

## Heritage Tea Factory secures first organic tea certification in Sri Lanka



Some of the team at Heritage Tea Factory with the organic certification

Heritage Tea Factory was awarded the organic certification by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute (SLSI) for the cultivation and processing of tea. After eight years of refining the methods used to cultivate and process organic black tea, green tea and herbal tea, the hotel emerged as the first to achieve the organic certification.

The hotel discontinued the use of all forms of chemical fertiliser and pesticides in the tea plantation with the mission of achieving 100 percent organic status. The process of awarding the certification involved three site visits at different stages by the auditors from the SLSI. The first audit was conducted to verify whether the standards met the criteria set by SLSI, the second audit was to measure the progress the hotel made and to recommend further applicable improvements and the final audit was to confirm the hotel's suitability for certification.

"Heritage Tea Factory has experienced a positive impact with the achievement of being 100 percent organic. We are indeed proud of our achievement and promise to strive to sustain our green initiatives. It is with sincere admiration that I applaud the efforts of those involved in making this dream a reality," commented Roshanlal Perera, General Manager - Heritage Tea Factory.