



[Sri Lanka wins 1st place at Carnival of Cultures in Berlin](#)

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(Srilankamirror) – Sri Lanka has won the first prize for ensemble out of more than 5,000 dancers, drummers and musicians in colourful costumes from more than 100 countries at the 17th Carnival of Cultures in Berlin on May 27.

Sri Lankan pageants led by the renowned Channa Upuli Dance Group from Sri Lanka and members of the Sri Lankan community representing ethnic Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims presented a colourful and impressive formation in the parade, said the Sri Lankan embassy in Berlin.

This is the first time that Sri Lanka has participated in the event since 2007.

The Sri Lanka Association Berlin with the support of the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Berlin organized Sri Lanka's participation at the parade.

The parade provided a prime opportunity for Sri Lanka to express peace, harmony and ethnic reconciliation in the post-conflict era of the country depicting a rich picture of Sri Lanka's cultural heritage.

For its exceptional performance, the Sri Lanka Association in Berlin as the organiser of Sri Lanka's participation was awarded the first prize in the full formations category of the parade with a prize money of 1000 Euro by the jury of the Carnival of Cultures.

Carnival of Cultures is one of the most colourful and impressive traditional parades taking place every year in Berlin, the capital of Germany.

Hundreds of thousands of Berliners have celebrated the 17th Carnival of Cultures this time for four days on the weekend in Berlin.

It was estimated that more than 700 000 viewers watched the parade on the road, while the parade was telecast live in major German channels and prominent TV channels across Europe for millions of viewers.

