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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**Ref: Partnership of the Embassy of France in Sri Lanka & the Maldives and Colombo Art Biennale**

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to kindly inform you that the Embassy of France in Sri Lanka and the Maldives has been closely cooperating this year with Ms. Annoushka Hempel and her team in projects related to the Colombo Art Biennale Festival 2014.

The Embassy of France has given its fullest support to the Colombo Art Biennale (CAB), specifically by hosting the French artist, Olivier Grossetête with his project of building a life-size replica of the Colombo Clock Tower out of cardboard boxes at the Independence Square, which was one of the highlights of this event.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Contemporary Art Biennale in January 2014 (CAB 14), which lasts for 10 days, attracted large number of visitors who admired works produced by Sri Lanka's most recognized and emerging artists, as well as artists from diverse countries on five continents.

CAB is one of the cultural institutions in Sri Lanka, who has opened new horizons in the field of contemporary arts and is therefore a main partner for the Embassy of France, helping us to expand our cultural cooperation between France and Sri Lanka.

Ms. Annoushka Hempel and her team have always shown a high level of passion, interest, professional competence and reliability throughout our cultural cooperation.

The Embassy of France is looking forward to further develop and strengthen the partnership with CAB in the near future for the upcoming events.

Yours Sincerely,



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