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Hilton Colombo, a landmark in the heart of the city, celebrates 39 years of hospitality in Sri Lanka.

Hilton Colombo celebrated its 39th anniversary, marking nearly four decades as one of Sri Lanka's landmark international hotels and the country's flagship Hilton property.

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Since opening in 1987, the hotel has grown alongside Colombo itself, becoming a familiar part of the city's story and a place where international travelers, local guests, world leaders, families, and generations of team members have come together. Over the years, Hilton Colombo has been the setting for moments that have shaped both the hotel and the city around it.

The hotel has hosted Commonwealth Heads of State, former U.S. Presidents, and visiting dignitaries, while its event spaces have hosted occasions ranging from CHOGM 2013 and Colombo Fashion Week to official state banquets and national celebrations.

More than 20,000 weddings have been celebrated at the hotel, making Hilton Colombo part of countless family stories spanning across generations. The hotel's role in Colombo has extended well beyond accommodation. With 368 guestrooms and suites, six restaurants and bars, and 2,891 square meters of meetings and events space, Hilton Colombo has long served as a meeting point for business, celebration, and leisure.

Its pillar-less Grand Ballroom has welcomed some of the city's most significant corporate and social gatherings, while venues such as The Blue and Ruby have provided distinctive settings for occasions both large and intimate. Hilton Colombo has also played a defining role in the city's dining and social landscape.

Graze Kitchen presents international and local cuisine through its signature show kitchens, whilst Emperor's Wok, the hotel's specialty Chinese restaurant, showcases the fine-dining heritage of Chinese cuisine. L.A.B. has become renowned for leisurely afternoons by the Lotus Pond and lively jazz evenings; Café Kai for handcrafted cakes and pastries; SunsetBlu for poolside dining and after-dark energy; and Stella Karaoke Lounge and Bar for nights centered on music and good company. Oktoberfest at Hilton Colombo, now a tradition spanning more than three decades, remains one of the hotel's most recognizable annual celebrations.

Manesh Fernando, Area General Manager for Hilton Sri Lanka and General Manager of Hilton Colombo, said, "Thirty-nine years is not simply a measure of time. It is made up of the people who have walked through our doors, the Team Members who have built their careers here, the families who have celebrated with us, and the guests who continue to return. Hilton Colombo has had the privilege of growing alongside this city and being part of many of its defining moments.

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As we celebrate this anniversary, there is a deep sense of gratitude for everyone who has shaped our story, and genuine excitement for the chapters still ahead.” As Hilton Colombo enters its 40th year, the hotel continues to evolve while staying true to the warmth and sense of connection that have defined its presence in Sri Lanka since 1987.

From landmark events and business gatherings to dinners, weddings, and everyday moments shared around a table, the hotel remains a place where Colombo comes together and where Hilton’s vision of filling the earth with the light and warmth of hospitality is embodied every day.