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Dear Mr. Wijayawardhana

Message from ICTA on ICANN's Global Universal Acceptance Day 2023

We at Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) of Sri Lanka, are glad to send this message on 'Global Universal Acceptance Day'. The Government of Sri Lanka, under the leadership of ICTA, has taken diverse steps to make the use of Local Languages a priority in the country. The ICTA, through its Local Language Working Group (LLWG), spearheaded the creation of local content on the Internet, having developed the necessary Standards, Policies, and Technologies. ICTA also played a pivotal role in getting two Non-Latin Country Code Top Level Domain Names (ccTLDs) as Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) in 2011: .ලංකා (dot Lanka in Sinhala) and .இலங்கை (dot Illangai in Tamil). Academia, Government Agencies such as Sri Lanka Standard Institute (SLSI), and Private Sector Organizations represent the LLWG. And the LLWG is well represented on the local Universal Acceptance Steering Committee (UASC) in Sri Lanka, having the majority of members of LLWG on the UASC.

The LLWG decided to give the fullest support to ICANN's Universal Acceptance Project in Sri Lanka and has approved the above project as a priority in November 2022. The LLWG of ICTA is looking at how to popularize Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and to release relevant gov. lk Domain Names in Sinhala and Tamil scripts under dot Lanka and dot Illangai respectively. LLWG will also look into creating guidelines for Email Address Internationalization (EAI) as part of the Universal Acceptance Project shortly. In a short period of six months, Sri Lanka has shown considerable progress in the project. I take this opportunity of wishing all the best for the Sri Lankan Universal Acceptance project and like to send best wishes to countries that celebrate the first Global Universal Acceptance Day.

Yours Sincerely,
ICT Agency of Sri Lanka


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