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Nizam Ismail
Former Mayor London Borough of Harrow
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We are needed more than ever.

Small charities have been affected due to the impact of the pandemic and there was a drop in vital donations which we need to continue to support our students during these difficult times. Their parents are out of employment and they need our assurance in continuing our financial assistance to keep their children safe during these unforeseen circumstances.

Corona virus continues to have a major impact on charity events and we have to cancel our annual fundraising event this year. OSMET collections have been significantly affected by the closure of mosques who donate generously. Also from the start of the lock down we have experienced nearly 50% fall due to Covid in our fund raising income. In these difficult times, in order to strike a balance, the trustees decided to maintain the existing students and managed to award additional 10 Scholarships to students who were already been approved before the pandemic. This is a long term project and we have set a target to see that these students continue their courses uninterrupted

We wish to extend our thanks to all our benefactors who made it possible during these difficult times by their generous contributions to make this scholarship fund a great success, and gain pride of place as a charitable service for the younger generation of students in Sri Lanka.

The demise of Mr.Hussain Cassim was a great loss to OSMET and community at large. He was the Chairman of OSMET (SL) who was a stalwart and gave us the power of strength to build up OSMET. May Al mighty Allah grant him Jennathul Firdouse - Aameen.

We pray that Almighty Allah shower his blessings to all of us.

Was Salaam

NIZAM ISMAIL

Chairman OSMET (UK)



TRIBUTE TO MARHOOM HUSSAIN ZUBAIR CASSIM



Overseas Sponsors Muslim Education Trust (OSMET) – Sri Lanka, wishes to express its deepest condolences to the family of Marhoom Hussain Zubair Cassim, who was the Chairperson of OSMET-Sri Lanka for over two decades. Mr. Cassim's untimely demise was a great loss not only to the family, but to our organization as well as to the nation.

Mr. Cassim was a true Muslim and a thorough gentleman. He was a silent philanthropist, as his generosity to the needy in our society was carried out in a manner that did not entail any pomp and pageantry but done purely to seek the pleasure of Almighty Allah. He inculcated in us the values of simplicity, sincerity and benevolence through his leadership styles that we saw during his two decades tenure as our Chairman. His life memoir has thought us many lessons and it is a book recommended for reading especially for our youth, as it teaches us the value of being patient, resilient, diligent, loyal and trustworthy. Having all these great qualities has made Mr. Cassim earn the highest honour and respect of all members of his community including the business community he served.

For OSMET – Sri Lanka, Mr. Cassim was a guiding light, an encyclopedia of experience and a very caring leader. Most often, at every meeting he shares a small component of his great life experience, as an opening remark. It could be in the form of challenges overcome, accomplishments achieved, investment prospects or situational leadership styles. For all of us at the OSMET Committee it was indeed a wealth of knowledge gained through the mass pool of resources and wisdom that Mr. Cassim has gathered over nine decades. These learnings are not taught to us in schools, but we were fortunate to have learnt from the experiences of this great personality.

Despite his many commitments, Mr. Cassim always had the time to spare for OSMET. In instances where we had to have meetings at very short notice, he always made it a point to accommodate our request by adjusting his schedules. Since OSMET is involved in providing scholarships to needy Muslim students we believe that it is something that was very close to Mr. Cassim's heart. He was very keen that we produce educated youth in our community. He highlighted the importance of encouraging our youth to pursue a career in information technology, which in his view would be the profession of the future generation in a digitalized world. The OSMET Committee was amazed by his knowledge in the current affairs both locally and internationally and how well updated he was in various subjects. There have been instances the Committee did not agree with his analysis or assessment but still he used to give us a fair hearing even though the Committee members were much junior personnel compared to him and he always respected the points of view of the other



members. The Committee learnt from him that listening to the other person's point of view broadens our thinking horizon. His advice and guidance when dealing in local affairs was also of immense value to us as here too he had a wealth of informative knowledge by dealing with the political hierarchy, local authorities and bureaucrats. It was indeed a privilege and a blessing for the OSMET Committee to have associated with such a self-made person who inspires us all the time and was a fantastic mentor who guided the Committee to take OSMET to greater heights as well as to shape our own personal lives.

In addition to sharing his various challenges encountered whilst building his successful business career, he used to love talking about his fond memories of his childhood at Galle Fort. The OSMET Committee being composed of members from Galle Fort families, it used to be very interesting and relatable episodes for all of us and at times hilarious too. Mr. Cassim used to have both, serious discussions as well as light-hearted conversations, which made our meetings quite interesting and memorable and at times quite long too. The Committee used to intensely listen to all what he says, and we considered ourselves privileged to have worked closely with him. Many of us will feel the void created by the demise of this wonderful gentleman.

The OSMET Committee is deeply saddened by this great loss and it has no doubt created a big vacuum for OSMET Sri Lanka and it will never be the same without Mr. Cassim's leadership, guidance and directions. It is an end of an era in the four decades history of OSMET – Sri Lanka and OSMET will miss him very dearly. The General Secretary of OSMET(UK), Mr. Nizam Ismail and their Committee too have expressed their profound sorrow and grief on the demise of Mr. Cassim and convey their condolences on this sad loss to the family of Mr. Cassim.

To the family of Mr. Cassim, his spouse Sihty Kadija and his children Florine, Iqbal and Thuhufa and their families, we wish to inform that OSMET is greatly indebted to Mr. Cassim for the sincerity of his objectives, purity of intentions and his commitment and determination to make OSMET a reputed and renowned organization in Sri Lanka and as we celebrate 40 years this year Insha'Allah we firmly believe that we have blossomed as a well-known scholarship awarding institution in this country. In the circumstance the OSMET Committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Cassim for all what he has done for OSMET. His foresight and leadership have been the guiding light for OSMET – Sri Lanka. We have no doubt that as a family you will feel the void created by the demise of Mr. Cassim but we have to accept the Will of Almighty Allah. In memory of our beloved Chairman, the OSMET Committee took action to provide two scholarships, namely Marhoom Hussain Cassim Memorial Scholarship, to two student pursuing their study programme in information technology.

The untimely departure of Mr. Cassim is an unbearable loss for OSMET. Let us all pray that Almighty Allah accepts all his good deeds, forgive all his sins and grant him the highest place in Jannathul Firdhouse, Aameen.



MESSAGE FROM OSMET – SRI LANKA

It is indeed a privilege and pleasure to inform that OSMET will be celebrating its 40th year of service to the Muslim community. OSMET – Sri Lanka takes pride in assisting the needy Muslim students in Sri Lanka since 1981 by granting scholarships to complete their education. We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincere thanks to the Secretary General – OSMET UK, Mr. Nizam Ismail, the former Mayor of Harrow, U.K. and his Committee, for taking an enormous effort and a leading role in raising funds towards this worthy cause.

We continue to support the undergraduate studies in the fields of medicine, engineering, management, finance and information technology. It is with such a delight that we bring to your notice, that nearly 2,000 students in Sri Lanka have received financial aid from OSMET to complete their advance level studies and university education over the last four decades. At present, 70 students are receiving the scholarships from OSMET.

Whilst rejoicing on the services rendered by OSMET, we also wish to inform with sadness the demise of our evergreen Chairman Marhoom Hussain Cassim last year, *inna lillahi wa inna illaihi rajioon*. He was the guiding light with a wealth of knowledge and experience, who moulded the younger members of the OSMET Committee to perform their duties and functions with excellence. We take this opportunity to place on record our greatest appreciation and gratitude to Marhoom Hussain Cassim and may Almighty Allah grant him the highest abode in jennathul firdhouse, *Aameen*.

The challenges encountered worldwide with the spread of the covid-19 pandemic has changed the lifestyles of the people globally. The economic downturn in many countries have contributed towards closure of businesses, retrenchment of employees, reduction in travel, entertainment etc. However, with the implementation of the vaccination program, *alhamdulillah*, it has given us some hope that life will return to normal over the short to medium term. We already see a moderate increase in the economic activities in the county and Sri Lanka expects a growth rate of over 5% in 2021. In the circumstance, OSMET has an ample opportunity to educate the youth to meet the current requirements in the labour force in a growing economy. Considering the above, an equal importance should be placed on the possibility of providing scholarships to those who pursue vocational and technical studies, as there is a dearth of skilled labour in these fields in Sri Lanka.

OSMET –Sri Lanka continues to maintain its two properties in Colombo and Alhamdulillah with the rent generated from these properties and the contributions made by the generous donors particularly from UK, we have been able to raise the number of scholarship recipients as well as the quantum of the fund offered as scholarship.

Let us also take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation once again to Mr. Nizam Ismail, the founder of OSMET, who has been the live-wire of OSMET since the inception and may Almighty Allah's blessings be showered upon him always for the great service he has rendered.

Whilst extending our appreciation and thanks to all of you, we look forward to your support to continue the good work of OSMET with the aim of producing educated Muslim youth in Sri Lanka.

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SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPTS CURRENTLY PURSUING THE FOLLOWING COURSES

No.	Home Town	Course of Study	Institute	Commencement	Completion
1	Galle.	G.C.E. A/L	Shri Kekunugolla Central College	Jan 2021	Aug 2021
2	Trincomalee.	Management	University of Jaffna	Jan 2021	Dec 2021
3	Kurunegala.	Medicine	University of Rajarata	Jan 2021	Dec 2024
4	Avissawella.	Medicine	University of Rajarata	Jan 2021	Dec 2024
5	Puttalam.	Medicine	University of Rajarata	Jan 2021	Mar 2022
6	Hapugastalawa.	Medicine	University of Rajarata	Jan 2021	Dec 2023
7	Puttalam.	Medicine	University of Rajarata	Jan 2021	Dec 2024
8	Hemmathagama.	Medicine	Eastern University	Jan 2021	Dec 2023
9	Kochchikade.	Medicine	University of Jaffna	Jan 2021	Dec 2023
10	Galle.	HND - IT	Advanced Technological Institute Galle	Jan 2021	Jun 2021
11	Mannar.	HND - IT	Advanced Technological Institute Mannar	Jan 2021	Dec 2021
12	Hapugastalawa.	Medicine	Eastern University	Jan 2021	Dec 2025
13	Malwana.	Marine and Freshwater Sciences	University of Ruhuna	Jan 2021	Dec 2023
14	Vavuniya.	Biosystems Technology	University of Jaffna	Jan 2021	Dec 2023
15	Ratnapura.	Management	South Eastern University	Jan 2021	Dec 2022
16	Galle.	Management & IT	University of Kelaniya	Jan 2021	Dec 2021
17	Galle.	Management	University of Ruhuna	Jan 2021	Dec 2023
18	Galle.	Management	University of Colombo	Jan 2021	Dec 2023
19	Puttalam.	Management & IT	University of Kelaniya	Jan 2021	Dec 2023
20	Galle.	Information Technology	University of Moratuwa	Jan 2021	Dec 2023
21	Eravur 20.	Engineering	South Eastern University	Jan 2021	Dec 2022
22	Galle.	Engineering	University of Ruhuna	Jan 2021	Dec 2023
23	Muruthaghamula.	Engineering	University of Moratuwa	Jan 2021	Dec 2022
24	Weligama.	Engineering	University of Moratuwa	Jan 2021	Dec 2022
25	Oddamavadi.	Engineering	University of Moratuwa	Jan 2021	Dec 2022
26	Akkaraipattu-20.	Engineering	University of Moratuwa	Jan 2021	Dec 2022
27	Anuradhapura.	Engineering	University of Moratuwa	Jan 2021	Dec 2022
28	Alawathugoda.	Engineering	University of Moratuwa	Jan 2021	Dec 2022
29	Vavuniya.	Transport & Logistics Management	University of Moratuwa	Jan 2021	Dec 2022
30	Wellampitiya.	Engineering	University of Moratuwa	Jan 2021	Dec 2022
31	Ratnapura.	G.C.E. A/L	Ferguson High School, Ratnapura	Jan 2021	Aug 2022
32	Maggonna.	G.C.E. A/L	Al-Hassaniya Maha Vidyalaya, Maggonna	Jan 2021	Aug 2022
33	Galle.	G.C.E. A/L	Muslim Ladies College, Galle	Jan 2021	Aug 2021
34	Galle.	G.C.E. A/L	St. Aloysius' College	Jan 2021	Aug 2021
35	Galle.	G.C.E. A/L	Muslim Ladies College, Galle	Jan 2021	Aug 2022
36	Pahamune.	Medicine	University of Rajarata	Jan 2021	Dec 2024
37	Hapugastalawa.	Medicine	Eastern University	Jan 2021	Dec 2025
38	Polgahawela.	Medicine	University of Rajarata	Jan 2021	Dec 2024
39	Nawalapitiya.	Medicine	Eastern University	Jan 2021	Dec 2025
40	Galgamuwa.	Medicine	University of Rajarata	Jan 2021	Dec 2024



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS COMPLETED STUDIES

No.	Home Town	Course of Study	Institute	Completed
1	Mannar.	Medicine	University of Jaffna	Dec 2017
2	Kinniya - 06.	Medicine	University of Jaffna	Dec 2017
3	Maruthamunai	Medicine	University of Jaffna	Mar 2018
4	Hemmathagama.	Dental Surgery	University of Peradeniya	Jun 2018
5	Galle.	G.C.E. A/L	Muslim Ladies' College, Galle	Aug 2018
6	Galle.	G.C.E. A/L	Muslim Ladies' College, Galle	Aug 2018
7	Gampola.	G.C.E. A/L	St. Anthony's Girls' College, Kandy	Aug 2018
8	Panadura.	G.C.E. A/L	Jeelan Central College, Sarikkamulla	Aug 2018
9	Galle.	Medicine	University of Ruhuna	Dec 2018
10	Galle.	Medicine	University of Peradeniya	Dec 2018
11	Hemmathagama.	Medicine	University of Rajarata	Dec 2018
12	Gampola.	Medicine	University of Kelaniya	Dec 2018
13	Leemagahakotuwa.	Medicine	Eastern University	Dec 2018
14	Puttalam.	Medicine	University of Rajarata	Dec 2018
15	Dewanagala.	Medicine	University of Peradeniya	Dec 2018
16	Akkaraipattu.	Medicine	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Dec 2018
17	Kalpitiya.	Engineering	University of Jaffna	Dec 2018
18	Dickwella.	Management	University of Ruhuna	Dec 2018
19	Balangoda.	Computer Science	University of Colombo School of Computing	Dec 2018
20	Nintavur - 07.	Medicine	University of Peradeniya	Mar 2019
21	Beruwala.	G.C.E. A/L (Bio Science)	ZAM Refai Hajjar Maha Vidyalaya	Aug 2019
22	Nuwara Eliya.	G.C.E. A/L (Bio Science)	Kekunagolla Central College	Aug 2019
23	Galle.	G.C.E. A/L	Malharus Sulhiya National College	Aug 2019
24	Weligama.	G.C.E. A/L	Arafa Central College	Aug 2019
25	Galle.	Medicine	Eastern University	Dec 2019
26	Kekirawa.	Medicine	University of Jaffna	Dec 2019
27	Malwana.	Veterinary Science	University of Peradeniya	Dec 2019
28	Kinniya.	Engineering	University of Moratuwa	Dec 2019
29	Hemmathagama.	Engineering	University of Moratuwa	Dec 2019
30	Hemmathagama.	Engineering	University of Peradeniya	Dec 2019
31	Eravur 03.	Engineering	South Eastern University	Dec 2019
32	Kandy.	Medicine	University of Kelaniya	Dec 2019
33	Mutur 05.	Medicine	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Dec 2019
34	Weligama.	Medicine	University of Jaffna	Dec 2019
35	Kattankudy 02.	G.C.E. A/L (Maths)	Al-Hira Maha Vidyalaya	Oct 2020
36	Gampola.	G.C.E. A/L (Bio Science)	St. Anthony's Girls College, Kandy	Oct 2020
37	Akkaraipattu 17.	G.C.E. A/L (Bio Science)	Akkaraipattu Muslim Central College	Oct 2020
38	Wellampitiya.	G.C.E. A/L (Bio Science)	Devi Balika Vidyalaya	Oct 2020
39	Hapugastalawa.	G.C.E. A/L (Bio Science)	Al-Minhaj Central College	Oct 2020
40	Palamunai 03.	Engineering	University of Ruhuna	Dec 2020



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WHAT SCHOLARS SAY ABOUT OSMET

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to OSMET and its members without whom it would not have been possible for me to concentrate on my studies. I was able to complete my studies without worry of financial constraints.

MBBS (Peradeniya)

I was very happy to be one of the beneficiaries of the financial support given to me from your Organization for my higher education. I pray to Allah to continue this service in the future too. I received the scholarship at the right time and it helped me to finish my undergraduate career successfully.

Doctor (Maruthamunai)

I am honored to be one of the recipients of your scholarship. Thank you for your generous support throughout the last 5 years.

Doctor (Gintota)

I have to thank you for the financial support given to me, by your scholarship fund. It played a great role in minimizing my financial burden throughout my higher studies. May Almighty Allah reward in both worlds, all those who contributed to assist Muslim students who are unable to pursue their higher studies.

Doctor (Hemmathagama)

I express my sincere gratitude to you for granting me a scholarship. I would like to thank you and all the donors who contributed to the OSMET Scholarship Trust. The financial assistance you provided has been a great help in paying for my educational expenses.

Doctor (Galle)

I wish to express and place on record mine and my parents' heartfelt and sincere gratitude to OSMET for all assistance rendered that enabled me to graduate as a Doctor. May Almighty Allah shower his blessings on all at OSMET.

Doctor (Uluvitike)



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