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President Mahinda Rajapaksa accepting the invitation from the Secretary-General of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) Chung Eui-yong to host the high-level meeting in Sri Lanka in 2014. *Picture by Sudath Silva*

International Conference of Asian Political Parties here next year

President Mahinda Rajapaksa accepted an invitation from the Secretary-General of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) to host a high-level meeting in Sri Lanka in 2014.

This decision was made when Secretary-General Chung Eui-yong met President Rajapaksa at Temple Trees yesterday.

Eui-yong said other ICAPP members were "very enthusiastic" about the possibility of Sri Lanka hosting the next conference, which is expected to attract more than 100 different political parties from around Asia.

"Sri Lanka is very strategically located for such a meeting," Eui-yong said. To page 13

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GL meets Sec. Gen. of ICAPP

TALKS

Mr. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) held discussions with External Affairs Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris on Thursday.

The International Conference represents over 340 political parties in 53 countries in Asia.Prof. Peiris told the visiting envoy that the Sri Lanka Freedom Party was looking forward to hosting the Conference in Colombo in September next year, and that this would be yet another opportunity for participants across the Asian continent to observe, at first hand, progress on the ground in Sri Lanka.

The Minister of External Affairs explained to the visiting delegation the history of political parties in Sri Lanka, and the different electoral systems which form the core of the country's political experience. In particular, he discussed the merits and shortcomings of the first past the post system, and the form of proportional representation which was applied in Sri Lanka at present. The Minister also discussed issues relating to the representation of women and youth.

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ICCAP secretary general opens Sirikotha office to receive youths' complaints

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A National Youth Front office to receive complaints 24 hours a day from youths regarding their problems was opened by ICCAP secretary general Chung Eui-Yong at UNP headquarters Sirikotha today.

Opposition leader Ranil Wickremesinghe, general secretary Tissa Attanayake, national organizer Daya Gamage, MPs Dr. Anoma Gamage, Ruwan Wijewardena and Harin Fernando participated.

Youths can submit their problems to this office through fax of email.

The UNP says it will take up in parliament the problems and the views received by the office and get the government to provide solutions.

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