

King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden receives Sri Lanka's Ambassador in Solemn Audience



King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden received Ambassador Dharshana M. Perera of Sri Lanka at a formal Solemn Audience at the Royal Palace, Stockholm on Tuesday 12 October 2021.

At the audience which took place at the historic Queen Lovisa Ulrika Audience Room, the Ambassador conveyed the greetings of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to the King of Sweden. Having received the good wishes for a successful tenure in Sweden, the Ambassador reiterated Sri Lanka's commitment to build upon the longstanding relations between the two countries. The conversation on Tuesday touched on diverse areas including the bilateral connections, Royal visits, global health pandemic & mitigation efforts, culture, history & heritage, tourism, creative industry, environment, Ceylon tea, ocean resources, etc.

In normal times, the ceremonies offered to a foreign envoy in Sweden are unique and which are steeped in centuries-old tradition. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic related protocol, the ceremonies for Solemn Audiences are held on a smaller scale, with some elements of the traditions adapted in line with the current situation. The ceremonies associated with Tuesday's Solemn Audience included salutary reception by the Marshals and First Marshal of the Royal Court, as well as the Royal flag salutation etc.

The formal audience granted to Ambassador Perera, follows the presentation of Credentials on 22 March 2021 by special arrangement as per the health protocol prevailing at the time.

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