

Tentative Program

Conference on Expatriate Sri Lankan Tamil Diaspora in Singapore from March 27th – 29th 2009

March 27, 2009 (Friday)

- Arrival of Delegates & Guests and check in to Hotel Shangri La - 1200 Noon onwards
- Welcome Dinner hosted by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs - 08.00 pm – 10.00 pm

March 28, 2009 (Saturday)

- Registration of Delegates & Guests - 09.45 am
- Welcome by the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka
in Singapore - 10.00 am
- Key Note address *titled "Sri Lanka post conflict scenario
: Way Forward"* by Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs - 10.05 am - 10.50 am
- Brief interactive session - 10.50 am - 11.15 am
- Coffee Break - 11.15 am - 11.30 am

Panel Discussion – 1

- a) *"Political Process : Devolution of Power"*
Speaker – Hon. Minister Tissa Vitharana
Panelist – Secretary to H.E. the President
Lalith Weerathunga - 11.30 am - 12.00 noon
- b) *"Civil Administration & Emerging Challenges"*
Speaker – Secretary to H.E. the President
Lalith Weerathunga - 12.00 noon-12.30 pm
- Interactive Session - 12.30 pm – 1.00 pm
- Lunch break at the Hotel - 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

Panel Discussion – II

a) " *The Northern Re-awakening Process*" - 2.00 pm – 2.30 pm
Speaker – Special Advisor Hon. Basil Rajapaksa
Panelist – Secretary / Ministry of Foreign Affairs

b) " *Sri Lanka Seeks Political Reconciliation*" - 2.30 pm – 3.00 pm
Speaker – Secretary / Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Coffee Break - 3.00 pm – 3.15 pm

Interactive Session

Presided by Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs
– " *Lets Join Hands for the Future*" - 3.15 pm – 4.30 pm

Panelists – Hon. Prof. Tissa Vitharana,
Minister of Science & Technology
Mr.Lalith Weeratunga,
Secretary to H.E. the President
Hon. Basil Rajapaksa, Special Advisor to
H.E. the President
Dr. Palitha Kohona,
Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Interaction with and submissions by Delegates/Guests - 4.30 pm – 4.50 pm

Closing Remarks by Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs - 4.50 pm – 5.00 pm

Dinner hosted by the High Commissioner
At the Official Residence for Delegates / Guests - 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm

March 29, 2009 (Sunday)

Consultations & Interaction with Delegates / Guests - 9.00 am – 11.00 am

Departure of Delegates and Guests - 12.00 noon