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THE HIGH COMMISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

MESSAGE

While regretting very much my inability to be present it gives me great pleasure to send this brief message for SLINTEC's meeting with the Sri Lankan Diaspora in Sydney.

On behalf of Consul General Lal, thank you all for your attendance and for the support extended to the visit.

Innovation is no longer a choice but a mandatory requirement for any Country wishing to compete with the rapidly changing future, SLINTEC's visit to Australia could therefore not have been better timed

Neither could its affairs have been in more competent hands. CEO Harin De Silva Wijeratne, after two decades in Investment banking overseas has returned home with an impeccable reputation, to share his experience and knowledge with his country of birth.

Dr Gehan Amaratunga, is Professor of Engineering and Head of Electronics Power and Energy conversion at the University of Cambridge. In addition to these inspiring credentials, he has also been the recipient of the Silver Medal awarded by the Royal Academy of Engineering for his outstanding contributions to British Engineering. He will oversee Research and Innovation at SLINTEC.

To add further strength Dr Shehan De Silva a PhD in Nanotechnology takes responsibility for strategic planning while Dr Pahalagedera PhD in Chemistry heads business development. SLINTEC could not be better equipped to further its vision and objectives.

The Trustees of SLINTEC are all Entrepreneurs with gilt edged reputations who have pioneered hugely successful blue chip companies in diverse fields and their association only adds value to the importance of Nano Science as a gateway to the future.

Speaking for myself, Royal College and the Ceylon University have left me indebted to my country for the Investment it made in my education. In SLINTEC I see yet another opportunity to repay that debt in a very modest way.

Singapore which looked to Ceylon as a role model in the 1950's when our resources and theirs were not even comparable, now has a per capita income of well over USD 50,000 while we struggle to maintain ours at 4000. Innovation and Nano Science can change all that so I hope we can all together generously support this laudable initiative.

Thank you again for your presence and I wish you all a rewarding evening.

Blessings to All.

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