A meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Sri Lankan Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena

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Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

A meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Sri Lankan Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena was held in Beijing.

Both countries agreed to continue to act under the friendship, peace, mutual respect and fivefold principle in international affairs that do not interfere in the internal affairs of a country. It was emphasized that bilateral relations should be based on mutual respect and mutual productivity between the countries, and acting according to that policy would set a good example for both countries. The Chinese President also assured that China will support the schemes necessary for the development of Sri Lanka as soon as they are presented.

Chinese President assured continuous support of China to Sri Lanka’s efforts for political and socioeconomic progress. Chinese President said that China will always stand for safeguarding independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Sri Lanka.

The Chinese President thanked the Prime Minister’s father’s ancestry for their support to China during these discussions which lasted for almost an hour. The Chinese President also stated that the party representing the Prime Minister and other parties in Sri Lanka hope to further increase cooperation with the Chinese Communist Party.

Prime Minister thanked the President for assistance provided during the unprecedented economic crisis and extending debt restructuring facilities. He explained the progress in implementation of decisions taken during the visit of President Ranil Wickremesinghe to China. Prime Minister also thanked President Xi Jinping for the support extended to sectors such as school education, agriculture, health, technology, culture and religion.