

Dr. A. N. S. Kulasinghe belonged to entire world - Thera

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JA-ELA: Vidyajothi Deshabandu Dr. A. N. S. Kulasinghe was a great personality in the calibre of Gen. Denzil Kobbekaduwa and even at the age of 87 years, he was involved in several scientific research projects. He was also involved in the work of the Sinhala Foundation and Buddhist Foundation, said Ven. Bengamuwa Nalaka Thera, Secretary, Patriotic Bikkhu Front.

Ven. Nalaka Thera was making a special anusasana at Dr. Kulasinghe's Batagama, Ja-Ela residence

where more than 100 Buddhist monks participated.

Ven. Nalaka Thera said that Dr. Kulasinghe did not belong to this country alone, but could be considered as a common treasure that belonged to the entire world.

Intellect Cumaratunga Munidasa has once said that any nation that did not invent something new, would be isolated, Ven. Nalaka asserted. Dr. Kulasinghe acquired a great talent to preserve the environment and accordingly to invent something novel.

The Thera said that it was extra-

ordinary as to how Dr. Kulasinghe planned many construction projects without excavating the earth, without dredging rivers and without cutting trees.

Ven. Nalaka Thera described Dr. Kulasinghe as a king who constructed the Ruwanweli Maha Seya. When he worked on various projects they did not have any racial, religious or ethnic differences.

Countries like Singapore and Malaysia have made great strides in technology as those nations have made full use of Dr. Kulasinghe's

knowledge and expertise. Udammita Uttamarama Purana Vihara, Viharadhipathi, Amarapura Maha Nikaya Anusasaka, Ven. Udammita Assajee Tissa Thera said that Dr. Kulasinghe was born in Udammita in 1919 and studied in several Catholic schools in the area and went to Cambridge University where he reached the helm in his studies. Dr. Kulasinghe who studied engineering at the highest level, was able to revolutionise the engineering field with his innovations.

He was a devout Buddhist and helped construct the Mahaweli

Maha Seya and the Buddha Jayanthi Chaithya at the Colombo harbour.

His life was a very simplistic one and his services to Buddhism and the country was remarkable. He led a life of devotion which is worth emulating.

Ven. Welisara Soratha Thera, Viharadhipathi, Welisara Mugalandhakutti Viharaya and the Secretary of the Wattala Sasanarakshaka Mandalaya said that the entire nation was mourning for Dr. Kulasinghe who did yeoman service for the people and the country.



PANSAKULAYA: Dr. A.N.S. Kulasinghe's two sons Haris Kulasinghe and Upul Kulasinghe attending to the Pansakulaya, last religious ritual at the Batagama, Ja-Ela residence.

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