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Message from Ambassador



එක්සත් අරාබි එමීර් රාජ්‍යයේ වෙසෙන ශ්‍රී ලාංකික මහත්ම මහත්මිනි

ඔබ සහ ඔබගේ පවුල් ආරක්ෂිතව හා හොඳින් සිටිනු ඇතැයි මම බලාපොරොත්තු වෙමි.

එක්සත් අරාබි එමීර් රාජ්‍යයේ ඇතුළු මැදපෙරදිග කලාපය තුළ ඇතිව තිබෙන අර්බුදකාරී තත්ත්වය තුළ තානාපති කාර්යාලය නිරන්තරයෙන් ඔබ වෙනුවෙන් කැපවී සිටින බව මතකයේ තබාගන්න.

ඔබට කිසියම් සහායක් හෝ මග පෙන්වීමක් අවශ්‍ය නම්, පහත සඳහන් දුරකථන අංකවලින් අප හා සම්බන්ධවීමට පසුබට නොවන්න:

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එක්සත් අරාබි එමීර් රාජ්‍යයේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා තානාපති

ஐக்கிய அரபு அமீரகத்தில் வாழும் எமது இலங்கைச் சமூகத்தினருக்கு,

நீங்களும் உங்கள் குடும்பத்தினரும் நலமாகவும் பாதுகாப்பாகவும் இருப்பீர்கள் என நம்புகிறேன்.

அமைதியற்ற இக்காலப்பகுதியில், தூதரகம் எப்போதும் உங்களுக்காக இருக்கும் என்பதை நம்பிக்கையுடன் உறுதியளிக்கிறேன்.

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Stay safe.

Dr Arusha Cooray

Sri Lanka's Ambassador to the UAE

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කලාපය තුළ උද්ගත වී ඇති යුධමය වාතාවරණය හමුවේ තවදුරටත් හැකි උපරිමයෙන් ආරක්ෂක උපදෙස් පිළිපදින ලෙස එක්සත් අරාබි එමීර් රාජ්‍යයේ වෙසෙන ශ්‍රී ලාංකික ඔබ සැමගෙන් ඉතා කාරුණිකව ඉල්ලා සිටිමු.

ගැටුම් පිළිබඳ තොරතුරු ලබා ගැනීමේදී සහ එම තොරතුරු බෙදා හදා ගැනීමේදී එම තොරතුරුවල සත්‍යතාව තහවුරු කරගන්නා ලෙසත්, නිරන්තරයෙන් රජයේ වගකිවයුතු නිල ප්‍රවෘත්ති මූලාශ්‍ර මත පමණක් විශ්වාසය තබන මෙන් ඉල්ලා සිටිමු. තානාපති කාර්යාලය එක්සත් අරාබි එමීර් රාජ්‍යයේ බලධාරීන් සමඟ නිරන්තරයෙන් සම්බන්ධ වී යාවත්කාලීන තොරතුරු හුවමාරු කරගනිමින් සිටින අතර එකී සියලු තොරතුරු අපගේ සමාජ මාධ්‍ය ජාලා සහ වෙබ් අඩවිය හරහා ප්‍රචාරය කරමින් සිටිමු.

එක්සත් අරාබි එමීර් රාජ්‍යය එහි පුරවැසියන් ආරක්ෂා කිරීමට අවශ්‍ය සියළු ක්‍රියාමාර්ග ගන්නා බවට තහවුරු කර ඇත. එබැවින් ඔබ සියළුදෙනා ශක්තිමත්ව සහ වගකීම් සහගතව මෙම තත්ත්වයට මුහුණ දෙනු ඇතැයි අපි අපේක්ෂා කරමු. තවද ඔබගේ ගුවන් ගමන් ආශ්‍රිත යාවත්කාලීන තොරතුරු ලද විගස අපගේ සමාජ මාධ්‍ය ජාල ඔස්සේ දැනුවත් කිරීමට ද අපේක්ෂා කරමු. ඔබ සංචාරයක් සඳහා පැමිණ සිටින අයෙක් නම් ඔබේ

ගැටලුව ඔබගේ සංචාරක නියෝජිතයා සමඟ සාකච්ඡාකොට නිරාකරණය කරගන්නා ලෙසත් ඉල්ලා සිටිමු.
හදිසි තත්ත්වය යටතේ ඔබට තානාපති කාර්යාලයේ උපදෙස් හෝ සහාය ලබා ගැනීමට අවශ්‍ය නම්, අපගේ
හදිසි ඇමතුම් අංකය පැය 24 පුරා ක්‍රියාත්මක බව ද කාරුණිකව දන්වා සිටිමු.

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ඥාතීය අරථු ංමිරේට්ට්ඟ්ලි (අථුතාථි) ඊලඟ්කෛ තුාතරකම අර්විථු

ඥාතීය අරථු ංමිරේට්ට්ඟ්ලි ඒලචුකිඒර් තර්ථොතෛ
ඡුම්ඒලෛථු ථර්ඒය අතිකාරථුර්චු ඡෛතිකු ඡර්ඒරුම
අර්විථුකෛ ඊලඟ්කෛ ඡමුකතිඒර් තොඡර්ඒතු ථර්ඡීලිතිතු,
අතඒථථි ඒඡඡකෛ ංඡුකුමාඒ ඊලඟ්කෛ තුාතරකම අඒථුඡඒ
කේඡුකු කොඒකර්තු.

ඊලඟ්කෛ තුාතරකම කශඒලචචර්තෛ තොඡර්ඒතු කඒකාඒතිතු
චරුකර්තු, ඡෙලුම ඥාතීය අරථු ංමිරේට්ට්ඟ්ලි අරඡ තඒතු කුඡඡකුකු
ඡර්ඒරුම චෛඒඒඡු ථිරඒකෛ ථාතුකාකු තෛචෛඒඒ
ඒඡඡකෛකෛ තොඡර්ඒතු ංඡුති චරුකර්තු.

ඊලඟ්කෛ තුාතරකම ථුථුථිකුථුඡඡඡ ඒකර්චු ඡර්ඒරුම චිරඡඒ
ඒලෛ අර්චුඒුතිඡුකෛතඒතු ඡමුක ඡඡකඟුකෛ චුඒයාක
ථකර්ඒතු චරුකර්තු. ඒඟුකෛ ඥාතීය අරථු ංමිරේට්ට්ඟ්ලි චරුකෛ
තඒඒරුථුචචරුකෛ (චර්ඡිඡ)ලි ඊරුඒතාල, තුචුඡෛඡු, ඡඟුකෛ

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Special Notice

The Embassy of Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates kindly requests the Sri Lankan community to continuously check official media releases published by the UAE authorities regarding the current situation in the United Arab Emirates and act accordingly.

The Embassy of Sri Lanka is continuously monitoring the situation and the Government of the UAE has taken necessary measures to protect its citizens and foreign nationals in the United Arab Emirates.

The Embassy continues to share updated advisories on movement and airport access through its social media. If you are a visitor to the United Arab Emirates, please contact your respective airline and travel agent as well.

In case of emergency, Sri Lankan nationals are kindly requested to contact the following for emergency support:

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**Celebration of 78th
Anniversary of Independence Day
of Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi,
United Arab Emirates**





Sri Lanka's 78th Independence Day: Diplomatic Reception Held in Abu Dhabi

The Embassy of Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, hosted a Diplomatic Reception at the Sheraton Hotel and Resorts in Abu Dhabi for UAE government officials, members of the diplomatic corps based in the UAE, the business community, travel agents, labour recruiting agencies, and representatives from cultural and civil society organizations on 04 February 2026.

His Excellency Sultan Mohammed Al Shamsi, Assistant Minister for Organizations and Development Affairs, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest of the Diplomatic Reception. The Embassy was also privileged to host Honourable Dr. Anil Jayantha Fernando, Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning of Sri Lanka, and Honourable Prof. Chrisantha Abeyseena, Minister of Science and Technology.





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H.E. Prof. Arusha Cooray and Ministerial Team Represent Sri Lanka at WGS 2026

H.E. Prof. Arusha Cooray together with the Consular General Alexi Guneeckera, attended the World Government Summit alongside Hon. Dr. Anil Jayantha Fernando, Hon. Chrishantha Abeysena, Hon. A.G. Sunil Kumara Gamage, and Hon. Anura Karunathilaka. Their participation reflects a strong commitment to international cooperation, innovation, and forward-looking governance.



Sri Lanka and UAE Ministers Discuss New Economic Opportunities

Hon. Wasantha Samarasinghe, Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development of Sri Lanka had a positive and constructive meeting with H.E. Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, UAE Minister of Foreign Trade, along with H.E the Ambassador of Sri Lanka, Dr. Arusha Cooray to the United Arab Emirates, Consul General of Sri Lanka, Mr. Alexi Gunsekera and Consul Subhashni Silva. The discussions focused on strengthening and expanding trade relations between Sri Lanka and the UAE.



Visit to Abu Dhabi Fund for Development

Dr Arusha Cooray, Ambassador and Head of Chancery, Ms. Priya Nagarajah visited the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development and met with the Director General, Mr. Mohammed Saif Al Suwaidi. A number of promising areas for future collaboration were identified.



Interactive Meeting Between CBSL Governor and Emirates NBD Leaders

The Embassy of Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Bankers' Association, facilitated an interactive meeting between Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe, Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, and Mr. Tejas Sampat, Group Head of Financial Institutions (Financial Institution Group) at Emirates NBD Bank PJSC, along with Mr. Sameer Ahmed Abbasi, Head of Financial Institutions for Asia, Africa, and the Americas.

During the meeting, Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe apprised the participants of the current economic and financial trends in Sri Lanka, recent achievements, and ongoing financial progress, highlighting the positive developments in the country's capital market.



H.E. Prof. Arusha Cooray and Minister Dr. Anil Jayantha Fernando Join Key Discussions at Abu Dhabi Dialogue

H.E. Prof. Arusha Cooray had the honour of participating in the Abu Dhabi Dialogue alongside Hon. Dr. Anil Jayantha Fernando, Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning of Sri Lanka and the Sri Lankan delegation. The engagement provided a valuable platform to further strengthen partnerships, enhance labour mobility, and promote collaborative progress across the region.



Sri Lankan Delegation Explores Digital Innovation at Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX)

The Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United Arab Emirates, Dr. Arusha Cooray, together with the Head of Chancery, Ms. Priya Nagarajah, and senior officials of the Colombo Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka, had the privilege of visiting the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) on 22 January 2025. They held a constructive meeting with the Senior Management of ADX, including Mr. Marios Kampouridis, Chief Technology & Digital Officer.

During the meeting, the visiting Sri Lankan delegation received a detailed presentation on the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange's Tabadul Hub. Both parties also exchanged information on the operational models used by the Colombo Stock Exchange and ADX. The discussions paved the way for enhanced collaboration, particularly through continued knowledge sharing between the two institutions.





Ambassador Dr. Arusha Cooray Discusses Resident Regulations with UAE MOFA

H.E. Dr. Arusha Cooray, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United Arab Emirates met with H.E. Dr. Majed Ali Al Mansouri, Director of Foreign Nationals Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the UAE and discussed regulations relating to migrant workers including Sri Lankan nationals currently residing in the UAE.



A Meaningful Evening: Sri Lankan Community in Abu Dhabi Observes Iftar Together

Staff members of the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi and Sri Lankan community had the pleasure of coming together to observe Iftar, sharing a meaningful evening of reflection, and gratitude. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect and celebrate this special time.



CGTTI Alumni Association Donates Rs. 1 Million to the Rebuilding Sri Lanka Programme

The Embassy of Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi extends sincere appreciation to the Alumni Association of the Ceylon German Technical Training Institute of Sri Lanka in the United Arab Emirates for their generous donation of SL Rupees 1,000,000 in support of the Rebuilding Sri Lanka National Programme.



Ambassador Dr. Arusha Cooray and World Bank Rep Discuss Development Priorities

H.E. Dr. Arusha Cooray, Sri Lanka's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, together with the Head of Chancery, Ms. Priya Nagarajah, met with Ms. Iva Hamel, the World Bank Resident Representative to the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. Their discussion focused on the World Bank's work in the UAE, particularly in the areas of labour migration, gender, AI technology, financial inclusion initiatives, and labour market access, as well as areas of shared relevance to Sri Lanka's development priorities.



A Tribute to Service: Ambassador Cooray Attends Farewell Dinner for Rev. Fr. Roy

H.E. Dr. Arusha Cooray and Ms. Priya Nagarajah, Head of Chancery, attended the farewell dinner hosted by the Sri Lanka Business Council in the United Arab Emirates on 23 January 2026 in honour of Rev. Fr. Roy, appreciating his unwavering support to the Sri Lankan community in the UAE.

Ambassador Cooray expressed her gratitude to Rev. Fr. Roy for his dedication and commitment throughout his service, particularly in fostering social and religious harmony among the multi-religious Sri Lankan community in the UAE.



Unity and Pride: 78th Independence Day of Sri Lanka Celebrated at the Consulate General in Dubai



The 78th National Independence Day of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka was commemorated with due solemnity and pride at the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Dubai.

The celebration was graced by the esteemed presence of the Hon. Prof. Chrisantha Abeyseena, Minister of Science and Technology of Sri Lanka; Hon. Dr. Anil Jayantha Fernando Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning; and the Hon. A. G. Sunil Kumara Gamage Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs.

The event was hosted under the leadership of the Hon. Alexi Gunasekera Consul General of Sri Lanka to Dubai and the Northern Emirates, together with the staff of the Consulate. Distinguished representatives of professional associations, community leaders, and members of the Sri Lankan expatriate community in the United Arab Emirates were also in attendance.



A visit to Al Maya Group

The Ambassador, Arusha Cooray, visited Al Maya Group and met with Deputy Ceo Group Director and Partner. They discussed several areas for joint partnership.

Strengthening Sports Cooperation

Hon. A. G. Sunil Kumara Gamage, Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs of Sri Lanka met with His Excellency Dr. Ahmad Belhoul Al Falasi, Minister of Sports of the United Arab Emirates on Thursday, 5 February 2026 on the sidelines of the World Government Summit in Dubai and discussed enhancing corporation in the field of sports.



Hon. A. G. Sunil Kumara Gamage was accompanied by H. E. Dr. Arusha Cooray, Ambassador of Sri Lanka, Mr. Alexi Gunasekera, Consul General of Sri Lanka to Dubai and Northern Emirates and Mr. Dilum Dayarathna, Director (Development) from the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs of Sri Lanka.

The UAE side comprised His Excellency Ghanem Mubarak Al Hajeri – Undersecretary of the Ministry of Sports, Sheikh Suhail bin Butti Al Maktoum – Assistant Undersecretary for Sports Development and Mr. Saeed Bedoor Obaid Al Bedoor Al Falasi – Administrative Services Expert.



78th Independence Day Celebrated at Consular Office

The Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Dubai celebrated the 78th anniversary of Independence Day at the Consulate General Premises on 04th February 2026.

The official ceremony was graced by the presence of Hon. Dr. Anil Jayantha Fernando, Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning of Sri Lanka, Hon. Prof. Chrishnatha Abeysena, Minister of Science and Technology of Sri Lanka and Hon. A. G. Sunil Kumara Gamage, Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs of Lanka. The remarks delivered by the Hon. Ministers and the Consul General highlighted the responsibility of all Sri Lankans in rebuilding the country.

This occasion was attended by representatives of Sri Lankan Professionals in the UAE, the Sri Lanka Cultural Education Center in Dubai, the Sri Lankan Business Community, Sri Lankan entrepreneurs, Media personnel, bank representatives, members of the Sri Lankan community and safe house inmates of the Consulate General.

The official celebrations concluded with offering traditional Sri Lankan delicacies to the attendees.





Consular Mobile Service

The Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Dubai conducted a consular mobile service in Ras Al Khaimah in 31 January 2026.



Sri Lanka Consulate Participates in 10th Diplomatic Cricket Tournament

The Consul General, along with the officers and staff of the Consulate General, participated in the 10th Diplomatic Cricket Tournament held at the Ajman Karwan Sports Club, promoting camaraderie and friendly relations among diplomatic missions.

