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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This is the first issue of our Newsletter for the current year and with it we send you and your family our sincere best wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year free of any worries and disappointments.

Some of you at some stage of the past year may have experienced sadness, worries and disappointments but let bygones be bygones and look forward to the New Year with fresh hopes and anticipations. The dark clouds will not be there forever, the climate will change and you will have plenty of sunshine bringing Happiness to each and everyone of you. This is our sincere wish for you and members of your family

First and foremost, I take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to all those past employees who responded to our request for articles to be published in the Newsletter. Your contributions no doubt helped us to continue with the publication last year. A new year has now dawned and we expect many more members to recall their past experiences working for the Singer Group and share them with other members of the Association

This year we hope to send out at least four issues of the Newsletter and to implement our plan successfully, we need the co-operation of all members of the Association.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



\The Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on 17th December 2017 at Janaki Hotel, Havelock Town, Colombo 05.

64 Members were present at this years A.G.M as against 62 the previous year. One of the noteworthy observations was the presence of Members from distant places such as Nuwara Eliya, Galle and Kandy who had put aside other activities/engagements to be present at this very important meeting. Before the commencement of the meeting, two minutes silence was observed by members present in memory of the members who have passed away.

Mr. Asoka Pieris C.E.O of Singer(Sri Lanka) Limited graced the occasion as a special invitee. Mr. Amarasuriya, our Patron had excused himself as he was away in Dubai.

The President Mr. Bertie Fernando next reviewed the activities of the year in detail and also spoke of what the Association hopes to do for the benefit of its members, especially those who are sick and needs financial assistance for Specialist consultations, Medical Tests and purchase of drugs etc. Furthermore, he elaborated on the activities carried out by then Association under the social responsibility program by offering scholarships to poor children of Primary Schools to continue their studies with the least amount of burden on their parents. Continuing. the President emphasized the importance of members contributing articles to be published in the Newsletter which is the only media available to members to share their past experiences with their friend and colleagues. He said in the past, particularly during the last two years, the response to our members for articles to be published had been extremely poor as a result of which the publication had to be postponed due to non availability sufficient articles to fill in 4 x A4 pages.

Among the members present were former Directors namely, Mr. Wasantha Wijemanna, Mr. P. Shivaji and Mr. Gamani Abeyasuriya, Mr. Chithral Perera former Director, Human Resources (SSL) who is now a member of the Association was elected to serve in the Executive Committee for 2018. Whilst we warmly welcome Chithral, I am sure with his experience as the Head of the Department, he will have numerous stories to relate to us. He could recall these incidents and convert them to articles which we would gladly publish in the Newsletter for the reading pleasure of members.

The days proceedings concluded with a grand lunch preceded with the 'hot stuff' provided free of charge. As a token of appreciation of the co-operation received from members a gift of a 'T' Shirt with the Association logo and an umbrella were given to every member who was present - all free of charge,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following were elected to the New Committee

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NEW MEMBERS

We warmly the following members who have joined the Association
We look forward to their participation in all our activities

Mem. No.	Name.
239	Mr. Subash C. Sumanasuriya
240	Mr. M.A.D. Jinadasa
241	Mr. Ajith Paravithane
242	Mr. M.Wasantha U. Perera
243	Mr. M. Nihal Jayantha Kodagoda
244	Ms. Deepani Sandya Ambalangodage

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Standing Left to Right: Ms. Kamalangi Perera, Mr. G.C. Waslathanthri, Mr. W. G. E. Dabara, Mr Chitral Perera, Mr. John Emmanua, Ms. Sunethra Vidange
 Seated Left to Right : Ms. Judith Vannitamby, Mr. S. Anton L. Silva, Mr. Nelson Mendis, Mr. Bertie Fernando, Mr. Kalyana Dhirasekera, Mr. A. M, M. Nissar, Mr. M. Zubair Hassen
 Absent : Ms. Kaushalya Murugadasan, Mr. Ranjith David

APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEES

President appointed the following Executive Committee Members to serve in the Sub-committees to plan and organize various activities during the year.

1. SOCIAL & ENTERTAINMENT ;
Nelson Mendis, Kalyana Dhirasekera, John Emmanuel, Kaushalya Murugadasan & Ranjit David
2. SCHOLARSHIP FUND :
Sunethra Vidanage, Kamalangani Perera & Zubair Hassen
3. NEWSLETTER & PUBLICITY
Gamini Wasalathanthri & Judith Vannitamby
4. WELFARE OF MEMBERS
Wincent Dabara & Zubair Hassen
5. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Chitral Perera, Kamalangani Perera & Ranjit David

LAUGHTER IS THE MEDICINE

When I was working at SINGER Warehouse, Kotahena in 1981 my immediate boss was Mr. Wijendra and the Stores Manager was Mr. Mohan Muttutamby who came for the work by a green color scooter. Mr. Anton Abeyesekera, Purchase and Distribution Manager who had an ash color Ford car was in charge at the stores. Mr. Abeyesekera had a habit of visiting the stores at odd hours without prior notification for better inspection of the stores. Even in night time to check whether they're doing a good job or not. One day around midnight, P & DM had visited the stores and parked his car near the J.L Morrison's car park, which was about 25 meters away from the SINGER Stores, removed his shoes and walked towards the stores without making any sound. As he entered through the main gate he had noted the main guard room was opened

and the security officer was sleeping inside the guard room. He had quietly taken the guard's flashlight and returned back to the car. On the following morning the security officer was seen going here and there searching for the flashlight. Soon after that he got a call from the SLMO that P & D M wants to meet him. Thereafter I didn't know what has happened. But the security officer never returned for the duty at SINGER Warehouse

Sent by Neil Hatharasinghe

BIRTHDAYS

Following members will be celebrating their birthdays in February, March and April. Please join us to wish them 'Happy Birthday'. Trust we have not missed anyone.

FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
Lashantha Perera	03 rd	Pushpa Fonseka	01 st	D.A. Ariyadasa	03 rd
Vasanthi Wijemanne	03 rd	Susima Ponnampereuma	03 rd	Deepthi Dissanayake	03 rd
Ramani de Fonseka	03 rd	C.A. Fonseka	09 th	Ananda Perera	05 th
Gamani Abeyseriya	04 th	Ranjit David	10 th	Ruan Abeyratne	11 th
W.L. Maithripala	04 th	Thanuja Samaranyake	12 th	Sanath Wijetunge	13 th
Ruwan Kasturiarachchi	05 th	Janaka Kumarasinghe	13 th	Percy Gunaardena	14 th
L.A. Jayawardena	07 th	♦ Bertie Fernando	16 th	D.M. Heen Menike	14 th
Romauld Fernando	07 th	D.D.V. Pathirana	16 th	Subash Sumanasuriya	15 th
M.Wasantha Perera	09 th	Kamalangani Perera	23 rd	♥ J.W. Dickman	16 th
Marie Martyn	10 th	Sriyani Weerasinghe	23 rd	Anton Abeysekera	18 th
Sakuntala Armstrong	11 th	G. Devruvan	24 th	♥ Ananda Epa	20 th
Judith Vannitambay	14 th	Shiromani Fernando	27 th	R.G. Moorthy	20 th
T.V. Perera	14 th	Swarna Premathilake	28 th	Roshaqn Kulasuriya	21 st
E.D.P. Dharmasena	16 th	Delricus Peiris	29 th	Nevin Noyahr	23 rd
Nanda Illeperuma,	21 st			P. Shivaji	26 th
Krishantha de Alwis	25 th				
Subadra Aluthwatte	27 th				
Yasaratne Peiris	27 th				

'SING-A-LONG' MUSICAL EVENING



The Annual 'Sing-A-Long' Musical Evening was held on Saturday 18th November, 2017 at the Lion's Club, Secretariat, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07 with 52 participants. Mr. Hemaka Amarasuriya our Patron accompanied by his ever smiling wife Anoma and daughter. The background music was provided by Blue Flame Entertainment. The participants, Ladies and Gentlemen sang to their hearts content both Western and Sinhala songs. Whilst the ladies continued singing, the gents as usual tuned themselves for the evening with the hard liquor freely available as a prerequisite to loosen their muscles to exhibit their talents on the dance floor. The ladies too joined the gents to make the event more lively and entertaining. Mr & Mrs, Amarasuriya too joined the rest,

Whilst the tempo of the music changed to suit the Baila session, unaware even to Mr. Amarasuriya, arrangements were made to celebrate his birthday one day in advance. A birthday cake was cut by Mr. Amarasuriya who shared the first piece with his wife and daughter. All those past employees present expressed their gratitude and affection to Mr. Amarasuriya by wishing him longevity, good health and happiness. The days event was compered by Nelson Mendis, who did an excellent job.

The days proceedings came to an end with the participants partaking the short eats and other eatables provided free of charge.

Proposal to improve the 'NEWSLETTER'

In order to publish the NEWSLETTER regularly, you can try the following promotions. Select the best article for the season and

- Select the Best Article for the Season and award a compliment at the Annual General Meeting.
- People who submit articles constantly and throughout the year could be awarded and admired.

SINGER (Sri Lanka)PLC may provide the various compliments like Caps, Umbrellas, T Shirts, Pens, Key Tags etc free of charge, since SINGER having this sort of compliment throughout the year may tempt members to submit more articles to the NEWSLETTER.

Sent by : Neil Hatharasinghe

PROPOSAL TO IMPROVE THE NEWSLETTER - CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE COMPETITION

1. All Past Employees who are members of the Association are eligible to participate in this competition.
2. The duration of the Competition will be from FEBRUARY to NOVEMBER 2018.
3. Articles both in English and Sinhala, published in the Newsletter during the period of the competition will be considered for the award.
4. After an extensive evaluation by the Panel of Judges, the best article published in the Newsletter will be awarded a prize at the next AGM.
5. Articles submitted for publication should be the Member's own creation (ORIGINALS) highlighting an Incident or for the competition..
6. Quotations, jokes or articles received from an outside source will not be considered
7. The best Article for the year will be selected by a Panel of Judges comprising of :

- (a) the President
- (b) the two Vice Presidents
- (c) the Hony. Secretary or the Assistant Secretary
- (d) The Editor of the Newsletter.

The decision of the Panel of Judges will be final.

EXPOSE YOUR CREATIVE WRITING TALENTS AND WIN A PRIZE.

G.C. Wasalathanthri

ACCEPTING OLD AGE

When we are in the Pink of Health - we are happy and gay
 But when we feel Sick and Bad - these moods begin to fade
 Yet the reality is we cannot change the Ups & Downs
 Or the Decay and Deat
 o let's remember Birth and Death are two sides of a coin
 And accept the Universal Truth
 Then we can embrace the Old Age with grace
 AND LIVE WITH A SMILING FACE.

Sent by: Pushpa Fonseka

Of Prime Ministers and things By T.V. Perera

Sir John Kotelawala posed for photographs on the steps of his sprawling mansion while his horse grazed on the lush green lawn and black swans swam gracefully in a pond nearby around which three summer huts stood like sentinels. "Enjoy yourselves, and come another time", he said before being driven away in his Cadillac. We were as little schoolboys visiting Kandawala Estate, and for the first time I set my eyes on this outspoken Prime Minister who to activists of a latter day was both an anachronism and a philistine. The estate was adorned with a mini-zoo with elephants, camels, leopards, peacocks and colourful birds faithfully tended by Kotelawala's servants – including Singer Industries canteen assistant Dharmadasa's mother-in-law, each of whom was gifted with a block of estate land.

Succeeding Dudley Senanayake who resigned premiership in October 1953 in the aftermath of turbulent demonstrations in the wake of a *hartal* in which several demonstrators were killed when the police opened fire, Sir John did not have any committed public support beyond the ranks of the urban elite. The *hartal* was the result of Dudley's provocative move in raising the price of a measure (two pounds) of rice from 25 cents to 72 cents, on the advice of a visiting World Bank mission. Sir John accompanied Queen Elizabeth to Sigiriya, and when climbing the stairway a strong wind blew. Her treasured the photo of the queen in her underwear which he never made public. A Colonel promoted General during his last days, Sir John donated his estate for a military academy and the rest is history.

Although I have never seen premier SWRD Bandaranaike when alive, only his body lying-in-state, I met Prime Minister Sirima Bandaranaike when she arrived to lay the foundation stone for the Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia municipal council. Susil Premajayanth, then P.C. member was seated on her left, and being an invitee to the occasion, I unobtrusively occupied the empty seat on her right which I later learnt was reserved for the mayor, and quickly began a conversation while the Prime Minister's security staff looked on helpless. I was aghast when Sirimavo said, "*Balannako lamayo mage kakule engili kappuwa ne*", and stretched out a bandaged foot. The amputation had followed her severe diabetic condition, and forced her into a wheel chair. During Sirima's years as Prime Minister, which caused turmoil in the market economy, trade had become a euphemism for the crude gouging of revenue with a proportion of the population living on a razor's edge between survival and starvation, and being a patriot then meant being a pedestrian.

Dudley Senanayake and I exchanged first-time glances at his 1965 winding-up election meeting. Eventually, I was at the Milk Board's Perakum Condensary opening ceremony at Tamankaduwa in Polonnaruwa - a gift from New Zealand – when after his public address the newly elected Prime Minister, on his way to the plant stopped before me and asked me, "When did you come?" What a remarkable memory for faces Dudley had! Many times thereafter we met at the Senate Building press conferences, food drive inspections, and *Govi*

Hamuda functions where Dudley was often with a camera around his neck. One late afternoon, the IGP Aleric Abeywardena phoned me to ask what happened in parliament that morning and this is what I related:

The District Councils Bill was presented and Dudley said that even SWRD Bandaranaike would have endorsed it had he been alive. Opposition Leader Maithripala Senanayake quipped: Mr. Bandaranaike was killed.

Dudley: Who killed Bandaranaike?

Maithripala : You. That is what even we in the Press Box heard. Was this Medawachchiya MP accusing the P.M. of murder? Dudley was infuriated. With clenched fists he walked in quick strides and stood before Maithripala. The House was stunned. There was pin-drop silence.

Dudley: Who?

Maithripala : I said 'who'.

Speaker E.L. Senanayake: He said, who. Dudley walked back to his seat. We breathed sighs of relief.

Otto Lambsdorp was at the Galle Face Hotel when I met him on appointment. His arrival coincided with the signing of bilateral trade agreements assuring economic aid to the country. His talks of devising economic strategies and developing our industrial sector were very impressive. He opined that the amalgamation of East and West Germany, contributed it to be among the most powerful nations, yet was schtum to my questions on Adolf Hitler waging war, insisting, "We are of another generation".

When I first met R. Premadasa at his Hemas Building office, he was Junior Minister of Local Government, the minister being Federal Party's M. Thiruchelvam. Elected Prime Minister, whose moral credentials were his down-to-earth understanding of ordinary people, and one who concentrated on transforming the government from a grazing ground of aristocratic patronage to a true meritocracy, he made generous presentations to his stalwarts among whom was Singer Industries' Mahinda Tillekeratne – recipient of two shops at Sea Street in Pettah, and his singer-wife Srimathie, a flat in Kalubowila. Meeting Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and German Chancellor Otto Lambsdorp, remain etched in my memory. Indira was the chief guest at the first Sarasavi Film Festival at the Regal Theatre, and I was picked by Lake House Chairman Esmond Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister Ranil's father, to garland her on arrival. I stuttered the welcome sentence I had memorized: "*Sarasavi film samoraha ke swagath hai, Indira Gandhi ki jai*". Indira replied in clear English, "Thank you for the welcome". On a subsequent state visit, Indira arrived at the Ratmalana airport and along with Singer Industries trade apprentices Lucian Murcott and James Gnanenthiran, I stood opposite the factory on the Galle Road and shouted, "*Indira Gandhi ki jai*", as she drove past, waving her hand.

At the Keselwatte Sucharitha Hall function, I was quite impressed with the vision and endowment of this unostentatious prime minister who during personal conversation invited me to join him. A few years later, chief guest at a Poppy Day celebration, Parliament prodding me in the back with his fingers, replying to my questions emphasized that he will never set sights on the Presidency. How true! Speaker Anura Bandaranaike made the same invitation and in the course of discussions at which Army Commander Lt. General Balagalle kept prodding me in the back with his fingers, emphasized that he will never set sights on the presidency. How true!

I had a sumptuous tea with ex-PM Wijayananda Dahanayake at his Richmond Hill residence before we proceeded to the Galle Esplanade where he was chief guest at the Lotteries Board's *Jathika Sampatha* draw. Teetotaller and non-smoker, Daha who had a choice of colloquial Sinhala words which bespoke of his Southern origin, thanked Ceylon Tobacco Company's 3 Roses for sponsoring the musical show to follow the draw, yet, this shrewd manipulative politician, as if to compensate his mistake immediately announced that he smokes only 4 Aces cigarettes.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - YEAR 2018	
One Day Outing)
Lunch / Cricket Match Get-together) DATES AND VENUES
Medical Camp) WILL BE
'Sing-A-Long" Musical Evening) NOTIFIED LATER
Annual General Meeting)

ජාතිවාදය ආගමි වාදය මිනිසාගේ දියුණුවට බාධාවකි

මුද්ධ ධර්මයට අනුව මනුෂ්‍ය ආත්මයක් ලැබීමට අති විශාල පිනක් තිබිය යුතුය. මනුෂ්‍ය ආත්මයක් ලැබුණත් ශරීරය අවයවයන් අංග සම්පූර්ණව ඉපදීමටත් අංගවිකලතත්වයෙන් තොරව ඉපදීමත් පිනකි. සමහරු උපදින කොටම නොයෙක් අවයවයන් විධිමත්ව නැත අපේ අන්ධව විරූපිව අවලක්ෂණව ආදී වශයෙන් මිනිසන් බව ලබනවා අප දැක ඇත එනිසා සෑම මනුෂ්‍යයෙක්ම මනුෂ්‍ය බවය ලැබීම පිනක් නිසාම අප කිසිවෙක් තවත් මනුෂ්‍යයෙකුට නිංසා නොකල යුතුය. සමහරවිට අප නොපිළිගන්නා මනුෂ්‍යයාට අපට වඩා පිනක්ද තබිය හැකිය. ඒ අනුව පීඩාවට පත්කරණ නිංසාවට ලක්කරන ඒ මනුෂ්‍යයා අපට වැඩි පිනැති කෙනෙක් නම් අපට පාපයක් සිදුවේ. අපේ අපන අතීතයේ සිටම ජාතිවාදය ආගමි වාදය මුල් කරගෙන විවිධ හරක තත්වයන් ඇති වී තිබේ. මේ කිසිවකින් අප පාඩම් ඉගෙන ගෙන නැත. 1983 ජූලි කොලාහලය මෑත කාලයේ සිදු වූ ඉතාම අවාසනාවන්තම තත්වයකි. මෙම කාලයේ මම සිංගර් සමාගමේ කොටහේන ගබඩාවේ සේවය කලෙමි. මේ වන විට මම අපේ වෘත්තීය සමිතියේ ඉතාම ක්‍රියාකාරී නිලධාරියෙකි. සිංගර් සමාගමේ මේ වන විට විවිධ ජාතීන්ට අයත් අය සේවය කලෙය. සිංහල දෙමල මුස්ලිම් ආදී වශයෙන්ය. අපේ ගබඩාවේ ප්‍රධාන කළමනාකාර වරයා වූයේ මුතුනම්බි නමැති යුධ හමුදාවේ සිටි කැප්ටන් වරයෙක්ය. 1983 ජූලි කලබලය සමග මුලු රටේම සිංහල ජාතිවාදීන්ගේ අනසක විය. රජයේම උදව් ලබමින් සමහර මරු කල්ලි මංකොල්ල කාරයන් රට පුරා කිසිදු නීතියක් නැතිව හැසුරුනෙය. පාලකයින් උඩ බලාගෙන සිටියෙය. මරුසින්නට ජාතිවාදීන්ට අනියමින් උදව් කලෙය. මෙම හයානක තත්වය හමුවේ සිංහල නොවන අයට ආරක්ෂාවක් නොවිය. බොහෝ දෙනාට එළියට යාමට තරම් හැකියාවක් නොතිබුනි. මුතුනම්බි මහතා මට කතා කර එයත් එක්ක කොල්ලපිටියට යන්න එන්නට පුලුවන්ද කියා විමසිය. තත්වය තේරුම් ගත් මම කැමැත්ත පළකළ අතර මමත් දාබරෙත් විමලසිරිත් කොටහේන සිට කොල්ලපිටිය දක්වාම මුතුනම්බි මහතා සමග පයින්ම ගියෙය. පාර පුරාම මංකොල්ල කරුවන් කඩ සාප්පු මංකොල්ල කාගෙන බඩු කර නියාගෙන යනවා අප ඇසින් දුටුවේය. සමහර තැන් වල ගැහැණු පවා බඩු මලු වල දමාගෙන ගියෙය. ඒ ජාතිවාදයේ ස්වරූපයයි. 1988-1989 කාලයේදී පවා ඊනියා දේශප්‍රේමීන් මහා විනාශයක් කලෙය. මේ ජාතිවාදීන් නිසා සිංගර් සමාගමට යම් බලපෑමක්ද විය. එක් දවසක් ඊනියා දේශප්‍රේමීන් කොලයක් ගබඩාවට ලබාදී තිබුණි. එහි සඳහන්ව තිබුණේ සමාගම වසා දමන ලෙයයි. මෙම ලිපිය දුටු ගමන් මම කීවේ වැසීමට මම විරුද්ධ බවයි. මට මතකයි ඒ වෙලාවේ පැමිණි මුතුනම්බි මහතාත් විරසිංහ මහතාත් විජේන්ද්‍ර මහතාත් මොහන්රාජ මහතාත් මමත් මුතුනම්බි මහතාගේ කාමරයට කැඳවා කීවේ කඩදාසියේ තිබෙන දේවල් පිළිබඳව. මොහවත් කියන්න එපා අප නොදන්නා අය මේ සංවිධානයට සම්බන්දව ඉන්නවාද අප නොදන්නා බවයි. මම කඩදාසියට අනුව සුදු රතු මිශ්‍ර කොඩියක් එල්ලා තැබිය යුතුය. ඒ අනුව අදාල කොඩිය මම කොටහේන මම දන්නා කෙනෙකු ලවා සකස් කරගෙන ආවේය. මගේ අකැමැත්ත නිසාම එය ඉතාම පුංචි රෙදි කැල්ලක් විය. ඒ වෙලාවේ ද මුත්තුම්බි මහතා මගෙන් ඉල්ලාගෙන ආරක්ෂක නිලධාරීන්ට ලබාදන්නේය.

එදා සවස සිංගර් ප්‍රධාන කාර්යාලයේදී සිංගර් සභාපති හේමක අමරසූරිය මහතා ගාමිණි සිල්වා මහතා ඇත්ටන් අබේසේකර මහතා සමග මමත් මොහන්රාජ මහතා විජේන්ද්‍ර මහතා එක්ව සාකච්ඡා කළ අතර මම හා සභාපති තුමා සමාගම වැසීමට විරුද්ධ විය. මගේ අදහස වූයේ එසේ වැසීම ත්‍රස්තවාදයට යටත් වීමක් බවයි. මාගේ අදහසට ගබඩාවේ හා ප්‍රධාන කාර්යාලයේ යම් යම් ආරක්ෂක වැඩ පිළිවෙලවල් කීපයක්ම සදු කළේය. මෙම තත්වය නිසා අපේ කිසිවෙකුට කිසිදුම ආකාරයේ නිංසාවකට පත්වූයේ නැත. එහෙත් අවාසනාවකට සිංගර් රත්මලාන ආයතනයේදී කෙනෙකු මරණයට පත්විය. මෙම ලිපියෙන් මම උත්සාහ කළේ ජාතිවාදය නිසා සිංගර් සාමාජිකයින්ට සිදු වූ තත්වය පෙන්වා දී ජාතිවාදයට කිසිදුම සහයෙගයක් ලබා නොදීමට අවධානය යොමු කිරීමටයි. සහයෝගයක් ලබා නොදීමට අවධානය යොමු කිරීමටයි.

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