

Pictorial

American Independence Day

celebration at Hilton Colombo



The U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives Michele J. Sison hosted a gathering of distinguished guests at the Colombo Hilton to mark the 238th anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America on July 4.

Minister of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development Douglas Devananda joined Ambassador Sison as the Representative of the Government of Sri Lanka to welcome invitees and affirm the importance of the U.S. - Sri Lanka friendship. The distinguished assembly included MPs, heads of foreign missions, civil society leaders, U.S. Embassy community and other honoured guests.



Ambassador Michele J. Sison and Minister Douglas Devananda proposing a toast



Ambassador Michele J. Sison and Deputy Chief of Mission William Weinstein



MP Thilanga Sumathipala



Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and Ambassador Michele Sison



UPFA General Secretary and Environment and Renewable Energy Minister Susil Premajayantha and U.S. Ambassador Michele Sison



US Ambassador (centre) with Deputy Chief of Mission William Weinstein and Minister R Sampanthan



Asako Okai



S/African High Commissioner Geoffrey Doidge and Mrs. Carol Doidge



MP Veerasingham Anandasangaree and Foreign Secretary Kshenuka Seneviratne



Radika



U.S. Ambassador and Bar Association President Upul Jayasuriya



Reyyaz and MP Tiran Alles



Japanese Ambassador Nobuhito Hobo and Mrs. Tomomi Hobo



Harry Jayawardene



Ambassador of Nigeria U. Ahmed and Michelle



Gary and Dayan Jayatilake



Colin and Rukshana



Roshini



Ambassador Min Thein and Helen



Ambassador of Korea Won-sam and Kank Hyung



Chandita, Duminda and Dushan



CDR David and Elizabeth



Sarrah and Arnil



Lianne



Louise



Gethanjali



David and Khamman



Teresa and Mickie



Sir Ian and Averil



Ayomi, Malsha and Nathasha



Sangeetha and Roshan



Anoma and Chandrika



US Ambassador and Editor-in-Chief Sunday Observer Dinesh Weerawansa



Lakmini and Karim



Phoebe and Jerome



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