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Invitation to Participate in the New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF), January 2027

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President
Sri Lanka Book Publishers Association

Invitation to Participate in the New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF), January 2027

- Reference Fax No. 2338 dated 07 September 2026 from the SLHC/New Delhi, informing of NDWBF, scheduled to be held from **16 to 24 January 2027** at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- Accordingly, the NDWBF, organized by the National Book Trust, India, in collaboration with India Trade Promotion Organization, and Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India, and is recognized as a major international event in the publishing, literary and cultural sectors, is intended to bring together publishers, authors, literary professionals, educators, cultural institutions and readers. Further the event will featuring the following:
 - International country pavilions and thematic exhibitions
 - Literary and cultural sessions with renowned authors and speakers
 - The New Delhi Rights Table - an international rights and translation forum
 - CEOSpeak - an international publishing conference
 - Dedicated children's pavilion, authors' corner and cultural performances
- The organizers have invited Sri Lanka to participate in the fair with a Sri Lanka National Pavilion, as well as to for the other segments to be featured, listed at para (2) above.
- In view of the opportunity provided by the aforesaid event to showcase Sri Lankan books, literature, educational initiatives, art, and culture, as well as to promote wider people to people and professional linkages, it would be appreciated if the above invitation could be considered favourably and for this Ministry to be informed of your interest in, and possibility of, participating.

[Signature]

Assistant Director/ South Asia & SAARC
for Secretary

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Addressed to : Secretary/ Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment & Tourism
Attn: Director General/South Asia & SAARC

From : High Commissioner / New Delhi

Signature & Designation : Thilak
Second Secretary
for High Commissioner

Date : 07 September 2026

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New Delhi

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Ref. No: SLHCND/E/2

Invitation to participate in the New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF) 2027

1. Please find enclosed, self-explanatory email communication of 8 August 2026 to the President/Sri Lanka Book Publishers Association on the above subject.
2. The New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF), organized by the National Book Trust, India and co-organized by ITPO, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, is one of the largest book fairs in the world and a cultural event on the global publishing, book trade and literary calendar.
3. The NDWBF is scheduled to be held **from 16–24 January 2027 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**. The Fair brings together publishers, authors, literary professionals, educators, cultural institutions and readers from across the globe. In this regard, the National Book Trust of India has requested Sri Lanka to participate in the event with a **Sri Lanka National Pavilion**.
4. Further, during the subsequent discussions with the National Book Trust of India, Sri Lanka was invited to explore possibilities for:
 - Author interactions and literary sessions;
 - Cultural presentations and performances;
 - Publishing and literary discussions;
 - Promotion of tourism, trade and education; and
 - Connecting Sri Lankan publishers with international publishing stakeholders
5. Links providing further information on the event, including details of the designated focal points, may be accessed in the enclosed email.
6. The Division's kind assistance in liaising with the Sri Lanka Book Publishers Association and/or any other relevant agency to obtain a response regarding Sri Lanka's participation in the said event would be much appreciated. **(ENDS)**



Director General - South Asia <dgsa@mfa.gov.lk>

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1 message

High Commission of Sri Lanka - New Delhi <slhc.newdelhi@mfa.gov.lk>

Mon, Sep 7, 2026 at 5:38 PM

To: IT Division <cypher@mfa.gov.lk>, Director General - South Asia <dgsa@mfa.gov.lk>, Varuni Muthukumarana <lanka.varuni@mfa.gov.lk>

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find the attachment.

Grateful if you could kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Thanks & Regards,



High Commission of Sri Lanka

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From: High Commission of Sri Lanka - New Delhi <slhc.newdelhi@mfa.gov.lk>

Date: Sat, Aug 8, 2026 at 7:43 AM

Subject: Invitation to participate in the New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF) 2027

To: <bookpub@sltnet.lk>, <srilankabookpublishers@gmail.com>

Cc: Thilina Galappatti <thilina.galappatti@mfa.gov.lk>

President

Sri Lanka Book Publishers Association

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the High Commission of Sri Lanka in New Delhi.

Please find enclosed for your kind perusal the self-explanatory email communications received from the National Book Trust India on the above-mentioned subject.

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Further information about the event can be accessed through the below links:

- Presentation (PPT) on NDWBF 2027;
- International Pavilion brochure and related participation materials.

Additional clarification can be obtained through the following focal point:

Shobha Kapoor

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It would be appreciated if the above information could be disseminated among the relevant stakeholders to promote and encourage participation from Sri Lanka.

Grateful if you could kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Thanks & Regards,



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Subject: Re: Invitation to Participate in the New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF) 2027

Respected Madam/Sir,

Thank you for the meeting.

Please find below minutes of the meeting.

Meeting with the High Commission of Sri Lanka, New Delhi**Date:** 19 June 2026**Venue:** High Commission of Sri Lanka, New Delhi**Participants:**

- High Commission of Sri Lanka
 - o Mr. Thilina Galappati, Second Secretary to the High Commissioner.
- National Book Trust, India (NBT)
 - o Mr. Kumar Vikram, Chief Editor and Joint Director, National Book Trust
 - o Ms. Shobha Kapoor, Sr. Lead - Partnerships & Corporate Communications and Sr. Project Head - Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya, National Book Trust

Key Discussion Points**1. Sri Lanka's Participation at NDWBF**

- NBT invited the High Commission to participate in the New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF) 2027 with a **Sri Lanka National Pavilion**.
- The High Commission expressed interest in exploring a larger and more meaningful participation at future editions of NDWBF.
- The possibility of establishing a dedicated Sri Lanka National Pavilion comprising approximately 3-4 booths, along with special participation rates available for SAARC countries, was discussed.
- The representative from the High Commission indicated that the proposal would be discussed further within the High Commission and NBT shall be informed accordingly.

2. Expanded Participation

- Sri Lanka expressed interest in participating not only through a book exhibition pavilion but also through:
 - o Author interactions and literary sessions;
 - o Cultural presentations and performances;
 - o Publishing and literary discussions; and
 - o Promotion of tourism, trade and education.
- Possibilities for connecting Sri Lankan publishers with international publishing stakeholders were discussed at the NDWBF 2027.
- The High Commission indicated that it would reach out to publishing stakeholders and associations in Colombo to take discussions forward.

3. Information Sharing

- NBT has shared the following with the High Commission (linked below):
 - o Presentation (PPT) on NDWBF 2027;
 - o International Pavilion brochure and related participation materials.

Both sides expressed interest in strengthening Sri Lanka's engagement with the New Delhi World Book Fair and exploring opportunities for participation by publishers, authors, cultural institutions, and other stakeholders.

Lookign forward to the collaborating with you for NDWBF-2027.

Regards,

Shobha Kapoor

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Date: Mon, 08 Jun 2026 14:06:05 +0530
Subject: Invitation to Participate in the New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF) 2027

To,
H.E. Mahishini Colonne
High Commissioner
High Commission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
New Delhi, India

Respected Madam,

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For over six decades, NDWBF has served as a vibrant platform for literary exchange, publishing collaborations, translation rights, cultural dialogue and educational partnerships. The Fair witnesses participation from more than 50 countries, over 2,000 publishers and attracts millions of visitors annually.

The upcoming edition of NDWBF 2027 will feature:

- International country pavilions and thematic exhibitions,
- Literary and cultural sessions with renowned authors and speakers,
- The New Delhi Rights Table – an international rights and translation forum,
- CEOSpeak – an international publishing conference,
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NBT India warmly invites your esteemed High Commission to participate in NDWBF 2027 through:

- A national pavilion/stall showcasing your country's books, literature, educational initiatives, art and culture,
- Literary and cultural programmes including author interactions, discussions and performances,
- Participation in rights exchange and publishing collaborations through the New Delhi Rights Table.

As per the information brochure attached herewith, SAARC nations are eligible for special participation rates under the International Pavilion category.

Your participation would greatly enrich the cultural and literary diversity of the Fair and further strengthen regional cooperation and people-to-people ties through books, education and culture.

We would be grateful if your esteemed office could indicate a convenient date and time for a meeting to discuss possible participation and collaboration opportunities.

We look forward to your country's esteemed participation at the New Delhi World Book Fair 2027.

Yours sincerely,

Regards,

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