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### Thai Pongal Message from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment, and Tourism

I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the Hindu community, especially the Tamil people in Sri Lanka and around the world, as you celebrate the auspicious occasion of Thai Pongal.

Thai Pongal is a time for deep reflection, gratitude, and joyous celebration. As we honor the abundant harvest and the unwavering dedication of those who contribute to it, we are reminded of the profound connection between nature, agriculture, and the well-being of our communities. This vibrant festival, observed with reverence and exuberance, marks not only the commencement of the harvest season but also the northward journey of the Sun, heralding new beginnings and renewed hope for the year ahead.

For over a millennium, Thai Pongal has stood as a testament to the enduring strength of tradition, unity, and shared values. It is a time for all of us to unite, embrace compassion, and reaffirm collective commitment to building a brighter future for Sri Lanka and the world. The spirit of Thai Pongal calls us to champion peace, harmony, and inclusivity, transcending all divisions to foster a sense of shared responsibility for the prosperity of our nation and the welfare of its people.

May this Thai Pongal bring peace, prosperity, and joy to every household, and inspire us to continue working together toward a future filled with hope, unity, and progress.

Wishing the Tamil community in Sri Lanka and around the world a blessed, prosperous, and meaningful Thai Pongal.

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