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Personal Profile

Biotechnologist and Agribusiness Professional with more than 10 years of experience as the Head of Business Operations at Hayleys Agriculture Holdings Limited. Currently serves as a Director of Lanka Sustainable Ventures (Pvt) Ltd., Yarl Coco (Pvt) Ltd., Aquagri Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.

Founder of Seaweed aquaculture in Sri Lanka & pioneer in developing alternative sustainable livelihood for Seaweed farmers in Sri Lanka. Implemented many successful Seaweed farming projects in collaboration with the Government of Sri Lanka, INGOs & NGOs.

Academia

University of Bangalore

B.Sc (Hons) in Biotechnology & Gold Medalist from University of Bangalore.

University of Colombo

MBA in Marketing

Sri Lanka Institute of Directors

Board Leadership, Director Certification Program

Voluntary Positions

- Consultant to Industrial Consultative Committees for the Universities based in Sri Lanka
- Council Member, University of Jaffna
- Author of number of international and local scientific journals.
- Guest speaker of several National and Global Scientific Forums.
- Deputy President- MBA Alumni Association of University of Colombo
- Treasurer, Sri Lanka Agripreneurs' Forum

Key Milestones

- International Indian Seaweed Expo & Summit, Mumbai - 2018 & 2019
- Training at Southeast Asia Fisheries Development Centre (SEAFDEC)- Philippines-2016
- International CSR Summit, Macau - 2015
- International Seaweed Congress, Philippines - 2014
- Agricultural Products Export and Processing Management for Developing Countries, China - 2013
- Presidential Award For "The Pioneers of Commercial Seaweed Farming in Sri Lanka"
- Hayleys Chairman's Award Winner for Innovations: Seaweed innovation, Nano fertilizer, Maldives Agriculture, Hayleys Jeevadhara - 2013, 2014, 2016 & 2017
- Silver Award for Best Innovation in Agriculture (Seaweed) Ag-Biz National Awards 2015
- Asia Responsible Entrepreneurship Award (AREA) under Social Empowerment Category, Macau-2015
- Research article featured in Springer Publications, International Journal of Applied Phycology - 2017
- Travel Grant winner of GlobalSeaweedSTAR Fund from Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS)
- Invited oral presenter at 23rd International Seaweed Symposium (ISS 2019), Korea - 2019
- Guest Speaker at International Forum on Aquaculture for Silk Road Countries - 2020
- Guest Speaker, International conference on Innovation and Emerging technologies (Role of Seaweed in Blue bio economy)-2022
- Oral presenter, 24th International Seaweed Symposium ISS 2023- Australia

"Seaweed Revolution - Path to a sustainable future!"