

Hindu - Buddhist Cultural Association Formed to promote Religious Unity

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Setting a significant landmark in the contemporary history of island's religious and cultural Co-operation, the first Hindu-Buddhist Cultural Association was formed on Monday (23/05/2011) at Palam Road, Kantharmadam in Jaffna with participation of Senior Priests of both Religions and senior citizens.

The new Hindu- Buddhist Cultural Association is fulfillment of a timely step to overthrow the effort of a few organized anti-social factions in their abortive attempt to harm the unity between communities.

The inauguration of this much-needed institute was attended by Hon. Parliamentarian Ven. Athuraliye Rathana thero, about 25 Buddhist monks from Colombo, Rev. Wasudewa Kurukkal with several other Hindu Priests and more than 100 senior Jaffna citizens.

Inaugurating the Association Ven. Rathana thero, the guest of honour of the event, said that the time has come to understand the similarities in both Hinduism and Buddhism to work closely to achieve the goal of development of the Country.

Addressing the gathering, Commander Security Forces-Jaffna Maj.Gen.Mahinda Hathurusinghe stated that the new organization will be an inspiration to the work that security forces in Jaffna had been implementing to promote harmony between religions and communities in Jaffna. Further he thanked Mr. MTS Ramachandran, Hon. President of the Hindu- Buddhist Cultural Association for his vehement effort in establishing this association and promised to extend Army's fullest cooperation to promote amity among communities.

