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### Mahaweli Development and Environment Secretary calls on President and Chair of the Global Green Growth Institute Ban Ki-moon



Secretary, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment of Sri Lanka Anura Dissanayake called on Dr. Ban Ki-moon, President of the Assembly and Chair of the Council of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) at the Ban Ki-moon Center for Sustainable Development, Yonsei University in Seoul on Tuesday 17 July 2018. The meeting entailed discussion on Sri Lanka's commitment to sustainable development and cooperation with the GGGI to mobilise climate finance for climate resilient projects. During discussions, Secretary Dissanayake handed over a personal communication from President Maithripala Sirisena to Dr. Ban Ki-moon who conveyed his compliments to President Sirisena through Secretary Dissanayake and looked forward to closer cooperation between Sri Lanka and the GGGI in the future. He also commended President Sirisena's Blue Green Development Strategy for Sri Lanka which encourages low emission sustainable development.

Sri Lanka's Ambassador to the Republic of Korea Manisha Gunasekera, Deputy Director General of GGGI Ambassador Jenny Kim and Independent Consultant of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment Chris Dharmakirti also participated in the meeting. Secretary Dissanayake was in Seoul to participate in the CTCN Regional Forum for National Designated Entities in Asia and the Pacific held from 15 to 18 July 2018. The GGGI is a treaty-based international, inter-governmental organisation based in the Republic of Korea dedicated to supporting and promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth in developing countries and emerging economies.

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