

CA Sri Lanka Qatar Chapter Activities 2014/15

The CA Sri Lanka Qatar Chapter ("the Chapter") was established in the year 2010 and is the first overseas Chapters of the Institute. The membership of the Chapter has grown steadily since its founding days and presently has over 100 members who hold key positions in various private and public companies and are actively involved in support and development of the accounting profession in Qatar. The Chapter is actively involved in enhancing and updating the professional knowledge of its members and to meet this objective, periodically organizes professional lectures and seminars. The Chapter is affiliated to the Sri Lanka Embassy in the State of Qatar

The Chapter has shown phenomenal progress in activities undertaken and completed another successful year. It reached a monumental 6 years of existence, with a proud legacy laid down by its founders. The day to day affairs of the Chapter are managed through its Constitution and by an elected eleven member executive committee.

Executive Committee 2014/2015

<i>President</i>	Sudharshana Wijesundara
<i>Vice President</i>	Subashchandra Suntharalingam
<i>General Secretary</i>	Mohammed Lafir
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sanjeewa Jayanetti
<i>Committee Members</i>	Saman Fernando
	Felix D. Ponweera
	Kishodaran Letchumanan
	Nadika Kumara
	R. Senthilnathan
	Shaman Punchihewa
	Sujeewa Ranasinghe

Technical Events

During the year 2014/2015, the Chapter's Technical Committee organized 5 technical seminars and invited international experts to enhance the technical, leadership and soft skills of the members. By organizing these knowledge sharing technical events, the Chapter provides its members an opportunity to be up-to-date with the changing and challenging professional environment, business networking and to obtain much needed continuous professional developments hours.

The details of the technical events are as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
<i>29 October 2014</i>	Presentation on Evaluating Credit Worthiness and Exchange Risk Hedging Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr. Bertie Lombard AGM - Corporate Banking Commercial Bank of Qatar▪ Mr. Ashley Free Head of Treasury Sales and Structuring Commercial Bank of Qatar
<i>14 and 21</i>	Advanced Excel and	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr. Vasu Senthil

November 2014	PowerPoint	Business Analyst Qatar General Electricity and Water Corporation
28 November 2014	Presentation and Panel Discussion on Emerging Role of the Modern CFO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Suren Rajakarier Partner and Head of Audit KPMG Sri Lanka ▪ Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Alex Aclimandos - Mr. Andrew Rosser
10 December 2014	Presentation on New Developments in IFRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Yusuf Hassan Partner KPMG UAE
19 May 2015	Presentation on Stress Management and Health Considerations for Professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. P. Raveendran Cardiologist Aster Medical Center

Social Events

The Chapter organized various social and family events during 2014/2015.

Date	Event	Venue
05 December 2014	CASL Qatar Premier League Cricket Tournament	Mesaieed Industrial City Ground
16 January 2015	Friendly Cricket Encounter (CA India vs. CA Sri Lanka)	Mesaieed Industrial City Ground
13 March 2015	Annual Paduru Party	Radisson Blu Hotel
29 May 2015	Annual Members Night	Radisson Blu Hotel

The members annual cricket encounter “CASL Qatar Premier League” was held at Mesaieed Industrial City grounds and is considered to be the showcase event for the members cricketing skills. CA Sri Lanka & CA India Cricket Match was a new addition to the chapter calendar and it was a successful start for a better relationship with other professional organizations.

Paduru party event which was an evening of fun to members and their families. Members were able to show up their signing talents during the event.

Members Night is considered as the Chapter’s flagship social event and it was held at Radisson Blu Hotel. The Guest of Honor, Mr. Arjuna Herath, the President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka participated the occasion while Sri Lanka’s Ambassador to the State of Qatar, H.E. Jayantha Palipane attended as chief guest. In order to make this evening more colorful and memorable one, the Chapter invited a renowned Sri Lankan artist Mr. T.M. Jayarathna to entertain this evening with his sensational classical melodies.

CASL Strategic Level Examinations in Qatar

The Chapter continually supports the Institute to conduct CASL Strategic Level exams in Qatar. Being the first and only overseas exam center, is one of the key milestones achieved by the Chapter. In June/July 2015, strategic level exams were

conducted at the Sri Lankan Embassy and Sri Lankan School in Qatar for the fifth consecutive time.

6th Annual General Meeting

In July 2015, the Chapter held its 6th Annual General Meeting and Subashchandra Suntharalingam was appointed as the seventh president of the Chapter. The incoming president and the new Executive committee vowed to take the Chapter to the next level.