

## Profile of Mr. Nirmo Thambapillai

Mr. Thambapillai is presently the General Manager /Secretary of The Hill Club in Nuwara Eliya, one of the finest and unique properties in Sri Lanka. He carries over 40 years of experience in the hospitality industry.

He is a veteran in the hotel sector in Sri Lanka with extensive knowledge in hotel operations and General Management. His experience spans across reputed International hotel brand across the globe as well as recognized hotels locally at senior management level. He has held many positions such as the General Manager of Kinam Resort and Spas, Taj Airport Garden Hotel in Sri Lanka and overseas in India Oberoi Hotels, CEO of Ceylinco Hotels, Director of John Keells Hotels etc.

He is specialised in the field food and beverage, an important aspect in the hotel sector. He has experience in some of the finest International hotel brands in this field having served as Director Food and Beverage – Le Meridian Colombo, Al Rasheed Oberoi Hotel Iraq, Assistant Food and Beverage Manager Sheraton Hotels International Doha etc.

He has been in charge of state banquets for :

- Heads of State of the Non – Aligned nations
- His Royal Highness Prince Charles and Princess Diana
- Her majesty the Queen of England
- Hon. Mrs. Margret Thatcher
- All Emir's of the Arab World
- King of Jordan – present and past
- King of Saudi Arabia
- His Excellency Francoise Mitterand – President of France
- His Excellency German Chancellor
- His Excellency Yasser Arafat

Due to his experience, he has been appointed as a consultant to Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management, where young school leavers are trained for the Diploma in Hotel Management and served as a CEO and Board Member of John Keells Hotels group.

He is a holder of a post graduate Diploma in Hotel Management recognized by the International Hotel Association of Paris and has received International training from Cornell University, Ithaka in New York, CIMA qualified, international training in Marketing, Neuro Linguistics , and hospitality Business Excellence modules.

Mr. Thambipillai is an old boy of Royal College.