

Obituary

It is with profound grief I share the news of sudden demise of our hugely respected and beloved Sri Lankan colleague Dr. Saman Kelegama. Nobody could imagine that one of the most articulate panellists of our High-level Policymakers Roundtable held on 30th May 2017 during first India-Commonwealth MSME Summit, would leave so abruptly. He was barely 58.

I had the privilege of working with Dr. Kalegama on several SAARC related projects during last two decades. He thought always ahead of his contemporaries in Sri Lanka and outside. He was ardent supporter of free trade, greater regional integration in South Asia and MSMEs.

An alumni of prestigious IIT (Kanpur) wherefrom he completed his master's degree in Mathematics (1983), he joined Oxford University to acquire M.Sc (1985) and D.Phil (1990) in Economics at St Catherine's College, Oxford University, UK. He has been Executive Director of the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS).

His leaving the scene creates a void that would be extremely difficult to fill. South Asia has lost a sane voice and brilliant mind. May his soul rest in peace.

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