## SLIAStrengthensTheirPartnershipWithSponsorsForYear2014



The signing of Sponsorship Agreements between the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA) and their sponsors for the year 2014 took place recently amidst much glamour. The sponsors included Phoenix FlowGuard as the Strategic Sponsor; Alumex as the Principal Sponsor; and Ranjanas Ceramic, True Value Products and Orel Corporation as Associate Sponsors.

Speaking on the occasion President, SLIA, Archt Prof Chitra Weddikkara said, "it

is indeed an honour to sign these sponsorship agreements with our current partners but not forgetting those others who have been stalwarts to our Institute. I am indeed proud to be associated with our Construction Industry partners. With the current demand for construction generated by the Government of Sri Lanka, after 30 years of civil war, we are very grateful to HE The President, the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services and Common Amenities, Hon Wimal Weerawansa and Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and Urban Development, Mr Gotabaya Rajapaksa and other Ministers for giving many opportunities to the Profession; to our Architectural Fraternity to use their talents in the Built Environment as they are the building designers of the future, taking this Country to the next millennium."

The Sponsorship Agreement signing is an integral part of SLIA as it strengthens the bond between the SLIA and their Sponsors who have stood by them for the past countless years. This precedes the 31st Annual Sessions set to commence, on February 19th with the Inauguration Ceremony and the opening of the Members' Work and Trade Exhibition. The National Conference, addressed by renowned Architects and other allied professionals from around the world; will be held on February 20, 2014 while the Annual General Meeting and the Fellowship Night will be held on February 23, 2014. The Exhibition will be open to the public from February 20-23, 2014 and SLIA will be inviting students through Heads of Schools.

The Sponsorships will enable the SLIA to take Architecture to the regions and to our rural population where at present SLIA is engaged in a number of corporate responsible projects working with service organisations in school refurbishment programmes and the Tourist Board on the Home Stay Programmes.

