

Profile - Dian Gomes



Dian is known as the catalyst for the resurgence of boxing in Sri Lanka. A former Junior National Flyweight Champion in Boxing himself, Dian has been an ardent follower of the sport and has been actively engaged in its administration for the past 15 years. He was elected as president of the Boxing Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) for 8 consecutive years where he was instrumental in introducing corporate thinking to the sport, while implementing a long-term strategic plan for the Association; which resulted in a boxer participating in the Beijing Olympics in 2008 after a lapse of 40 years. He has also served in the International Boxing Associations (AIBA) Women's Commission (2014 to date) and was the first Sri Lankan to be appointed to the Commonwealth Advisory Board on Sport (CABOS). Dian is passionate about working regionally and globally with to develop the sport of boxing, and is determined to win a medal at the Olympic Games for Sri Lanka through Boxing. He also served as the Vice President of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka from 2004-2016. He was instrumental in the country winning three medals at the 2018 Commonwealth Games held in Gold Coast; a victory after 68 years for Sri Lanka.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: 21st September, 1957
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PRESENT

Honorary Consul of Georgia in Sri Lanka
Director of Nestle Lanka PLC
Chairman of Westgate Interiors (International) (Pvt.) Ltd. (www.westgateinteriors.net)
Chairman of Gandhara Crafts & Artifacts (Pvt) Ltd. (www.gandharacrafts.com)
Chairman of Villa Republic (Pvt.) Ltd. (www.villarepublic.com) A chain of luxury villas, operating in Sri Lanka

PREVIOUS

Chairman of Hela Clothing (Private) Limited – (2016 – 2018) (www.helaclothing.com)
Managing Director of MAS Intimates (Private) Limited - (1990 – 2015) (www.masholdings.com)
Board Director of MAS Holdings (Private) Limited (1992-2015) (Sri Lanka's largest conglomerate of 3bn USD) (www.masholdings.com)
Chairman of Colombo School of Business & Management (www.csbm.edu.lk)

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK) (FCMA)
Fellow member of Chartered Certified Accountants (UK) (FCCA)
Member of Certified Practising Accountants (Australia) (CDA)
Chartered Global Management Accountant (UK) (CGMA)
Executive Education at Harvard Business School, Wharton Business School and Ashridge Business School

SPORTS

POSITIONS HELD IN AIBA

Secretary of the Marketing Commission (2008 –2009)
Member of the Finance Commission (2010 -2011)
Member of the Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC) Athletes and Youth Commission (2010 – 2014)
Member of the Women's Commission (2014 -2019)
Director of IBA Executive Committee since 2020
Director of ASBC Executive Committee since 2020 todate

REPRESENTATION IN SPORTS

- Represented School Royal College in Boxing (1972-1977) (The largest public school with a population of 10,000 students in Colombo, Sri Lanka) and flyweight champion
- 1975 Sri Lanka Junior National Light Flyweight Champion
- 2002 Commonwealth Games, Manchester | Manager Sri Lankan Boxing Team
- 2004 9th SAF Games, Pakistan | Manager Sri Lankan Boxing Team

- 2006 Commonwealth Games, Australia | Manager Sri Lankan Boxing Team
- 2006 Asian Games, Qatar | Chef De Mission Sri Lankan Sports Contingent
- 2006 King's Cup International Boxing Tournament, Thailand | Manager Sri Lankan Boxing Team
- 2006 10th SAF Games, Colombo, Sri Lanka | Manager Sri Lankan Boxing Team
- 2008 Olympics, Beijing, China | Chef De Mission Sri Lankan Sports Contingent
- 2010 Commonwealth Games, India | Manager Sri Lankan Boxing Team
- 2012 International Women's Boxing Tournament, Tunisia | Manager Sri Lankan Boxing Team
- 2014 Lion's Cup International Boxing Tournament, Colombo, Sri Lanka | Tournament Director
- 2014 XX Commonwealth Games, Glasgow, Scotland | Manager of Sri Lanka Boxing Team
- 2014 17th Asian Games, Incheon, South Korea | Manager of Sri Lanka Boxing Team
- 2018 Commonwealth Games – Manager of Sri Lanka Boxing Team
- 2018 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships – Manager of Sri Lanka Boxing Team

ACHIEVEMENTS – SPORTS

- Represented Royal College in boxing in the early seventies & emerged as Sri Lanka's Junior National
- Fly-weight Champion in 1975
- Sri Lanka's youngest boxing judge at the age of 19
- President of the Sri Lanka Boxing Association (2016 - present)
- President of the Sri Lanka Boxing Association (2005 to 2009)
- Executive Committee Member of Boxing Association of Sri Lanka (2003 – present)
- Played a leading role in organizing the 'National Sporting Honors' – 2008, felicitating the best of Sri Lankan athletes
- Chairman/ Organizing Committee Member for the 2007 Commonwealth Games Federation General Assembly held in Sri Lanka in 2007
- Chef De Mission for several international sporting events including the Beijing Olympics in 2008
- Introduced the sport of Fencing to Sri Lanka in 2008 and developed the Sri Lankan team which emerged runners up at the 2nd South Asian Fencing Championship in India (2012) Qualified as AIBA 1-star Coach from 2014

INVOLVEMENT IN SPORTS POLICY

- International - First Sri Lankan to be appointed as a member of Commonwealth Advisory Board on Sports (CABOS) (2013 – 2017)
- Vice President of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (2004 - 2017)
- Speaker at Green Templeton College University of Oxford on Empowerment of Women at the gender equality symposium

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Colours of Courage | Trustee
- The Colours of Courage Trust, is a non-profit organization founded in 2008 which addresses the needs of cancer patients in Sri Lanka
- Unity Mission | Trustee
- The Unity Mission Trust aims at fostering and facilitating national unity, reconciliation, integration and healing amongst children of the North, Wannai, South, Central and East of Sri Lanka

PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT

- Responsible for leading and developing over 40,000 employees as the Chairman of Hela Clothing and Managing Director of MAS Intimates
- Delivering over 350 lectures at local and global forums
- Empowering socio-economic development of communities
- Supporting over 100 Sri Lankan athletes by providing employment opportunities
- Empowering talented rural sportsmen and sportswomen