Japan-Sri Lanka enjoy long-standing solidarity

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On this special occasion of the 67th Anniversary of the Independence of Sri Lanka, I have the deep honor to convey my sincere and warm greetings and best wishes to the people of Sri Lanka and the government of Sri Lanka in their Imperial Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko and the people and government of Japan. I also wish to convey my warm sentiments to all Sri Lankan expatriates domiciled in Japan, in whom today all Sri Lankan expatriates convey my warm sentiments to

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe addresses the closing session of the Sri Lanka-Japan Business Forum on Sept. 3-6, Colombo. Administrator of the Japan-Sri Lanka Association J.R. Jayawardene, then finance minister and later president of Sri Lanka, speaks at the San Francisco Peace Conference on Sept. 6, 1951. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The diplomatic ties between Japan and Sri Lanka date back more than 60 years, but recorded history establishes that relations between our two countries date back many centuries. Japan and Sri Lanka have maintained and deepened relations over the past several decades, particularly since the formal establishment of diplomatic relations in 1952, soon after the San Francisco Peace Conference held in September 1945. As the summitary conference, the then Minister of Finance and later the President of Sri Lanka, Den. J.R. Jayawardene, spoke on behalf of the Sri Lankan government and Emperor Hirohito of Japan, then the Emperor of Japan, agreed to establish diplomatic relations in the spirit of the teachings of Lord Buddha. He quoted from Lord Buddha’s teachings and condoled the country of nations at the conference that a barrier cannot not be overcome by hatred, but only by love and compassion. As a result of this initiative made by the two countries, the close and positive course of action toward post-war reconstruction process is, to this day, the most heartening to note that many people in Japan still recall this occasion with a sense of gratitude. Sri Lanka stood by Japan, at the conference, henceforth deepening and strengthening the bilateral relations between the two countries.

Today, Japan is the largest donor country to Sri Lanka and has always supported Sri Lanka’s endeavors since independence and in the dark times. The Prime Minister of Japan and I, as the President of Sri Lanka, are able to outline the future of the relations between our two countries.

As we celebrate the 67th anniversary of independence, Japan and Sri Lanka have enjoyed an extremely good relationship for the more than 60 years. Sri Lanka’s friends in Japan have been a reservoir of strength and trust to Sri Lanka especially when it was faced with the defeat andoccupation by the Japanese occupation forces in 1941-1945.

Japan also has for many years remained a major partner in the economic development of Sri Lanka with the aim of moving these historical friendly relations forward.

The Sri Lankan presidential elections held in January saw new President Maithripala Sirisena elected. I wish to express my congratulations to President Sirisena and the people of Sri Lanka who voted for this new leader.

It is Japan’s wish that the new government of Sri Lanka will work for national unity and unity of faith and the move toward good governance under the new leadership.

I will remain my full support and make the utmost of Japan’s wish for further development of the goodwill and friendly relations between Japan and Sri Lanka as a former president of Japan-Sri Lanka Associations.

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Reforms aim to create modern democracy

Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka,

On the 67th Anniversary of Independence of Sri Lanka, one of the oldest democracies in Asia, has been a beacon of hope for people everywhere. However, in the face of many challenges, the people of Sri Lanka have been able to achieve great success in their development. Sri Lanka today is a modern democratic country, with a strong economy and a vibrant society.

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Sri Lanka independence day

Diverse groups work to build better nation

Randi Wickremesinghe, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka,

Today, as we celebrate the 67th Anniversary of Independence of Sri Lanka from British rule, we are united in our resolve to build a better nation. Sri Lanka has a history of struggles and achievements, and we must work together to overcome the challenges we face.

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Looking forward to ongoing, favorable bilateral rapport

Masaaki Komuro, President, Japan-Sri Lanka Parliamentary Friendship League,

The bilateral relations between Japan and Sri Lanka have been strengthened over the years. As we celebrate the 67th Anniversary of Independence of Sri Lanka, we are committed to furthering our cooperative relationship.

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