

Sri Lanka Independence Day Special

Prosperity through mutual understanding

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It is with great pleasure and privilege I convey my sincerest greetings from the people and the government of Sri Lanka to their imperial majesties, the emperor and the empress, the government and people of Japan on this 73rd anniversary of the independence of Sri Lanka. I also take this opportunity to extend my warmest greetings to all Sri Lankans and persons of Sri Lankan origin

who live across Japan.

As we begin a new chapter under the leadership of our President, His Excellency Gotabaya Rajapaksa, and his administration's foreign policy of "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour," Sri Lanka looks forward to fostering foreign policy relations to maintain neutrality and peace and enhancing prosperity through mutually beneficial economic and trade relationships. Japan is a significant contributor and supporter of Sri Lanka's economic renaissance and I hope to enhance this relationship through transparency, communication and mutual understanding on initiatives that will meet both of our countries' economic and foreign policy goals.

As we endure this devastating pandemic, I am convinced that our two countries and our peoples will emerge more resilient and innovative with new ideas and solutions that will propel our countries to new heights.

Sri Lanka and Japan's time-honored relationship goes back many centuries with trade, Buddhism, and similar cultural values. I am confident that we will build upon our shared values and history to lift our two countries' long-standing friendship to new levels in the coming years.

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Another important task is to create a progressive national economy and a pluralistic society. We have to create an environment that provides our youth and local entrepreneurs with new opportunities and gives everyone new hope and a sense of pride, one where people can use their skills, talents and business acumen to be world leaders in any field of their choice.

It is only by empowering our people that we can strengthen and expand the national economy. Our responsibility is to create an enabling environment for a citizen to be prosperous and contented, leading to a happy family, and a law-abiding society. All over the world, environmental degradation has brought about havoc, and parts of our country have experienced severe drought and floods, simultaneously. It is, therefore, our responsibility to make our country an example of sustainable development. At a time when nobody in the world thought it would be possible to bring peace to this country, we brought peace. Similarly, we will make Sri Lanka prosperous and beautiful.

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