

# Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo celebrates 27th Anniversary

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Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo His Lordship Rt Rev Dr Emmanuel Fernando of Archbishop's house Borella addresses the associates

Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo celebrated twenty seven years of service with a host of activities taking place throughout the hotel.

To mark this milestone Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo carried out an annual blood drive, encouraging associates of both the hotel and the John Keells group to donate.

Since 1990 Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo has been running a blood drive that has served towards collections of large quantities of blood for those in need. This year saw 110 associates from the hotel and Mackinnons Travels participate in the blood drive, an upsurge in contributions towards the cause, compared to the previous year's count of 53 associates.

Along with the blood drive the hotel joined forces with the International Eye Bank to encourage associates to pledge to donate their eyes and human tissue. To commemorate the special occasion, the hotel organised religious ceremonies throughout the day. Associates from all religious backgrounds attended various religious ceremonies, strengthening the unity and community feel throughout the hotel.

The morning saw the beginning of the religious ceremonies starting with the Hindu

ceremony and followed by an Islamic ceremony conducted by Maulavi Anas from the Slave Island mosque. The Hindu ceremony was conducted by the Tamil Priest Ramachandran from the Wellawatte Temple.

The religious ceremonies carried on throughout the day with Venerable Olande Ananda from the Pagoda meditation centre, which was attended by 325 associates of the hotel.

Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo conducted a Catholic mass attended by 150 associates and was led by the Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo, His Lordship Rt Rev Dr Emmanuel Fernando of Archbishop's House, Borella.