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World Environment Day Message

The environment is the foundation of our livelihood. It is the responsibility of the government to bequeath a secure, prosperous, and green planet to future generations.

In line with the global theme, "Urgent Climate Action," and guided by the vision of "A Sustainable Biosphere – An Evergreen Life," Sri Lanka commemorates World Environment Day this year at a critical moment. Drawing lessons from the climate-related challenges we have recently experienced, special attention has been directed toward protecting the water catchment areas of the central highlands and restoring ecosystems.

Under the theme "Dalulanna Idadenna" (Let it Bloom) , the Ministry of Environment has organized a series of programmes across the island to mark World Environment Day. These initiatives include environmental conservation inspired by religious values, awareness programmes on climate change, the protection of the Diyawanna Oya, the development of infrastructure in the wildlife sector, the conservation of water resources, and the promotion of medicinal plant cultivation, and through these efforts, it is evident that environmental conservation has evolved beyond a mere concept and become a practical and active commitment.

At this significant moment in our nation's history, as more than 63,000 hectares of forest land have been gazetted as protected reserves through the "Wanaspathi" National Programme, which was launched last year, every citizen must resolve to live in harmony with the environment.

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