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**FELICITATION MESSAGE FOR THE 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP UNIVERSITY  
(FORMER PATRICE LUMUMBA UNIVERSITY)**

Since independence successive Governments in Sri Lanka placed high priority on general and tertiary education, resulting in the achievement of a very high rate of literacy in this country amongst the developing nations.

Today, Sri Lanka has expanded its tertiary education to meet the high rate of literacy, the university education is geared to meet the challenging cybernetic developments of the new millennium. However, in the early 1960's, when we were taking the initial faltering steps towards a better education system, the youth in Sri Lanka were very fortunate to gain access to the Patirce Lumumba University ( Peoples Friendship University). Over a period of 55 years, the Peoples Friendship University has trained nearly a 2000 Sri Lankan Youth, who hold eminent positions today and have contributed immensely to the development and welfare of the mother country. It was the People's Friendship University that paved new vistas in higher education to many a youth in the third world countries.

In appreciation of the services rendered to the youth of Sri Lanka and to many a youth in impoverished countries of the third world, it gives me great pleasure to send this message of felicitation on my behalf, and on behalf of the people of Sri Lanka, on the occasion of the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Peoples Friendship University.

**Kabir Hashim,**  
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