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The "spring issue" of the Digital e-mag coincides with the dawn of the Sinhala & Tamil New Year for Sri Lanka's world afar.

Lanka Expat Services has given more emphasis in this issue to talk about this important cultural event that brings every Sri Lankan new hope and a time to retrace under the blessings of the Sun-God.

For the Lankans living overseas it is time to remember their motherland and its traditional activities that surround the Sinhala & Tamil New Year. We would encourage you to organise many events, invite your friends in the neighbourhood and to share your traditions & cultural activities and make an effort to invite them to visit Sri Lanka.

It is very important that parents & grandparents share the knowledge of this event with their kids and grand children who were born beyond the shores of their motherland. Losing the cultural identity would be a big mistake as the values and the ethics taught during the Festival of the Sun-God will no doubt help one to lead a better life and be respectful to the country that they belong to. Lanka Expat Services specifically invited Professor J.B. Dissanayake to contribute to this magazine so that we could give you some valuable reading material to revive your memory on the Sinhala & Tamil New Year.

Please share this e-magazine with your friends.

We wish you a Happy Sinhala & Tamil New Year.

Editor, LKX



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Profits from services abroad exempt from tax till March 2011

With effect from today (April 1, 2009) to March 31, 2011 foreign currency profits from services rendered by Sri Lankans abroad remitted to Sri Lanka through any bank will be exempt from income tax, says Central Bank Governor Ajith Nivard Cabral.



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AYBOWAN/VINDIKAM/WELCOME!

It is with great pleasure that Lanka Expats Services circulates the digital e-magazine for 2009 summer. As predicted in our winter issue the country has now come out of the dark tunnel and seen the bright light of peace and prosperity.

End of terrorism, hatred has given new hope to all Lankans to cease forgetting differences of caste, race & religion. We are only left with an opportunity to rebuild this country to share it really belongs as the most beautiful miracle island on earth.

All Sri Lankans and expats should not waste any time to realize that it is their responsibility to make this country's future a better place for the generations to come. It is appropriate to remember and quote in this issue, the pro legend Michael Jackson's words to the world, "It doesn't matter if you are black or white."

In 2008 the change was in America. In 2009 change has come to Sri Lanka. It is the greatest opportunity for travel, tourism and investment as the doors are open with enormous potential to all who believe in this country.

Lanka Expats Services believes that Sri Lanka is going to be a mega global hub just as Singapore, Hong Kong and the United Kingdom, for trade, tourism, fashion, logistics and finance. So don't miss the opportunity to book your place early.

The issue has lots of information and hope you will share this e-magazine with your friends.

Editor, LKX



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Sri Lanka: So beautiful and so diverse!

This autumn issue of the four seasons e-mag is circulated by Lanka Expat Services for your reading pleasure with news and events happening in Sri Lanka in the coming months.

Sri Lanka has been known as a country for tea & spices in the older days, when it was known as Ceylon. Now apart from that, it has become famous for its sun & sand, cultural heritage, wildlife and the amazing diversity. The island is home to the largest mammal in Asia, the birds and dragonflies and butterflies and many endemic species of fauna and flora as well as one of the best hot spots to see the blue whales in the world, and of course the list goes on.

Sri Lanka has a high density of bird species, considering the size of the island. It is said to harbor 227 resident bird species including 36 definitive endemic birds found only in the shores of Sri Lanka. With the migrant species recorded from the island, the number increases to over 450. Sri Lanka is identified as an Endemic Bird Area (EBA) and the number of endemic species present in the EBA is the highest in Asia.

While birds could be seen throughout the year, November to April is considered the best period to see the birds in the island, especially the endemic species, when the south-west part of the island which is the monsoon country is clearly dry. Also, December is considered the peak season for bird migration. Dubbed the "Rainforest Rainbow", the mixed species of feeding flocks in Sinharaja rainforest, is considered the largest in the world.

Among the best places to watch birds in the island, including the endemic species, the Sinharaja rainforest can be considered to be the top on the list. Hirston Plains is the place to see lighted birds, Katumerya & Thimbala in the deep woods, Mannar in the north for migrant birds and much closer to Colombo in the Thalangama wetlands, to observe the wetland birds.

Lanka Expat would encourage you to visit and experience the diversity and the beauty of the island during the up coming season, when you visit or if you are planning a holiday during the winter 2009. When you visit the green island, do remember to leave only your foot-prints behind!

Editor: LKX

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Magnificent Sri Pada!

Ayubowan! Vanakkam! Welikome!

The "Sri Pada" season begins in December from the full moon (Udappaya) and goes on till the full moon (Vesakaya) in May. People trek the mountain all year round, however, the rainy season does not see many pilgrims.

Known as the only mountain in the world considered sacred by the followers of the four major faiths in the world - Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity and Islam. To the Buddhists, the imprint at the summit of the mountain is the hollowed footprint of the Buddha, hence the name "Sri Pada". To the Hindus, the footprint is that of God Shiva. To the Christians, it is the footprint of St. Thomas, and to the Muslims, it is the

foot print of Adam, hence "Adam's Peak".

Also known as the historically mountain, native called the "Saramala Kanda" due to the endless flocks of butterflies that wing their way to the mountains with the start of the season. The butterflies that used to be seen long time ago during the season has dwindled in numbers due to urbanization as their habitats have been cut down.

The trek up the mountain is 2276m and the pilgrims start this climb in the early hours of the morning as it takes about 2 1/2 to 4 hours and will take them to the top in time to see the amazing sunrise. At the top of the peak the pilgrims worship the Sri Pada, and make their offerings.

Geographically Adam's Peak is important as the main watershed of Sri Lanka. Four of the principal rivers of the island, River Mahaweli, River Kalani, River Kala and River Walawe, originate from the beautiful Sri Pada mountain terrain, giving the livelihood to the people of Sri Lanka. Adam's Peak is located in the district that boasts of precious stones where stones such as - emeralds, rubies & blue sapphires are found in abundance. For which the island has been famous, and which has earned its ancient name of "Ratanabiga".

We invite you to make this lifetime experience to one of the most amazing places on earth. It is a truly magnificent journey!
Editor-LXN

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