

# 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

## 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022

On 24th September, Colombo International School celebrated its 40th anniversary. To commemorate this historic milestone, we saw the long-awaited return of the school anniversary fair. As the clock struck two in the afternoon, the procession of the Principal, the Heads of School, the Head of Sixth Form, the Head of Secondary, the Head of Juniors and the Head of Infants made its way to the Junior playground. The opening ceremony commenced with the hoisting of the national flag by the Principal and the school flag by the Head of School.



The Drumming Society was the first to take centre-stage with a spirited performance that seamlessly transitioned between intricate beats and complex rhythms to create a lively start to



the afternoon's proceedings. Taking over from the drummers, the senior school dancers captivated the crowd with an enthralling Kandyan dance that culminated with the unveiling of the anniversary banner. The Junior School dancers then stole the show with an incredible fusion dance performance that celebrated music from four decades, beginning with the 1980s. As the roar of applause from the audience gradually faded, the Principal and Head of School cut the cake while the choirs from all three sections sang the birthday song. The

Principal spoke a few words, encouraging everyone present to enjoy and indulge in the festivities, before going on to declare the fair open by cutting the ribbon.

The anniversary fair consisted of a wide range of stalls run by classes from Nursery to Year 11. On top of the plethora of food and drink available, the stalls also offered a myriad of games and activities - from photo booths to shooting hoops, there was something for





everyone. Whilst people bustled around the school grounds and the courtyard, a few members of the Orchestra displayed their talents in a musical Performance in the Senior Hall; their renditions of "Stand by Me" and "Dancing Queen" were quick to win praise from all the spectators. Following the musicians, the presidents of the Choral Society hosted a karaoke session of recent hits. This event was especially enjoyed by our students. It is impossible to talk about the anniversary without mentioning one of the most iconic attractions of the fair - the Horror House. Designed, decorated and run

by the Year 12 Prefects, the Horror House that left many children screaming and shrieking in fear was the most visited attraction that afternoon. The extended time the stalls remained open indicated just how much our students enjoyed what the school anniversary fair had to offer. The promise of a day of fun, excitement and celebration was undoubtedly fulfilled. However, it is important to remember that the school anniversary not only serves as a day of merriment for our students but also as a fundamental part of our school's charity programme. We are proud to confirm that we raised an incredible 2,489,700 LKR for charity so, in addition to the students of CIS experiencing an afternoon they will for years to come, the funds collected will hopefully be able to create happy memories for many more deserving recipients.

