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Sir Arthur C Clarke's 90th birth day blog

Please find the original message below about the Sir Arthur's Birthday web blog which serves as a portal where all the Clarke fans, friends, admirers and family could send their well-wishes and greetings for his 90th birthday and also the Sir Arthur Clarke's birthday message video-which was released recently- and the script of his speech at

Birthday blog <http://sirarthurclarke90.blogspot.com>

Video message <http://thilinaheenatigala.blogspot.com>

We encourage your paper/magazine/radio station/TV station/website to give publicity both the blog and the video message. Please note that you are free to air video message and to use the Sir Arthur's pictures which appears on the blog with the proper credit given.

For more information please contact the General Secretary on thilina_atn@yahoo.com or 0716245545.

Sincerely,

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Original Message:

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Fellow Earthlings,

Sixty two years ago Arthur C. Clarke of the British Interplanetary Society sent a letter to the editor titled *Peacetime Uses for V2* which was published in the [1945 February issue of the Wireless World](#) magazine suggesting the use of Geostationary Satellites for the instant global communications. Quoting,

"I would like to close by mentioning a possibility of the more remote future--perhaps half a century ahead.

An "artificial satellite" at the correct distance from the earth would make one revolution every 24 hours; i.e., it would remain stationary above the same spot and would be within optical range of nearly half the earth's surface. Three repeater stations, 120 degrees apart in the correct orbit, could give television and microwave coverage to the entire planet."

Today, the Clarke Orbit has over 330 satellites. Sir Arthur C. Clarke, a science-fiction author, inventor, and futurist, simply a great mind celebrates his 90th birth anniversary on 16th of December, 2007.

In 1959, he founded the Ceylon Astronomical Association (now known as Sri Lanka Astronomical Association). As the current General Secretary of the Association, I'm honored to run an association founded by him. And as a big fan of his writings and admirer of his work, I have put up a blog where every one could wish him for his 90th birth day.

If you are a friend, colleague, fan or simply an earthling who admires work of Sir Arthur Clarke, please write your greetings and good wishes on the blog.

Please forward this message around and publish in your website/ magazine/ paper/blog etc... if possible.

Let us wish together a healthy and a long life for Sir Arthur.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Sri Lanka Astronomical Association - <http://aalk.lakdiva.net/>

Birthday blog <http://sirarthurclarke90.blogspot.com>

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

The Ceylon Astronomical Association which was founded in June 1959, (later known as Sri Lanka Astronomical Association) and now revived as the Astronomical Association of Lanka (AALK) is a not-for-profit association founded by Sir Arthur C. Clarke and late Herschel Gunawardene.

It is for the purpose of pursuing the study of astronomy and promoting the education of astronomy and related sciences. The revived Association's goals would include usage of internet to carry research on astronomy and related sciences among university students and others.

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