

It is with pleasure that I express a few thoughts regarding the “Thomian Triathlon 2014”, which is indeed a unique event for a multitude of reasons. S. Thomas’ College is probably the only school in the country to have ever organized a Triathlon, for which reason the event “Triathlon” has become synonymous with S. Thomas’ College. No other school has ever endeavored to venture into organizing a Triathlon simply because it is too much of a daunting task, involving mass mobilization of Past Pupils, Parents, Students, Teachers and other Support Groups. Like many other countless triumphs, S. Thomas’ College earned the triumphant honour of becoming the first ever school in the country to organize a Triathlon more than a quarter of a century ago. We, as Thomians, can humbly be proud of the fact that 25 years on, S. Thomas’ College remains to be the only school in the country having the capacity, experience, organizational structure and most of all the confidence to repeatedly organize events such as the Triathlon, which promises to bring together several generations of Thomians with the singular purpose of collectively contributing towards the advancement of their *alma mater*.

The “Thomian Triathlon 2014” is yet another project of the STC Old Boys Association aimed at raising funds for the futuristic “Senior Quadrangle Project” launched by STC with intent to increase class room space and related facilities, which is a critical need of the hour. It also aims at raising the initial funds required to establish a much needed “Staff Trust Fund” for the benefit of the dedicated Academic Staff at STC. With the singular motive of achieving the said twin objectives, the OBA confidently ventured into organizing the “Thomian Triathlon 2014” amidst numerous challenges and obstacles, which at times seemed almost insurmountable. We have set ambitious targets to drive the organizing committee to achieve its maximum potential. I am personally confident that this event would be a resounding success, in terms of raising funds, enhancing brotherhood among the Thomian fraternity and keeping alive the Thomian spirits, as in the case of similar events organized by the OBA in the past. The OBA has mobilized the very best of its dedicated as well as committed Members to organize this event. The guidance and encouragement given by the all inspiring Warden, Prof. Indra De Soysa and Rev. Marc Billimoria is absolutely invaluable in this endeavor.

I wish good luck to all the enthusiastic participants at the “Thomian Triathlon 2014”, particularly the Old Boys, who could be humbly proud of the fact that they have contributed towards the much needed infrastructure development at STC. We have inherited one of the most spectacular campuses in the country thanks to the untiring efforts of our forefathers, who toiled hard to elevate STC to its present state. All of us can justifiably be proud of the fact that we are about to engage ourselves in a historical cause of assisting STC achieve academic as well as sporting excellence well into the future. You have, in your true Thomian Spirit, risen to the occasion to help your *alma mater* to poise itself to face the challenges of the future. I wish to sincerely thank the energetic organizing committee headed by Senaka De Fonseka for their untiring efforts in making this event a resounding success.

May the everlasting Thomian Spirit, Thomian Grit and Thomian Bondage be alive for many more centuries to come. In conclusion I wish to quote the prophetic words of Warden W.A Stone, who once said I quote ***“Live for S. Thomas’. Do anything for her whenever you are asked to do it; if necessary die for her.”***

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