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I consider myself very lucky to be a part of four experiences, each one unique, in my time here. Corporate Centre, Dialog, Celcom and now finally edotco. I guess the KPI format we set up at Regional Development may be the lasting contribution for everyone – don't everyone all thank me at once!

Adventure is a big part of my memories – and the sense that we are here to help nations.

I remember heading to Sri Lanka a month or so after its war was over. The eerie silence and numerous road blocks were signs of the country's trauma. In the following years I saw the people's strength and experienced Sri Lanka's renowned passion and wonderful hospitality. I was in Dialog when the Galle Face Green was reopened and I recall that emotional day. The nation faces new challenges but my personal history tells me it will persevere.

When I first visited Pakistan, I was prepared for a war zone and a country in distress. Instead, I was met with lively crowds and a city full of positive buzz. Living up to that first experience, the country has not failed to continuously surprise. Another great memory for me in developing a business there.

Perhaps, the best part for me has been the ability to help create and establish edotco. Many of us have had opportunities like this at Axiata. Though not all have succeeded, how many other companies would entrust us with such opportunities and experiences?

While I joined for the opportunity to create an Asian champion and have been privileged to be able to do that twice, with Axiata and edotco, the true take-away from my time here is the passion of all the people I have worked, and continue to work with. To be in a great big Asian company is sometimes like being in a great big Asian family – full of drama, but also laughter. You know you are alive!

Through it all the constant has been TSJI's calm and unflappable style, while continuing to hold us to high standards. I always admire his ability to see the big picture with such clarity. However, it's his commitment to giving us opportunities to grow that really sets him apart. I hope when the history of Axiata is settled, this will be the way we all remember him best.

