

# ***Arena for youthful excellence***



**Indoor stadium and Auditorium**

**For**

**Joseph Vas College**

## Introduction

Joseph Vaz College began its illustrious journey with extremely humble beginnings in 1934 with only 29 students under the guidance of **Marist brothers**. After starting classes teaching for SSC and English matriculation in English medium by 1939, gradually progressed by becoming an A grade school in 1957 and becoming a grade 1 school in 1959 by starting science and arts classes. Alongside to the educational development the sports had a steady development. All throughout the history different sports were introduced along with necessary facilities. It has been a proud tradition of the school to excel in almost all sports introduced to the school. Some fine athletes produced by the school represented Sri Lanka for the Olympic Games. At present the school excels in all participating games at national schools level bagging major titles. On the other hand development of education is paralleled with sports with continuous improvement in pass rate of GCE O/L above 90% in recent past and with large proportion of students qualifying for university entrance.

At present school is facing a major obstacle in identifying and improving the natural talents of sports men for high quality achievements.

- Very limited number of sports are available since no place to play games like tennis, squash, shooting, table tennis and etc. currently school uses Albert F Peiris stadium where sport practices are frequently interrupted by the own agenda of above stadium as it is hired out by various people for various functions.
- Large concurrent expenditure to acquire facilities of above. For example electricity bill for badminton practices alone from last year exceeded Rs 50000/=.
- Assuring safety and discipline of the students when using above facility is presently a great concern.
- The above stadium is situated about one kilometer away from the school premises and students usually walk along unprotected high way.
- It is open to the general public and school has no control over people present.
- Joseph Vaz College is one of the largest national schools in the area with nearly 4000 students
- Yet does not have a place to hold any function with all the students which is becoming a frequent need.

In May 2012, there was a discussion with representatives from old boys, past and present teachers, representatives from school development committee, school development society , old boys association in the college premises. in that discution idea of building a indoor stadium and auditorium complex was conceived.

Since that students, teachers, members of school deverlopment commitee, school deverlopment society and old boys association started to work together to make that idea a reality. With the help of the professionals a project proposal and construction plan was prepared.

In that key roles played by our own old boys.

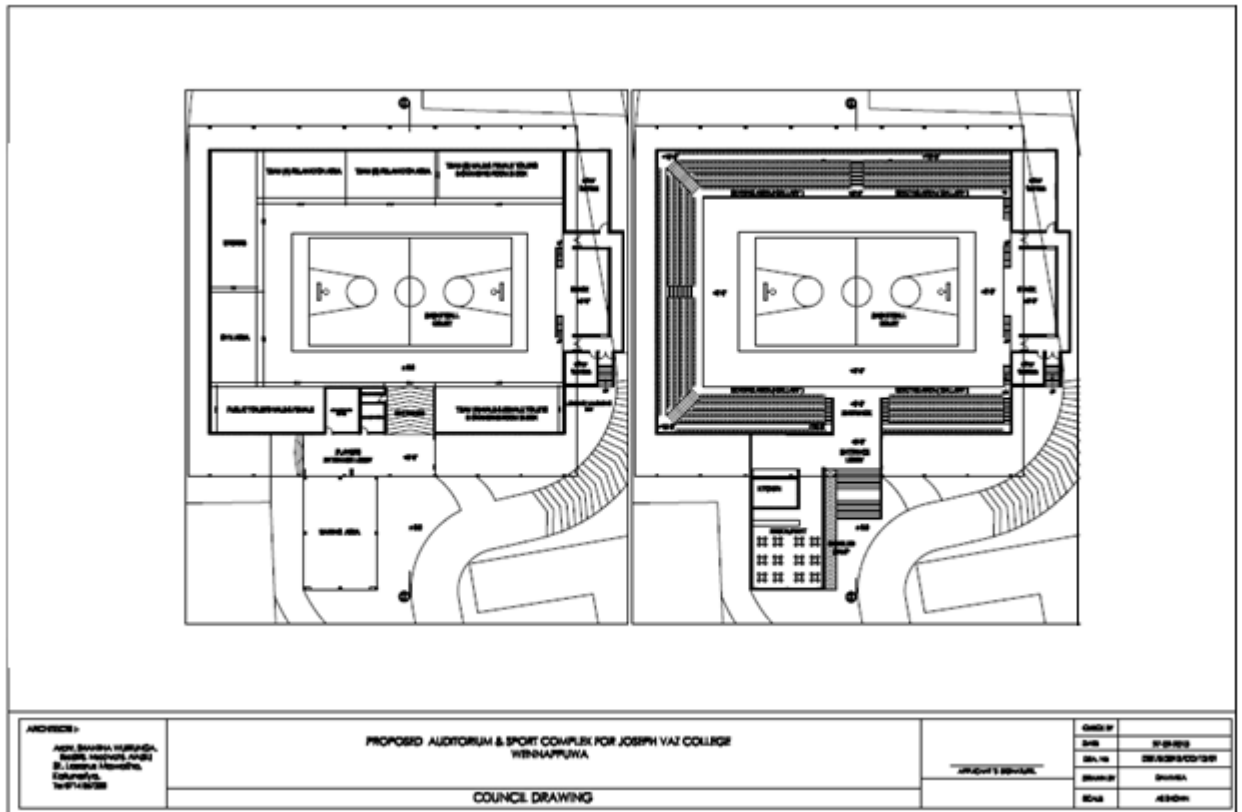
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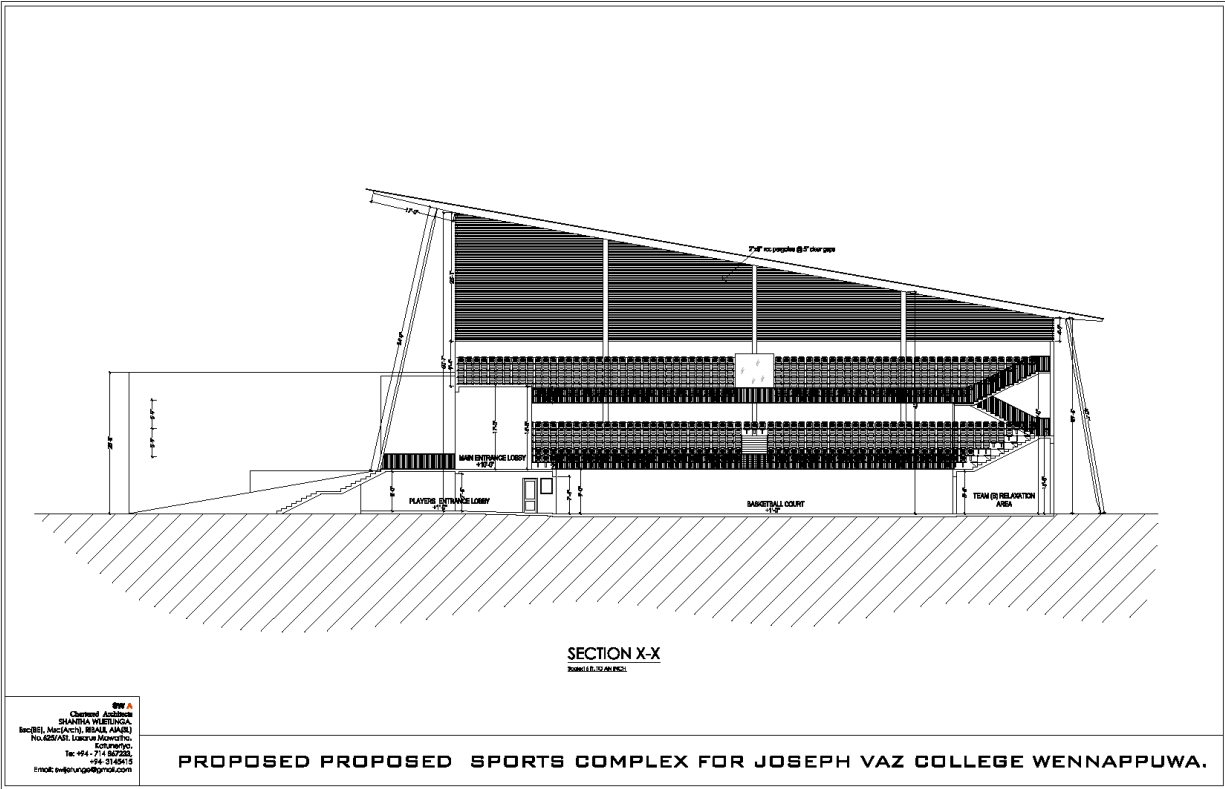
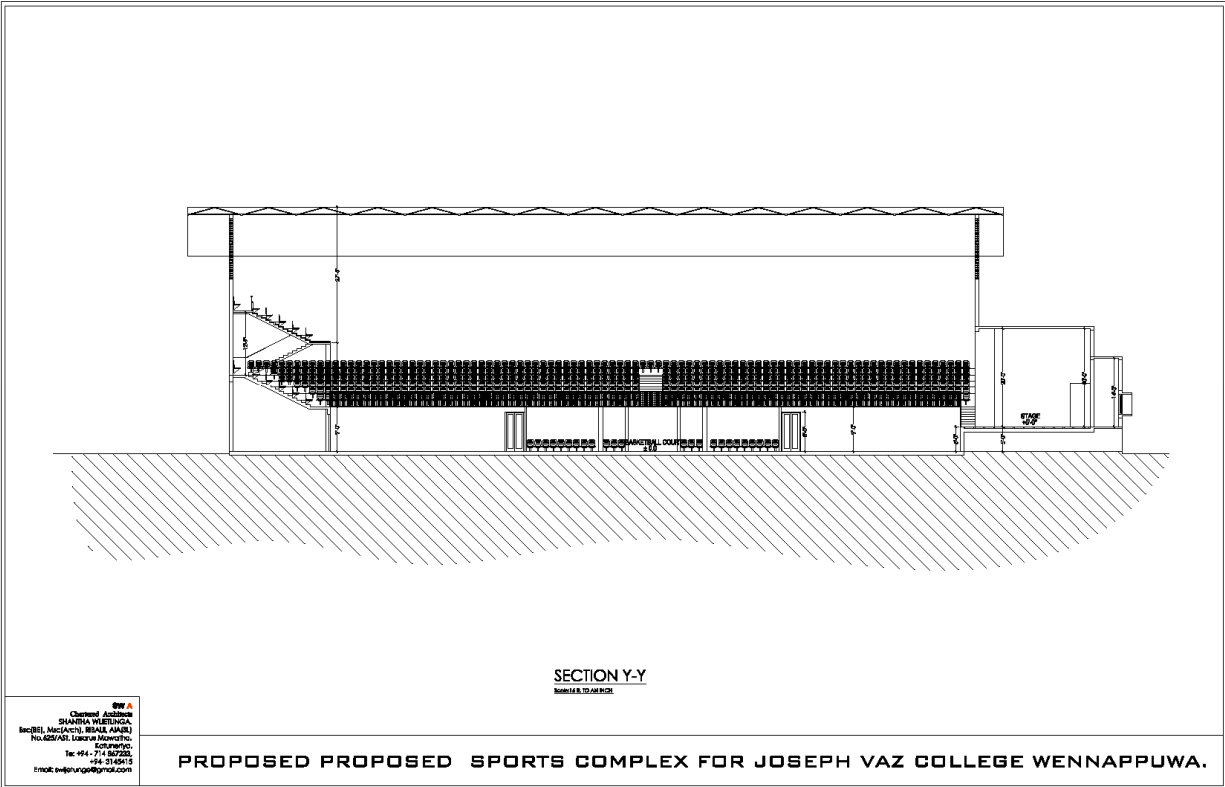
2. Mr. Prasanna Wijetunga (B.Sc(B.E),MSc(T&CP),Dip(Urban eco planning),AIA, (SL), MITP(SL), Chartered architect.
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5. Mr. Saminth Jayasekara Fernando(HND QS,RICS, Member of IQSSL),quantity surveyor.

They come up with plan for multipurpos building structure with following features.

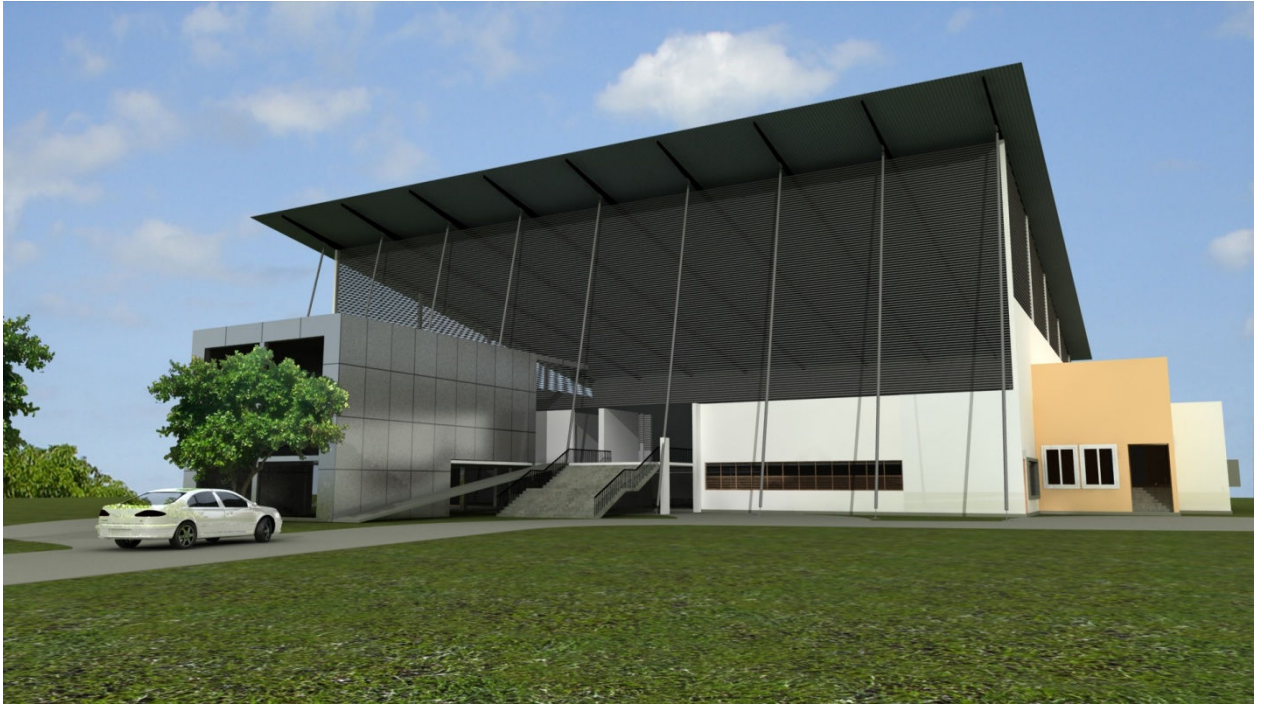
1. In house playing area with wooden floor with the dimensions adequat to host basketball, batminton , volley ball in international standarts.
2. A large stage adequate for a good quality drama, musical or a any other function.
3. Seating capacity exceeding 3000 seats.
4. Gymnasium.
5. Caffetaria.
6. Separate car park.

The proposed building ground plan is as follows.





At End of completion it would look like this.



The main obstacle to make this a reality is financial constraints. This project will cost massive 80 million rupees.

Summary of the Estimate.

<b>Stage of construction</b>	<b>Estimated expenditure *</b>
<b>Substructure</b> ( Earth Foundation Preparation Etc)	12.0 million
<b>Superstructure</b> (structure & Roof )	23 million
<b>Services</b> (Electrical , Plumbing , Mechanical Ventilation Etc)	10 million
<b>Finishes</b> (Plaster , Paint , Tiling , Toilet Fitting , Partitions Doors & Windows , Landscaping , Seating Arrangements Etc)	35 million
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>80 million</b>

\*The given estimated expenditure may change depending on the market fluctuations

## **Our effort**

To make this dream a reality students, teachers, school development committee , school development society and old boys association worked hand in hand and started raising money.

- ✓ From organized walk a thone in 2012 September college was able to raise 5.5million.
- ✓ One of the generous old boy donated 10 million.
- ✓ Ministry of education has promised to give 25 million.

## **Progress we have made.**

- ✓ Half the estimated money is ready .
- ✓ Architectural plan is ready.
- ✓ Structural plan is ready.
- ✓ Ministry of education approval is granted.
- ✓ Pradeshiya saba approval is granted.

**The minister of education will celebratively lay the foundation stone on 6th September 2013.**