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“TEKNOFEST” – The Aerospace and Technology Festival from 30 September – 04 October 2026 in Şanlıurfa, Türkiye

1. Please find enclosed herewith a copy of Note Verbale No. Z-2026/85811980/41346188, dated 28th January 2026, received from the Embassy of Türkiye in Colombo, informing that TEKNOFEST, the world's largest Aerospace and Technology Festival, organized by the Ministry of Industry and Technology of the Republic of Türkiye and the Turkish Technology Team Foundation, is scheduled to be held from 30th September – 04 October 2026 in Şanlıurfa, Türkiye.
2. As per the above communication, The competitions of “TEKNOFEST” - The Aerospace and Technology Festival will be organized across 52 categories and 127 sub categories, including rockets, chip design, air defence Systems, financial technologies, mining technologies and advanced autonomous systems.
3. Technology enthusiasts for all ages from primary school students to university graduates can attend competitions.
4. Further information is available, and applications can be submitted until **20th February 2026** through <https://www.teknofest.org/en/>
5. Forwarded for your information and action as appropriate, please.

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The Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and has the honour to inform that TEKNOFEST, the world's largest aerospace and technology festival, will be held on 30 September-4 October 2026 in Şanlıurfa, Türkiye.

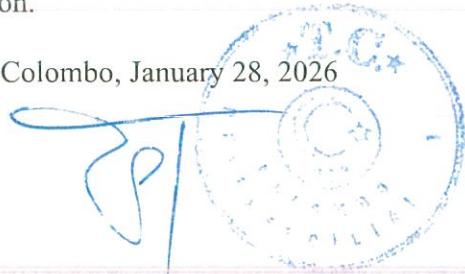
On the margins of this year's festival, competitions will be organized across 52 categories and 127 sub-categories, including rocket, chip design, air defense systems, financial technologies, mining technologies and advanced autonomous systems. Technology enthusiasts of all ages from primary school students to university graduates can attend competitions. Further information about the competitions are available, and applications can be submitted through <https://www.teknofest.org/en/> until **20 February 2026**.

TEKNOFEST, organized by the Ministry of Industry and Technology of the Republic of Türkiye and the Turkish Technology Team Foundation, has functioned as a convergence point for innovation, production and future-oriented ideas since 2018, with over four million applications to date.

It would be highly appreciated if the esteemed Ministry could kindly convey the above information to the relevant Ministries, institutions and other interested parties, at the earliest.

The Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Colombo, January 28, 2026



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