



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

February 8, 2020

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, welcome to the 72nd Sri Lanka Independence Day Anniversary Celebration.

For over 46 years, the Sri Lanka America Association of Southern California has been a pioneer in serving the Sri Lankan community through the enrichment of cultural heritage. Los Angeles is proud to be a center of diversity and inclusion, and it is with great joy that we uplift associations like SLAASC and celebrate the Independence of Sri Lanka today.

I would like to extend a special congratulations to tonight's honorees: Jayam Rutnam, the Founding President; Seruk Indika Pilanamanage, President; Sondra Wise, Vice President; Shanmuganathan Vaithilingam, Secretary; and Senanie Abeyagoonasekera, Treasurer. In addition, I would also like to thank all the committee members: Dushantha Kurera, Sarath Goonetilleke, Mangala Jayakody, Ardni Pelpola, Mano Cabral, Romanie Abeysinghe, Rohan Abeysinghe, Ramani Weerasinghe, Nihal Weerasinghe, Sangeetha Kariyakarawana, Sujeewa Kariyakarawana, Prabath Nanayakkara, Indu Wickramasooriya, Aruna Krishantha, Saman Bamunuarachchi, Nishadi Bamunuararchchi, Randika Fernando, Samantha Kurera, Nedra Abeyguneratne, and Jude Abeygunaratne. Your leadership and diligent work have improved our city and serve as a reminder of the importance of public service.

I send my best wishes for a memorable event and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Garcetti', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor