



HOME | NEWS | FEATURES | SPORTS | BUSINESS | OPINION | EDITORIAL | IMAGE GALLERY | CONTACT US

NAVIGATE : [Home](#) » » [Remembering Prof. Saman Kelegama](#)

Remembering Prof. Saman Kelegama

July 22, 2017, 5:56 pm



On the initiative of the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS) and UNESCAP in Delhi, a joint meeting was held on July 11 at Habitat Centre to pay tribute to the late Prof. Saman Kelegama.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, said

that the three organizations had come together to organize the meeting as Prof. Saman Kelegama had over years maintained close links with them at a professional as well as at the personal level.

He elaborated on the vast amount of work that had been initiated by Prof. Saman Kelegama to provide and establish linkages at the bilateral, regional & international level.

Dr. Nagesh Kumar of UNESCAP, who is now based in Bangkok, spoke of the commitment of Prof. Saman Kelegama to regional economic development and the role he played on promoting open economic policies and the leadership taken at regional fora such SAARC, BMISTEC & IORA.

Special mention was made on the South Asia Economic Summit and South Asia Economic Journal which were two initiatives by Prof. Saman Kelegama.

Prof. Deepak Nayyar of SACEPS added that Prof. Saman Kelegama also represented and spoke for the Civil Society and that he contributed his knowledge as an institution builder. He said that he put the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) in the world map. Although he was a Sri Lankan citizen, he was also a citizen of South Asia and a citizen of the global South.

Prof. Muchkund Dubey, former Foreign Secretary of India and President, Council for Social Development, in his speech referred to the vast knowledge, Prof. Saman Kelegama possessed on global economic issues which contributed to South Asian Cooperation and South-South Cooperation.

He was a prolific writer and an astute thinker, he said, and added that Prof. Kelegama could be considered in the same league as Gamani Corea.

Dubey added that Prof. Kelegama was free from prejudices and at the same time aware of the pitfalls and issues confronted when one has to implement proposals. His contribution to South Asia Cooperation would be a role model. SACEPS may work towards adding to the memory of Prof. Saman Kelegama.

While speaking of his intellectual capacity and integrity and soft spoken personality the Speakers conveyed their condolences to the Government of Sri Lanka, the IPS & the family of Saman Kelegama.

High Commissioner Chitranganee Wagiswara thanked the organizers for the initiative taken to organize the event to pay tribute to Prof. Saman Kelegama, which demonstrates the high esteem that he is held in India and in Asia. While touching on the role played by Prof. Saman Kelegama as an academic, as an adviser and as a representative of the Government of Sri Lanka in various fora, as well as the links he established with the private sector, she noted that his demise is an irreparable loss for Sri Lanka.

The audience included former Indian High Commissioners representatives from think-tanks, and experts on economic issues.

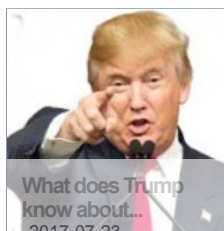
Breaking News

Await Breaking News

Last Updated Jul 23 2017 | 11:38 pm

...

Featured News



ARCHIVES | RELATED LINKS

[Monday, 24th July 2017 \[Current Issue\]](#)

[Sunday, 23rd July 2017](#)

[Saturday, 22nd July 2017](#)

[Friday, 21st July 2017](#)

[Thursday, 20th July 2017](#)

[Wednesday, 19th July 2017](#)

[Tuesday, 18th July 2017](#)

[More Archives](#)

 Hits: 126  [Send to Friend](#)

ද්වයින **නවලය** **විදුසර**



UPALI NEWSPAPERS (PVT) LTD
Copyright © Upali Newspapers (Pvt) Ltd.
All Rights Reserved.

Solution by [Lankacom](#).