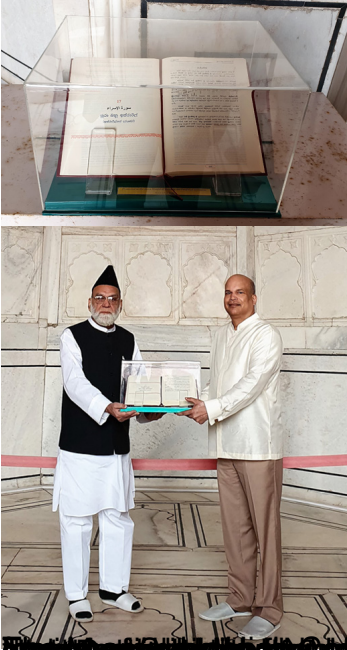




Further strengthening people-to-people ties with India, the High Commission of Sri Lanka in New Delhi today (15) presented a Sinhala translation of the Holy Quran to the Jama Masjid of Delhi for permanent display at the historical mosque built by legendary Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan.

The impressive Sinhala translation of the Holy Quran, published by the All Ceylon Jamiyyathul Ulama (ACJU) of Sri Lanka, was presented to the Chief Imam of India and Shahi Imam of the Jama Masjid of Delhi Syed Ahmed Bukhari this morning by Sri Lanka's High Commissioner Milinda Moragoda. The copy of the Holy Quran, fixed inside a transparent display box, was placed at a prominent place in the mosque.

Prior to the placement of the Sinhala version of the Holy Quran on permanent display, Sri Lanka's High Commissioner Milinda Moragoda and Shahi Imam Syed Ahmed Bukhari discussed on a range of issues pertaining to the enhancement of Islamic ties between Sri Lanka and India. The Shahi Imam appreciated this gesture of goodwill and friendship of the people of Sri Lanka and observed that Sri Lanka is a progressive country. High Commissioner Moragoda requested Imam Bukhari's assistance in identifying prominent Islamic scholars and dignitaries from India for a possible exchange programme. He also stated that he would encourage Sri Lankan Islamic dignitaries to enhance ties with Imam Bukhari and the Jama Masjid of Delhi.



Further strengthening people-to-people contacts Sri Lanka High Commission in New Delhi presents a Sinhala-English dictionary