

An Assessment of the Contemporary China-Sri Lanka Socio-Economic and Cultural Relationship During the Pandemic Era

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China and Sri Lanka have strengthened long-run equilibrium relations over time and China is one of the major countries tremendously linked with Sri Lanka in terms of economic, religious cultural, social and diplomatic relations and these relations have been consecutively developed over a long period between China and Sri Lanka. The consequences of the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) have had multifaceted impacts around the globe economically, culturally, socially and diplomatically. The study aims to investigate the impact of Covid-19 outbreak on the socio-economic and cultural relationship between China and Sri Lanka in the present scenario. This study is primarily based on secondary data sources such as journal articles, WHO statements, Central Bank Reports of Sri Lanka (CBSL), Sri Lanka's State Pharmaceutical Corporation (SPC) etc. literature. Despite the negative impacts of the pandemic on both countries, this study has found out that the bilateral relationship between Sri Lanka has taken a new paradigm shift during the pandemic period. An outstanding socio-economic relationship between China and Sri Lanka has grown out of the challenges along with the assistance and donations provided by China for controlling and monitoring covid-19 in Sri Lanka. From the recent trends in the Sri Lanka-China relationship, it could be assumed that the bilateral relationship will continue to grow in time to come and the role of teaching Chinese as a foreign language in Sri Lanka will be a key factor behind future developments in this regard.

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