

Sri Lankans in Sweden observe Sinhala Tamil New Year in Stockholm

Sri Lankans in Sweden came together to observe the Sinhala Tamil New Year in Stockholm on Saturday 28th May, 2022 with the colourful *Bak Maha Ulela* organized by the Sri Lanka Association of Sweden. The evening reflected the Sinhalese and Tamil traditions including games, paying respect to elders, anointing with oil, community drumming, etc. as well as presentation of the Sri Lankan dance and music displayed by the Sri Lankan talent in the community. Sri Lankan food was presented at the evening.

The Ambassador of Sri Lanka congratulated the Organizing Committee in bringing together the community in such a wonderful way, with the seminal event which was held following the relaxation of restrictions of the past two years. He respectfully thanked the religious leaders including the Venerable clergy, priest of the kovil, church and the mosque for nurturing the Sri Lankan community throughout the pandemic period.

He commended the eminence of Sri Lankans in Sweden in various different fields including governance, academia, business, medicine and health care, tourism, etc. and encouraged to sustain this role.

While paying tribute to the community for its vibrant role in Swedish society and integrating well into Swedish life, he warmly commended the practice and observance of Sri Lankan custom and values. The Association has come forward in supporting the provision of medicines needed to Sri Lanka hospitals at this time and encouraged the community to contribute to the medicinal needs in Sri Lanka in order to mitigate the current challenges by supporting *Assist Patients in Sri Lankan Hospitals* as well as to the Government assigned contribution channels for financial and material support.

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