



Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine Dr. Rajitha Senarathne today (19 May 2015) addresses the 68th World Health Assembly held in Geneva and highlighted the progress Sri Lanka has made in achieving the millennium development goals and universal health coverage. Particularly with respect to Maternal & Child Health and the control of communicable diseases.

Highlighting the health scenario in the country he said that under the guidance of president Maithiripala Sirisena, the country is poised to enter a new phase of health development and pointed out that the health burden of the country is now moving more towards non communicable diseases, such as cardiovascular, respiratory neoplasm and diabetes, which account to over 70% of deaths.

Addressing the Assembly, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany Angela Merkel. Praised the role of the WHO and said “the WHO is the only international organization that has universal political legitimacy on global health issues,” The meeting was also addressed by Hon. Jagat Prakash Nadda, president WHA, Dr. Margaret Chan, DG/WHO and a large number of Health Ministers from Member countries from all over the world.

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