. Mr. Neelakandan takes an active interest in religious affairs and has been the General Secretary of All Ceylon Hindu Congress (a Federation of Hindu Religious Associations and Temple Trusts in Sri Lanka) for the last 18 years, and also holds office in several other religious organisations.

Mr. Ahmed Javid Yusuf was admitted as an Attorney-at-law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka in June 1974, and practised in the Sri Lanka Courts including the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal for 16 years mainly in Fundamental Rights and Human Rights cases. He served as the Principal, Zahira College, Colombo from 1992 - 1995, and was appointed Sri Lanka's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia from 1995 - 1998. From 2004-2005 he was Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and from 2005 - 2006 served as the Secretary General of the Peace Secretariat for Muslims. Some of the institutions /commissions he is serving in/ has served in as a member includes: Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, Advisory Committee on Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Committee appointed by the Minister of Mass Media to draft Media Policy, Steering Committee appointed by the Ministry of Human Rights to draft a new Bill of Rights, Dispute Resolution Council of the Press Complaints Commission, South Asian Peoples Commission for the Rights of Minorities, Commission of Inquiry appointed by the President of Sri Lanka to inquire into serious human rights violations, Presidential Task Force on National Integration and Ethnic Harmony, National Advisory Council on Peace & Reconciliation, and Constitutional Affairs Advisory Committee.

Mr. Thirugnanam Suriyakumar

Sparkassenkaufmann - banking qualification in Germany offered by "Sparkassen- und Giroverband" in Duesseldorf, Germany, Higher Diploma in Business Administration - 1st Class. Followed a special course on International Trade Finance at the "Sparkassen- und Giroverband" in Duesseldorf, Germany Employment experience as Senior

Investment Consultant at Continental King Lung Commodities Ltd., Colombo in 1984, Employed at the public sector bank "Sparkasse" in Muelheim Ruhr, Germany, in various capacities from 1987 to 1995. Jan. 1996 to date was employed at Guardian Asset Management Ltd., Colombo 1 as Sales Promotion Manager. Changed over to Analysis Department in March 1996 and became Portfolio Manager in April 1997. Took charge of the Accounts Department in 1998 and in 1999 took charge of the IT Department as well. Joined the board in May 2000 and became MD of the company.

Mrs. Pearl Stephen is the Founder Coordinator of Women's Development Centre Founded in 1986 with Past experience as Secretary-Colombo Tea Blenders, Clerk-National Paper Cooperation, Trainer -School of Sussex UK, Plantation programme Sri Lanka School of Social Work. She is academically qualified with AMI Diploma, Social Work at School of Social work and Women and Development at University of Sussex.

Mr. Mahinda Perera obtains a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Sri Jayawardenepura, Bachelor of Law (LLB) from the Open University of SL, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants U.K. (FCMA), Attorney-at-law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka. Currently engaged with Varners (legal Firm) as consultant handling their Corporate and secretarial work and Director of the Dialogue and Conflict Resolution Trust

Mr Lalith Allahakoon is in the field of Journalism for over 25 years and held positions; as Assistant News Editor 'Sun' Newspaper published by the Independent Newspapers in 1983, served as Deputy News Editor The Island, Upali Newspapers in 1986, News Editor, The Sunday Times Wijeya Newspapers in 1987, Assistant Editor the Sunday Times in 1993. Founder Editor, Mid Week Mirror in 1996 Founder Editor, Daily Mirror in 1998, Founder Editor & Editor in Chief The Nation on Sunday 2006 and Advisor Communications & Editor "Justice" Magazine Ministry of Justice. Mr Allahakoon is professionally equipped with a Diploma in Journalism (Colombo) and Advanced Course for Senior Journalists at Regeant's College London and also a Press Fellow of Wolfson College, University of Cambridge. He is currently engaged at Rivira Media Corporation as Consultant

Malini Sabaratnam is an Attorney -at-law & Notary Public and has held the position of President at Sri Lanka Women Lawyers Association, Association of Corporate Lawyers and Women- In -Need (Pioneer Organization against domestic violence -violence against women). She has also served as District Governor at Zonta International India, Bangladesh, & Sri Lanka. Zonta is an International Association of Women in business & the professions working for advancement of women. She is a member of Governing body University of Colombo and Advisory Council Colombo YWCA and a board member of Family Rehabilitation Centre and Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust Colombo and holds many other positions in religious & other service organizations. Her present position is Chairman, Ceylinco Building Society Group

Jegan Thambaiyah is an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants of Great Britain, and qualified from *American Institute of Certified Public Accountants*. (1996). He has served over 30 years in Sri Lanka, UK and US in the fields of finance and senior management level. Commenced career as Project Accountant in 1984 at Balfour Beatty Nuttall JV, Victoria Dam & HydroElectric Project in Kandy, Sri Lanka; 1985 to 1991 Coopers & Lybrand, Colombo, Sri Lanka as Manager; From 1991 to 1994 Global Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Surrey, United Kingdom as Chief Accountant; 1995 to 1996 at Sinhaputhra Finance Ltd, Kandy, Sri Lanka Financial Consultant; 1996 to 1998 at Quaezar Inc. Stratford, Connecticut as Financial Controller; From 1998 to 2009 he held positions as Director Finance at Portal Wave, Inc., CA and Ravel Software Corporation, CA. Lastly pioneered the Xinify Technologies Inc as President / CFO

Mr. Thambaiyah is currently working as an Independent Consultant in Finance and Administration for Small companies.

He also serves International Medical Health Organization Sri Lanka as Director. He takes an active interest in religious affairs and is currently serving as Steering Committee Member of Shiva Vishnu Temple, Livermore, California.