

Dr. Kulasinghe, a true patriot: Premier

COLOMBO: Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickremanayake in a condolence message on the death of Vidyajothi Dr. A. N. S. Kulasinghe said he was deeply shocked and grieved to hear of the demise of Dr. Kulasinghe who was a true patriot without succumbing to the influence of western technology.

Dr. Kulasinghe tried to invent indigenous technology utilising local resources. The introduction of pre-stressed concrete for building low cost houses was the result of his endeavours, the Prime Minister said.

Dr. Kulasinghe who dedicated his creative genius to cater to the national needs can be described as a true patriot. His engineering knowledge was mixed with indigenous thinking, he said.

Dr. Kulasinghe who valued our

traditional engineering technology always thought of deriving maximum benefits from indigenous knowledge. Although he acknowledged western technology, he did not want to entirely depend on it, Wickremanayake said.

The message said: "Dr. Kulasinghe was appointed chancellor of the Moratuwa University in appreciation of his service. He has won many awards for his excellent engineering knowledge and skills. The international recognition he received for his service and contributions is an honour to us all Sri Lankans.

Dr Kulasinghe's death is an irreparable loss to the nation. The services rendered by him in the engineering field will go down in the country's history in letters of gold."