

Curriculum Vitae



Personal information

Name in Full:	Lankadhikara Rajapaksha Mudiyanse Niluka Prabhath Gamini Bandara Kadurugamuwa
Name used:	Niluka Kadurugamuwa
Date of Birth:	25 September 1975
Place of Birth:	Badulla, Sri Lanka
Gender:	Male
Nationality:	Sri Lankan
Marital Status:	Married
Children:	One daughter

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Employment History

- Ambassador-designate of Sri Lanka to the Republic of Türkiye (From 13 September 2025)
- Acting Director General/ South Asia & SAARC (From 04 June 2025 to 31 August 2025)
- Acting Director General/ South Asia & SAARC and Public Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (From 04 December 2023 to 03 June 2025)

- Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of Sri Lanka, New Delhi (From 19 July 2019 to 15 November 2023) [Acting High Commissioner (From 12 January 2020 to 30 August 2021)]- Sri Lanka Foreign Service-Grade I (From 01 January 2020)
- Acting Director General/ Public Diplomacy and Spokesperson, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (From 01 July 2019 to 19 July 2019)
- Director/ Public Communications and Overseas Sri Lankans, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (From 20 September 2017 to 30 June 2019)
- Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, New York (From 01 January 2015 to 31 August 2017)
- Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, New York (01 August 2014 to 31 December 2014)
- Director/ Bureau of the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (from 01 July 2013 to 31 July 2014)
- Deputy Director/ Bureau of the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (from 02 April 2012 to 30 June 2013)
- First Secretary, Embassy of Sri Lanka in Bangkok and Deputy Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. (Dec. 2008-Mar. 2012)
- Assistant Director/ Economic Affairs, Assistant Director/ South Asia and SAARC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Oct. 2007- Dec. 2008)
- Second Secretary, Embassy of Sri Lanka in Rome and Alternate Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, World Food Programme and International Fund for Agricultural Development (Sep. 2004- Oct. 2007)
- Assistant Director/ Publicity, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Jan. 2003-Sep. 2004)
- Joined the Sri Lanka Foreign Service on 01 January 2003
- Assistant News Editor, *Lakbima* daily newspaper (Feb. 2000-Dec. 2002)
- Visiting Lecturer in Translation Methods, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka (Jan. 2001- Dec. 2002)

Educational Qualifications

- Master of Arts in International Relations, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka (2014)- Dissertation on *"Sharing of Trans-Boundary River Waters in South Asia; Geopolitics and Beyond"*

- Master of Arts in Linguistics, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka (2002)
- Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours), University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka (2000)- offered English, Hindi and Translation Methods
- Certificate in Modern Languages (French), University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka (1998)
- G.C.E. (A/L) Examination, Bandarawela Central College, Bandarawela, Sri Lanka (1993)

Key Seminars/ Workshops attended

- Executive Seminar, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington DC (April-May 2009)
- Seminar on Trade Promotion and Export Marketing conducted by Centre for the Promotion of Imports from developing countries (CBI) of the Netherlands, Colombo, Sri Lanka (May 2003)
- Professional Workshop for Editors, American Center, Colombo, Sri Lanka (August 2001)

Key international summits/meetings attended

- 60th Session of SAARC Programming Committee, Kathmandu, Nepal (April 2025)
- Seventy sixth session of the WHO Regional Committee, New Delhi, India (Oct.-Nov. 2023)
- Seventy second session of the WHO Regional Committee, New Delhi, India (Sep. 2019)
- 69th, 70th and 71st Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly and their main Committees, and other Meetings held at the UN Headquarters (September 2014 to August 2017)
- 15th Meeting of the State Parties of the Anti Personnel Mine Ban Treaty, Santiago, Chile (December 2016)
- Third BIMSTEC Summit, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar (Mar. 2014)
- 19th ASEAN Regional Forum, Phnom Penh, Cambodia (July 2012)
- Second session of the UNESCAP Committee on Trade and Investment, Bangkok, Thailand (July 2011)
- Sixty seventh session of the Commission of UNESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand (May 2011)

- Thirteenth BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar (Jan. 2011)
- Sixty third session of the WHO Regional Conference, Bangkok, Thailand (Sep. 2010)
- Twelfth BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar (Dec. 2009)
- 16th ASEAN Regional Forum, Phuket, Thailand (July 2009)
- Second BIMSTEC Summit, New Delhi, India (Nov. 2008)
- Eleventh BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting, New Delhi, India (Nov. 2008)
- Tenth BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting, New Delhi, India (Aug. 2008)
- FAO Council Meetings, IFAD Governing Board Meetings and WFP Meetings, Rome, Italy (Sep. 2004 to Sep. 2007)

Languages

- Sinhala (Mother tongue)
- Tamil (Elementary proficiency)
- English (Excellent)
- Hindi (Good)
- Italian (Elementary proficiency)

Publications

- *Budusiritha Lowata Genagiya Maha Kavyaya: Asiyawe Alokaya*- Sinhala translation of Jairam Ramesh's book *The Light of Asia: The Poem that defined the Buddha*- 2022 Pathfinder Foundation, Colombo
- *Veeduru Maligawa*- Sinhala translation of Amitav Ghosh's novel *The Glass Palace*- 2021 Sumitha Publishers, Colombo
- *Mama Raktha Warna Nam Wemi*- Sinhala translation of Orhan Pamuk's novel *My Name is Red*- 2021 Vidarshana Publishers, Colombo (Winner of the 2022 State Literary Award for Best Translation of a Novel)
- *Rath Warlaethi Liya*- Sinhala translation of Orhan Pamuk's novel *The Red-haired Woman*- 2018 Vidarshana Publishers, Colombo (Winner of the 2019 State Literary Award for Best Translation of a Novel)
- *Muhuda Yata Divaina*- Sinhala translation of Isabel Allende's novel *Island Beneath the Sea*- 2017 Vidarshana Publishers, Colombo (Winner of the 2018 State Literary Award for Best Translation of a Novel)

- *Vadakayan Luhubenda Munich Kara*- Sinhala translation of Mario Puzo's novel *Six Graves to Munich*- 2016 Vidarshana Publishers, Colombo
- *Maya*- Sinhala translation of Manel Abhayaratne's novella of the same title- 2003 Godage Publishers, Colombo
- *Vikal Horawa*- Sinhala translation of Gabriel Garcia Márquez's novel *In Evil Hour*- 2002 Godage Publishers, Colombo

Interests

- Reading
- Literary translation
- Cinema
- Driving