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## Association of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes congratulates new President, Govt.

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The Association of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes (APHNH) while congratulating President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on his impressive victory at the elections, said it was looking forward to collaborating with the new administration towards the healthcare agenda of Sri Lanka.

"On behalf of the Association of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes, I wish to congratulate President Rajapaksa, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Minister of Health Pavithra Wanniarachchi and wish them success in all their endeavours. We look forward to working closely with the newly formed government on policies that will strengthen the health infrastructure of our country, in particular President Rajapaksa's vision of health first and mitigating the incidence of Non Communicable Diseases," said APHNNH President Dr. Lakith Peiris.

With over 200 private hospitals and nursing homes around the country, private healthcare has been playing a complimentary role to public sector health in Sri Lanka, particularly in bringing in newest technologies and outstanding clinical outcomes. By providing super-speciality, tertiary care, many of these hospitals fill a gap and afford a choice to the patient.

"Private hospitals and nursing homes have been playing a key role in ensuring that patients are empowered with personal choice and rapid access to hospital care of the highest quality in our country and we are committed to working with the new Government towards realising our nation's collective vision of putting patients at the centre of all what we do. We look forward to collaborating with the Government on policies that impact the industry and to this end our focus will be on setting benchmarks and providing the best in healthcare, within a strong but balanced regulatory regime.

"We at APHNNH remain committed to charting the course, in a joint endeavour with the Government in addressing the healthcare concerns of this nation, where every citizen has access to quality healthcare," the statement quoted.