Together, Let’s Build Our Nation

September 23, 2024.



President Anura Kumara Dissanayake addressing the nation after swearing in as the president.

Anura Kumara Dissanayake was sworn in as the ninth Executive President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. He was ceremonially sworn in before Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya at the Presidential Secretariat in Colombo.

President Anura Kumara Dissanayake addressed the nation: The most fundamental

aspect of democracy in our country is the election of leaders by the people. However, democracy extends beyond voting in elections and selecting leaders. While this is a core element, I believe that to strengthen democracy truly, we must also focus on reinforcing our institutions and ensuring the robustness of our laws.

Therefore, I pledge to the people that, during my tenure, I will work tirelessly to uphold and advance democracy in this nation. Our country has a proud history of democratic power transitions following elections. No leader has ever refused to respect the results of an election. In this regard, I commend former President Ranil Wickremesinghe for accepting the people's mandate and setting an example through his dedication to the peaceful power transfer.

We fully recognize that we are inheriting a country facing significant challenges. There is an urgent need to cultivate a more ethical and transparent political culture that aligns with the people's expectations.

We are committed to this goal. Public perception of politics and politicians has deteriorated, and I am dedicated to doing everything I can to restore trust and respect in our political system and its representatives.

We do not believe that a single government, political party, or individual can resolve the profound crisis before us. As I've said before, I am not a magician. I am simply an ordinary citizen of this country, with both strengths and limitations, knowledge and gaps. My most important role is to leverage my abilities to gather the necessary information, make informed decisions, and guide the country forward.

It is my responsibility to contribute to a collective effort. At the same time, every citizen and professional from all sectors share a crucial responsibility in overcoming this crisis. I look forward to everyone's support in fulfilling that shared responsibility.



President Anura Kumara Dissanayake being greeted by Army General Vikum Liyanage, Commander of the Army. Also present were General Shavendra Silva, Deputy National Security Advisor; Vice Admiral Priyantha Perera, Commander of the Navy; and Air Marshal Udeni Rajapaksa, Commander of the Air Force.



Anura Kumara Dissanayake taking oath as the President.



President Anura Kumara Dissanayake signs in front of Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya.



Anura Kumara Dissanayake sworn in as the Ninth Executive President of Sri Lanka in front of Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya. Also present was Saman Ekanayake, former President’s Secretary.



President Anura Kumara Dissanayake addressing the gathering.