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JETWING LIGHTHOUSE SPONSOR GALLE LITERARY FESTIVAL

Jetwing Lighthouse was one of the platinum sponsors of the Galle Literary Festival, which was held recently. Following the success of the 2007 inaugural festival that was voted as the 'number one literary festival among six of the best festivals in the world', by the Harper's Bazaar UK, this year's festival was set to be more exciting than ever.

The Literary Festival took place from the 16th – 20th January at varying locations in and around the historic city of Galle. The festival promised an intimate atmosphere for local and international visitors to enjoy a variety of authors and engage in conversations about a wide selection of books and topics and it certainly kept to that promise.

Jetwing Lighthouse was proud to host Gore Vidal, known as America's most controversial writer. A novelist, essayist, playwright and provocateur whose career spanned six decades, beginning in the years immediately following World War, Vidal was born in 1925 at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Jetwing Lighthouse was the proud location for 'The Canada Connection', a three course lunch presented by author and internationally renowned Chef Channa Dassanayaka. Celebrity authors Shyam Selvadurai, Indran Amirthanayagam and Randy Boyagoda will discuss their writing journeys at this luncheon as well.

It was also the venue for the Literary Lunch and Grande Finale of the festival which was on Saturday 20th January. This was the last opportunity for participants to dine with the festival authors.

Having partnered the inaugural Galle Literary Festival last year, we had no hesitation in participating as Platinum Sponsors this year as we consider it a wonderful opportunity and honour to be associated with the world renowned event. We are hopeful that more events such as this will be introduced in our country so as to encourage visitors from around the world,' said Hiran Cooray, Deputy Chairman, Jetwing Hotels.

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