

12th Feb 2015

The President and Members of the OBA, UK,
Dear Johnians

A Gentle reminder on our appeal.

This is a gentle reminder to our joint appeal letter dated 17th Nov 2014, indicating our urgent need to expedite the construction of the Jaffna Academy and School of Technology.

I append herewith, the letter referred to above for your ready reference. Photos depict progress on construction. Your timely support, whether big or small, will help us in great deal in deed.

Benefits of this project

- 1) Prospective students will get Technical skills with National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Level 3 Certificate.
- 2) BSc (Tech)
- 3) Students can follow Diplomas / Degrees / Masters in Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Software, Computer, Communication, Textile, Mechatronics, Engineering at the Open University, SL with three passes in the A/Level.

Building in progress as on 12.02.2015



Thank you for your corporation.
Rev.N.J.Gnanaponrajah
Principal.

Attachment: Letter Dated 17.11.2014

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Dear Johnians,

Urgent Need!!!

URGENT APPEAL FOR HELPING HANDS TO ORGANISE THE A/L TECHNOLOGY STREAM BEFORE MARCH 2015 – before the first batch of students sit for their final exams in August.

Technological Studies Unit at St. John's College

For whom are we taking such pains to put up the Technology Block?

- For your brothers and sons who are in GCE (A/L).

- For your brothers and sons who have the talent of ‘doing’ apart from ‘knowing’ or theoretical knowledge. Some of their inborn talents like kinaesthetic intelligence, intra-personal intelligence, inter-personal intelligence and naturalist intelligence cannot be assessed at examinations.

Why are we taking such pains to put up the Technology Block?

- To provide facilities for Advanced Level students of St. John’s College and numerous schools in the environs (in the Northern Province) to follow the Technology Stream.
- To make Johnians more employable and thereby reduce the levels of unemployment in the North. To compete in the job market with 300,000 youth who sit the examination annually. They will be employable as the stream is aimed at producing those who can fit into the job market.
- To prevent a number of students leaving St. John’s to follow the Technological stream elsewhere.

The pathways available for your brothers and children selecting the Technology Stream

Students who pass the A/L examination with high grades can enter a university and read for a Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech.) degree. A Faculty of Science and Technology is being inaugurated in all the universities and the University Grants Commission has pledged admissions for 3,000 students from this new stream. Available courses at present in Sri Lankan Universities for this stream are:

Agricultural Technology & Management
 Food Science & Technology
 Food Production & Technology Management Information and Communication Technology Management &
 Information Technology
 Science & Technology
 Computer Science & Technology
 Tea Technology & Value Addition
 Industrial information Technology
 Mineral Resources & Technology
 Palm & Latex Technology & Value Addition

Students offering Technology related subjects for Advanced Level have greater chances of entering the universities and following a discipline of their choice. **Thus, the Technology Stream, unlike the other streams is a sure road to success...**

In keeping with its 191 years' tradition of providing all the necessary facilities for students to study all the subjects introduced in the National Curriculum by the Ministry of Education, a Technology Faculty, housing the following units, is being constructed by St. John’s College:

- Mechanical Engineering Unit
 - Civil Engineering Unit
 - Bio Systems Technology Unit
 - Electrical Unit
- Work is in progress – but the progress is rather slow due to insufficient funds. Since emphasis is laid on practical competencies, teaching cannot be done in conventional classrooms. By March 2015, a complete ‘Technological Studies Unit’ with classrooms, workshops, laboratories and green houses will have to be built and personnel with expertise in different fields need to be remunerated! **Rs.30 million is the government** estimate for the building alone! We need **another Rs.30 million to equip** the Mechanical Engineering Unit, Civil Engineering Unit, Bio Systems Technology Unit and the Electrical Unit



we need you.



Your support, in big ways or small, will help the children of the North. Even one dollar will make a difference. It's for you to decide how many faces you are going to light up with smiles. Help us help the students, the future of Jaffna and very soon, you will be happy to see your brothers and sons doing very well in life when Jaffna begins to reap the benefits of a new, highly-skilled workforce...

(Return slip)



I hereby commit to support the above program by contributing LKR by Cash / Cheque / Bank transfer.

BANK DETAILS

Name of Account: St. John's College, Jaffna, Sri Lanka
Type of Account : Current Account
Account Number : 016010004016
Bank branch : HNB Jaffna
Swift code : HBLILKLX

If you transfer any funds to the above account please inform us to enable us acknowledge. For further information, you can call me on 0094 21 222 2432/0094 777154 093 or email me; <stjohns@slt.net.lk> <sjcjaffna@gmail.com>

Thank you very much.

Revd. N. Jameson Gnanaponrajah
Principal

Ven SJ Jeyaveerasingan
Manager