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**Message from His Excellency Dr. Rohan Perera  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka  
to the United Nations in New York**

It is my distinct pleasure to convey my warm greetings to the Sri Lanka Association of New York (SLANY) as it launches its redesigned website. As the oldest Sri Lankan association in the United States, SLANY has been an important pillar of the Sri Lankan community in the Tri-State area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut for many decades.

Since its establishment in 1970, the Sri Lanka Association of New York has illustrated a strong and unwavering commitment to service, bringing together and supporting members of the Sri Lankan community in the Tri-State area of New York, while additionally serving our motherland. The events, charitable initiatives, social and cultural activities that SLANY organizes not only support our own communities of Sri Lankans but raise awareness within the United States on the rich cultural and historical traditions of our country.

I additionally wish to congratulate SLANY on its continued drive towards innovation and growth, including through this year's valuable initiatives led by SLANY President Sanjeev Silva, of redesigning the website and working to promote Sri Lankan businesses via SLANY's 'Keep it Local' Online Business Directory. These initiatives illustrate SLANY's drive towards adapting to changing times and working towards better catering to all Sri Lankans.

It is always heartening to witness members of the Sri Lankan diaspora and expatriate community standing united in service and commitment to our country's development and progress. The Sri Lankan Association of New York epitomizes this spirit of service. I congratulate you on all your achievements thus far and wish you the best in the journey ahead.

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