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Season's Greetings 2026

AS we welcome the New Year, The Management Club conveys its heartfelt wishes to our members, their families, sponsor organizations, and the public. May the year ahead bring good health, renewed optimism, and continued success. We look forward to strengthening leadership, collaboration, and positive impact together in the year ahead. Wishing you a prosperous and fulfilling New Year.

The Management Club Colombo hosts 'The Way Forward' with Ravi Jayawardena

TMC - Colombo successfully concluded yet another insightful edition of its flagship event "**The Way Forward** "series on 27 November 2025 at the Cinnamon Grand Colombo.

The forum featured the keynote speaker, Maliban Group of Companies CEO Ravi Jayawardena, which brought together a distinguished audience comprising senior corporate leaders, professionals, and emerging executives from across the corporate sector.

The session focused on a timely and a compelling theme, **"Strategic Maneuvering in Tough Times: Live or Lead."** Drawing from his extensive leadership experience, Jayawardena shared practical insights and real-world perspectives on navigating organisations through periods of uncertainty and disruption. His address strongly emphasised the importance of knowledge enhancement, adaptive thinking, and professional development as essential enablers of sustainable leadership that would drive through the tough times

A key highlight of the discussion was the critical role of maintaining a positive mindset in decision-making, particularly under intense external pressures. Jayawardena underscored that resilience and optimism are not merely personal traits, but strategic necessities for leaders steering organisations through challenging environments.

He further elaborated on the importance of strategic resource allocation, advocating equal emphasis on continuous training and knowledge sharing alongside investments in research and development. According to Jayawardena, organisations that foster a corporate culture open to new ideas—and one that thoughtfully accommodates learning from errors—are better equipped to respond to external forces with agility and confidence. Such a culture, he noted, instills a strong sense of ownership among teams involved in strategic initiatives. However, he cautioned that empowering teams and allowing room for error must be balanced with prudent judgment, as even a single misstep can have far-reaching consequences.

Addressing the question of the nature of leadership during high-risk periods, Jayawardena emphasised that senior management must take the lead in times of uncertainty. He highlighted the strategic value of retaining experienced professionals, dispelling the common misconception that senior staff lack the dynamism of younger employees. Instead, he reinforced that experience, perspective, and sound judgment are indispensable assets during turbulent times.

Jayawardena also spoke on the need for organisations to continuously redefine their performance parameters in response to evolving micro and macro environmental conditions. He stressed that key performance indicators (KPIs), as well as criteria for measuring success and failure, must be periodically reviewed and recalibrated to reflect new realities. Known for his eloquence, he reinforced his message through compelling real-life examples, including references to world-class athletes who overcame adversity through discipline, consistency, and determination.

The session concluded on a high note, reaffirming **The Way Forward** series as a valuable platform for thought leadership, dialogue, and learning—empowering professionals to not only survive challenging times, but also to lead decisively all the time.

The session was compered by Gayathri Wickramasinghe whilst Ravi Jayawardena was accorded with a token of appreciation by the TMC - Colombo Chairperson Duneeshya Bogoda.

TMC Colombo, TMC Mount Lavinia support flood-affected families in Wellampitiya

TMC Colombo and TMC Mount Lavinia recently completed a joint flood relief initiative on 21 December 2025 to assist families affected by severe flooding in the Wellampitiya, Gothatuwa and Angoda areas.

The programme was launched in response to widespread flooding that caused significant disruption to daily life, particularly impacting low-income households that lost essential household items and faced difficulties in meeting basic needs. Recognising the urgency of the situation, the two TMC chapters collaborated to deliver targeted assistance aimed at restoring dignity, safety and stability to affected families.

A structured needs assessment was conducted prior to the distribution process to ensure that assistance reached the most vulnerable households. Beneficiaries were selected based on verified ground information, with supporting documentation reviewed to maintain transparency and accountability throughout the initiative. Special attention was given to families with children and infants.

The relief support focused on providing essential household items, grocery assistance, electrical appliances and educational materials for children. All funds utilised for the project were donated by TMC members, with a total collection of Rs. 140,000. By tailoring support to individual household requirements, the initiative addressed immediate practical needs while supporting continuity in daily life and children's education during the recovery period.

The project was jointly coordinated by TMC Mount Lavinia Chairman Shalutha Samarathunge, and TMC Colombo Chairperson Duneeshya Bogoda. Their leadership enabled effective coordination between the two chapters, ensuring timely implementation and appropriate oversight of the relief activities.

TMC Mount Lavinia opens new lounge, outlines future initiatives

THE Management Club (TMC) Mount Lavinia successfully marked the opening of its new clubhouse at the Mount Lavinia Hotel, strengthening its commitment to leadership development, professional collaboration, and member engagement.

The opening ceremony was attended by members and invited guests, with TMC President Roger Talayaratne addressing the gathering. In his remarks, he outlined the strategic direction of TMC and shared the vision for the clubhouse as a vibrant hub for dialogue, learning, and meaningful connections among business leaders and professionals. He highlighted TMC's continued focus on knowledge sharing, leadership excellence, and creating platforms that support both established leaders and emerging professionals.

During the event, Shanthi delivered a presentation on TMC's upcoming initiatives, with special emphasis on the Northern Investment Summit scheduled to be held in Jaffna in January 2026. The summit is expected to bring together policymakers, investors, business leaders, and regional stakeholders to explore investment opportunities, economic development, and sustainable growth in the Northern region.

Members were also informed of additional privileges linked to the new clubhouse location. All TMC members are entitled to a 20% discount at all restaurants at the Mount Lavinia Hotel, while Platinum members will enjoy a 30% discount. These benefits are in addition to the other privileges and member benefits already offered by the club.

The new lounge at the Mount Lavinia Hotel will serve as a dedicated space for regular forums, workshops, networking sessions, and member interactions. TMC Mount Lavinia continues to play a leading role in fostering engagement between corporate leaders and professionals, reinforcing its position as a key platform for collaboration and thought leadership in Sri Lanka's business community.

TMC Colombo to Spotlight 'Global Expansion Strategies' at January 2026 'Members Speak' Session

THE Management Club (TMC) Colombo will host its next Members Spark forum under the theme- "Why Stay Local, When You Can Go Global? – From Sri Lankan Roots to Global Relevance" on 27 January 2026 at the Ebony Hall, Cinnamon Grand Hotel, Colombo from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This session will focus on aligning Sri Lankan professionals, entrepreneurs, and business leaders with strategic insights to scale operations beyond domestic markets and compete effectively on a global platform. The keynote address will be delivered by Worldwide Logistics Lanka Ltd., Managing


Director Rienzie Cooray who is a veteran in international trade, logistics, and shipping.

He holds a MBA (UK), along with professional qualifications of CLSSBB, FCIM (UK), CMA (Australia), He counts over 34 years of experience in freight forwarding and logistics which includes more than 18 years in overseas business development. His overall exposure brings a depth of practical expertise gained through direct engagement across 56 international markets.

Rienzie is also a designated National Export Management Coach and Consultant accredited by the International Trade Centre (ITC), the trade development arm of the United Nations, and serves as an Independent Business Consultant speciaLiSing in the scaling up of export- and import-oriented enterprises. He is also a resource person attached to the Export Development Board (EDB), contributing to national Export Scale-Up Programs aimed at strengthening Sri Lanka's export competitiveness. The session is expected to deliver pragmatic perspectives on market entry strategies, global value chains, and operational readiness required for international expansion, drawing from real-world case experiences.

Participation fee is Rs. 2,500, inclusive of refreshments. The event is supported by a cross-section of corporate partners from the hospitality, banking, insurance, communication, and professional services sectors.

Registrations and further information are available via tmc.srilanka@gmail.com or +94 77 370 8752.

Macroeconomic signals and private sector credit: An executive approach

THE Management Club (TMC) Mount Lavinia will host an executive forum titled "Macroeconomic Signals Shaping Private Sector Credit" on 8 January 2026 at the Cinnamon Grand Colombo, as part of its ongoing initiative to support and strengthen Sri Lanka's management community.

The session aims to provide corporate leaders with timely insights into how prevailing macroeconomic trends are influencing private sector credit, capital access, and financing decisions in an evolving economic environment. With businesses navigating through changing interest rates, liquidity constraints, and policy adjustments, the forum is designed to help decision makers better understand how credit and capital acquisition dynamics are likely to unfold in the period ahead.

The event will feature a keynote address followed by a panel discussion and an interactive question and answer session, offering participants the opportunity to engage directly with senior banking leadership. The resource persons for the session will be Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC Managing Director and CEO Sanath Manatunge and Deputy Manager-Treasury Asela Wijesiriwardane.

According to the TMC Mount Lavinia chapter, the forum is intended to bridge the gap between macroeconomic developments and real world business decision making by translating economic signals into practical perspectives on credit availability and capital access. The session seeks to equip corporate leaders, senior executives of all levels and entrepreneurs to navigate in real time scenarios with clarity to plan, adapt, and grow sustainably.

The event forms a part of TMC's broader mandate to promote knowledge sharing, leadership development, and informed dialogue within Sri Lanka's private sector. Through such initiatives, the Club continues to create platforms that enable meaningful engagement between corporate leaders, policymakers, and financial institutions.

The session is followed by a post-event networking, allowing participants to connect with peers and industry leaders in an informal setting. Limited seats are available and are now open for registration at an investment of Rs. 4500 for Non- TMC members and Rs. 3500 for TMC members including refreshments. For enquiries kindly contact Ashley / Joseph on 071586 0000, Shalutha 071272 8080 Or Manish on 077 789 6064.