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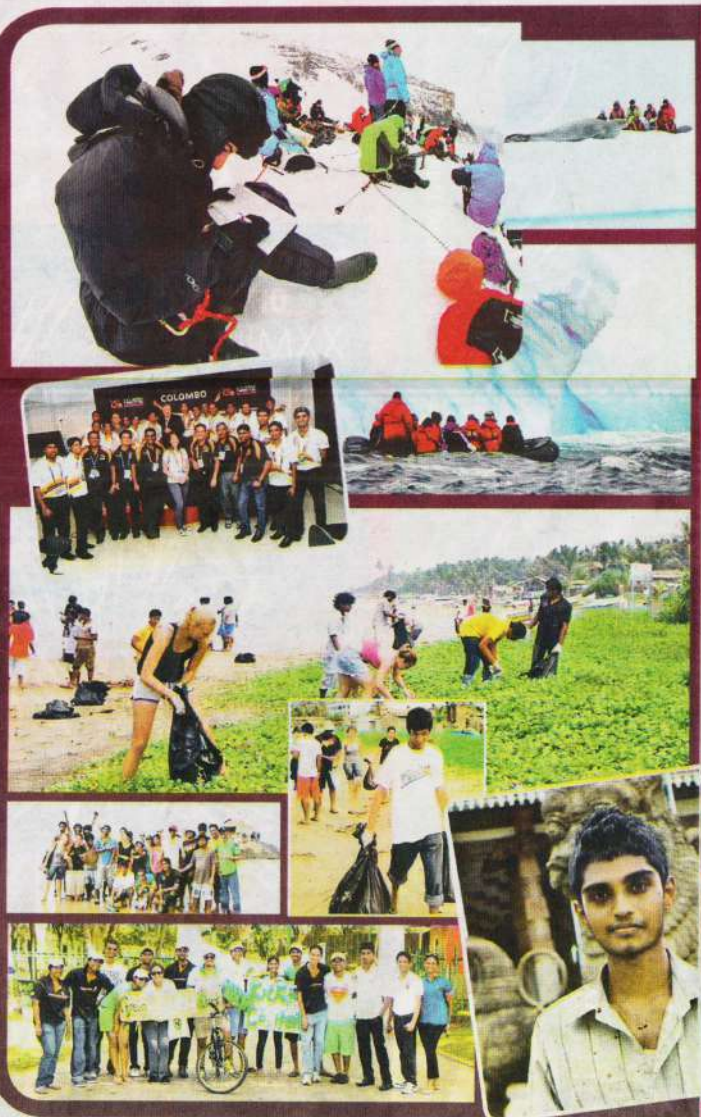
So here's to the end of twenty-twelve. All in all it's been a year of mixed sorts; a fusion of good and bad events and here we are preparing for the coming year. What has it been like for you? Was it a good year, or a bad one?

We're featuring a very inspiring youth personality this week. His name is Hasitha Supun Jayathilaka. Hasitha has been selected as the 'International Antarctic Expedition Youth Ambassador for Sri Lanka' for the upcoming Antarctic Expedition in February/March 2013. Read on to find out about what it took for him to be selected, his passion in life and plans for the future.

The coming of a new year means many things. There are new things to do look forward to – a whole new year to plan. So we've put together a couple of interesting on ideas that might catch your attention. On our Weekend Fun page we've featured ideas and ways of using diaries and journals, how you can add a bit of bling and be creative. What have you planned to do on New Year's Eve? Not got any plans? We have a list of ten things you could possibly try out. Read on to find out more! Do you remember any special event that happened this year? We've highlighted some of the events in our pages as well. Did we miss out on any?

We love reading your comments, feedback and thoughts on our magazine. Continue to send them to teen.inc@teem.com or Teen Inc, No. 101 Rosmead Place, Colombo 7 with your name, age and address.

Have a great week and
Happy New Year in advance!



On an Antarctic youth expedition!

BY SARA INSHIRA NAZOO

What do you know think about volunteering to protect Mother Nature? Or going on an Antarctic Expedition? Just hold your opinions for a bit and read on about an inspiring person who is a volunteer, writer, a member of an upcoming band and the 'International Antarctic Expedition Youth Ambassador for Sri Lanka'.

Hasitha Supun Jayathilaka founded the 'Green Knights,' a Sri Lankan based initiative to create awareness on sustainability for preservation of Earth. He is currently following a Diploma in International Relations at the Bandaranaike Center for International Studies and Management Accounting at Wisdom Business Academy. As a student of Ananda College, he was the Vice president of the Newspaper Article Society and the Creative Writers' Circle. He was also a member of the Leo Club, the Environmental Association, the Wild Life Society. Hasitha is also a scout who has experience in outdoor camping. As a member of the Mountaineering Society, he has trekked many mountains in Sri Lanka including Krouckes and the Hirigalpotha. All these things took Hasitha Supun Jayathilaka from Tropics to the poles.

Hasitha has been selected as the 'International Antarctic Expedition Youth Ambassador for Sri Lanka' for the upcoming Antarctic Expedition in 2013 February/March. He will be joining the first Sri Lankan team, together with corporate representative from MTL, Coca Cola and MAS Holdings Sri Lanka. As Robert Swan says, "the greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it." We have to save our world because we live in it. "As human beings, our first priority is to love nature. We can't live without nature. People don't know they are expected to preserve nature," says Hasitha.

Green Knights

A tree means a lot to our Sri Lankan culture. From religion to life style we were eco-friendly throughout our history, but it has changed. We all love trees, we don't find time for them anymore like our ancestors did. Standing alone and shouting against destroying the nature doesn't make any difference. A group of people can make a difference. Hasitha wanted to make a difference. As the founder of the Green Knights he has made the difference, fighting for greenery and protecting nature is what they do.

"There won't be natural trees on earth, everything will be artificial, even the trees, the future generation will not see what we see as trees today, this is why I want to save nature," said Hasitha, revealing what motivated him to take on conservation seriously. All of us have our own dreams. Some of you strive to make your mark. When we asked Hasitha about his dream, he said, "I want to keep my feet on every possible place in the world."

With a passion for working towards creating a safer and a greener environment for Sri Lanka Hasitha believes in loving nature and protecting it. "Though the life span of a tree is shorter than the life span of a human being." "The sound you hear when you cut a tree down is louder than my voice. My voice is not loud enough to stop it, but a group of people could make raise their collective voice. This is why I wanted to form a network," says Hasitha.

He is one of those who are gifted with more than one talent. While listening to the music of the earth he plays his own music, as a member of an upcoming band in Sri Lanka. You don't need an additional 24 hours to do what you love. You can fit everything you like to do in to the day you have. Hasitha manages his time to volunteer, play music, write and watch movies. This was his answer: "If you want to do something you can do it. People have everything they want within themselves."

We take good care of ourselves. We make sure we look good, smell nice and feel good, but we don't do anything to save the world we are living on. You don't have to spend money. All you have to do is change the way you think. Hasitha has a piece of advice to all of you out there who would like to flow his path.

"Mahatma Gandhi said, 'you have to be the change you want to see in the world.' I invite all of you to volunteer for Green Knights and get involved in protecting Mother Nature."

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