

“Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country”

John F. Kennedy

President Kennedy’s timeless words in 1961 have inspired many generations across the globe to look beyond self-gain towards service to others for the greater good. It has had a profound impact on me as a young University student and was instrumental in driving me to be the Founding President of the Society of Transport & Logistics at the University of Moratuwa. The desire to serve impactfully is what propelled me, when I took the Chairmanship of YPF Sri Lanka. It has been my goal to create a culture where people are ready to serve their communities, be they local or global, by taking up challenges and learning from one another to achieve personal success whilst serving society at large.

I have been privileged to be associated with CILT since 2010, when I became a student member. I have participated actively in every CILTS Annual Convention from 2010-2019 and have served on many of the organizing committees. The friendships and network forged over the past 9 years of involvement with CILT as a YP member will definitely serve me well in the future.

Our generation has no borders or cultural barriers. In the age of boundary-less access to information, we are truly global citizens. CILT must recognize this fact and embrace it to grow and prosper. In this context, I believe I have the skills and heart necessary to lead and lay the foundation for growth of the Next Generation of young professionals in CILT.

CILT’s centenary must also be celebrated not only as a landmark but also as a platform to focus on the innovation and sustainability agendas of Transport and Logistics driven forward by highly tech savvy and well-informed youth who are embracing the concept of global citizenship. My interest in becoming the Global Convenor is to provide leadership to and facilitate this transition.

My work and training at a multinational company with a diverse workforce along with exposure at a local conglomerate, supplemented by the experience I gained through my involvement with CILTSL have prepared me to take on the leadership role of Global Convenor.

If I am selected, I will have the opportunity to serve the Next Generation of CILT and contribute to its growth and preparedness to face the challenges in the century ahead.

I AM CILT. WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER!

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