Press Release

Construction of Buildings for Faculty of Kandyan dancing at Pallekele, Kandy through Indian Grant

The Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting for Construction of Buildings for Faculty of Kandyan dancing at Pallekele, co-chaired by Mr. Vinod K. Jacob, Deputy High Commissioner and Prof. Kapila Gunawardena, Secretary, Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs was held at High Commission of India on 21 August 2020. The meeting, attended by the officials of the High Commission of India, Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, Secretary, International Relations, Dalada Maligawa, Department of External Resources, Project Consultant from M/s Sarath Kulathunga Associates and Contractor from M/s Link Engineering, reviewed the progress of the Project.

This High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP) project worth SLR 145 Million entails construction of a training school building, multi-purpose hall and supply of furniture, office equipments, musical instruments, and other equipments. It is yet another manifestation of the continued commitment of the Government of India to enhance the strong religious and cultural links that bind people of two countries. Installation of 16 feet idol of Lord Buddha at the entrance of the International Buddhist Museum complex and setting up of Indian gallery in Sri Dalada Maligawa, Kandy, Construction of Jaffna Cultural Centre, Restoration of Thiruketeeswaram temple, Construction of Mahatma Gandhi International Centre in Matale are some of the other cultural projects that have been implemented by the Government of India and Sri Lanka.

The Government of India has been implementing a variety of multi-sectoral projects in Sri Lanka based on the needs and priorities identified by Government and people of Sri Lanka. Out of SLR 517 billion, which is India's overall commitment to development assistance to Sri Lanka, SLR 92 billion worth grant-assisted projects were implemented during the past years, in addition to other projects funded by lines of credit.

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