

PRESS RELEASE

HIGH COMMISSIONER - DESIGNATE OF SRI LANKA TO MALAYSIA ASSUMES DUTIES

The High Commissioner-designate of Sri Lanka to Malaysia, Air Chief Marshal Kapila Veedhiya Bandara Jayampathy assumed duties at the Mission on 1st October 2019.

The High Commissioner- designate lit the traditional oil lamp and observed Religious rituals held at the High Commission.

Air Chief Marshal Kapila Jayampathy is a very highly decorated officer awarded with multiple gallantry medals for acts of bravery in the face of the enemy and for his distinguished service for the nation. He is the 16th Commander of the Air Force.

Air Chief Marshal Kapila Jayampathy also gained diplomatic service experience during his stint as the Defence Advisor to the High Commission of Sri Lanka in Islamabad, Pakistan and played a decisive role in coordinating military activities between Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Additionally, Air Chief Marshal Kapila Jayampathy is a well-read military academician with fervent interest in world affairs, strategic studies and national security. He has graduated with Master of Science Degree in International Relations from Preston University Pakistan and he also attended the National Defense University of China in 2008/2009 and followed the National Defense Course, earning the distinction of being the first officer of the Sri Lanka Air Force to be nominated for this prestigious course. He has graduated from the National Defense University with distinguished colours and fellowship and obtained the Master of Military Science Strategic Studies degree as well. Adding to his impressive academic credentials he became an alumnus of the Harvard University and the National Defence College in United States of America in 2015.

He is a past pupil of Nalanda College, Colombo.

Addressing the staff High Commissioner-designate, Kapila Veedhiya Bandara Jayampathy recalled the long lasting ties that exist between the two countries and emphasized the need to strengthen Sri Lanka's presence by promoting trade, investment, tourism, labour and cultural ties with Malaysia.

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