



The awarded families



Mr. Sergienko, Mr. Nazarkin and Dr. Weerasinghe with Dilipa Indrakumara and Olga de Silva



With Elenor and Igor Pavlova



Igor and Olga Larin

The day of family values

The Day of Family, Love and Fidelity has been celebrated by the Russians since 2008. This day honours the memory of Saints Peter and Fevronia who are considered patrons of the family by Russia.

The Russian cultural Center in Colombo took the initiative to conduct a solemn ceremony to honour families nominated for the Medal of Love and Fidelity, which is a public award established by the organizing committee and awarded to spouses married over 25 years and are known in society for their strong family ties and values. In Sri Lanka four families of compatriots living on a permanent basis in Sri Lanka were nominated for this medal and 13 families were honoured with memorable trophies.

These are the highlights of the evening captured by Sulochana Gamage



The counsellor with Svetlana and Director Nazarkin



With Elena Savelieva



Head of Cultural Branch Russian Centre Director Andrey Nazarkin



Advisor to President Mahinda Rajapaksa and Sri Lanka - Russia Friendship Society General Secretary Dr. Saman Weerasinghe



Russian Embassy Counsellor Evgeny Sergienko



Counsellor Sergienko welcoming Galina Pleshakova and Gam Achirige Sisira Talagahawatta



Welcoming Ajith Chamlal and Tamara Perera



The Perera family



Guests and participants

Spreading the joy of Christmas..

With its origins in Europe centuries ago, traditional Christmas cake is amongst the favourite sweet treats during festive season, the world over. The delicious cake that melts in the mouth instantly is clearly the perfect icing for Christmas celebrations.

With varied elements the traditional Christmas cake requires skill in the mixture of the choicest ingredients coupled with creative ability – an art our chefs have mastered over the years.

Taj Samudra herald in the Festive Season this year by inviting those nearest and dearest for the mixing of the traditional Christmas cake. Executive Chef Krawage and his team put up an extraordinary show. A fabulously decorated display of the cake mixing items weighing 345 kgs were mixed together by all guests – cherries to cashews, to brandy and more.

The mixing was followed by mingling and merry making over canapés and champagne. It was a great evening and start of a fabulous festive season at the Taj Samudra!



The ingredients waiting to be mixed together



Mixing it all in...



Adding vanilla flavouring



Guests from embassies



The Taj team



Mr. and Mrs. Rohit Khosla



This year's very first glimpse of Frosty the Snowman...



Special invitees



Taj staff



Special invitees



Ravindi and Harshini



Tehani, Dinushka and Barbra