

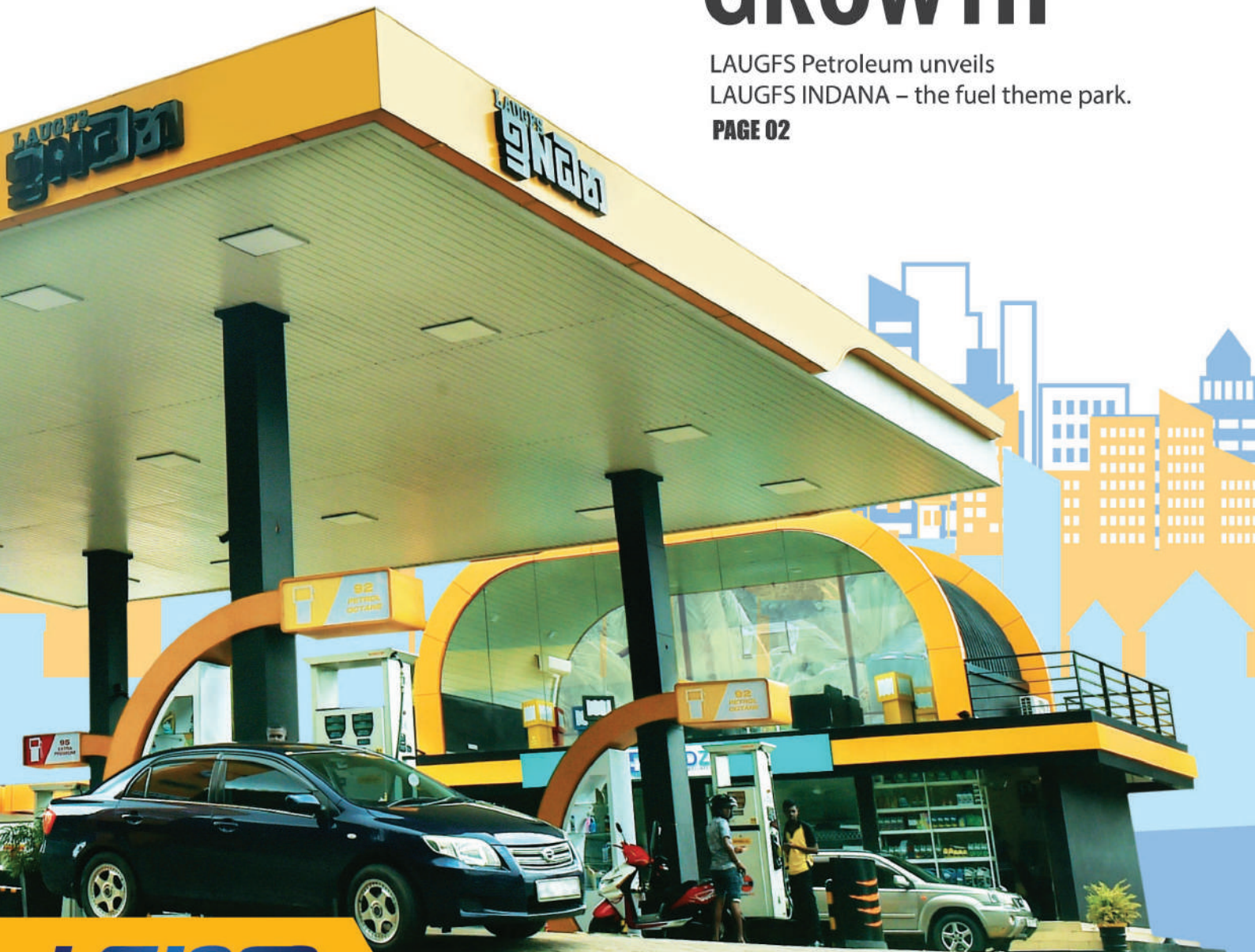
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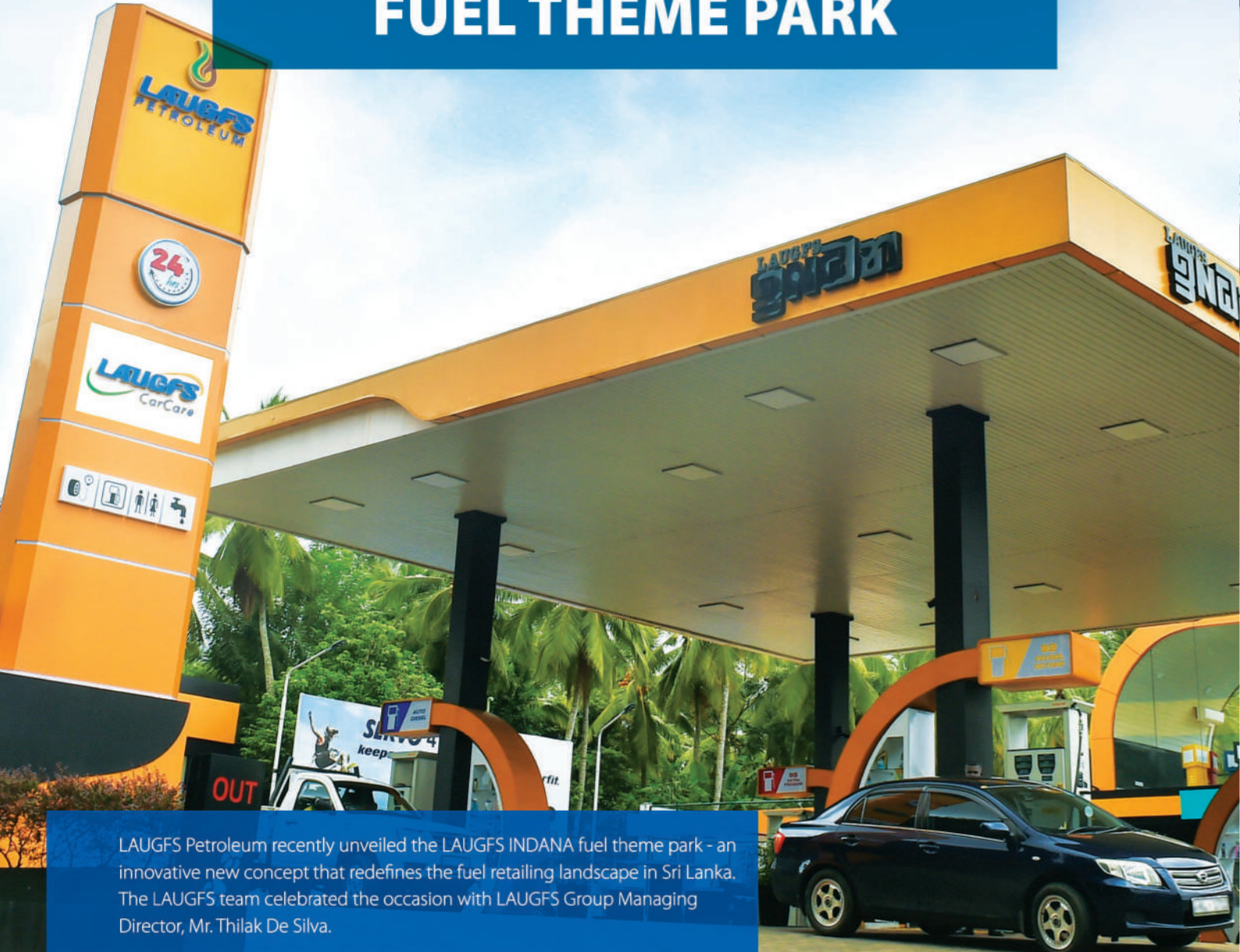
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# LAUGFS PETROLEUM UNVEILS LAUGFS INDANA FUEL THEME PARK



LAUGFS Petroleum recently unveiled the LAUGFS INDANA fuel theme park - an innovative new concept that redefines the fuel retailing landscape in Sri Lanka. The LAUGFS team celebrated the occasion with LAUGFS Group Managing Director, Mr. Thilak De Silva.

Motorists can now experience a range of services with a one-stop-shop destination, enjoying greater convenience while on the go. The new LAUGFS INDANA fuel theme park includes a café-type pastry shop by Perera & Sons, "Flavors" outlet of Elephant House serving a range of hot dogs, soft drinks and ice creams, a Mc Currie shop offering a range of spices, a MEDZ pharmacy by LAUGFS Health & Wellness, a Gas Shop by LAUGFS Gas, a drive-through ATM by Commercial Bank and a utility bill payment machine by PAY & GO.

LAUGFS Group Managing Director, Mr. Thilak de Silva also unveiled I-Focus forecourt automation system at the event. Developed by the LAUGFS IT team, this is Sri Lanka's first automated fuel dispenser, now allowing motorists to pump fuel without staff assistance, reducing waiting time.

another innovative concept by LAUGFS Petroleum to enhance our customer experience with the addition of a range of modern conveniences with a one-stop-shop destination," commented, LAUGFS Petroleum Director/CEO, Mahesh Weerasena. "I want to thank all our business partners who have joined us in this endeavour to redefine the fuel retailing landscape."

"LAUGFS Indana Fuel Theme Park is

It will also feature a range of convenient services for vehicle needs, including a vending machine catering to three wheeler and motor cycle spare part needs by David Peiris and Parts Mart, a battery service unit and a range of LUCUS battery services by Browns & CO Ltd, and an automated car wash service by LAUGFS Car Care.

The LAUGFS INDANA fuel theme park adopts a drive-through format for quick access services as well as a Boutique Zone format, where customers could shop at leisure.



LAUGFS Gas

# Celebrates 2 Years in Bangladesh



LAUGFS Gas Bangladesh has stepped into its third year of operations in Bangladesh with a pledge to make significant investments in the coming years.

In celebration of its second year anniversary in Bangladesh, the LAUGFS Gas team led by Group Chairman, Mr.W.K.H. Wegapitiya, hosted a gala dinner in Dhaka to celebrate this important milestone together with its key stakeholders. The Executive Chairman of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) Mr. Kazi M. Aminul Islam graced the event as the chief guest.

LAUGFS entered Bangladesh in 2015 with the acquisition of Petredec Elpiji Limited, and is one of the largest LPG downstream players in the country. The company currently operates a world class LPG import, bottling and distribution facility in Mongla Port. It imports and distributes over 60,000



MT of LPG every year in Bangladesh and operates an expansive and fast growing distribution network across the country.

Coinciding with the second year anniversary, LAUGFS also initiated two ground breaking ceremonies for a new LPG storage sphere and a cylinder requalification facility in Mongla, reinforcing its commitment to further strengthen its presence in the Bangladesh market.

Once completed, the new 3,000 MT sphere will be the single largest LPG

spherical tank in the country in terms of storage capacity.

These will be part of the planned investments in Bangladesh by LAUGFS to further strengthen its footprint in the country through significant capacity enhancement.

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# LAUGFS Lubricants launches Actron

The only dedicated brand of engine oil  
specifically designed for three-wheeler engines



LAUGFS Lubricants, manufacturers of engine oil to suit the tropical environment of Sri Lanka, recently unveiled Actron branded lubricant products designed specifically for two-stroke and four-stroke three-wheelers to further enhance engine performance through climate suitability.

At present, Actron is the only dedicated brand of engine oil specifically designed for three-wheeler engines. Actron 4T 20W-50 for four stroke three-wheelers and Actron 2T for two stroke three wheelers offer enhanced engine performance and durability amongst a range of other advanced benefits.

"The latest Actron products were developed at our state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities, following extensive research and development into climate suitability and efficiency. Actron is the only Sri Lankan brand of engine oil developed specifically for three-wheelers. Our Research and Development team understands the necessary requirements to produce high quality engine oil that suits Sri Lanka," commented LAUGFS Lubricants Chief Executive Officer, Niroshan Pieries.

Coinciding with the introduction of this latest lubricants to the market, LAUGFS Lubricants carried out "Roda Thunata Saviyak" - a series of educational programmes to build awareness amongst three-wheeler drivers about the new range of products and their benefits. These programmes covered 50 cities in Colombo and suburbs, imparting valuable information to over 9,000 three-wheeler drivers. A year's worth of Actron engine oil was also presented to 15 lucky winners through a raffle draw carried out during the programme.

"I am truly grateful to LAUGFS Lubricants for taking the extra step of educating us about these new engine oils. I was able to get longer mileage once I started using Actron engine oil, and there was a distinct reduction in smoke emanation. I depend on my three-wheeler to earn my sole livelihood and I believe that using high quality engine oil such as Actron will help me keep the vehicle in good condition for a longer period," remarked Sudesh Jayasingha, one of the raffle draw winners, expressing his gratitude for the awareness and educational sessions carried out by LAUGFS Lubricants.



# Strengthening Mathematics Knowledge of O/L Students in partnership with Ministry of Education



In a bid to help strengthen mathematical knowledge among students, LAUGFS Holdings partnered with the Mathematics Branch of the Ministry of Education to facilitate a series of Math Camps conducted using Advanced Learning Techniques developed by the Ministry. The 'Nana Maga Math Camps' will assist over 3,000 students sitting for their G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination in the years 2017 and 2018.

The Nana Maga Maths Camps are conducted with a specially designed Accelerated Teaching Methodology developed by the Ministry of Education's Mathematics Branch. The project will be rolled out in the Southern Province during 2017/18, and is expected to be expanded across the country in different phases.

"As a truly Sri Lankan conglomerate, we have a strong focus on nurturing future leaders of our country. The LAUGFS Nana Maga program was set

up with this vision in mind," remarked LAUGFS Holdings Chairman, Mr. W. K. H. Wegapitiya. "The Nana Maga Math Camps project is one such initiative under this, where we have collaborated with the Ministry of Education's Mathematics Branch, whose work is truly commendable in continuously elevating and enriching mathematics knowledge and understanding among students."

The project launch took place at the Sariputhra Maha Vidyalaya in Galle recently, with the presence of LAUGFS Holdings and the Ministry of Education. During the event, over 3,000 academic text books were also handed over to the Ministry of Education by LAUGFS Holdings.

"We partnered with the Ministry of Education to roll out this unique program for children across the island with a firm resolve to help make quality education more accessible and engaging for all," commented LAUGFS Holdings Managing Director, Mr. Thilak De

**"Enhancing mathematics knowledge is critical for a student's higher studies and career prospects. Our efforts to strengthen maths within the school curriculum is driven by a long term aim to strengthen our country's human resources with the necessary aptitudes and skills. This is critical to secure the future of our nation," explained Mr. Sunil Hettiarachchi, Secretary to the Ministry of Education. "We need the support of corporates, media and all others to reinforce this message with renewed interest in this important subject. We are extremely pleased to have the support of a large corporate like LAUGFS to take this endeavour forward."**

Silva. "As a conglomerate, we employ talent from a diverse range of professions. These range from the engineers at LAUGFS Engineering, to scientists at our R&D facilities of

LAUGFS Lubricants. Maths is a critical subject for many professions today, whether it is finance, IT, engineering, auditing, quality control or procurement. Therefore, we felt the need to play an active role to help create awareness about the importance of mathematics to build a successful career, which needs to start from the classroom."

"These interactive maths camps have

been designed by using newly developed advanced learning methodologies with the aim of increasing student interest and understanding of mathematical concepts. They are also aided with activity-based learning techniques to better engage students and to make learning maths an enjoyable experience," explained Ms. Priyatha Nanayakkara, Director of Education (Mathematics Division) at the Ministry of Education. "With the support of LAUGFS, we are now able to reach out to a large number of

deserving students across the country," she further elaborated. A solid foundation in mathematics is important to enhance essential skills such as problem solving and analytical thinking. The unique and advanced methodologies used to introduce mathematical concepts at the LAUGFS Nana Maga Maths Camps will significantly support students with the proper guidance and tools to develop mathematical skills in a supportive and enjoyable environment.





# THE LITTLE HEARTS PROJECT

## FOR THE NATION FROM OUR HEARTS



LAUGFS recently joined hands with the Little Hearts project initiated by the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians to construct a 10-storey Cardiac and Critical Care Complex at the Lady

Ridgeway Hospital for Children. Our commitment towards this commendable national cause was driven by a strong focus on helping to secure the future of our nation...our

children. With the contribution of our diverse businesses, we intend to make a positive impact through awareness creation and fund raising support for the Little Hearts Project.

“ We are proud to support the Little Hearts project together with LAUGFS, which aims to take positive action towards addressing a critical need in Sri Lanka. This little contribution is for the future of our country and will support this amazing initiative to enable hundreds and thousands of children with heart disease to get access to critical care.”  
Bathiya and Santhush,  
LAUGFS Lubricants Brand Ambassadors.



“ The scale of impact we can all make together by supporting the Little Hearts project is tremendous. It will help save the lives of thousands of children in our country for years to come, which is why I chose to support this national cause together with LAUGFS. We all need to join hands and help save these little hearts.”  
Pooja Umashankar,  
LAUGFS Gas Brand Ambassador.



Let's join hands and show our support for this national cause!  
Donation boxes are available at LAUGFS Supermarkets, Eco Sri as well as Car Care centres in Colombo and suburbs and at our Anantaya Resorts.

### The Little Hearts project will

Create the ability to **treat up to 10,000 children** every year

**Prevent 1500 unnecessary deaths** every year due to cardiac and critical illnesses

Provide **100% free of charge** medical facilities to children from across the country

Initiated by the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians and a few concerned citizens of Sri Lanka, the Little Hearts project has been set up to raise funds for the construction of a Cardiac and Critical Care Complex at the Lady Ridgeway Hospital in Colombo. This will create the ability to provide 100% free-of-charge medical treatment for around 10,000 children every year and prevent 1,500 unnecessary deaths due to cardiac and critical illnesses.

The Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children (LRH) is a tertiary care children's hospital in Colombo, Sri Lanka. With a bed-strength of over 900 and nearly 3,000 patients visiting for outpatient care daily, all services are provided free of charge in keeping with the free state healthcare policy of the Sri Lankan government. LRH is the only tertiary care referral centre for children with congenital heart disease (CHD) in the country at present.

However, the Children's Heart Centre's capacity is now capped and the hospital wing can no longer expand. It can treat only up to 1,700 children with CHD annually, while the number of children in need of treatment is far greater. It is estimated that there are over 3,000 children born with CHD in Sri Lanka per year. Consequently, every year over 40% of these children do not have appropriate access to the treatment they desperately need.



**3,000** Children are born in Need of Treatment

LRH's growing waitlists testify to the hospital's current inability to cope with the number of critically ill children in need of its services. With an inventory of 11 medical intensive care unit (ICU) beds, the hospital can currently accommodate only 40% of the total of its medical requests, leaving 60% of critically ill children at risk.

Current Capacity for Treatment is **Less than 1700**

Left to their own devices, parents of these children must nurture their little ones in general wards, or in severe cases, check them into private institutions where intensive care costs anywhere from LKR 100,000 – 500,000 per day! Unlike adult patients, children are fully dependent on their parent's resources. Most of these parents are young and

**Over 40%** Children are Forced to Await Treatment

incapable of paying the premium fees for private hospitals or foreign institutions, so all of their hopes lie with government institutions that provide fully-subsidised treatments.



Parents from all parts of the island gather at LRH to submit their child into the hands of the country's most skilled medical team. Most of them must wait for treatment for months and even years on end.

The hospital's current infrastructure forces even the children in need of urgent surgery into home care. This not only greatly increases the risk of succumbing to the illness, but it also glues the parents by their child's side, letting all other spheres of their lives slip away.

It is not rare that these mothers and fathers would lose jobs, fall into unrepayable debt and even unknowingly neglect their other children. Waiting for treatment, therefore, not only lessens a child's chance of successful recovery, but it also tends to leave grave consequences on their families.

The construction of the LRH's Cardiac and Critical Care Complex will ensure that every critically ill child in Sri Lanka has immediate access to quality care.

This new ten story building will introduce four state-of-the-art cardiac operating theatres, increase the number of cardiac ICU beds from 18 to 40, include over 100 medical and neonatal intensive care beds, as well as the areas for advanced cardiac investigations and staff training facilities to provide optimum care for these children.

The cost of the project is estimated to be

approximately 2 billion rupees, and it is estimated that the new LRH wing will save more than 200,000 critically ill children in Sri Lanka over the next 20 years. Therefore, with a total fund of LKR 2 billion, the amount we would invest in saving each life would be LKR 10,000. This investment can be viewed as the insurance for all of our children. It will help secure facilities that will finally put an end to waitlist nightmares and provide immediate critical care to all the children in need.

**With a goal of raising LKR 2 billion, the amount we would invest in saving the life of a child would be LKR 10,000**

"More than 60% of requests made to admit a patient to the medical ICU had to be rejected due to lack of beds. So, critically ill patients, whose lives are at risk, are forced to be treated in general wards due to lack of ICU facilities. If your child gets a critical illness, his or her chances of getting an ICU bed is only 30%. If your child is diagnosed to have a hole in the heart, his or her chance of getting the necessary surgery done on time is only 50%. There is a 50-70% chance that the child will not get the intended treatment on time and his or her life will be at risk," explained Dr. Duminda Samarasinghe, Consultant Paediatric Cardiologist.

"100% of the public funds raised by the Little Hearts project will be used for construction of the complex and all fund raising activity will be audited by KPMG. All administrative costs will be borne by well-wishers and guardians of the project."

All donations to Little Hearts project will be exempted from government tax as per the National Health Development Act No 13 of 1981.

(Source: Little Hearts project brochure)



Show your support!  
[www.littlehearts.lk](http://www.littlehearts.lk)

## SINOSURE Backs First Ever Private Sector Financing Facility in Sri Lanka



LAUGFS Gas PLC and Standard Chartered announced the first ever private sector financing facility in Sri Lanka supported by China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation (SINOSURE) for the 30,000MT LAUGFS Import & Export Terminal at Hambantota. As a principal party to this transaction, Standard Chartered acted as the coordinating bank, sole facility arranger and lender for the financing facility.

The LPG storage terminals by LAUGFS Terminals Ltd., a subsidiary of LAUGFS Gas PLC, is being built with an investment of USD 80 million and will be one of the largest LPG import and export terminals in South Asia.



## LAUGFS Lubricants Unveils Advanced Lubricant for Fisheries Sector

In a bid to provide advanced technological support to the fisheries community, LAUGFS Lubricants introduced its latest oil blend, LAUGFS Power Outboard 3 oil, specifically designed for all water cooled high performance two stroke marine outboard engines including the latest designs under warranty protection.

This TCW3 (two-stroke engine) oil is produced with a blend of highly refined mineral base oil and an ashless additive system which provides combustion efficiency, protection against power loss and bearing wear as well as piston scuffing.



## Anantaya Resort & Spa Chilaw Unveils Water Villas

Anantaya Resort & Spa Chilaw, the luxury resort specializing in destination weddings, recently unveiled the latest addition to its extravagant portfolio - four romantic water villas that offer seclusion amidst sumptuous amenities.

Built near the beautiful Chilaw lagoon, the Water Villas are now available for booking, providing an unsurpassable experience for travellers.

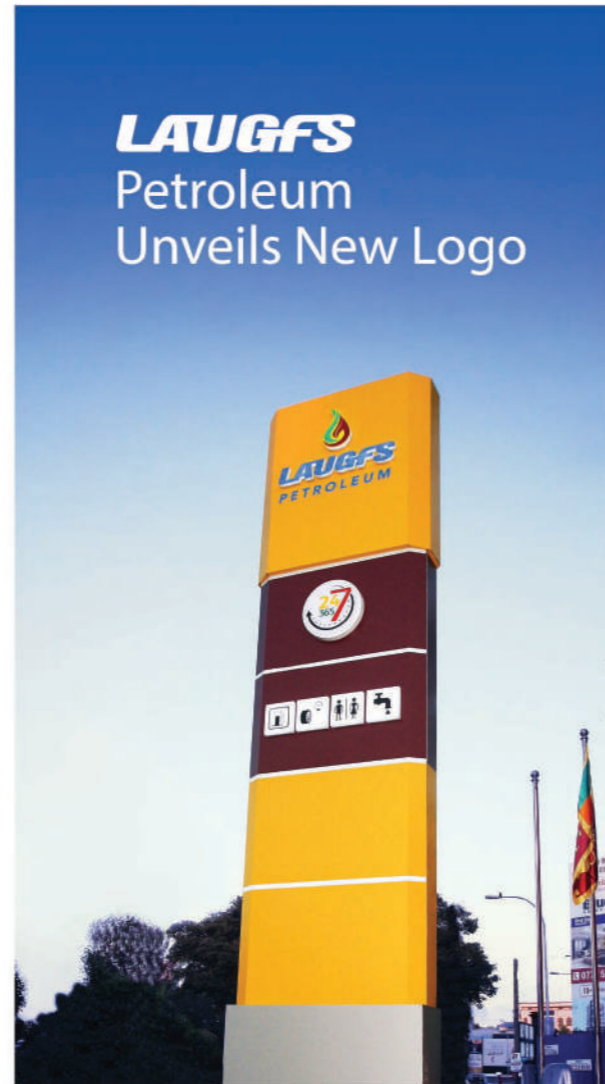


## First Mobile Auto Diesel Filling Station at Oluvil

LAUGFS Petroleum recently launched its first mobile Auto Diesel filling station at Oluvil Commercial Harbour.



## LAUGFS Petroleum Unveils New Logo



The new LAUGFS Petroleum logo was officially unveiled at the Havelock filling station together with a striking monolith and brand new uniforms for our colleagues at a ceremony attended by Sector Managing Director, Mr. Asanga Ranasinghe.

## LAUGFS Rubber expands to USA & Europe

LAUGFS Rubber expanded its operations to USA and Europe with the setting up of LAUGFS USA LLC and LAUGFS Europe B.V., with offices and warehouse facilities based in Chicago, USA and Netherlands. These new operations will cater to the requirements of its distributor network and OEM customers in these regions with a faster response time and just-in-time delivery.



## LAUGFS Car Care Introduces Extended Hours

With the added convenience of busy vehicle owners in mind, LAUGFS Car Care recently launched extended operating hours at its Kirulapone Car Care centre. Customers can now obtain car washes, full services, as well as interior and exterior detailing services until 12 midnight.

## LAUGFS International Signs MoU with Denso Corporation Japan

Japan's Denso Corporation, a reputed global automotive components manufacturer, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with LAUGFS International, appointing the company as the authorized distributor in Sri Lanka for Denso automotive parts including oil filters, air filters, A/C filters, spark plugs and wiper blades for a range of vehicles.



## LAUGFS Supermarkets Relaunch with a New Look



Rajagiriya and Koswatte LAUGFS Supermarket outlets were relaunched with the newly unveiled 'LAUGFS Super' brand, offering its customers with the freshest produce and superior service.

# Managing Diabetes

Sri Lanka's conventional diet consist mainly of starch based food items and this is one of the biggest challenges that diabetes patients in our country face in their attempt to manage their blood sugar levels to stay healthy. A balanced diet is an essential ingredient to leading a healthy lifestyle as a diabetes patient. Starch and sugar supplies energy required for the body to function. While we are mostly used to a diet of 3 main meals in large portions, it is advisable to spread out the consumption into three main meals with snacks in between.

## Unsaturated Fat & Food to Avoid

While the use of oil containing unsaturated fat, such as sunflower oil, sesame oil, olive oil and soy oil is deemed healthy, it is better to avoid over consumption of food prepared even with the use of these types of cooking oil. Recent findings indicate that fish contain healthy unsaturated fat and medical experts recommend the consumption of fish two or three times a week.

However, minimizing the usage of oil is a healthy lifestyle option that diabetes patients can adopt. While fatty acids and saturated fat supply energy, excessive intake of these dietary essentials can lead to heart disease, as the excess fat gets stored in fat cells and causes weight gain as well as high levels of cholesterol and triglycerides to be present in our blood. Cholesterol and triglycerides are types of lipid (types of fat) present in our blood, a high percentage of which can lead to heart disease.

Avoiding certain types of food and beverages will help you maintain your health and wellbeing. Sugar, sweets and sweetened food, sweetmeats, sugar biscuits, soft drinks containing sugar, ice cream and alcohol are best avoided.

## Healthy food for diabetes patients

Our ancestors lived long and healthy lives as a result of their active ways of living as well as the healthy locally sourced food that they consumed. Even today, we can benefit from this ancient wisdom to stay healthy.

Sri Lanka is blessed with various types of edible greens that the local cuisine has adopted in the form of 'Mallum' or stir fried green leaves. Tender leaves of pumpkin, passion fruit as well as other edible leaves such as 'thebu', drumstick (*Moringa Oleifera*), 'ranawara' and 'sarana' are good examples of life giving local food sources.

In addition, you could include various types of lentils, herbal drinks and herb infused curries to your diet to achieve a balanced food pattern.

Fortified with vitamins, minerals and essential fibre, both vegetables and fruit infuse a healthy balance to your diet. These food items will boost your immunity, assist you to maintain strong eyesight and to add a healthy glow to your complexion.

## Medication for Diabetes patients

Diabetes patients first received insulin to battle blood sugar levels in 1922 but it was medicinally administered only in the year 1939 in the United States.

Today, millions of diabetes patients use insulin to control their blood sugar levels. Initially, (until 1980s) animal insulin derived from cows and pigs were used to treat

diabetes patients. However, these have now been replaced by human insulin. A DNA technology developed by scientists, called Recombinant DNA, has made it possible to develop human insulin in laboratories. While animal insulin is still available, its usage has diminished over the years.

Type 1 diabetes patients require daily administration of insulin as their bodies do not produce insulin naturally. However, when a patient regularly receives insulin shots, it is important for that patient to keep track of his or her blood sugar levels in order to avoid hypoglycemia (an excessive drop in blood sugar levels). Symptoms of hypoglycemia include hunger, behavioural changes, nausea, fatigue, trembling and excessive sweating.

## Diabetic Retinopathy

Diabetic Retinopathy is an illness associated with diabetes that patients should be aware of as this condition could cause loss of vision. When high blood sugar levels damage blood vessels in the light sensitive tissue in the retina, the effects can lead to loss of vision.

Diabetic Maculopathy is another condition that can damage your vision. The macula assists patients with central vision and when the macula sustains damage as a result of Diabetic Macular Oedema, it could cause blood vessels nearby to leak fluid onto the macula.

While laser treatment procedure is used to treat eye damage caused by Diabetic Retinopathy and Diabetic Maculopathy, medical practitioners advice diabetic patients to consult an Ophthalmologist (an eye surgeon) once a year to prevent the onset of these conditions.

By: **Sujeewa Goonetilleka**

*Sujeewa serves as the Chief Operating Officer of LAUGFS Health and Wellness (Pvt) Ltd.*



LAUGFS Health & Wellness serves as the authorized distributor in Sri Lanka for Fresenius Kabi Germany and India for its enteral nutrition products, and is an authorized agent for Bipla laboratories India and Advancis Portugal.

Fresubin-DM, which will soon be introduced to Sri Lanka by LAUGFS Health & Wellness, is a nutritionally balanced meal replacement for diabetes patients.

## LAUGFS Chairman Honoured as Entrepreneur of the Year at ACES Awards 2017



Veteran business leader and LAUGFS Holdings Chairman, Mr. W. K. H. Wegapitiya, won the Entrepreneur of the Year Award at this year's Asia Corporate Excellence and Sustainability Awards (ACES) held in Singapore recently.

ACES awards is organized by MORS Group, which spearheads a series of programs across Asia, ranging from sustainability consulting to premium retreat programs for decision makers.

Recognizing exemplary and game changing achievements of organizations and business leaders in the region, the Asia Corporate Excellence and Sustainability Awards has created a platform for Asian corporate leaders and dynamic businesses to demonstrate best practices employed to drive sustainable growth in terms of leadership and corporate social responsibility.



## LAUGFS Gas Bangladesh Honoured 'The Most Promising LPG Company in South Asia'

LAUGFS Gas Bangladesh was recently honoured 'The Most Promising LPG Company in South Asia' at the South Asian Partnership Summit & Business Excellence Awards 2017.

The prestigious award was presented by Dr. Gowher Rizvi, International Affairs Adviser to the Bangladesh Prime Minister at a gala ceremony held at Hotel Le Meridien, Dhaka.



## Anantaya Passikudah's Prabod Gandhi Wins Mixology Competition

Demonstrating the Resort's affinity towards finer things in life and the highly skilled team that it employs, one of Anantaya's star mixologists - Prabod Gandhi triumphed at the 25th National Mixology Championship.



## Anantaya Team Excels at Culinary Art Competition 2017

The Anantaya team grabbed more awards at the Culinary Art Competition 2017, one of the most sought-after food and beverage events in Sri Lanka, held for the 17th consecutive time with over 2000 Chefs competing for culinary excellence.

Anantaya's H.M.G Herath won the Silver medal under the Sri Lankan Cuisine category, while Asanka Mendis, Indika Kumburegama, Prabod Gandhi, A.S.D. Perera, R.T. Rajapaksha, A.M.N.Madushank and W.A.P.K.Fernando won Bronze medals at the competition under the Hot Cooking (open) Live, Wedding Cake Structure, Beer Cocktail, Plated Desserts, Apprentice Dessert, Plated Appetizer and Ice Carving categories respectively.

"We are proud of our team's diverse talent, versatility and creativity, which reflect the essence of our service excellence and our integral desire to offer guests with the best in class hospitality and entertainment," commented LAUGFS Leisure Director/Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Roshan R. Perera.



## LAUGFS IT Wins High Honours at the 19th NATIONAL BEST QUALITY ICT AWARDS NBQSA 2017

Setting the benchmark high for ICT product innovation within the organization and the corporate arena in Sri Lanka, LAUGFS IT claimed five prestigious awards at the 19th National Best Quality Software Awards (NBQSA) 2017, including the BCS Chairman's Award for the second consecutive year for submitting the most number of innovative ICT products to NBQSA during the year.





LAUGFS "Pehasara" Art Competition 2017 was held for the 3rd consecutive year, to recognize and showcase talents of the children of our LAUGFS colleagues and to play an active role in their early life progress.

Over 150 children took part under the four categories of Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Winners were selected by a panel of judges headed by Prof. M.R. Podinilame, Dean of Faculty of Visual Arts at the University of the Visual and Performing Arts in Sri Lanka. Together with their parents, 80 shortlisted young participants attended the Awards Ceremony for a fun evening of awards and celebrations.



## Cake Mixing at Anantaya

With the Christmas season around the corner, Anantaya Resorts in Chilaw and Passikudah held their annual Cake Mixing celebrations. Our colleagues celebrated this much-loved event together with guests at the two resorts, marking the dawn of the festive season.

## Volley Ball Champs at Anantaya – Passikudah

Anantaya – Passikudah recently held its Inter-Department Volley Ball Tournament 2017. It was a fun filled day for the team, taking a break from their busy schedules.





## IGNITE

Mr. Rohan Pallewatta was the guest speaker at the recent session of the IGNITE knowledge sharing series, where various thought leaders are invited to share their experiences and thoughts with our colleagues.



## “Session with a Leader”

“Session with a Leader” is a development initiative of LAUGFS Talent Development team initiated with the aim of providing an opportunity for employees to learn, grow and encourage interactive discussions through a learning environment.

The inaugural session was held at the Wisdom auditorium at LAUGFS Head Office under the topic of “Dreaming Big” by LAUGFS Lubricants CEO, Niroshan Pieris.

## Leadership Training for Employee Ambassadors

Our Employee Ambassadors from across the group got together for a series of activity-based training programs aimed to enhance leadership, communication and team building skills.



# Owning Your Idea



LAUGFS Chairman Mr. W.K.H. Wegapitiya was a guest speaker at the 2017 CIM Future Marketers' Conference titled "Build Beyond Basics", which featured an eminent panel of speakers comprising industry leaders. Mr. Wegapitiya addressed the gathered young marketers emphasizing on the importance of owning an idea to ensure effective execution.

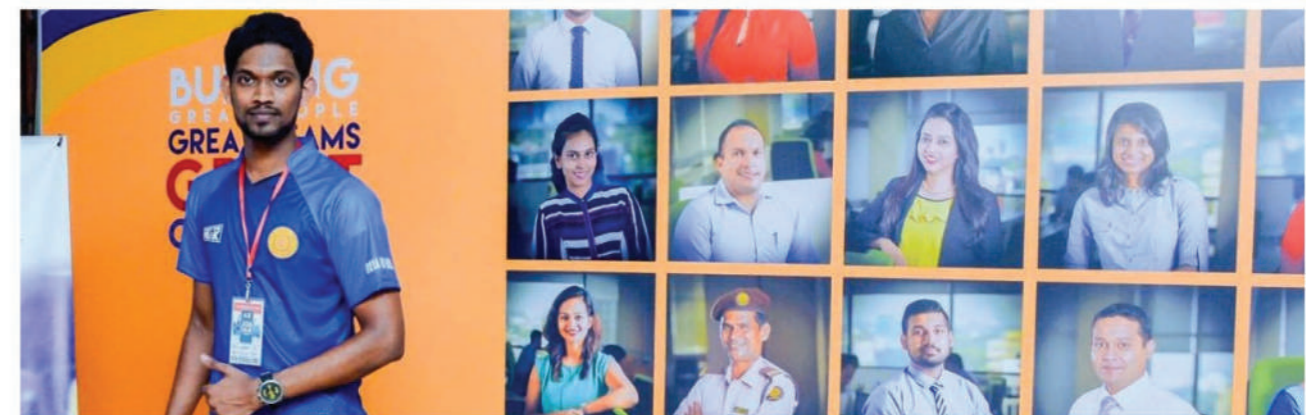


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## “Touch the Peak”

LAUGFS partnered with “Touch The Peak ” J’Pura Annual Job Fair & Workshop Series 2017/2018 as the Gold sponsor. Niroshan Peiris, CEO of LAUGFS Lubricants, was a panel member of the “HR Forum” organized for young graduates who are preparing to join the corporate world.



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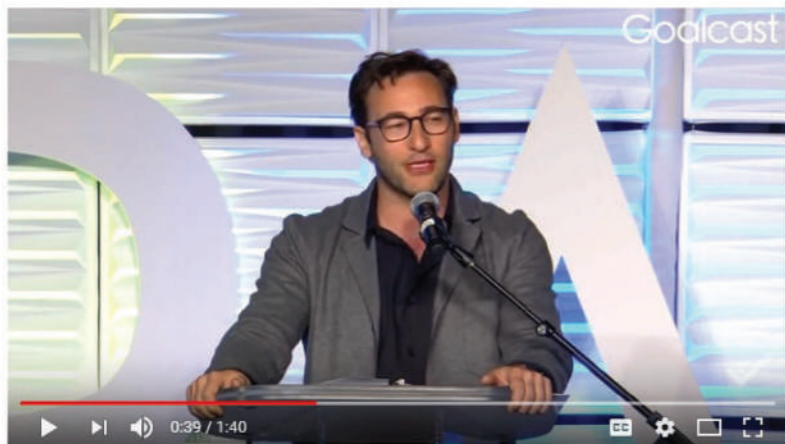


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