Gentlemen, May I have your attention please.

General Officer Commanding 51 Infantry Division, Brigade Commanders, Officers, and gentlemen Good evening.

Gentlemen, in this evening, we all are gathered here to bid a farewell to Colonel DKRN Silva RSP USP psc, Commander 515 Infantry Brigade. So It is a great honour and privilege for me to deliver customary farewell Speech to show our deep sense, gratitude and appreciation to the Colonel Kaminda Silva RSP USP psc who has successful completed his tenure as the Brigade Commander of 515 Infantry Brigade.

**“Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end”**

Gentlemen, Colonel Kaminda Silva assumed duties as the 34th Brigade Commander at the Headquarters 515 Infantry Brigade on 16 Aug 2022 and served under the 51 Infantry Division nearly 3 months.

Sir, you have always displayed a positive attitude and worked to achieve the Divisional expectations. Specially, during the fuel crises prevailed in the country you were able to manage the situation without any ambiguity to this organization.

I am sure that all Officers and other Ranks who served under you would have been benefited and delighted by your all-round knowledge and experiences. Specially, I would like to emphasize, your Brigade has won runners-up trophy for the best farming competition among all army deployments in SF (J) AOR. During the tenure you have conducted various CIMIC activities such as opening of 3 x Newly constructed houses, distribution of dry rations packs and cook meals, distributed shoes and stationeries for the school children, organized hoisting flag in line with the 75th National Independence Day at KKS, planting and distributed coconut saplings and conducted many cleaning programs and maintain the clearness around the Brigade area. Further, you have organized lectures on firefighting for the solders in 51 Infantry Division AOR to improve their knowledge with regards to activate an emergency situation. In addition to that, your contribution towards CIMIC Park from the inception was tremendous. The great works which you have done during your tenure has triggered to develop reconciliation, goodwill and solidarity among the civilian and the military.

Finally, I respectfully invite everyone to join me to wish Colonel Kaminda Silva, our outgoing distinguished, a healthy, wealthy, peaceful and a prosperous life. Wish you all the very best for your future endeavors and May the noble triple gems bless you.

We have made a small Video footage to recall our memories with those gentlemen. So, I cordially invite all of you to witness the video.

**\*\*\* VIDEO \*\*\***

Thank you sir, I hope you all have refreshed your mind.

Gentlemen, Now, I kindly invite General Officer Commanding 51 Infantry Division Major General Vajira Welagedara to come forward present a memento to Colonel Kaminda Silva, In order to appreciate dedicated service rendered to 51 Infantry Division. Mean time, I invite Col Coord to accompany with the GOC. Now I cordially invite Colonel DKRN Silva RSP USP psc to receive the memento.

Thank you.