

Press Release

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- Hong Kong tourists who were at Shangri-La on Easter Sunday

General Public, Diplomatic Corps and Business Leaders in Beijing strongly condemn Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka and expressed solidarity with the country

The shadow of terror casted over Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday, 21st April 2019 with nine tragic explosions occurred at St. Anthony’s Church in Colombo, St. Sebastian Church in Negombo, Zion Church in Batticaloa, three five star hotels in Colombo and suburbs. According to the latest data, more than 250 lives were lost including 40 foreign nationals and a large number of people was injured.

In this connection, the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Beijing flew the National Flag at half-mast and observed 3 minutes of silence on 23rd April 2019 to mark the National Day Mourning to remember and respect the victims of the attacks.

The condolence book is also opened for general public signature at the chancery from 23rd to 27th April 2019. While condemning the terrorist attacks the representatives of Diplomatic corps including Ambassadors, NGOs, and Business organizations and general public has expressed their deepest condolence on the tremendous loss of lives and casualties. Most of them have highlighted the importance of the global unity against the terrorism and their cooperation for Sri Lanka on this hour of tragedy.

One Hong Kong couple who saved their lives due to the Breakfast delay in Shangri-La hotel on the Easter day spoke to South China Morning Post highly about Sri Lankans and their willingness to visit the country again.

“During our time here, the Sri Lankans we met were the friendliest and most peaceful people ever. It is just a very small number of radical religious extremists who are committing horrible crimes. We wouldn’t let this deter us. We will definitely consider coming back again”

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