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Message

The whole meaning behind the wide gamut of knowledge offered to us within the past century is that the environment is the prime aspect, which decides existence or extinct of the future of the human civilization.

The era arrived after the scientific renaissance identified as the development which offered a competitive lifestyle filled with material abundance severely destroyed the live connection between the man and the environment. We, Sri Lankans who inherited a sustainable mundane lifestyle based on agriculture, embraced that materialistic life style without any critical understanding. We have to logically understand that from the calamity of mosquitoes and insects to natural disasters such as floods, avalanches and landslide, and all the health problems that we are victimized to including non infected diseases are catastrophes brought on ourselves through the so-called development process.

We cannot celebrate the World Environment Day, avoiding this dilemma of development. The theme for environment day this year, "Let's avoid the environmental pollution caused by plastic waste" comes on stage as a result of this.

This theme forces us to move forward towards an environmental friendly way of life by understanding deeply the threats caused to the environment through our lifestyles, instead of praising the environment by exaggerated artistic expressions.

Understanding that the man is also just one creation of Mother Nature and with the comprehension to get close to nature, I myself join warmly welcoming everybody to join hands with all the friends of the environment who are marching towards celebrating World Environment Day.

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