



"BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE" : HIGH-END FORUM

65th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between
China - Sri Lanka

Forum Handbook

Host by: Confucius Institute at University of Colombo

**Cooperate with: Beijing Foreign Studies University
Honghe University**

Time: 08:00-15:30 (GMT+5:30)

Date: 22nd December 2022

Venue: Colombo Beijing Yunnan



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Forum Introduction

In the year 2013, China proposed the "Belt and Road Initiative" with the intention of using the historical symbols of the ancient Silk Road, actively developing partnerships with countries along the "Belt and Road", and jointly building a community of interests, destiny and responsibility with mutual political trust, economic integration and cultural inclusion. The "Belt and Road Initiative" has been recognized and supported by many countries around the world since its inception. Sri Lanka is one of the first countries to publicly express its support for the "Belt and Road Initiative", and is also one of the key cooperation countries under the framework of the "Belt and Road Initiative". As of May 2022, China has signed more than 200 cooperation documents with 150 countries and 32 international organizations to build the "Belt and Road".

The year 2022 marks the 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Sri Lanka and the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Rubber Rice Agreement. China and Sri Lanka will take the anniversary of diplomatic relations as an opportunity to carry forward the spirit of the Rubber Rice Agreement and further promote the "Belt and Road" cooperation for the better benefit of the two countries and peoples.

On this occasion, the Confucius Institute at the University of Colombo will hold this "Belt and Road Initiative": High-end Forum, inviting scholars from nearly 20 countries, including China, Sri Lanka and countries along the "Belt and Road" in South and Southeast Asia, to discuss the cooperation between China and related countries in the fields of education, culture, economy and trade under the framework of the "Belt and Road Initiative".



Agenda

Opening Ceremony		
Colombo Time (GMT+5:30)	Content	Participants
08:00-08:30	Arrival	All
08:30-08:40	Warm-up Video	All
08:40-08:50	Online Lightning Oil Lamp & National Anthem	All
08:50-09:00	Welcome speech	Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo
09:00-09:40	Greetings from the VIP Guests	H. D. Karunaratne, Vice-Chancellor, University of Colombo Yang Dan, President, Beijing Foreign Studies University Yu Ganqian, President, Honghe University Zhao Lingshan, Vice President and Secretary-General of the Chinese International Education Foundation Leader of Yunnan Provincial Department of Education Leader of Foreign Affairs Office of Yunnan Provincial People's Government Leader of Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture of Yunnan Province Zhang Yingbao, Cultural Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Sri Lanka
09:40-10:00	Announce the winners of "China in my eye" Primary and Secondary School Student's Painting Competition to Celebrate 65th Anniversary of China-Sri Lanka Diplomatic Relations	All
10:00-10:30	Break	All



Keynote Speeches and Parallel Forums			
Colombo Time (GMT+5:30)	Content	Participants	Host
10:30-10:35	Introduction of keynote speakers	All	Chinese Director, Confucius Institute, University of Colombo
10:35-10:55	First Keynote Speech	Senior Prof. H.D.Karunaratne Vice-Chancellor University of Colombo	
10:55-11:15	Second Keynote Speech	Prof. Xu Liping Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	
11:15-11:20	Brief Summary by the Host		
11:20-13:00	Lunch Break		
	First Parallel Forum	Second Parallel Forum	Third Parallel Forum
13:00-13:15	Asanga Tilakaratne (Sri Lanka)	A.K.M. Mohsin (Bangladesh)	Gamini Ranasinghe (Sri Lanka)
13:15-13:30	Awang bin Sariyan (Malaysia)	Anna Rosario Malindog-Uy (Philippines)	H.A. Chintha Perera (Sri Lanka)
13:30-13:45	Chanthavong Khamhoung (Laos)	Asanka D. Jayasinghe (Sri Lanka)	Ma Zhongwu (China)
13:45-14:00	Min Shen (Brunei)	Chatuwit Keawsuwan (Thailand)	Saravanapavananthan Baskaran (Sri Lanka)
14:00-14:15	Nanda Lai Tiwari (Nepal)	Danilo Lemos Afono Henriques (Timor-Leste)	Sudath Warnakulasooriya (Sri Lanka)
14:15-14:30	Nguyen Van Hieu (Vietnam)	Fathmath Shaistha Ali (Maldives)	Sugath Mahinda Senarath (Sri Lanka)
14:30-14:45	Singh Vikash Kumar (India)	Munawar Iqbal (Pakistan)	Wimal Hewamanage (Sri Lanka)
14:45-15:00	Sum Chhum Bun (Cambodia)	Phyu Phyu Win (Myanmar)	Wu Chuke (China)
15:00-15:15	Wang Dehong (Singapore)	Premakumara de Silva (Sri Lanka)	
Closing Ceremony			
Colombo Time (GMT+5:30)	Content	Participants	
15:15-15:25	Concluding Remark	Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo	
15:25-15:30	Vote of Thanks and Closing	Chinese Director, Confucius Institute, University of Colombo	



ZOOM Link

	Colombo Time (GMT+5:30)	ZOOM Link
Opening Ceremony	8:00-10:30	Join Zoom Meeting https://learn.zoom.us/j/68724633354?pwd=UE92WWwyRFVGNWNNN0FFaVViTUZCQT09 ID: 687 2463 3354 Passcode: 4LB@sC3N
Keynote Speeches	10:30-11:30	Join Zoom Meeting https://learn.zoom.us/j/68724633354?pwd=UE92WWwyRFVGNWNNN0FFaVViTUZCQT09 ID: 687 2463 3354 Passcode: 4LB@sC3N
First Parallel Forum	13:00-15:15	Join Zoom Meeting https://learn.zoom.us/j/65709739540?pwd=cXExVk9rMitYWdNqQVRKTDMYtUI0QT09 ID: 657 0973 9540 Passcode: Forum-1222
Second Parallel Forum	13:00-15:15	Join Zoom Meeting https://learn.zoom.us/j/68401285813?pwd=WjJLS3EreVhjRIRtSDBRdHVqclpzdz09 ID: 684 0128 5813 Passcode: Ydyl-2022
Third Parallel Forum	13:00-15:15	Join Zoom Meeting https://learn.zoom.us/j/62905848036?pwd=K0VIMU9mMFVwNGR0VUhuMXhtN3pBQT09 ID: 629 0584 8036 Passcode: YdyL-1222
Closing Ceremony	15:15-15:30	Join Zoom Meeting https://learn.zoom.us/j/68724633354?pwd=UE92WWwyRFVGNWNNN0FFaVViTUZCQT09 ID: 687 2463 3354 Passcode: 4LB@sC3N

Keynote Speakers



H. D. Karunaratne (Sri Lanka)

Senior Professor H. D. Karunaratne is the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. He is also a Chair Professor of Business Economics in the Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Colombo. Additionally, he serves as the Director, Institute of Human Resource Advancement, University of Colombo (IHRA-UOC) and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), the Vice President of Sri Lanka Economic Association, President of Japanese Graduates' Alumni Association of Sri Lanka. He was an Invited Professor in the Faculty of Economics of Hosei University, Tokyo. His academic research focuses chiefly on Entrepreneurship, International Business, International Migration, Labour Markets, Income Inequality and International Trade. According to ResearchGate, Senior Professor H.D. Karunaratne has more than 126 research items and over 246 Google scholar citations.



Xu Liping (China)

Professor Xu Liping is a senior research fellow of National Institute of International Strategy (NIIS), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). He is also a Ph.D. supervisor in CASS University. He acts as Director of Department of Asia-Pacific Social and Culture Studies and Center for Southeast Asian Studies in NIIS, CASS. And he is also a vice president of China Society for Southeast Asian Studies, council member of Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs and Pacific Society of China. Current Studies including the risk assessment of BRI, South China Sea Issue, the relationship between China and Neighboring Countries, non-traditional security issues and the political transition of Southeast Asian Countries etc.



Scholars

(The names of the scholars are listed in alphabetical order)

A.K.M. Mohsin (Bangladesh)



Dr. A.K.M. Mohsin, Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Business Studies at Daffodil International University of Bangladesh, Deputy Director of Belt and Road Research Centre at Daffodil International University.

Anna Rosario Malindog-Uy (Philippines)



Prof. Anna Rosario Malindog-Uy, Vice President of the Asian Century Philippines Strategic Studies Institute (ACPSSI), the political/geopolitical analyst of ACPSSI. She has worked as a consultant with the Asian Development Bank and other local and international NGOs.

Asanga Tilakaratne (Sri Lanka)



Emeritus professor Asanga Tilakaratne, the Editor-in-Chief of Encyclopedia of Buddhism of Sri Lanka, founder and emeritus professor of the Department of Buddhist Studies at University of Colombo and former director of Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies University of Kelaniya.

Asanka Jayasinghe (Sri Lanka)



Dr. Asanka Jayasinghe, the Head of the Department of Limnology & Water Technology, Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. In year 2007, he was awarded as the Best Young Scientist (Bio/Medical sciences) in Sri Lanka. He has worked as an International Consultant for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.



Awang bin Sariyan (Malaysia)



Prof. Awang Sariyan, Chairman of Malaysian government Institute of Language and Literature, director of Institute of Malay World and Civilization, the National University of Malaysia. He was two times distinguished professor of Malay Studies Chair in Beijing Foreign Studies University appointed by the Malaysian government.

Chanthavong Khamhoung (Laos)



Chanthavong Khamhoung, Director of the Confucius Institute at the National University of Laos and member of the Laos-China Cooperation Committee. He has received several Individual Advanced awards from the Lao Ministry of Education and Sports.

Chatuwit Keawsuwan (Thailand)



Associate Professor Chatuwit Keawsuwan, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Faculty of Humanities, Kasetsart University, Thailand. Chief editor of the *Chinese Studies Journal* of Kasetsart University.

Danilo Lemos Afonso-Henriques (Timor-Leste)



Danilo Lemos Afonso-Henriques, Timor-Leste's Delegate at the Forum for Economic and Commercial Cooperation between China and Portuguese Speaking Countries (Macau) and previously served as the Commercial Attaché at the Embassy of Timor-Leste in Beijing.



Fathmath Shaistha Ali (Maldives)



Dr. Fathmath Shaistha Ali, Principal of Huvadho School, PHD in International Relation from Beijing Foreign Studies University, bachelor's degree and master's degree from Maldives National University.

Gamini Ranasinghe (Sri Lanka)



Prof. Gamini Ranasinghe, Director general of the Central Cultural Fund of Sri Lanka, professor of the department of History and Archaeology of the University of Sri Jayewardenapura, the first Sri Lankan to pursue a PhD in the field of Maritime Archaeology.

H.A. Chintha Perera (Sri Lanka)



Dr. H.A. Chintha Perera, senior lecturer of institute of hydro-biology of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Wuhan, P.R. China. Ph.D. in natural science (hydro-biology).

Ma Zhongwu (China)



Associate Professor Ma Zhongwu, Ph.D. in Sinhalese Language, founding director of the Sri Lanka Research Center at Beijing Foreign Studies University and the Chinese director of the Confucius Institute at the University of Colombo. Member of the Expert Committee for the Review of Major Translation Work of China.



Min Shen (Brunei)



Dr. Min Shen, lecturer at the Language Centre of University Brunei Darussalam, article reviewer for international peer-reviewed journals.

Munawar Iqbal (Pakistan)



Munawar Iqbal, visiting professor of Institute of High Energy Physics of Chinese Academy of Sciences. Principal Scientist of National Institute for Laser and Optronics (NILOP) of Pakistan.

Nanda Lai Tiwari (Nepal)



Nanda Lal Tiwari, Sub Editor of Nepalese government-owned daily newspaper *The Rising Nepal*.

Nguyen Van Hieu (Vietnam)



Associate Professor Dr. Nguyen Van Hieu, Dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies of Vietnam National University, Hanoi, worked many years at VNU University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Hanoi.

Phyu Phyu Win (Myanmar)



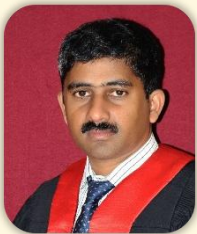
Dr. Phyu Phyu Win, Visiting Professor of Burmese at Honghe University. She has worked as a clerk and translator in the Department of Research and Foreign Languages, the Department of Political Affairs, and the Department of ASEAN, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar.

Premakumara de Silva (Sri Lanka)



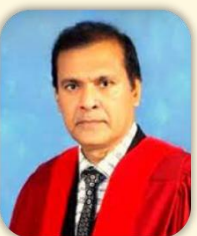
Snr. Prof. Premakumara de Silva, Chair Professor at the Department of Sociology, University of Colombo, Honorary Research Professor at Deakin University, Australia, Senior Research Fellow at University of Birmingham, UK.

Saravanapavananthan Baskaran (Sri Lanka)



Dr. Saravanapavananthan Baskaran, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Political Science, the postgraduate coordinator in political science and international relations at the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Peradeniya.

Sudath Warnakulasooriya (Sri Lanka)



Prof. Sudath Warnakulasuriya, Professor in Nursing and Dean of the Faculty of Nursing of the University of Colombo, has received "Florence Nightingale Lifetime Award" awarded by the Sri Lanka Nursing Association.



Sugath Mahinda Senarath (Sri Lanka)



Dr. Sugath Mahinda Senarath, Senior Lecturer in Mass Media, Head of the Department of Mass Media , University of Colombo.

Sum Chhum Bun (Cambodia)



Prof. Sum Chhum Bun, the Academy full member of Royal Academy of Cambodia (RAC) . He was also acted as a Former Director of Asia research Center in RAC and Chairman of the Executive Committee of Postgraduate Training of RAC.

Vikash Kumar Singh (India)



Dr. Vikash Kumar Singh, Hindi Lecturer at the School of Asian Studies of Beijing Foreign Studies University, Visiting Fellow at Yale University.

Wang Dehong (Singapore)



Prof. Wang Dehong, PhD of management, Professor of International Business School of Beijing Foreign Studies University. He had been working for Singapore and U.S. based multi-national corporations for nearly 20 years.



Wimal Hewamanage (Sri Lanka)



Dr. Wimal Hewamanage, Professor in Buddhist Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo. He had served as the Sri Lankan Director of the Confucius Institute, University of Colombo.

Wu Chuke (China)



Prof. Wu Chuke, PhD Supervisor, Professor at the School of Ethnology and Sociology, Minzu University of China. Visiting Scholar at University of Oregon in the U.S. Distinguished Professor at L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University in Kazakhstan. Visiting Scholar at Taiwan Zhongzheng University.