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## Former Sri Lanka Ambassador to Brussels Romesh Jayasinghe passes away

The Embassy of Sri Lanka announces with profound sadness and sorrow, the passing away of Mr. Chrysantha Romesh Jayasinghe former Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs and previously Ambassador in Brussels, in the morning of 08 August 2011. His funeral was held today (09 August) in Colombo.

Mr. Jayasinghe, a senior Foreign Service Officer was appointed as Foreign Secretary by H. E. the President on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009, a position in which he continued until his appointment as an Advisor to H. E the President on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

The senior most Sri Lanka Foreign Service Officer, Mr. Jayasinghe joined the Sri Lanka Foreign Service in 1981, ranking first in the batch. He has served as Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to India in New Delhi and as the country's Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union, prior to his appointment as the Foreign Secretary. He has also served in various capacities at Sri Lanka Missions in Bonn, Geneva and Bangladesh.

Mr Jayasinghe, who was 56 years old at the time of his death, is survived by his wife, son and daughter. He was also the son of the late Mr. W. T. Jayasinghe, a former Civil Servant and Foreign Secretary and the late Mrs. B. Jayasinghe.

The Embassy shares the grief of the late Mr. Jayasinghe's family and offers its condolences to the bereaved family members.

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