



Proposal to Purchase a Land next to College Hostel

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1.0 Introduction

In the past 175 years Hartley College has delivered thousands of good citizens to the world and shaped the society to overcome social and cultural disorders by teaching the value of life through education, discipline and dignity. The school aims to be a centre of excellence which provides the highest academic standards and an educational experience which is enriched by a vibrant cultural environment. Further emphasis is placed on fostering self-motivation, mutual respect and a strong sense of social responsibility, enabling pupils to be successful adults who will make a difference in the 21st century world and in the communities which they live.

In all aspects of teaching, extra-curricular activities play key role in the success path from child to adult and Hartley concentrates on such activities seriously, like sports. Our ground placed in a well established surrounding however part of the area still owned by others. The land near the main entrance is not belongs to Hartley but this is for sale presently. This land is not only adjacent to the main entrance but just metres away from the newly built hostel.

This proposal is aimed to present a strong case in favour of purchasing this land for our school.

2.0 Selected Past Contributions by HCPPAs

Past pupil's associations around the world and local are continuously supporting the school to the common goal of our Alma-Mater. Following are some of the contributions in the past but not limited to,

1	Every year	Sports Expenses by through the trust by HCPPAs; Costs SL Rs 400 000 – 500 000 annually	
2	Every year	Supporting instructors (past pupils) who help and facilitate O/L and A/L students (Link Class) during transition; ~SL Rs. 42,000	NSW
3	Every Year	Supporting an additional English teacher for ' <i>English Competency Development</i> '	UK
4	2013	Supporting 175 th Anniversary contributions; SL Rs. 150, 000 SL Rs. 150, 000 SL Rs. 100, 000 SLRs. 100, 000 Magnanimous gestures of Past pupils, HCPPAs and parents towards the commemoration. 1. Issuing of Commemorative stamp sponsored by Dr.N.Vishnukanthan, Attorney at lay, past pupil. 2. Complimenting of Memento – Wall clock by the Colombo Branch. 3. Beautifying the Principal's Office – sponsored by Mr.M.Thayaparan, HCPPA (Colombo Branch) 4. Fixing CCTV camera system – sponsored by Mr.Chivachelvam Sooriyakumar a Past Pupil (Switzerland) 5. Flags and Iron Pipes –Mr.Thirunavukkarasu Santhakumaran, Surveyor, Past pupil. 6. Parents sponsored the entertainment expenses of guests.	Canada and USA NSW Victoria UK
5	2013	Computer Lab - 5 Computers with internet facilities, A/C, five tables and chairs; ~SL Rs. 400,000	Canada and USA
6	2012	Canteen; ~SL Rs. 4,000,000	UK
7	2012	Land between courts complex and school; Total cost ~SL Rs. 5,300,000 SL Rs. 1,000,000 SL Rs. 100,000 SL Rs. 300,000 SL Rs. 1,300,000 SL Rs. 1,100,000	SDS (Parents) HCPPA (Parent body) HCPPA (Colombo) HCPPA (Canada & USA) HCPPA (UK)

		SL Rs. 400,000 SL Rs 100 000	HCPPA (Victoria) HCPPA (Vavuniya)
8	2011	40 New computers	Canada & USA
9	2011	Land next to assembly hall was transferred from the Trust which was bought earlier with the contribution from everyone	
10	2005	22 computers	NSW
11		SL Rs 200 000 worth of hurdles	UK
12		Furniture replaced for 4 class rooms	Canada & USA
13		Fixing of the moodle cupboards to 12 class rooms	Canada & USA



3.0 Description of Land

This land is situated at the south-western corner of the ground and next to the entrance to the ground/hostel from college road. Total area of the land is 4.6 *parappu* (LMS) which is shown in the map below,







4.0 Importance and the impact of the land to the hostel

The location of the land will significantly influence the activities within the Hartley premises as it is situated adjacent to the main entrance of the grounds/hostel. By looking at the map, it is prudent that the land should be part of Hartley property.

As of March this year, it is expected that the hostel will start to house students and it could accommodate up to 100 very soon. As this land is metres away from the hostel, it shall pose issues in the future to the students and possibly vice-versa. It should be noted that the hostel did not function in the past decades and even not in this scale when it was in operation before.

We have arranged a discussion forum at the school when the land was first marketed for sale. This meeting was attended by the current owner of the land, who is also a hartleyite, secretary of the parent body, few past pupils and few teachers. We came to the conclusion that this land could pave the way for many problems to the hostel/ground if it used for other purposes, such as shops, restaurants, commercial etc. It was decided at the best interest of school to send the request to all HCPPAs after further consultations with many dedicated hartleyites, senior teachers, members of parent body & school development society (parents) and members of the trust who favoured the purchase.

Following are some of the future issues if the land is used by others,

1. We will not have any control over who will be our neighbours or what kind of problems we may or may not have coming from the new neighbours. This land could be developed into a residential, commercial or community property.
2. Having a commercial or a community property next to the hostel may bring issues like being noisy at odd times, having vehicles cars or trucks parked near entrance which may become a safety hazard to students going in and out of the hostel and grounds. Depending on how powerful and connected the owner of the business is these vehicles may even be parked inside Hartley property.
3. If the property was to be developed to be a restaurant, we may not be able to stop students from going there even if they sell alcohol illegally. Restaurant owners will definitely target our hostel students to sell many unwanted items to increase their profit.
4. If this land is used for a private residential then it will create problems for both of the owners and regular complaints might not be avoided, and even it may end up in some serious violence at some point.



5.If this turned to be a storage yard, then heavy vehicles could be travelling / parked around the streets which could create serious safety hazards to the school children.

On the other hand, there will be many advantages to the schools such as,

- 1.It could be developed to house basket ball court, gymnasium, indoor badminton/table tennis or volley ball court in the future. It is evident from the laboratory development at the newly purchased land next to magistrate courts. The building was funded by government only because we had a spare land and similarly some successful dedicated hartleyites or any NGO or other international organisations could fund in future for any of these developments.
- 2.Entrance could be modified to provide a safer access to the school.
- 3.It could be used for parking for bikes and/or vehicles - it is useful especially during the sports meets, inter-school matches etc.
- 4.Most Hartleyites who were in the hostel will agree that their life at the hostel attending Hartley was the best part of their lives. This hostel gave access to education at Hartley for so many who could not commute daily. Number of students came from places like Trinco, Mannar, Vavunia, Batticalo or Bandarawela and stayed in this hostel. Many of them are doing very well in life. After so many years, like a dream came true Mr. Kiru Karan is rebuilding the hostel spending over fifty million of his own money that could house around one hundred students. The new hostel is scheduled to be opened in March. The seven branches together purchasing this land will be a nice way of showing our appreciation to the investment Mr. Karan made. By purchasing this land we can ensure the environment remains unchanged and most appropriate to functioning of the hostel



5.0 Market Value and Asking Price

The title has been searched and certified to be valid by Lawyer Mr. Coomarasamy. Mr. Thiurneelakandan, the secretary of the Trust, got the property valued as 6M SLRS by an independent valuation officer. Based on independent valuation the asking price of SL Rs.5.2M was found to be reasonable. The total cost including the transfer is expected SL Rs.5.4M.

6.0 Contributions and Expectations

- Colombo and Victoria branches have committed Rs.750,000 each - thank you.

- Parents could contribute Rs.1M through their development society - thank you.

- Balance required is Rs. 2.9M. There is a strong possibility of Rs.1M contribution by a dedicated hartleyite provided the other HCPPA branches share the remainder. Now, it is down to a 1/3 of the value, Rs.1.9M (35%), which we strongly believe that could be shared by the other HCPPAs.

7.0 Conclusions

The land is indisputably strategically located next to hostel and it could provide many issues if owned by anyone other than the school. It will contribute substantially to the hostel/ground - ultimately to the school if we purchase now. Probably this could be the last chance for sale and if we missed this opportunity it could never be return.

The asking price is reasonably less than the market value and the title has been already verified as valid. Out of Rs.5.4M, the short fall as of now is Rs.1.9M and we request the HCPPAs to contribute to raise this money.

We are confident, given the facts, Hartleyites, who fondly carry memories of their life in Hartley and in the hostel will definitely support this project and agree to giving the same opportunity to the future generations and generously contribute towards this project.

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