

## VISAKHA VIDYALAYA SIGNATURE TABLE CLOTH

This table cloth in the school colors with the logo and motto at its center and a skirting of signatures embroidered in gold thread has been on display at all school functions over several decades. Yet how many Visakhians know its history and its uniqueness?



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It was the brain child of Mrs Lucille Amarasuriya whose daughters were then studying at Visakha. Been blessed with an inherent bend towards artistic creativity she came up with the idea of a table cloth with

signatures of past students to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our school.

At that time there were just a few signatures and it would come as a surprise to many people to see that signature of Mr Dudley Senanayaka a past Prime Minister of our country and that of Mrs Susan George Pulimood who was a revered Principal of an era gone by, appear not once, but thrice.

Many years on, this forgotten heirloom was discovered all bundled up in a corner of a cupboard in the Principal's office. The table cloth was moth eaten and there were holes as big as cannon balls in the center. A generous past pupil came to the rescue and had the entire cloth repaired with the original logo and motto patched back on.

It was then that the OGA recognized the true value of this keepsake. The idea was thus born to add signatures for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and again for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Visakha. The projects became fund raisers and an old girl

undertook the embroidery of signatures on both these occasions. At present there are a few who could boast of tracing three generations of their families.

The signature table cloth preserves the memory of many past pupils in the annals of Visakha Vidyalaya. The centenary of Visakha offers the unique opportunity of having one's signature recorded on an heirloom belonging to the school, to be joined perhaps by her daughter's and even granddaughters someday.

As a prelude to the centenary celebrations of Visakha Vidyalaya, this invitation goes out to members of the VVOGA who are desirous of having their signatures embroidered in gold thread on the VV Signature Table Cloth.

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I/We enclose a payment of Rs. 10,000 in the form of:

Cash / Cheque : Cheque No .....

*Cheques should be drawn in favor of "Visakha Vidyalaya Old Girl's Association" and all cash payments should be made to OGA Treasurer's office during school hours*

OGA Membership No : .....

Name : .....

Address : .....

Specimen of Signature : Legible in black on thick paper, of a max length of 5 inches and a maximum height of the capital letters of first letter of name & surname of 3/4 inches

*P.S Please attach a copy of payment receipt along with the specimen signature form and hand it over to the OGA Secretariat during school hours and Cheques can be posted to the address Visakha Vidyalaya Old Girl's Association, No. 133, Vajira Road, Colombo 05*

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