



Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa today declared open the state-of-the-art Korea-Sri Lanka Friendship Hospital built at Godagama in Matara.

The Korea-Sri Lanka Friendship Hospital was built at a cost of 1.27 billion rupees with the financial assistance from Korea International Cooperation Agency. The President registered the first patient and donated five luxury ambulances to the hospital. Speaking at the event, the President said that the nation can be built only by a healthy and a strong generation and the government is committed to achieving this goal.

The President said that the free education and free health systems will be maintained while the country is being steered towards progress. He stressed the need to create awareness in the public about the money the government spends on free education and healthcare and asked the people to make maximum use of the colossal sum of money spent on the development projects.

The government has spent 300 million rupees for the infrastructure facilities of the hospital while the Korea International Cooperation Agency has spent 970 million rupees to build the hospital and purchase equipment.

Korea-Sri Lanka Friendship Hospital is the 5th project that is commissioned for the public under the five-year national health development programme implemented by the Ministry of health from this year.