

# **Beauty And Brains To Represent Sri Lanka At Miss British Empire 2018**



**The Miss British Empire 2018 international beauty pageant is scheduled to take place in Perth, Australia this September. A Sri Lankan beauty who is also a Doctor selected to represent Sri Lanka is all set to make the Island proud at the event.**

Dr Nuwandika Lakmali Wickramarathne-Siriwardena is a Medical Officer attached to the Divisional Hospital at Nawagamuwa. Dr Nuwandika is in her fourth year of practice following her graduation and is planning to move into the field of Medical Administration. Having gained exposure into the field of modelling for some years now, her involvement with the talent agency, StarNow Modeling, had allowed her with the opportunity to apply for the pageant.

Commenting on the process that enabled her to be selected to represent Sri Lanka, she said, "In Sri Lanka, unfortunately, there is no representative or selection process that takes place to select a beauty queen to represent the country at the Miss British Empire international pageant. However, participants can still apply by entering a photo contest where the pageant organisers would thereafter request for a complete profile in order to shortlist applicants. In doing so, I was selected and I am proud to be leaving soon for Australia to represent Sri Lanka this year."

Beauty Queens from 97 countries that were once colonized by the British Empire are encouraged to participate for this pageant and receive the opportunity to tap into the world of international showbiz. The ultimate winner will receive the chance to be contracted for modelling assignments in the USA.

She further added, "For my preparation process, I am currently receiving guidance directly from the pageant organisers. I am also getting the support from renowned Choreographer and Designer, Brian Kerkoven. He also has agreed to be my choreographer as well as design my costumes for the pageant," Dr Nuwandika added.

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Apart from being attached to the medical field, she is also a member of the Board of Directors of Water's Edge Hotel since 2017, and is the Brand Ambassador for Sakurai Aviation and the founder of Elegant Cleopatra, a Clothing, Beauty Cosmetics and Fashion brand. She is also an accomplished lyricist and singer. Currently, Dr Nuwandika is working to initiate a Cancer Foundation in the hopes of generating

funds for cancer treatments in Sri Lanka.

The Miss British Empire International Pageant was founded in 2011 by a former Miss Great Britain and actress, Liz Fuller, with the aim of paving a pathway of opportunities for pageant winners and help them carve out successful careers in the field of international media and showbiz. The pageant also prides itself in finding talent and nurturing individuals who are aspiring models, singers, dancers and actors, for example and giving them the exposure they need.

Sri Lankans can also share and tweet their support to Dr Nuwandika who will also take part in the Miss Popular category where fans can cast their vote for their favourite contestant.