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Welcome Dinner



**Tea Reimagined:
Regenerative, Resilient
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Welcome Speech



We are excited for the summit and the opportunity to serve as Chair of the ATA. Let us raise a toast to the resilience of smallholders and to a highly successful summit ahead.

Mr. Nimal Udugampola
Chairman of the ATA and the TSHDA

Welcome Speech



Over the years, I have worked with the tea industry across the world—from Argentina and Brazil to Indonesia, China, and beyond. We came to realise that producers must take responsibility for sustainability, and that is when the idea emerged for Asian tea stakeholders to come together. This is a shared journey toward sustaining the tea industry

**Dr. Shatadru Chattopadhyay – Managing Director,
Solidaridad Asia**



REMARKS

PLANTATION COMPANIES

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet one another and build networks across the world. We are proud to be among the first organisations to be Regenagri certified. Sri Lanka has a tea heritage spanning over 150 years. We have weathered many storms, and our plantation community continues to demonstrate the determination to meet every challenge and to provide sustainable and continuous livelihoods.

Dr Roshan Rajadurai, Managing Director of Hayleys Plantations

We are pleased to see the senior veterans of the Sri Lankan tea industry present here today. As one of the first farmer groups to receive Regenagri certification, we are grateful to Solidaridad and the Nucleus Foundation for guiding us on this journey. In Sri Lanka, we face many challenges within the tea plantation sector, and this initiative provides an important opportunity for us to move forward together.

Mr Chaminda Jayawardana, Managing Director of award winning Lumbini Tea Valley Ceylon



Everything begins with an idea. The idea for the ATA originated with Dr. Shatadru. He has had a 20-year association with the Sri Lankan tea industry, beginning with his PhD research on Sri Lankan tea. He is currently the Chairman of Regenagri and the Convenor of the ATA.

Dave Maurice, Director Nucleus Foundation and Chair of ATA Secretariat

Networking Session

“We were here recently, and it truly feels like we are back at home. On behalf of Solidaridad, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the TSHDA for its continued support to both Solidaridad and the ATA. With the baton now passed to Sri Lanka for the next two years, we look forward to the upcoming programme — the events, the technical sessions, and the field tour.

Mr Ranjan Circar Globad Tea Lead Solidaridad



I warmly welcome all foreign delegates who have joined us today. The Planters' Association is honoured to be involved in this important forum. In Sri Lanka, the majority of tea production comes from our smallholders, who play a vital role in sustaining the industry. I wish the Asia Tea Alliance every success under the chairmanship of Sri Lanka.

**Mr. Sunil Poholiyadde
Chairman, Planters' Association of Ceylon**





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