

Embassy of Sri Lanka in Brussels celebrates Christmas

Embassy of Sri Lanka in Brussels celebrated Christmas with the participation of Sri Lankan community in Belgium at the Embassy premises on 17 December 2009, in keeping with the tradition of the Embassy of commemorating the important festivals of all four religions practiced in Sri Lanka.

The Rev. Father Justin Chawkan spoke on the significance of Christmas and delivered a Christmas prayer in English & Tamil and Rev. Father Claude Nonis delivered prayers in Sinhala. The children of the Sri Lankan community in Brussels also did prayers in French and Flemish languages.

Ambassador Ravintha Aryasinha made a brief comment at the occasion and said that Christmas is celebrated across the world with immense joy and happiness and for Christians it also symbolizes a very deeply significant truth of the spiritual life - Christ was born to bless the whole human race with peace and joy, life and light. He gave a new and a spiritual turn to the lives of man and a new era was dawned for the world. He noted that in Sri Lanka too, a new era has been dawned and appealed to all the communities to come together to re-build the country.

Christmas carols in Sinhala, Tamil and English were sung by the community members followed by a reception hosted by the Sri Lankan community in Belgium with Christmas delicacies.





