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Thai Pongal Day message from the Leader of the Opposition

On this auspicious Thai Pongal day I wish to convey my greetings towards a prosperous and peaceful future to everyone celebrating. Thai Pongal is not only a day to celebrate the bounty of harvest, it is also a day for all to be grateful for a rich and fulfilling life. This has been tradition and the message that's conveyed throughout the world.

Let's celebrate this Thai Pongal day beyond religious differences with our relatives and neighbours in peace and love.

As per tradition a new journey begins when Thai (Tamil New Year) is born. And through this, the Hindu people believe that they would receive good health and wealth without suffering. Thus let us look to this New Year to recover from natural disasters we have recently experienced and come together to rebuild as one.

In my long political journey, not only as a Member of Parliament, Minister, Prime Minister and President of the country but also as a Sri Lankan citizen, I have always prioritized my duty towards the country's progress with no discrimination.

Moreover, I pray as the Opposition Leader that we are all able to agree on a political solution which will allow all our people to live a united and peaceful life in our motherland.

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