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PRESS RELEASE

Government of Sri Lanka and European Union Sign Euro 8 Million Grant Agreement for the Implementation of the “AgriGreen Initiative – Green Economic Growth through Sustainable Agriculture Practices” Project

The Government of Sri Lanka signed a Grant Agreement with the European Union (EU) to launch a new initiative under “the AgriGreen Initiative – Green Economic Growth through Sustainable Agriculture Practices” Project.

The EUR 8 million grant, provided by the European Union, will support a project jointly developed by the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure as lead-Ministry, Rubber Development Department and Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka, and in partnership with the EU.

The initiative will support Sri Lanka’s transition to green economic growth where sustainable consumption and production practices and food security are ensured. Further, the project aims to catalyze a shift to more sustainable and environmentally responsible agricultural practices in selected value chains of rubber sector with special attention to youth and women.

Dr. Harshana Suriyapperuma, Secretary to the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, on behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka, and Dr. Johann H. Hesse, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka, on behalf of the EU were exchanged the signed Grant Agreement.

The Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development expressed sincere appreciation to the European Union for its valuable support, noting that the project aligns closely with Sri Lanka’s sustainable development agenda, including market-oriented value addition and improved integration with export markets.

This agreement stands as a testament to the strong and enduring partnership between Sri Lanka and the EU. It marks an important milestone in our shared commitment to green economic growth, sustainable consumption and production practices and food security.

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