



U.S. AMBASSADORS FUND for CULTURAL PRESERVATION



CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER – BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Since the inception of the **U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP)** in Sri Lanka in 2005, the U.S. Embassy Colombo has supported **12** cultural heritage preservation projects totaling approximately **Rs. 126 million** (nearly \$900,000).

Projects have ranged across a number of historic periods and regions, including archeological preservation at Rajagala, a vast Buddhist monastery complex in Eastern Province; restoration and historical documentation of famous Forts in Sri Lanka; and film preservation with the Government Film Unit. The AFCP has also

supported the Sri Lankan Department of Archeology to better preserve and manage the public collection of artwork, statues, and other antiquities at the archeological site museum in Anuradhapura.

The U.S. State Department considers helping other countries preserve their cultural heritage as central to its mission of safeguarding humanity's foremost cultural achievements. AFCP supports the preservation of cultural sites, material objects, and other forms of cultural expression in more than 100 developing countries around the world.



The Embassy is proud to announce its most recent 2016 AFCP award to the **University of Peradeniya** to support the documentation and preservation of four traditional dance forms and related ritual practices/crafts from the Kandyan, Tamil, Vedda, and Southern communities. Working together, we can help ensure these important aspects of Sri Lankan cultural heritage are preserved for future generations.

