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Sri Lankan Ambassador Attends 8th International Date Palm Conference in Abu Dhabi

The Ambassador of Sri Lanka, Dr. Arusha Cooray, attended the 8th International Date Palm Conference and award ceremony held under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister, and Chairman of the Presidential Court.

Organized by the Khalifa International Award for Date Palm and Agricultural Innovation, affiliated with the Earth Zayed Philanthropies Foundation, and in collaboration with United Arab Emirates University, the event showcased the UAE's global leadership in sustainable agriculture, food security, and agricultural innovation.

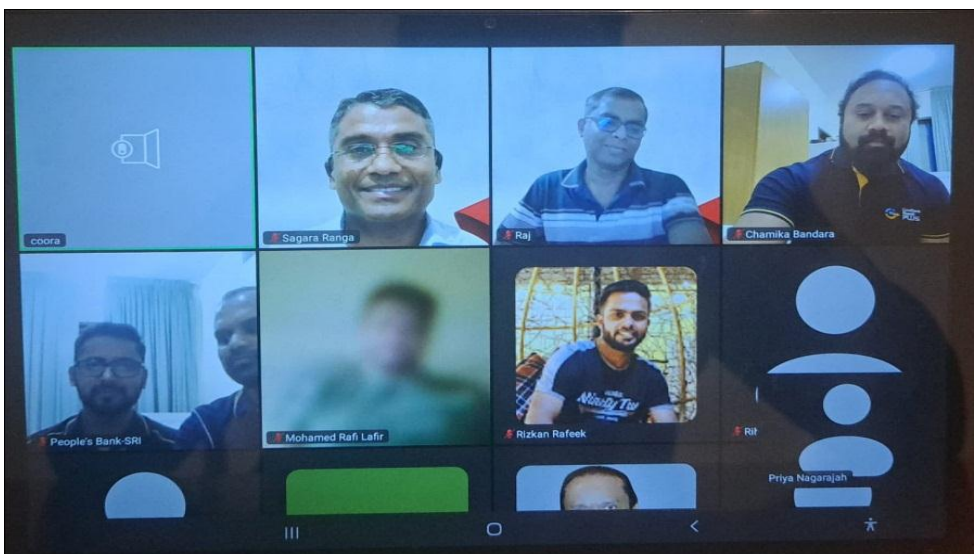
This is a valuable platform for knowledge exchange, and strengthening partnerships that support regional agricultural development.



Sri Lankan Embassy Organizes Financial Literacy Workshop

The Embassy of Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi, facilitated a financial literacy session for members of the community, aimed at strengthening money management and informed financial decision-making. We extend sincere appreciation to our accounting professionals and bank representatives who conducted the session. Their guidance on savings, different modes of saving, and key considerations when transferring money and sending remittances provided valuable, practical insights for our community.

We remain committed to supporting the financial well-being of our Sri Lankan community in the UAE.



Joint Efforts by the Sri Lankan Embassy and Consular Office to Enhance Employment Opportunities at Al Maktoum International Airport

H.E. Dr. Arusha Cooray and Embassy officials met with representatives of the Human Resource Consultancy Company, BuilderPrise on 24 February 2026, and held a follow up meeting on 19 May 2026 to discuss employment opportunities for Sri Lankan workers at Al Maktoum International Airport.



The Embassy connected the company with the consular office where they subsequently met with Mr. Alexi Gunasekera, the Consul General of Sri Lanka to Dubai and Northern Emirates, Ms. Subhashini Silva, Counsellor, and Manorie Vithanapathirana, Counsellor (Employment & Welfare). The embassy and consular office are committed to advancing employment prospects for Sri Lankan nationals.



The HR Manager of China Harbor Engineering LLC in Dubai further met with Alexi Gunasekera, the Consul General of Sri Lanka to Dubai and Northern Emirates, Subhashini Silva, Head of Chancery and Manorie Vithanapathirana, Counsellor (Employment & Welfare) with regard to the Al Maktoum Airport project in Dubai.



Sri Lankan Ambassador Attends Panel Discussion on Addressing Global Workforce Challenges

H.E. Dr. Arusha Cooray, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the UAE attended an insightful panel discussion hosted by Transguard Group, the Digital School, and CERT at Emirates Towers on 14 May. The conversation brought together leaders from industry, education, and policy to explore how collaborative workforce models can create meaningful employment pathways.

The session dealt with some of today's pressing workforce challenges, from the global skills gap to the realities employers face around hiring, retention, and workforce stability. The session also addressed how education systems can better align with real labour-market needs.

A reminder that investing in human capital does not only strengthen business but also supports communities and drives long-term economic resilience.



Sri Lanka Participates at China Embassy Tea Day Celebration

The Embassy of Sri Lanka was pleased to participate in the International Tea Day celebration hosted by the Embassy of China in Abu Dhabi. It was an enjoyable gathering that highlighted the shared appreciation for tea as a symbol of culture, and connection.



Embassy of Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi Celebrates Vesak with the Community

The Embassy of Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates marked Vesak with a meaningful and serene celebration together with our Sri Lankan community on Saturday, 30 May 2026 at the Embassy premises.

The Embassy of Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi extends its sincere appreciation to Mr. Nimal Karunaratna, President of Dayaka Sabha and their dedicated organisation, to Venerable Yatigala Rathanawansa Nahimipanan for the religious observances, and to Sara Cargo for generously providing food packets.

Special thanks also go to Mr. Kasun and the team for offering ice cream to all attendees, adding a thoughtful touch to the evening. Grateful to everyone who contributed to making this Vesak a moment of reflection, compassion, and unity.







Sri Lankan Consulate in Dubai Facilitates High-Profile Business Delegation to Port City Colombo

A high profile visit was conducted to Port City Colombo, led by Mr. Muhammad Raza, Senior Vice President of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

The visit was facilitated by Mr. Mujtaba Shaikhani, Director/ Port City Colombo, GCC Region, in coordination with the Consul General of Sri Lanka in Dubai, with the objective of strengthening regional business ties and exploring strategic investment opportunities between Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and the GCC market.

During the visit, discussions focused on investment potential within Port City Colombo, regional trade collaboration, tourism development, infrastructure opportunities, and positioning Sri Lanka as a gateway for South Asian and Middle Eastern business expansion.

This important initiative was coordinated by Mr. Shaikani, a Pakistan national residing in the UAE, who has been actively engaging with the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Dubai. Notably, Mr. Shaikani recently celebrated his wedding at the Shangri-La in Sri Lanka, further reflecting his confidence in the country's hospitality and tourism offerings.

The Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Dubai has been closely coordinating this initiative in collaboration with the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Karachi under the leadership of Consul General Mr. Sanjeeva Pattiwila.





Sri Lankan Consulate in Dubai Honors International Tea Day

Seven Regions, One Legendary Brew: Sri Lanka Consulate General in Dubai and Northern Emirates Celebrates International Tea Day 2026 with the Finest of Ceylon Tea.





Consulate General of Sri Lanka Honors Vesak Traditions at Samadhi Arana Event

Alexi Gunasekera, Consul General of Sri Lanka to Dubai and the Northern Emirates, attended the Vesak Celebrations organized by Samadhi Arana in Dubai. The Consul General emphasized the importance of putting Buddhist teachings into practice in daily life, urging the community to embody the values of compassion, kindness, mindfulness, and ethical conduct in their interactions with others.

Subhashini Silva, Head of Chancery, and Manorie Vithanapathirana, Counsellor (Employment & Welfare) of the Consulate General, also attended the event.

