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The Sri Lanka Cyber Games took place from the 9th to the 11th of December, and for the ninth successive year, Gamer.lk brought out the big guns! Sri Lanka's biggest gaming festival saw qualifiers pre-SLCG from around Sri Lanka with qualifying rounds taking place in Galle, Kandy, and for the first time in Jaffna!

SLCG is the gaming event that all esports players await all year. Even though there are other games competitions held throughout the year, the ranking is established by the wins from SLCG. It doesn't matter how many you win throughout the year (though they do count for the National awards), but how you perform at SLCG will confirm that you are the best of the best there is... at least until the next year.

There has been a change of game line-up this year, as expected as some games die out, and new games emerge every year.

The games for this year were:

- Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare
- DOTA 2
- Counter Strike: Global Offensive
- League of Legends
- Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare (Xbox)
- FIFA 16
- Mortal Kombat X
- Project Cars
- Clash Royale
- Overwatch (Non-ranking)

NFS Most Wanted and TrackMania Nations Forever were replaced by Project Cars, and players of Call of Duty Advanced Warfare was given its rightful place to play at a chance of being ranked the best in Sri Lanka.

The events spanned over the three days. The first day was dedicated to the opening ceremony and a few games, while Sunday saw the final matches, and the awards ceremony. Even though the arena was smaller than last year, it went unnoticed by the players as the layout did justice to the privacy of the gaming areas and spectator areas. The final matches were held on the grand stage that also saw the Comic Con cosplay parade, and the awards ceremony.

While the major games were dedicated to serious esports players, there were games

such as Rider Rush from Honda that presented the winner with a motorcycle. With Comic Con happening right next door, the cosplayers walking around, and players taking a break to go play laser tag or buy comic merchandise was seen quite often.

The gaming atmosphere was quite intense – for lack of a better word – as throughout the year games have been watching the others, playing in other competitions, and have been calculating their moves to win that title as the 'best' and hold on to the ranking for the next year. All around the arena were red, orange, green, blue, and the multitude of 'Clan t-shirts' of Phoenix Gaming, XiphosSports, n00b Alliance, TECH Morph, and all the other clans that proudly represent where they belong. Even though clan rivalry is good for the soul (and the rankings!), and they would trash talk during the game, you'd see them sitting together for a snack, or cheering another clan member for their games. After all, the esports community is still growing, and if we are to segregate already among us, what hope is there for the future?

The winners of the day were:

Call of Duty 4 Modern Warfare
Winner – TM Envyus.PALIT
Runner-up – nA.aurora

DOTA 2
Winner – PhX|TheKade.MSI
Runner-up – Division 9

Counter-Strike Global Offensive
Winner – Radical
Runner-up – PhX|HEROES.MSI

League of Legends
Winner – PhX|Team Phoenix.MSI

Runner-up – x3 | Legendary Noobs.Gigabyte
Call of Duty Advanced Warfare
Winner – PhX|Ultimate Icon.MSI
Runner-up – PhX|Ultimate Alliance.MSI

FIFA 16
Winner – PhX|Cuztom55.MSI
Runner-up – Maximum Flash

Mortal Kombat XI
Winner – x3 | Zombi3.GIGABYTE
Runner-up – x3 | Deadpool.GIGABYTE

Project Cars
Winner – x3 | BigHorn.GIGABYTE
Runner-up – x3 | LokDown.GIGABYTE

Overwatch
Winner – x3 | PressQFTW.GIGABYTE

The event also awarded the National eSports Awards hosted by LESA (Sri Lankan eSports Association). The awards are as follows:

- Best Clan of the Year – Phoenix GamingG
- Best COD4 Player – Jayanath 'nA. Jay' Dissanayake
- Best DOTA 2 Player Heshan 'PhX|Salhan' Sanjaya
- Best League of Legends Player – Ashik 'PhX|Ash' Saleeth
- Best Counter Strike Player – Geeshan 'PhX|Defiance' Jayaraj
- Best HALO Player – Sharan 'x3. HoboWithSkillz' Veluthan
- Best FIFA Player – Arkan 'PhX|Hea' Iqbal
- Best Mortal Kombat Player – Andre 'PhX|Demon' Camillus
- Best Tekken Player – Haroon 'PhX|Turbo' Hilary
- Best Project Cars Player – Ryan 'x3.LokDown' Perera
- Best Need for Speed Player – Dimal 'PhX|Grimm|ow' Fernando
- Best TrackMania Player – Binura 'PhX|Binura' de Zoysa
- Best Referee – Sith 'nA.War.Lord' Withana
- Best esports Caster – Sashika 'nA.Terror' Mutacumarana

Phoenix GamingG won the Clan of the Year award for the third year running, and also managed to grab the title of Overall SLCG Championship – which was awarded for the first time, and as the winners of SLCG. It has been a wondrous opportunity for the gamers to be able to come to one place, and to establish their talent inside the cyber dimension. With congratulations to all the clans, players and Gamer.lk, here's until next year.



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