

Korea Provides Support to Several Sectors

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Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena with Miyon Lee, Ambassador of Republic of Korea.

Ambassador of Republic of Korea, Miyon Lee met with Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena to discuss follow up actions on the decisions taken at the discussions held during the Prime Minister's visit to Korea.

PM Dinesh Gunawardena held discussions with Korean Prime Minister Han Duck-soo,

Speaker of National Assembly, Kim Jin-pyo, Governor of Gyengsangbuk-do Province, Lee Cheol-woo and former Secretary General of the United Nation and current President and chair of Green Growth Institute, Ban Ki-moon. During these discussions, Korea agreed to increase support to Sri Lanka in several sectors including education, health, renewable energy, employment, agriculture and rural development. On the request of the Prime Minister, Korea agreed to provide smart classrooms to 1,000 schools in Sri Lanka to assist the government efforts to develop information technology education at school level. Korea will also send doctors and medical teams for short term medical practices at government hospitals and to share their expertise with Sri Lankan doctors. Ambassador Miyon Lee said that her country would work on few new development projects in Sri Lanka in addition to early completion of the ongoing projects. She said three projects on water treatment, sanitation, sewage disposal systems and dry zone agriculture have been implemented. Korea will also undertake a floating solar panel instalment on Chandrika Wewa in Rathnapura district as a pilot project in renewable energy.

Korean leaders have agreed to increase employment quota for Sri Lankan workers, both in skilled/professional sectors as well as seasonal agriculture sector.

PM thanked Korean government for the excellent cooperation and hospitality extended during his visit.