

LINK NATURAL SPONSORS BOOK LAUNCH

Link Natural Products sponsored the launching of the book 'Clouds are not Spheres nor Mountains Cones' authored by Dr. R O B Wijesekera, one of the most eminent scientists in Sri Lanka, and one of Link Natural's senior consultants. The event was held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute on the 9th January 2012. The Chief Guests at the occasion were Hon Senior Minister of Scientific Affairs Prof Tissa Vitarana, and Deshamanya Charitha de Silva. To give a brief review of the book was Prof Manique Gunasekera, Professor of English at the University of Kelaniya. Her erudite interpretation of the book, with her mastery of language, and ready wit, held the audience spell bound. She hailed the author as being a man for all season, a scientist, administrator, an international figure and touchingly a family man and gentleman. The book was a fascinating travelogue and biography according to her, and the authors appreciation of the beauty of the exotic places visited was indeed amazing.

Dr Azeez Mubarak, Director of ITI gave a brief resume of the author, highlighting his academic, research and professional achievements, while giving amusing anecdotes of his personal association with him. Prof Tissa Vitarana spoke of the contribution made by Dr R O B towards the development of science in the country, having led the National Science and Technology Commission and also the leading research institute of the country, the ITI. Mr Charitha de Silva gave a touching and sincere tribute to his oldest friend Dr R O B Wijesekera, by expanding on the childhood memories and anecdotes of days in school and University.

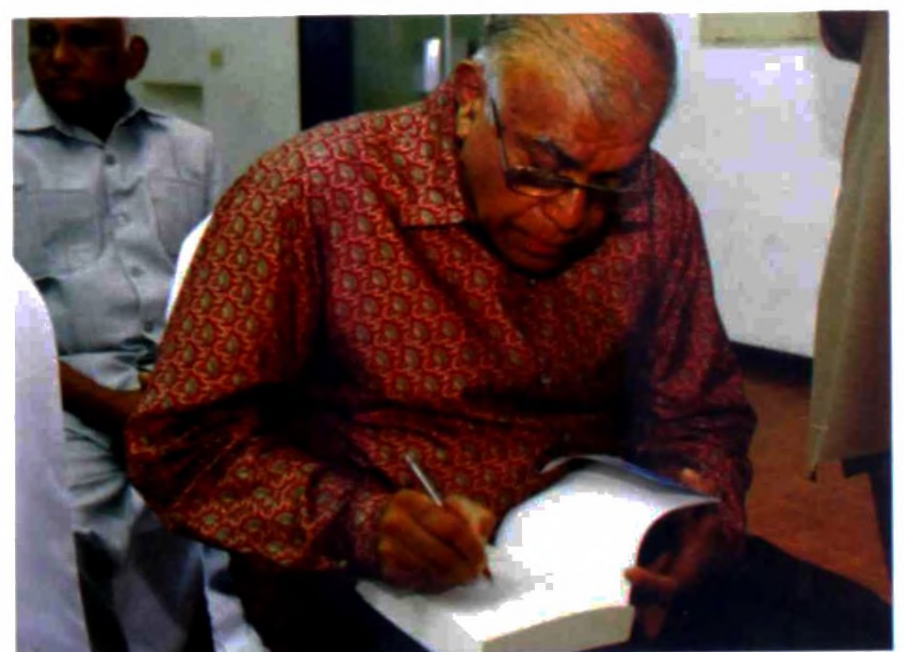
The author while acknowledging the contributions of all who assisted him in publishing the book, also gifted copies to his long time friends and associates, Dr. Stanley Dissanayake, Dr. Douglas Nethsinghe and Dr. Willie Samarawickrema. The guests were hosted to refreshments and cocktails at the conclusion of the proceedings, with the compliments of Link Natural. The author also signed copies of his book (Published by Sarasavi Publishers) which were available for purchase at the launch.



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Deshamanya Charitha de Silva,
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Chairman Link Natural giving the Welcome address



The Author autographing copies of his book