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**The Unity Mission Trust is celebrating its 25th milestone event, Unity Camp – 8 in Jaffna under the theme
'Powering Dreams: Building Leaders'**

26th October 2015, Colombo: The Unity Mission Trust which began its operations in May 2009 is currently conducting its 25th milestone event – Unity Camp 8, at Chundikuli Girls' College in Jaffna and a total of 545 student leaders from across Sri Lanka are in attendance at the event.

The organizers had an unprecedented demand from national schools in the North-Central, Uva, Sabaragamuwa and Southern Provinces for their students to attend the programme. Additionally, the quota for students from the Northern Province was filled within a short time span, with 280 students representing the entire northern province.

The theme of the event 'Powering Dreams: Building Leaders' focuses on helping youth to build bridges of friendship and unity, whilst learning important life skills. The 545 students have been divided into 20 groups with each group consisting of a mix of students across the 9 provinces of Sri Lanka. The programme is now well into its 3rd day of events and the groups are currently competing across the Singing, Drama, Arts and Oratory categories. The first two days of the camp were filled with useful workshops and lectures motivating the 500+ youth with topics such as Values for a Successful Life, Becoming a Leader, Powering Dreams and Building Leaders. A special address was made covering the dangers of drug addiction, alcoholism and also on the prevention of sexual abuse. The 2nd Day of camp also included a sports segment in which each of the groups competed against each other in fun track and field events.



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The Trust is a non-profit voluntary organization that is dedicated to fostering unity, integration, healing and reconciliation throughout Sri Lanka. Since its inception, Unity Mission Trust has held events in Colombo, Kayts, Vidutaltivu, Mannar, Mullaitivu, Tharanikkulam, Kandy, Killinochchi, Mirissa, Matara, Jaffna, Vavuinya, Chillavathai and Udayarkaddu. Youth from all nine provinces are now part of the UMT network, which currently has Regional Councils in place in Colombo, Kandy, Matara, Ambalangoda-Elpitiya, Vavuniya, Mullaitivu, Mannar, Kilinochchi and Jaffna.

The Trust conducts its operations based on the core beliefs that all youth are equal sons and daughters of Sri Lanka and are the most valuable and treasured resource that the country has. The Trust also believes that the country's success is dependent on youth of all religions and cultures, learning to live and work together in unity and harmony. UMT's programmes focus on promoting equality and unity, whilst empowering the youth of Sri Lanka to achieve their full potential and make a positive impact on the country. The Trust is a non-political, multi-faith and multi-cultural initiative that works at a grassroots level throughout Sri Lanka, in its efforts to promote unity in diversity across the country.

The Trust focuses on youth and provides them with a valuable learning platform where they can hone their leadership development, their team building skills and their self-confidence. The Trust has shared the message of unity and integration with 7000 youth leaders from across Sri Lanka so far and has built a unique network that promotes the development of bridges of friendship, mutual respect and understanding.

More information can be obtained from www.unitymission.lk or by calling 0768360103. You can also follow the Trust on Facebook (Unity Mission Trust) & Twitter (@unitymission).

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