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THE VISIT

of

Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II



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THE Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications will issue to-day two special stamps in the denominations of 50 cents and Rs. 5.00 to mark the visit to Sri Lanka of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. Prince Philip of Great Britain.

The stamps depict the National Flags of Sri Lanka and Great Britain symbolising the sovereign equality of the two States joined in strong bonds of friendship and co-operation for over three decades.

Until May 28, 1972 Sri Lanka remained a Dominion within the Commonwealth of Nations, and Queen Elizabeth II was its Head of State. She accompanied by Prince Philip visited Sri Lanka in 1954 soon after her accession.

Whilst the Royal visit gives an opportunity to the people of Sri Lanka to pay their respects to Her Majesty the Queen, it also brings into sharp focus the indelible impact 150 years of British rule has had on Sri Lanka's body politic. This year, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the uninterrupted exercise of universal adult franchise

by the people of Sri Lanka. The elective process adopted from time immemorial to select administrators at village level was expanded and developed by the British at the national level for the orderly selection of Government, which we now cherish as a Parliamentary process.

The common law of the land was supplemented by the British legal systems from which we drew concepts of fundamental rights which today are entrenched in the Constitution.

In the economic field, Britain was the largest market for our primary export tea until recently. Valuable economic assistance has been received for our development programmes since independence, culminating in the recent decision of the British Government to support financially the construction of the Victoria Dam.

— As the Head of the Commonwealth of Nations, H. M. Queen Elizabeth II has presided over a unique expansion of that association. At the inception of her reign she presided over a Commonwealth of 8 States. Today the membership stands at 45. Her keen sense of humanity and duty has led her to undertake visits to many Commonwealth countries in spite of a demanding programme at home. Her visit to Sri Lanka today constitutes one of them. Her selfless service to the Commonwealth has ensured to a great extent its cohesiveness, which is based also on a common link language and on common traditions.

Philatelic Details

<i>Date of Issue</i>	: 1981. 10. 21
<i>Value</i>	50 cts. & Rs. 5.00
<i>Colours</i>	: Multi Colour
<i>Designer</i>	: John Waddington of Kirkstall Ltd.—U. K.
<i>Format</i>	: Horizontal
<i>Size</i>	: 30 × 41 mm.
<i>Printing Process</i>	: Offset
<i>Sheet Composition</i>	: 100 stamps per sheet
<i>Printers</i>	: John Waddington of Kirkstall Ltd.—U. K.
<i>Paper</i>	: 100 GSM
<i>Gum</i>	: Matt
<i>Quantity Printed</i>	: 50 cts.—4,000,000 Stamps Rs. 5.00—1,000,000 Stamp 100,000 Souvenir Sheets

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3.	C.L.I. Centenary	.. Rs. 2.00	.. 81.04.01
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18. Sir James Peiris	.. 50 cts.	.. 81.12.20

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