



Press Notice

The inauguration of a District Office of HRCSL in the Nuwara Eliya District

The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka expands its regional office network by the inauguration of a regional office in Nuwara Eliya (Queen Elizabeth Building, Nuwara Eliya) on 08.03.2022. Among the ethnic groups in Sri Lanka, the Indian origin Tamils are a very significant populace. This particular community migrated to Sri Lanka during the colonial period to engage in the plantation sector. This Indian-origin Tamil community faces very regressive consequences in societal and economical aspects. The major fortitude of establishing a new regional branch in the Nuwara Eliya District is to enhance the protection of the rights of this vulnerable community and to educate these people to claim inquiries during the infringement of their rights.

The inaugural ceremony of the Regional office will be graced by His Excellency, the High Commissioner for South Africa in Sri Lanka, Mr. S. E. Schalk, and the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, retired Supreme Court Justice, Mrs. Rohini Marasinghe. The Commissioners of the Human Rights Commission, Venerable Kalupahana Piyaarachana Thero, Dr. Vijitha Nanayakkara, Dr. M.H. Nimal Karunasiri, and Ms. Anusuya Shanmuganathan and the officers of the Commission are cordially expected to partake in the inauguration.

The inauguration is scheduled for the 08th of March, 2022, and will be steered on the International Women's Day commemoration in Nuwara Eliya. The said commemoration will be held themed '*Gender Equality today for a Sustainable Tomorrow*' on the 08th of March, 2022 from 09.30 am onwards at the Divisional Secretariat Office, Nuwara Eliya. The ceremony will be graced by His Excellency, the High Commissioner for South Africa in Sri Lanka, Mr. S. E. Schalk. Further, government officers and civil society representatives are cordially invited to the occasion.