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Press Release

Bhutan's Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Aum Pema Choden, presented credentials to His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka, on 1 July 2014 at the Presidential Secretariat in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

During the courtesy call on the Hon'ble President after the presentation of credentials, Aum Pema Choden conveyed the warm greetings and good wishes of His Majesty the King, the people and the Royal Government of Bhutan to the Hon'ble President, people and the government of Sri Lanka. She expressed her desire to further strengthen the friendly relations between the two countries and Bhutan's interest to establish air connectivity with Sri Lanka as a means to further promote interaction between the two countries.

The Hon'ble President fondly recalled his visit to Bhutan for the 16th SAARC Summit in 2010 and agreed on the importance of air connectivity between the two countries.

Bhutan and Sri Lanka enjoy close friendship and cooperation in a number of important areas most notably human resource development and culture. Sri Lanka is an important study destination for Bhutanese students.

Diplomatic relations between the two countries were established in 1987 and Aum Pema Choden is Bhutan's eighth Ambassador to Sri Lanka.

