

SL born German Senator gives back to Point Pedro alma mater

The Colombo Branch of the Old Boys' Association of Hartley College, Point Pedro laid the foundation stone for the construction of a school hostel last week.

The project worth Rs.40 million is funded by the former State Minister of Economic Affairs and Labour in the city of Hamburg, Senator Ian K. Karan, who was born in Point Pedro, Sri Lanka. He led a German delegation to Sri Lanka earlier this year and also visited his alma mater, the Hartley College, Point Pedro during his tour of the North and East.

"The basis for my career as a businessman and my success in life was laid at Hartley College and particularly at its hostel," said former Senator



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He commended the vision of the Hartley College Old Boys' Association to provide the future generation of pupils with modern facilities that

enable them to excel in their studies.

"I hope the new Hostel will lay the foundation for the success of all students," he added.

The Acting German Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Marja Einig said that this project was an example of effective people-to-people cooperation, where an individual or a small group can directly make a difference.

"Despite the 30-year long conflict, many schools in the North have struggled to maintain their high standards of education. Improving these resilient schools will give opportunities for many generations of students," she said.

"It is important to give youth a positive start in life and an encouraging outlook for the future," she added.



Hartley College, Point Pedro Principal, N. Theivanandarajah laying the foundation stone for the hostel funded by the past pupil Ian K. Karan, who later became the State Minister of Economic Affairs and Labour in the city of Hamburg, Germany