

'Dutch Hospital' second phase opened

The second phase of the Dutch Hospital shopping precinct was declared open for the public by the Minister of Economic Development, Basil Rajapaksa on the invitation of the Secretary Defence and Urban Development Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The old dilapidated Dutch hospital building was renovated and developed by the Urban Development Authority under the direction of Secretary Defence.

Under the project the old colonial era buildings at Chatham Street in Fort, was completed at a cost of Rupees 80 million.

Special care was taken to retain and preserve the original architecture during renovations.

The skilled labour of the Sri Lanka Navy was entrusted with the work had done a remarkable job in restoring the building complex to its former glory.

The new two storied shopping precinct with six

shopping stalls including a restaurant, leisure and relaxation area is occupied by a number of high end brands such as Dilly's Fashion, Ceylon Tea Services, J K Tradelink, Avirathe Private Limited, Benarong Private Limited and La Fiesta. Due to its central location in the financial district and the close proximity to world class in the city and also its old world charm has made it a popular shopping cum dining venue specially among the tourists.

The Dutch hospital shopping arcade is one of the many such projects of Secretary Defence who has assiduously working towards transforming Colombo into a showpiece city in the region.

Senior Minister A.H.M. Fouzy, Members of Parliament, Tri Forces Commanders, Inspector General of Police, Chairperson of the UDA, officials of the Defence Ministry and UDA were also present during the opening ceremony.



Some highlights of the event. Pictures by Nissanka Wijerathne.

