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Ambassador of Turkey to Sri Lanka pays courtesy call on Foreign Minister

The Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Sri Lanka Demet Şekercioğlu paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Prof. G. L. Peiris on Wednesday 25 August at the Foreign Ministry.

During discussions, Foreign Minister Peiris highlighted the rich civilizational roots of Turkey, as well as the country's harmonious co-existence of cultures, which is of interest to the world. Minister Peiris underscored the importance of bilateral relations between Sri Lanka and Turkey in the political, economic and cultural spheres, and reiterated Sri Lanka's interest to further elevate existing good relations.

Extending warm felicitations to Foreign Minister Peiris on his new appointment, Ambassador Şekercioğlu emphasised the multifaceted nature of cooperation between Sri Lanka and Turkey comprising strong political ties, as well as cooperation in trade and investment, science and technology, education and culture, among other spheres. Minister Peiris referred to the potential to further expand bilateral trade, and the importance of the Turkish market for Ceylon tea exports.

Minister Peiris also expressed his deep appreciation for the support extended by Turkey in multilateral fora, and welcomed collaboration on thematic areas of mutual interest.

The discussions underscored the need for solidarity and cooperation among nations in addressing the global challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Foreign Minister Peiris, in this context, recalled with appreciation the donation of ventilators and personal protective equipment by Turkey to Sri Lanka in February this year.

State Minister for Regional Cooperation Tharaka Balasuriya, Foreign Secretary Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage and Senior Officials of the Foreign Ministry participated in the meeting.

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