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අතෙක්කු 01 වැනිදා (අද)ට යෙදෙන ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ 39 වැනි සංවත්සරය අභිමානයෙන් සැමරීමට කටයුතු යොදා ඇතැයි එම අධිකාරිය පවසයි. ඒ අනුව ඊට සම්බන්ධ ආගමික සමාජීය හා සංස්කෘතික වැඩසටහන් රැසක් සංවිධානය කර ඇතැයිද ඔවුන් සඳහන් කරයි.

මෙහිදී වරාය ශ්‍රී සම්බුද්ධත්ව ජයන්ති වෛරාස පරිත්‍රයේදී බෞද්ධාගමික වතාවත් සිදු කිරීමට නියමිතව ඇති අතර, වරාය මුස්ලිම් මස්ජිද් පරිත්‍රයේදී ඉස්ලාම් ආගමික වතාවත් හා කිතුණු ආගමික පරිත්‍රයේදී ක්‍රිස්තියානි ආගමානුකූල වතාවත්ද සිදු කිරීමට සැලසුම් කර ඇත. එසේම හින්දු ආගමික පරිත්‍රයේදී හින්දු ආගමික වතාවත් පැවැත්වෙන බව සංවිධානයෙන් පවසති.

එසේම කොළඹ වරාය හරිත වරායක් බවට පත් කිරීමේ අරමුණින් පැළු සිටුවීමේ වැඩසටහන්ද අද දිනයේ සංවිධානය වී ඇත. එහිදී සංකේතාත්මකව පැළු 05ක් වරාය සම්බුද්ධත්ව ජයන්ති පරිත්‍රයේ රෝපණය කිරීමත් සිදු වෙයි. ඊට අමතරව මහපොළ වරාය හා සමුද්‍රීය විද්‍යායතනය, නැගෙනහිර



පර්යන්ත පරිත්‍රය, ලේකම් කාර්යාල භූමිය, කොට්ඨාසයේ ගල්ගේවිටුව අසල භූමිය, සමගි පර්යන්ත පරිත්‍රය ආශ්‍රිත භූමිය, ගිනි නිවන ඒකකය අසල භූමිය ආදී ස්ථානවලත් පැළු රෝපණය කිරීමට යෝජිතව තිබේ.

මේ අතරම වරාය අධිකාරියේ 39 වැනි සංවත්සරයට සම්බන්ධව පසුගියදා එහි උප සභාපති පී.පී. දසනායක මහතාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් ලේ දුන් දීමේ වැඩසටහන්ද ක්‍රියාත්මක වී ඇත. එසේම ලබන 02 වැනිදා පස්වරු 3ට වරාය අධිකාරියේ සේවක මහත්ම මහත්මීන්ගේ සහභාගිත්වයෙන් මහරගම අපේක්ෂා රෝහලේ තේවාසිකව ප්‍රතිකාර ලබන පිරිස් හට අත්‍යවශ්‍ය ද්‍රව්‍ය පරිත්‍රයක කිරීමක්ද සිදු කිරීමට නියමිතව ඇතැයිද එම අධිකාරිය වැඩිදුරටත් පවසා සිටියි.

SLPA hosts Port of Colombo Awards Night 2018



Mainline Operations Category 1st place: Mediterranean Shipping Company



Feeder Operator Category 1st place: X-Press Feeders



Mainline Operations Category 2nd place: Maersk Line



Feeder Operator Category 2nd place: Bengal Tiger Lines



Mainline Operations Category 3rd place: CMA CGM



Feeder Operator Category 3rd place: Far Shipping Singapore



Mainline Operations Category 4th place: Evergreen Line



Feeder Operator Category 4th place: Transworld Feeders



Mainline Operations Category 5th place: Hapag-Lloyd



Feeder Operator Category 5th place: Orient Express Lines-Singapore

The gala Port of Colombo Awards Night organised by Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) in collaboration with the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) and the Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT) for the first time, was held on July 23, 2018, at the Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo.

Ports and Shipping Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe attended as the chief guest of the event, accompanied by SLPA Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, SAGT Chief Executive Officer Romesh David and CICT Chief Executive Officer Jack Huang.

The awards night was also attended by more than 30 top level foreign delegates of shipping lines calling the Port of Colombo and a large number of high profile maritime industry leaders in both local and international level.

CASA holds 52nd Annual General Meeting

Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA), the apex body that represents shipping in Sri Lanka, held its 52nd Annual General Meeting on July 25, 2018, at the Ballroom hall of The Kingsbury Hotel amidst a large gathering of over 400 participants.

Ports and Shipping Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe graced the occasion as the chief guest and Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake attended as the guest of honour.

Ports and Shipping Deputy Minister Mahantha Muthurathnam, Secretary to the Ministry L.P. Jayasinghe and many other distinguished invitees from the public and private sector were also present.

Rayleys Advanta Ltd Managing Director Ruwan Waidyaratne was re-elected for the second consecutive year as the chairman for the period 2018/2019 whilst Allen Spence Shipping Ltd Director/CEO Iqbal Curtlan and McLennan Shipping Ltd Joint Managing Director Shihara Jayawardena were elected vice chairman and treasurer respectively.

The Executive Committee elected for the period 2018/2019 comprises of Marine International Agencies (Pvt) Ltd, Acha Shipping Ltd, Ceylon Agencies (Pvt) Ltd, Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd, SIT Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, Hermes Maritime (Pvt) Ltd, Maldiva (Ceylon) Ltd, Smatch Marine Lanka (Pvt) Ltd and ABC Shipping (Pvt) Ltd.

Expediting the East Container Terminal, the need of the hour
Speaking at the event Ruwan Waidyaratne emphasised the importance of increasing capacity by investing in port infrastructure, highlighting the urgent need of expediting the operations of the East Container Terminal.

"With more and more new generation ships rolling out, we can anticipate greater demand for deep water terminals. Therefore we appeal to the authorities to make use of this opportunity by expediting the operations of the East terminal as soon as possible," he said.

He further highlighted the importance and urgency of digitalisation to improve ease of doing business and facilitating trade in Sri Lanka and mentioned that CASA supported many initiatives of digitalisation such as the E Visual Clearance, National Single Window, National Trade Information Portal and many other paperless initiatives introduced by the government.

"The competitiveness of Sri Lankan firms depend on their ability to get products to international markets in a timely and cost effective manner. To this end, improving access, enabling infrastructure, cutting down costly and burdensome trade related procedures, and simplified and transparent processes are some of the essential factors involved," he added.

He explained how CASA provided a leadership role by addressing matters of concern at a policy level and in matters affecting the day-to-day operations of member companies. He also stated that representatives from CASA played an important role in drafting and formulating the Maritime Policy under the direction of the Ports and Shipping Minister and Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman. He also explained the importance of the shipping industry and stated that the transportation and logistics industry alone accounts for nine percent of the country's GDP which is over US\$ 9 billion.

"Cargo transportation accounts for a large portion even after we discount the earnings of passenger transportation and related services," he said.

Meanwhile, Waidyaratne also said that although many parties tried to portray a false picture of raising the foreign ownership policy on shipping agency business as the one solution to make Sri Lanka a Maritime Hub, CASA as an industry body enlightened the government on the actual requirements for making Sri Lanka a true maritime hub.

He highlighted that although almost all aspects of shipping and logistics can be fully owned and operated by foreigners, it is issues like policy inconsistency, delays in port capacity expansion, low ranking in ease of doing business, delays in simplifying the Customs ordinance and



Ports and Shipping Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe



CASA Chairman Ruwan Waidyaratne



SLP Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake

lack of automation that has discouraged investment in this sector," he further said.

Embracing Change

Speaking at the event the guest of honour Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake emphasised the importance of embracing change. In his speech he highlighted that the total global ship board capacity is 21.9 million TEUs and the top five carriers will control over 80 percent of this capacity very soon. Stringing an example from a leading shipping line he stated that the operating profit of this line has reduced from US\$ 75 TEU in 2015 to US\$ 35 TEU in 2017. With these performance he predicts that the landscape of carrier partnerships will change where there will be no need for alliances in the future.

He highlighted that all large shipping lines are ordering more ships which will further increase capacity, creating a surplus. He also said that half of the bookings are handled manually and with disruptive technologies such as block chain if all bookings can be automated, the role of shipping agents would be challenged.

He also commended CASA for facing the test of time and adapting to changes successfully. He reflected back to year 2001 where he was the Spokesperson for CASA when Port of Colombo was subjected to an additional war risk premium and reminded how the association fought against this.

Protecting the Local Entrepreneurs

Ports and Shipping Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe said that encouraging local entrepreneurs with special consideration on SMEs is a top priority of the government and it is always discussed at the national economic council.

Speaking on liberalisation the minister mentioned that the president is of the firm opinion that nothing should be done without consulting CASA and its members whose dedication has brought the industry to where it is today.

"The companies who are interested in investing should undertake their bona fides to prove that they are bringing substantial investment to the economy. We are open for discussion on this model," he said.

He went on to say that the intention is not to sabotage the open economic model but to ask foreign companies to bring in a minimum investment without compromising Sri Lanka's sovereignty and national interest.

Speaking on monopolisation, he said that global shipping lines are free to choose their agents in Sri Lanka and they will do so after careful consideration of the performance of the agents. He said that the government doesn't want to intervene in such decisions as it is a decision which should be made by the shipping lines and the agents should compete with each other based on their strengths.

Further, speaking on the developments in the ports sector he mentioned that the East Container Terminal will be operational this year and categorically stated that it will be owned and operated by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority as a State Owned Enterprise. He said that the West Container Terminal is open for a public private partnerships and that he will request for a feasibility study to be undertaken shortly. He also briefed the development plan in the port sector which was beneficial for all the participants.

CINTEC Scholarships

As a recognition of the long association between GINTEC and CASA, two full scholarships in the Professional Diploma in Shipping Management programme were awarded to Ashween Dissanayake and Kajini Edirweera. The recipients were selected on the basis of their performance at the CASA Basic Ship Agency Functions Course - 26th Batch.

Through regular dialogue with partners, government institutions, regulatory bodies and agencies, CASA seeks to effect an interchange of ideas and information, represent and advocate the views of the association in all official forums and shape the future of the industry by investing in education and training for its members and working with maritime training academies to train sea farers.



From left: CASA Treasurer Shihara Jayawardena, Ports and Shipping Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe, CASA Chairman Ruwan Waidyaratne, SLP Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, CASA Vice Chairman Iqbal Curtlan and CASA Secretary General Ralph Anandappa

Ports Authority, Customs meet over industry issues

A landmark joint meeting to discuss a number of maritime industry-related issues was held recently, initiated by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) and Sri Lanka Customs (SLC) with the members of the Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA) and members of Sri Lanka Association of Vessel Operators (SLAVO), a press release stated. The meeting is also recorded the first of its kind in the history of the maritime industry in Sri Lanka. The meeting was co-chaired by Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake and Sri Lanka Customs (SLC) Director General P. S. M. Charles, with the participation of officials of the Sri Lanka Customs (SLC), SLPA, members of the CASA and SLAVO. The meeting was organized on advice by Minister of Ports and Shipping Mahinda Samarasinghe towards the importance of resolving issues of the maritime industry in Sri Lanka. The meeting brought forward a number of issues that were discussed pertaining to the Anti-Corruption and Zero-Tolerance Policy, detained containers, introducing a digital signature and electronic delivery order system, the release added.

At present, the Management Committee of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) has approved the zero tolerance policy and this has also been endorsed by the Board of Directors of the institution. At a recent discussion, Ceylon



Chairman of Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake and the Director General of Sri Lanka Customs (SLC) P. S. M. Charles at the meeting

Association of Shipping Agents (CASA), alongside stakeholders and Sri Lanka Customs (SLC) have also agreed to follow the zero-tolerance policy and the related authorities are also expected to issue formal letters regarding this.

It was noted that due to several factors, such as lack of exporter details or non-presence of the exporter and forged documentation, containers have been detained by relevant authorities for further investigation. A joint decision was reached at the meeting to establish a committee comprising officials of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), Sri Lanka Customs (SLC), Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA) and Sri Lanka Association

of Vessel Operators (SLAVO) to look into the matter. The committee will submit a report on existing issues with recommendations and suggestions to resolve the matter.

It was informed by DG Customs that regulations will be gazetted for paperless documentation.

A committee was also appointed comprising of officials of SLPA, SLC and CASA to ensure the matter of resolving issues pertaining to implementation of digital signature and electronic delivery order systems. Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake expressed gratitude to the Director General of Customs, the Additional Director General and all officials of Sri Lanka Customs for attending the meeting to discuss the long-standing issues. He also specially mentioned and thanked the members of Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA) and Sri Lanka Association of Vessel Operators (SLAVO) for the tremendous contribution made by them towards the productivity of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), the release concluded.



Officials of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), Sri Lanka Customs (SLC) with the members of the Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA) and members of Sri Lanka Association of Vessel Operators (SLAVO) at the meeting

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කොළඹ වරාය සම්මාන රාත්‍රිය වරාය හා නාවික අමාත්‍ය මහින්ද සමරසිංහ මහතාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් කොළඹ ඇංග්ලා හෝටලයේදී පැවැත්වූ අතර ඊට මූලික වූයේ මෑතකදී අත්සන් කරන ලද කොළඹ වරාය ප්‍රධාන පර්යන්ත ත්‍රිත්වයේ සාමූහික ගිවිසුමේ ප්‍රකාර කොළඹ වරායේ බහලු මෙහෙයුම් ප්‍රශස්ත මට්ටමකට ගෙන ඒමේ කාර්ය කටයුතු ඇගයීමට ලක්කිරීමයි. කොළඹ වරායේ බහලුම් මෙහෙයවීමේ කාර්යක්ෂමතාව මුල්කොට ගනිමින් ජාත්‍යන්තර නාවුක සමාගම් 10 ක් සම්මානයට පාත්‍ර විය.

එහිදී අමාත්‍යවරයා අතින් බහලුම් ක්‍රියාවලියේ වේගවත්ම හා කාර්යක්ෂම සමාගමක් සිය සම්මානය ලබාගන්නා මොහොත ජායාරූපයේ වේ.

එම අවස්ථාවට වරාය හා නාවික නියෝජ්‍ය අමාත්‍ය නිශාන්ත මුතුහෙට්ටිගම, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක ඇතුළු කොළඹ වරායේ පර්යන්ත ත්‍රිත්වයේ (JCT, SAGT, CICT) නියෝජිතයන් ඇතුළු විශාල පිරිසක් සහභාගි වූහ.

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The meeting brought forward a number of issues that were discussed pertaining to the Anti-Corruption and Zero Tolerance Policy, detained containers, introducing a digital signature and electronic delivery order system. At present, the Management Committee of Sri



SLPA Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake and SLC Director General P.S.M. Charles at the meeting

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Officials of the SLPA and SLC with the members of CASA and SLAVO at the meeting

report on existing issues with recommendations and suggestions to resolve the matter.

It was informed by DG Customs that regulations will be gazetted for paperless documentation. A committee was also appointed comprising of officials of SLPA, SLC and CASA to ensure the matter of resolving issues pertaining to implementation of digital signature and electronic delivery order systems. SLPA Chairman Dr. Parakrama

Dissanayake expressed gratitude to the Director General of Customs, the Additional Director General and all officials of Sri Lanka Customs for attending the meeting to discuss the longstanding issues. He also specially mentioned and thanked the members of Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA) and Sri Lanka Association of Vessel Operators (SLAVO) for the tremendous contribution made by them towards the productivity of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA).

Colombo Port Awards Night

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), in collaboration with the JCT, SAGT and CICT, held the first-ever Port of Colombo Awards Night at the Shangri-La hotel in Colombo, recently.

Ports and Shipping Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe was the chief guest at the event, which was organised to acknowledge the progress made in

container-handling by the Colombo Port.

Ten international shipping companies were presented with awards during the ceremony.

Deputy Ports and Shipping Minister Nisantha Mutuhettigama, Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Parakrama Dissanayake and representatives of the main three terminals of the Colombo Port (JCT, SAGT, CICT), were also present.



Ports and Shipping Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe presenting an award to a recipient, while others look on.

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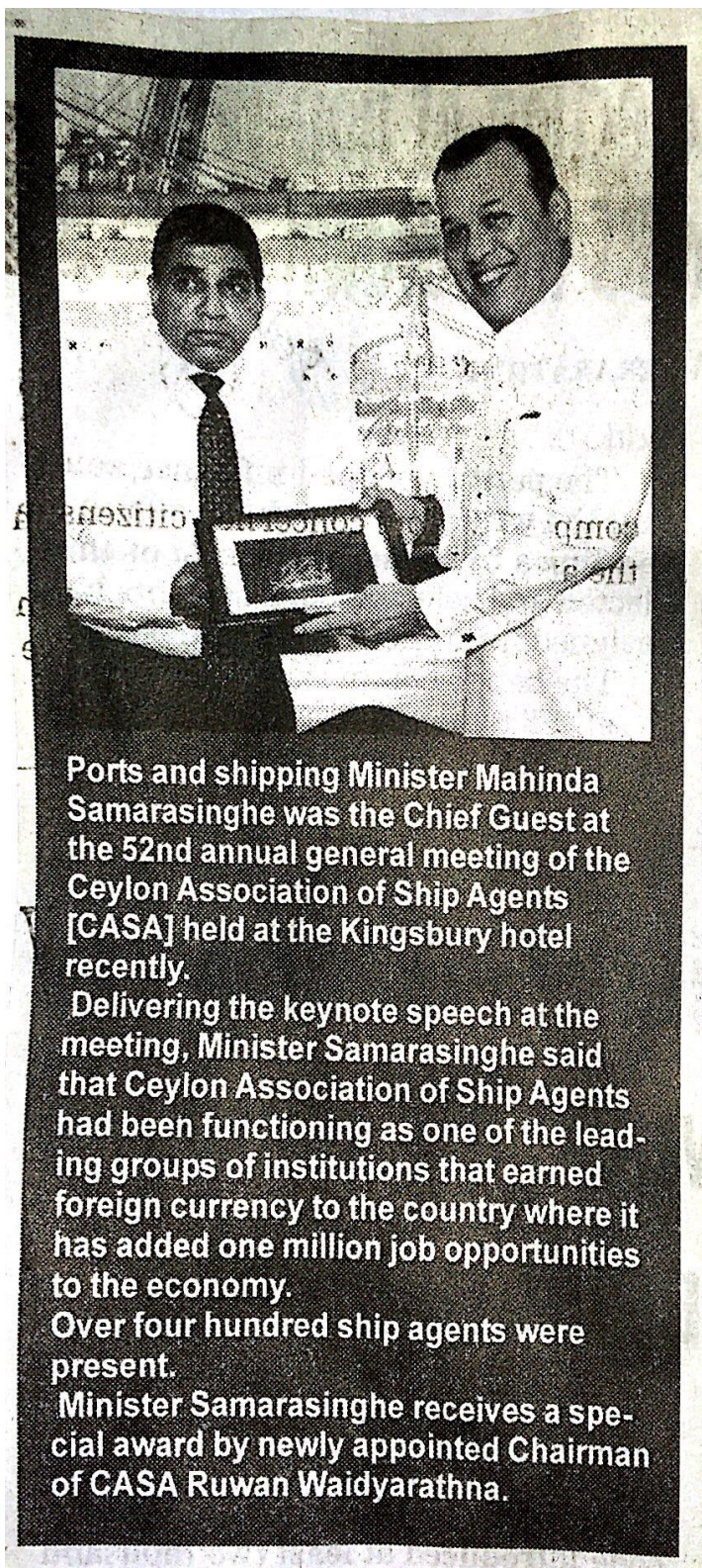


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52nd AGM of Ceylon Association of Ship Agents

Ports and Shipping Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe attended the 52nd annual general meeting of Ceylon Association of Ship Agents (CASA) as the chief guest, held at the Kingsbury hotel recently.

Delivering the keynote speech at the meeting Minister Samarasinghe stated that Ceylon Association of Ship Agents has been functioned as one of the leading groups of institutions which brings foreign currency to the country as well as it had generated one million job opportunities in our country. This conference had been attended by over four hundred registered ship agents.

Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe being presented with a special award by newly appointed CASA Chairman Ruwan Waidyaratna. Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Nishantha Mutuhettigama, Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, and stakeholders of Ceylon Association of Ship Agents were also present on this event.



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වරාය හා සම්ප්‍රදාය ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ සම්බන්ධ ගැටලු පිළිබඳ සාකච්ඡා කිරීම සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව අතර ප්‍රමුඛතා හමුවක් වරාය ඉතිහාසයේ ප්‍රථම වරට පවත්වා තිබේ. ශ්‍රී ලංකා හැට් නියෝජිතයන්ගේ සංගමයේ (CASA) සාමාජිකයන් හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා නෞකා මෙහෙයුම්කරුවන්ගේ සංගමයේ (SLAVO) සාමාජිකයන්ගේද සහභාගිත්වයෙන් පැවති මෙම ප්‍රමුඛතා සාකච්ඡාව සම්පූර්ණ හා නාභික ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ ගැටලු විසඳීමේ වැදගත්කම පිළිබඳ වරාය හා නාවික අමාත්‍ය මහින්දා සමරසිංහ මහතාගේ උපදේශකත්වයත් හා මහලේඛනීය යටතේ සිදුකර ඇත.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතාගේ සහ ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුවේ අධ්‍යක්ෂ ජනරාල්

පී.වි.සී.වී. වාල්ස් මහතාගේ සම සභාපතිත්වයෙන් යුතුව පැවති මෙම හමුවට ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ උසස් නිලධාරීන් හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුවේ උසස් නිලධාරීන් ඇතුළුව CASA, SLAVO හි සාමාජික මහත්ම මහත්මීන් සහභාගි වී තිබේ.

මෙම හමුවේදී රඳවා තබාගත් බහුල අනුකූලතා ප්‍රතිපත්තිය, ඩිජිටල් අත්සන සහ විද්‍යුත් බෙදාහැරීමේ ඇතැම් පද්ධතිය හඳුන්වාදීම ආදී විෂය ක්ෂේත්‍ර රැසක් පිළිබඳ සාකච්ඡාවට බඳුන් වී ඇත. අපනයනකරුවන්ගේ තොරතුරු නොමැතිවීම, තොරතුරුවල සාවද්‍ය බව ආදී කරුණු කාරණා මත වැඩිදුර පරීක්ෂණ සඳහා බහුල චාරිත‍්‍ර පරීක්ෂා කිරීම සඳහා CASA, SLAVO නියෝජිතයන් සහ ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සහ ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුවේ නිලධාරීන්ගෙන් සමන්විත

කමිටුවක් පිහිටුවීමට ඒකාබද්ධ තීරණයක් ගෙන තිබේ. එමෙන්ම, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය, ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව සහ CASA නිලධාරීන්ගෙන් සමන්විත කමිටුවක් මගින් ඩිජිටල් අත්සන හා ඉලෙක්ට්‍රොනික් බෙදාහැරීමේ ඇතැම් ක්‍රියාවට නැංවීම

සම්බන්ධ ගැටලු විසඳීමටද පියවර ගනු ඇත.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා අදහස් දැක්වමින්, ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුවේ අධ්‍යක්ෂ ජනරාල්, අතිරේක

අධ්‍යක්ෂ ජනරාල් ඇතුළු උසස් නිලධාරීන් මෙම අවස්ථාවට පැමිණ, සම්ප්‍රදාය හා නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ සම්බන්ධ දිගුකාලීන ගැටලු පිළිබඳ සාකච්ඡා කිරීම හා ඒවාට නිසි විසඳුම් හා ක්‍රියාමාර්ග ගැනීමට පියවර ගැනීම පිළිබඳ ස්පූර්ශය පුදකර ඇත. එමෙන්ම, CASA සහ SLAVO අතර සාමාජිකයන්ගේ දැනුම ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ ඵලදායීතාව ඉහළ නංවාදීමට දැක්වන දායකත්වය වේගවත්වම අගය කරන බවද හෙතෙම අවධාරණය කර තිබේ.



නැව් සංගමයේ සමුළුවේදී දැමැති මහින්ද සමරසිංහට නිලිණයක්

ශ්‍රී ලංකා නැව් ඒජන්තවරුන්ගේ සංගමයේ (CASA) 52 වැනි වාර්ෂික මහා සම්මේලනය වරාය හා නාවික අමාත්‍ය මහින්ද සමරසිංහ මහතාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් පසුගියදා කොළඹ කිංස්බරි හෝටලයේදී පැවැත්විණි.

ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ අවසරලත් නැව් නියෝජිතයන් 400ක පමණ පිරිසකගේ සහභාගිත්වයෙන් පැවැති මෙම සම්මේලනයේදී දේශනයක් කරමින් අමාත්‍ය මහින්ද සමරසිංහ මහතා කියා සිටියේ ශ්‍රී ලංකාවට විදේශ විනිමය උපයන ප්‍රධාන ආයතන පද්ධතියක් ලෙස ක්‍රියාත්මක ශ්‍රී ලංකා නැව් ඒජන්තවරුන්ගේ සංගමය ඊට අනුබද්ධව රැකියා අවස්ථා මිලියනයක්ද ආර්ථිකයට දායාද කර ඇති බවයි.

මෙහි දැක්වෙන්නේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා නැව් ඒජන්තවරුන්ගේ සංගමයේ අභිනව සභාපති රුවන් වෛද්‍යරත්න මහතා විසින් අමාත්‍ය



මහින්ද සමරසිංහ මහතා වෙත විශේෂ නිලිණයක් ප්‍රදානය කරන අයුරුයි.

එම අවස්ථාවට වරාය හා නාවික නියෝජ්‍ය අමාත්‍ය නිශාන්ත මුතුහෙට්ටිගම, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක, ශ්‍රී ලංකා නැව් ඒජන්තවරුන්ගේ සංගමයේ නිලධාරී මණ්ඩලය ඇතුළු විශාල පිරිසක් සහභාගි වූහ.

වරාය කේෂත්‍රයේ ගැටලු සාකච්ඡා කෙරේ

[අපේ ලියනගේ]

වරාය හා සමුද්‍රීය කේෂත්‍රයේ සම්බන්ධිත ගැටලු පිළිබඳ සාකච්ඡා කිරීම සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව අතර ප්‍රමුඛතා හමුවක් වරාය ඉතිහාසයේ ප්‍රථම වරට වරාය හා නාවුක කටයුතු අමාත්‍ය මහින්ද සමරසිංහ මහතාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් රියේ (02) පැවැත්විණි.

නාවික කේෂත්‍රයේ ඇති ගැටලු මෙම සාකච්ඡාවේදී අනාවරණය කර ඒ සඳහා විසදුම් සාකච්ඡා කිරීම මෙහිදී සිදුවිය.

විධිමත් තොරතුරු සපයා නොමැති බහලුම් පිළිබඳ පරීක්ෂණ පැවැත්වීම සඳහා රේගු සහ වරාය අධිකාරීන්හි නිලධාරීන් විසින් විශේෂ කමිටුවක් පිහිටුවීමට මෙහිදී තීරණය කරනු ලැබ ඇත.

රඳවා තබාගත් බහලුම් සඳහා අනුකූලතා ප්‍රතිපත්ති, ඩිජිටල් අත්සන්, විදුන් බෙදාහැරීමේ ඇණවුම් පද්ධතිය හඳුන්වාදීම ආදී විෂය කේෂත්‍ර පිළිබඳ මෙහිදී සාකච්ඡා කෙරිණි.

බහලු පරීක්ෂණ පිළිබඳව වරාය සහ රේගු නිලධාරීන්ගෙන් සමන්විත කමිටුවක්

[අපේ ලියනගේ] [නිමාණ සඳරුවහ]

වරාය හා සමුද්‍රීය කේෂත්‍රයේ සම්බන්ධිත ගැටලු පිළිබඳ සාකච්ඡා කිරීම සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව අතර ප්‍රමුඛතා හමුවක් වරාය ඉතිහාසයේ ප්‍රථම වරට වරාය හා නාවුක කටයුතු අමාත්‍ය මහින්ද සමරසිංහ මහතාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් රියේ (02) පැවැත්විණි.

සමුද්‍රික හා නාවුක කේෂත්‍රයේ පවතින ගැටලු ගණනාවක් සාකච්ඡාවට ගනිමින් ඊට අදාළ විසදුම් සෙවීම සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව අතර මෙම ප්‍රමුඛතා හමුව පැවැත්විණි.

එහිදී ශ්‍රී ලංකා නැව් නියෝජිතයින්ගේ සංගමයේ පාර්ශ්වකරුවන් හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව විසින් ඉන්‍ය සහන ප්‍රතිපත්තිය අනුගමනය කිරීමට එකඟ වී ඇති

අතර අපනයනකරුවන්ගේ තොරතුරු නොමැතිවීම, තොරතුරුවල සාවද්‍ය බව වැනි කරුණු මත බහලු බාරගෙන වැඩිදුර පරීක්ෂණ සිදු කිරීම සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සහ රේගු නිලධාරීන්ගෙන් සමන්විත කමිටුවක් පිහිටුවීමටද එහිදී ඒකාබද්ධ තීරණයක් ගෙන තිබේ.

රඳවා තබාගත් බහලු අනුකූලතා ප්‍රතිපත්තිය, ඩිජිටල් අත්සන සහ විදුන් බෙදාහැරීමේ ඇණවුම් පද්ධතිය හඳුන්වාදීම ආදිය පිළිබඳවද එහිදී සාකච්ඡා කර ඇති අතර ඩිජිටල් අත්සන සහ ඉලෙක්ට්‍රොනික් බෙදාහැරීමේ ඇණවුම් ක්‍රියාවට නැංවීම සම්බන්ධ ගැටලු විසඳීමට ඉදිරියේදී පියවර ගන්නා බවද ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය පවසයි.



නැව් ඒජන්තවරුන්ගේ සංගමයේ වාර්ෂික මහ සමුළුවෙන්

ශ්‍රී ලංකා නැව් ඒජන්තවරුන්ගේ සංගමයේ (CASA) 52 වැනි වාර්ෂික මහා සම්මේලනය වරාය හා නාවික අමාත්‍ය මහින්ද සමරසිංහ මහතාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් පසුගියදා කොළඹ කිංස්ලි හෝටලයේදී පැවැත්විණි.

ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ අවසරලත් නැව් නියෝජිතයන් 400ක පමණ පිරිසකගේ සහභාගීත්වයෙන් පැවැත්වූ මෙම සම්මේලනයේදී විශේෂ දේශනයක් කරමින් අමාත්‍ය මහින්ද සමරසිංහ මහතා කියා සිටියේ ශ්‍රී ලංකාවට විදේශ විනිමය උපයන ප්‍රධාන ආයතන පද්ධතියක් ලෙස ක්‍රියාත්මක ශ්‍රී ලංකා නැව් ඒජන්තවරුන්ගේ සංගමය ඊට අනුබද්ධව

රැකියා අවස්ථා මිලියනයක්ද ආර්ථිකයට දායාද කර ඇති බවයි.

ජායාරූපයේ දැක්වෙන්නේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා නැව් ඒජන්තවරුන්ගේ සංගමයේ අභිනව සභාපති රුවන් වෛද්‍යරත්න මහතා, අමාත්‍ය මහින්ද සමරසිංහ මහතා වෙත විශේෂ තිළිණයක් ප්‍රදානය කරන මොහොතයි.

එම අවස්ථාවට වරාය හා නාවික නියෝජ්‍ය අමාත්‍ය නිශාන්ත මුතුහෙට්ටිගම, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක, ශ්‍රී ලංකා නැව් ඒජන්තවරුන්ගේ සංගමයේ නිලධාරී මණ්ඩලය ඇතුළු විශාල පිරිසක් සහභාගී විය.

ආරථිකය නැංවීමේ ප්‍රධාන මර්මස්ථානයක් ලෙස
වරාය අධිකාරිය සිය කාර්යය ඉටු කරනවා
වරාය හා නාවික වැඩබලන ඇමැති භිෂාන්ත මුතුහෙට්ටිගම



ඇමැති මුතුහෙට්ටිගම මහතා වරාය සම්බුද්ධත්ව ජයන්ති පරිශ්‍රයේ පාලයක් රෝපණය කළ අයුරු.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා විරාය අධිකාරිය මෙරට ආර්ථිකය තංචිමේ ප්‍රධාන මරණස්ථානයක් ලෙස සිය කාර්යය මැනවින් ඉටුකරමින් සිටින බව විරාය හා නාවික වැඩබලන ඇමති නිකාන්ත මුතුහෙට්ටිගම මහතා පැවසීය.

සම්බුද්ධත්ව ජයන්ති වෛරාග්‍ය පරි-
ශ්‍රයේ දී පෙරේද (01) පැවති ශ්‍රී ලංකා
විජය අධිකාරයේ 39වැනි සංවත්සර
සැමරුම් උළෙලට එක්වෙමින් ඇමැති
මුතුහෙට්ටිගම මහතා ඒ අදහස් පළ
කළේය.

මේ සංවිත්සර උළෙලට සමගාමීව සර්ව ආගමික, සමාජීය හා සංස්කෘතික වැඩසටහන් රැසක් ද එදින පැවැත්විණි. එහිදී තවදුරටත් මුතුහෙට්ටිගම මහතා මෙසේ ද කීය.

ආධිපත්‍ය කළාපයේ කරගතාර වරායන් අතර උරේන් උර ගුවෙමින් කටයුතු කරන තේන්ද්‍රිය වරායන් ලෙස ඉදිරි වට් අත් කලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය මේ වන විට අත් කරගෙන ඇති පියගුණය අතිවිශාලයි. ශ්‍රී ලංකා ආර්ථිකයේ සංවර්ධනය උදෙසා ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ වරායන් නිරන්තරයෙන් මිහිගු සාපයාගාරයේ ඉදිකර තිබෙන අතර කාලය ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය

අධිකාරියේ සියලුම සේවක සේවිකාවන් කාර්යක්ෂමව හා කැපවීමෙන් ක්‍රියාකරමින් දැක්වූ සහාය අතිමහත්.

කවුරුටත් වරායෙන් ඉටුවන සේවා වැඩිකර හා ක්‍රියාශීලී කර ගැනීම සඳහා ඉදිරි වසර දෙක තුළ තැනෙන පර්යන්තයේ මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය යටතේ මෙහෙයවීමට අවශ්‍ය කටයුතු සැලසීමට තීරණයයි. මීට සමගාමීව මෙරට ඇති ප්‍රදේශීය වරාය සියල්ල තංවාලීමට ද සැලසුම් ක්‍රියාත්මක විය යුතුය.

මේ අනුව ශ්‍රී ලංකා වර්ග අධිකාරීය ප්‍රමුඛ රාජ්‍ය ආයතනයක් ලෙස අනුල ආයතමක් කරගත්තමින් පසුබිම් වසර සදහා රුපියල් බිලියන 45.0ක අගයක් කළු ලිහා දුන්හ. එමෙන්ම කොළඹ වරාය ලෝකයේ දෙවන අනුලම වර්ධන අනුපාතය වාර්තා කරමින් විශිෂ්ටත්වයට පත්වීම මෙමම කොළඹ වරායේ ප්‍රතිඵලවශය බහුලව හෙළිවේ 19.8%කින් අනුල යාම ද වර්ගයේ හෙළි දවස සුබ-දයක විමේ හේතු සාධක ලෙස දක්වන කානුයි.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා විරාය අධිකාරියේ වැඩ බලන සභාපති පී.ඒ. දසනායක මහතා ද මෙහිදී

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සාරසම්) උපාලි සොයා, අධ්‍යක්ෂ (මහව සම්පත්) පී. රණතුංග, අධ්‍යක්ෂ (ආයතන) මෙජර් ජෙනරාල් ගාමිණී හෙට්ටිආරච්චි ඇතුළු අධ්‍යක්ෂවරුන්, කොට්ඨාස ප්‍රධානීන් ඇතුළු උසස් නීල-ධාරීන් හා සේවක මහත්ම මහත්මියන් උසස් මේ අවස්ථාවට සහභාගි වූහ.

සමුද්‍රීය ක්ෂේත්‍ර ගැටලු විසඳන්න වරාය අධිකාරිය හා රේගුව එක්වෙයි

වරාය හා සමුද්‍රීය ක්ෂේත්‍රය සම්බන්ධිත ගුවල පිළි-
බඳ සාකච්ඡා කිරීම සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය
හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව අතර ප්‍රමුඛතා හමුවක් වරාය
අභියාසායේ ප්‍රථම වතාවට පැවැත්විණි.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා තැවී තිබේද්දී එයින්ම සංගමයේ (CASA) සාමාජිකයින් හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා තොරතුරු මෙහෙයුම්කරුවන්ගේ සංගමයේ (SLAVO) සාමාජිකයින්ගේ ද සහභාගිත්වයෙන් තැවීම් මෙම ප්‍රමුඛතා සාකච්ඡා හමුව සමුද්‍රිතයා නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ ගුවන් විදුලි සංදේශ දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව පිළිබඳ වර්තමාන නාවික අභ්‍යන්තර මගීන්ගේ

සමෘද්ධිමත් මහාසංගමයේ උපදේශනවේදයෙන් හා මහාපර-
මේශ්වරියේ ප්‍රදීපකර්මේ, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වර්ග අධිකාරීන්
සහ නවීන තොරතුරු පණිවුඩ තාක්ෂණය මහාසංගමයේ සහ
ශ්‍රී ලංකා දේශපාලන විධායක ජනරාල් පී. එස්. ඩී. ඩබ්ල්
මහාසංගමයේ සහ සහායකවේදයෙන් සුදුසු වර්ග 3 මේ
ගනුබව ශ්‍රී ලංකා වර්ග අධිකාරීන් උපස්ථිතව තිබීමත්
හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා දේශපාලන විධායක ජනරාල් අතුරු **CASA**,
SLAVO හි සාමාජික මහජන මෙන්ම මහජන විධායක විධා-
යකුරුව හා නවීන සන්නිවේදන පද්ධතියක් හැරුණු ගණි-
තාත්මක තොරතුරු සහ සන්නිවේදන පද්ධතිය මේ මහාසංගමයේ

රජවා තමාගේ බහුල අනුකූලතා ප්‍රතිපත්තිය, විජිවල්
අත්සන සහ විද්‍යුත් බෙදාහැරීමේ ඇතවුම් පද්ධතිය
හඳුන්වාදීම ආදී විෂය ක්ෂේත්‍රයන් පිළිබඳ සාකච්ඡාවට
බඳුන් විය.

මේ වනවිට ශ්‍රී ලංකා විරාග අධිකාරියේ සහන-
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පවතින ගැටලු පිළිබඳ වාර්තාවක් මෙම කමිටුව විසින් ඉදිරිපත් කරනු ඇත. විදුන් ලේඛන (කඩඬුඩ රහිත) සඳහා රෙගුලාසි ගැසට් කීර්තිමය දේ රේගු අධ්‍යක්ෂ ජනරාල්වරයා විසින් කටයුතු කරනු ඇත.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය, ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව සහ CASH නිලධාරීන්ගෙන් සමන්විත කමිටුවක් මගින් ඩිජිටල් අත්සන කා ඉලෙක්ට්‍රොනික් බෙදාහැරීමේ ඇතවුම් ක්‍රියාවට කැට්මි සම්බන්ධ ශුද්ධ විසඳීමට ද පියවර ගනු ඇත.

SL PORTS AUTHORITY, SL CUSTOMS DISCUSS INDUSTRY ISSUES

A land mark joint meeting to discuss a number of maritime industry related issues was held recently, initiated by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) and Sri Lanka Customs (SLC) with the members of the Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA) and members of Sri Lanka Association of Vessel Operators (SLAVO).

The meeting is also recorded the first of its kind in the history of the maritime industry in Sri Lanka. The meeting was co-chaired by the Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), Dr.Parakrama Dissanayake and the Director General of Sri Lanka Customs (SLC), P. S. M. Charles, with the participation of officials of the Sri Lanka Customs (SLC), SLPA, members of the CASA and SLAVO. The meeting was organized on advice by the Minister of Ports and Shipping – Mahinda Samarasinghe towards the importance of resolving issues of the maritime industry in Sri Lanka.

The meeting brought forward a number of issues that were discussed pertaining to the Anti-Corruption and Zero Tolerance Policy, detained containers, introducing a digital signature and electronic delivery order system.

At present, the Management Committee of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) has approved the zero tolerance policy and this has also been endorsed by the Board of Directors of the institution. At a recent discussion, Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA), also Stakeholders and Sri Lanka Customs(SLC) have also agreed to follow the zero tolerance policy and the related authorities also expected to issue formal letters regarding this.

It was noted that due to several factors such as lack of exporter details or non-presence of the exporter and forged documentation, containers have been detained by relevant authorities for further investigation. A joint decision was reached at the meeting to establish a committee comprising of offi-



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cial of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), Sri Lanka Customs (SLC), Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA) and Sri Lanka Association of Vessel Operators (SLAVO) to look into the matter. The committee will submit a report on existing issues with recommendations and suggestions to resolve the matter.

It was informed by DG Customs that regulations will be gazetted for paperless documentation.

A committee was also appointed comprising of officials of SLPA, SLC and CASA to ensure the matter of resolving issues pertaining to implementation of digital signature and electronic delivery order systems.

The Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, expressed gratitude to the Director General of Customs, the Additional Director General and all officials of Sri Lanka Customs for attending the meeting to discuss the longstanding issues. He also specially mentioned and thanked the members of Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA) and Sri Lanka Association of Vessel Operators (SLAVO) for the tremendous contribution made by them towards the productivity of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA).

SAGT WINS PLATINUM AT NATIONAL LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT EXCELLENCE AWARDS



SAGT General Manager Operations, Upul Jinadasa with Minister for Transport and Aviation, Nimal Siripala de Silva, Gayani De Alwis, Chairperson - CILT Sri Lanka and Dr. Lalith Edirisinghe, Secretary - CILT Sri Lanka after receiving the award

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The event was held on July 17 at The Kingsbury. Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe graced the occasion as the chief guest while Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, Nimal Siripala de Silva attended as the guest of honor. State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs, Dr. Harsha de Silva also attended the event while CILT International President Elect, Dato' Ts Abd Radzak Abd Malek, and CILT International Professional Development Coordinator, Jon Harris attended representing CILT International.

SAGT won the top award in the Corporate – Large scale category from the best in the industry.

Upon receiving the award from Minister, Upul Jinadasa, General Manager Operations

of SAGT said, "Team SAGT has been globally recognized for its performance excellence on multiple occasions. However, this award is very special to us. As you know SAGT partnered with SLPA in 1999 and set sail on a new journey towards transforming local maritime industry. We faced many challenges, commercial, operational, security and even life-threatening situations since our inception. We were able to work together with all stakeholders involved in the industry and conquer all these challenges to keep the industry from growing."

"Team SAGT is very proud to have contributed immensely towards building the local maritime industry what we see today. This National recognition is very special to us because it comes from the very same community we have been serving passionately since our inception. I wish to thank the CILT Sri Lanka and the Judges for awarding us this prestigious award. We are honored and inspired by this award and will continue to serve towards 'Empowering Sri Lanka's Hub Aspirations'," he said.

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Newspaper – Sunday Observer

Date – 05-08-2018

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Port of Colombo Awards Night

SLPA teams up with JCT, SAGT and CICT

The Port of Colombo Awards Night organized by Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) in collaboration with the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) and the Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT) for the first time, was held at the Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo last week.

Minister of Ports and Shipping Mahinda Samarasinghe was the chief guest. Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, – Chief Executive Officer of the South Asia Gateway Terminals Ltd., Romesh David and – Chief Executive Officer of the Colombo International Terminals Ltd., Jack Huang and over 30 top level foreign officials of Shipping Lines calling the Port of Colombo and a large number of maritime industry leaders at local and international level, were also present.

The Mediterranean Shipping Company was presented the award for the Most Outstanding Main Line Operator to the Port of Colombo.

Maersk Line was awarded the second, CMA CGM the third, Evergreen Line the fourth and Hapag-Lloyd the fifth. The selection criteria for these awards for the Main Lines was identified through the total box operator container throughput in TEUs of Port of Colombo for all three container terminals. Among eight Feeder Operators to the Port of Colombo, the award for the



An official of X-Press Feeders receives the Top Feeder Operator Award from Minister of Ports and Shipping Mahinda Samarasinghe and Deputy Minister Nishantha Muthuhettigama. Chairman, SLPA, Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, Director, Port Operations of SLPA, Jayantha Perera, Chief Executive Officer of the South Asia Gateway Terminals Ltd., Romesh David and Chief Executive Officer of the Colombo International Terminals Ltd., Jack Huang are also in the picture.

Top Feeder Operator was presented to X-Press Feeders. Bengal Tiger Line Pte. Ltd., FAR Shipping Singapore Pte. Ltd., Transworld Feeders FZCO and Orient Express Lines (Singapore) Pte Limited were awarded from second to fifth best feeder operator awards respectively. The selection criteria for the best feeder operator award was identified through their total Container Throughput handled at all three terminals of the Port of Colombo.

Minister of Ports and Shipping Mahinda Samarasinghe said, "Sri Lanka was the first country in South Asia to adopt an open economic model for free enterprise system many years ago. As a government of national unity our vision is to work with every friendly

nation. Of course our closest neighbouring countries in the region are very special to us. We always encourage these friendly nations inviting them to accelerate our development to a sustainable growth," the Minister stated. He also said that it was in such background, the Port of Colombo was offering with continued stability to patronize its terminals for all stakeholders.

The Minister said that the East Container Terminal of the Port of Colombo will be shortly operationalised by Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA). "We are not looking for a Public Private Partnership for the East Container Terminal. We have invested nearly US \$ 100 million in building up the infrastruc-

ture of the East Container Terminal up to now," he stated. The Minister also declared that the West Container Terminal of the Port of Colombo will be developed on a Public Private Partnership basis as another deep water harbour facility and had also embarked on a feasibility study to be done in Colombo North Port.

The Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake said that the historic Port of Colombo Awards Night stemmed out of the framework agreement that was signed recently on the advice of the Honorable Minister between the JCT, SAGT and CICT to collaboratively elevate the Port of Colombo.

"It is about the growth and progression of the Port of Colombo as we are meeting amidst some challenging times. Despite such challenges, during the first half of 2018 as against the first half of 2017, the Port of Colombo has witnessed a transshipment growth of 19.8% and this is only because of the untiring efforts and service levels of all three terminals, the JCT, SAGT and CICT," Dr. Dissanayake said.

At present, 22 main lines and eight feeder services are engaged with the Port of Colombo for container operations. The Port of Colombo Awards 2018 will evaluate their invaluable service to increase the volumes of the port in its course to make Sri Lanka the Mega hub of the region.

According to internationally recognised global ranking indexes, the Port of Colombo is positioned as the world's 23rd best container port and the 13th best connectivity port in the world at present.

SLPA, Customs meet to resolve industry issues

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) together with other key stakeholders met recently to discuss a number of issues pertaining to anti-corruption, zero tolerance policy and the introduction of a digital signature and electronic delivery order system.

This joint meeting was initiated by the SLPA and Sri Lanka Customs (SLC) with the members of the Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA) and members of Sri Lanka Association of Vessel Operators (SLAVO), a media release issued by the SLPA stated.

The meeting was co-chaired by the Chairman of SLPA Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake and the Director General of Sri Lanka Customs (SLC) Ms. P. S. M. Charles, with the participation of officials of the Sri Lanka Customs (SLC), SLPA, members of the CASA and SLAVO. The meeting was organized on the advice by the Minister of Ports and Shipping Mahinda Samarasinghe towards the importance of resolving issues of the maritime industry in Sri Lanka.

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A joint decision was reached at the meeting to establish a committee comprising officials of SLPA, Customs, CASA and SLAVO to look into the matter. The committee will submit a report on existing issues with recommendations and suggestions to resolve the matter.

It was also informed by DG Customs that regulations will be gazetted for paperless documentation, the release said.

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Date – 06-08-2018

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At present, the Management Committee of Sri Lanka Ports Authority has approved the zero toler-



Officials of SLPA and SLC with the members of CASA and SLAVO at the meeting

ance policy and this has also been endorsed by the Board of Directors of the institution. At a recent discussion, CASA, also stakeholders and SLC have also agreed to follow the zero tolerance policy and the related authorities also expected to issue formal letters regarding this.

It was noted that due to several factors such as lack of exporter details or non-presence of the exporter and forged documentation, containers have been detained by relevant authorities for further investigation. A joint decision was reached at the meeting to establish a com-

mittee comprising of officials of SLPA, SLC, CASA and SLAVO to look into the matter. The committee will submit a report on existing issues with recommendations and suggestions to resolve the matter.

It was informed by DG Customs that regulations will

be gazetted for paperless documentation.

A committee was also appointed comprising of officials of SLPA, SLC and CASA to ensure the matter of resolving issues pertaining to implementation of digital signature and electronic delivery order systems.

Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake expressed gratitude to the Director General of Customs, the Additional Director General and all officials of Sri Lanka Customs for attending the meeting to discuss the longstanding issues. He also specially mentioned and thanked the members of CASA and SLAVO for the tremendous contribution made by them towards the productivity of SLPA.

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Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) celebrated the 39th anniversary on 1 August amidst a series of religious activities to bring blessings to the institution and its workforce. The main function to mark the 39th anniversary was held at the Sambuddhathwa Jayanthi Chaitiya premises of Sri Lanka Ports Authority with the initiative of Acting Minister of Ports and Shipping Nishantha Muthuhettigama. The Minister of Ports and Shipping who is currently on a special official visit abroad had conveyed gratitude and best wishes for the success.

Speaking at the occasion, Muthuhettigama stated that SLPA during recent times has achieved tremendous feats in its journey to become the maritime centre in the region. "The dedicated performance of all employees of Sri Lanka Ports Authority that performs a major task to feed national economy are commendable at this juncture," the Deputy Minister said.

In a special message to the occasion, SLPA Chairman Dr Parakrama Dissanayake mentioned that Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) was proud of its dedicated performance towards building national economy, with an overview of corporate goals Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) achieved together.

At present, SLPA is carrying out yeoman tasks for the promotion of the Sri Lankan economy. All staffs and employees of SLPA has efficiently brought out their dedication and cooperation in carrying out such a massive task.

The Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) akin to the heart of SLPA has made plans to retain the existing clients and attract more services through the supplying of services of the highest quality and implementing them at present. The JCT has been able to retain the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Certification secured in the year 2016 for the year 2018 also. Furthermore, the JCT is able to maintain operational productivity at a very high level by being able to carry out administrative tasks and operational tasks through methodical and systematic implementations.

Steps have also been taken to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between all three terminals to maintain the Port of Colombo as the centre of container transshipping, marketing, promotions and resources as needed and to uplift the image of the Colombo Harbour through them.

A system to release containerised cargo more efficient by methodically sending them to be processed and released before 48 hours, connecting the process with the computer system of Sri Lanka Customs (SLC) has been activated extending SLPA's credibility of increasing customer satisfaction.

SLPA has also been awarded with the Global

Sri Lanka Ports Authority celebrates 39th anniversary



Acting Minister of Ports and Shipping Nishantha Muthuhettigama speaking at the occasion



Sri Lanka Ports Authority Acting Chairman P.G. Dasanayake speaking at the occasion



Acting Minister of Ports and Shipping Nishantha Muthuhettigama joins the tree planting campaign at the SLPA's Sri Sambuddhathwa Jayanthi premises

Port Forum's (GPF) 'Best Ports Authority of the Year 2018' award.

Steps have been taken to broaden the infrastructure facilities and launch new projects necessary to uplift the Port of Colombo among competitive international container ports. The project of broadening the Interior Road system of the Port of Colombo has been launched and, at present, arrangements are being made to broaden the Interior Main Road of the Port of Colombo from Gate No. 01 to six lanes including the port access road. Even though there will be some issues in transporting containers in the coming three years due to the construction of columns, possible solutions for the container transport congestion will be provided following successful completion of the project.

Stage 01 of Prince Vijaya Quay (PVQ), Stages 01 and 02 of the Bandaranaike Quay (BQ) and the development of JCT III M and N Container Lanes have also been completed and the work of the JCT V project has been launched. After the completion of that project, two megaships will be able to anchor simultaneously at JCT Stage III and IV.

The East Container Terminal (ECT) is the second-deepest container terminal in the Port of Colombo and after the work is completed, that terminal will be equipped with a jetty of 18 meters in depth and 1200 meters

in length. It is expected to make the annual container operating capacity of this terminal, 204 million TEUs. At present, Sri Lanka Ports Authority has taken steps to lengthen the Jetty by 440m and develop the facilities relevant to the ECT and the adjoining yard. Furthermore, SLPA has taken steps to carry out the work of activating the operations of the ECT fulfilling another victorious objective achieved successfully.

At present, several projects to develop ports other than the Port of Colombo have been launched and work in several of them have already finished. The first stage of repairing the Closenbergt Jetty of the Port of Galle has been launched and the second stage is being planned. Furthermore, plans have been made to repair the breakwater of the Port of Galle in two stages.

As the bulk cargo operations in the Port of Trincomalee are increasing each day, the basic works of broadening the Ashroff Jetty to increase the efficiency of those operations have been launched and the estimated cost of these will be close to \$35 million. Plans have also been made to construct the administration building of the Port of Trincomalee and the major part of the work of constructing new godowns is finished.

At present, the engineering study by Danish Hydraulic Institute of Denmark funded by the Danish International

Development Agency to give a sustainable solution to the depositing of silt in the Port of Oluvil has been completed.

Another victory achieved by Sri Lanka Ports Authority is being able to activate the projects connected with increasing the infrastructure required to upgrade the Port of Kankesanthurai as a commercial port and maintaining operations. The Government of India has agreed to provide a loan facility of \$45.27 million to carry out the task.

A Port Development Master Plan, with the objective developing ports for the upliftment of the National Economy is being completed. It is expected to launch it next year and direct the institution on a process of sustainable development.

The Mahapola Ports & Maritime Academy established for the professional development of the staff of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) has been able to update their standards certification to ISO 9001:2015 from 1 May. This Academy is managing a number of quality courses for outside parties and plans are being made at present, to broaden training programs, upgrade infrastructure facilities and new projects. Furthermore, it is expected to upgrade this Academy to the university level.

Attending the occasion, SLPA Acting Chairman P.G. Dasanayake said that the management of the institution was always confident of the efficient performance all employees towards boosting productivity of the institution. "The East Container Terminal will sooner be operational under the operational process of Sri Lanka Ports Authority," he said.

Sri Lanka Ports Authority had also organised a tree planting campaign on the day, in its programme to make the Port of Colombo a green port. A blood donation campaign was also held at the institution, and in another event organised parallel to the 39th Anniversary of the institution, all residential patients at the Maharagama 'Apeksha' cancer hospital were donated with parcels of essential items.

Ministry of Ports and Shipping Secretary L.P. Jayampathi, SLPA Managing Director H.D.A.S. Premachandra, Additional Managing Director Datta Gunasekara, Director (Finance) Shirani Wanniarachchi, Director (Operations) Jayantha Perera, Director (Technical) Chandrakanthi Lokuhewage, Director (Logistics) D. Upali de Zoysa, Director (Human Resources) P. Ranathunga, Director (Security) Major Gen. Gamini Hettiarachchi, all Heads of Divisions and a number of employees also attended the occasion.

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COLOMBO HAS POTENTIAL TO BE THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CENTRE - ADEN WONG

ANANDA KANNANGARA
Colombo has all necessary potentials to be the service centre, International Maritime Centre for the Asian Region by developing segments such as the Port and logistics, Maritime Finance and law and Maritime Technology, said Singapore based Drewry Maritime Services (Asia), Senior Consultant Aden Wong.

He made these remarks at the 4th Anniversary celebrations of

the Women's International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA) held in Colombo.

Highlighting the invaluable service rendered by WISTA, Wong thanked the Association to promote careers in shipping and shipping related industries amongst females in Sri Lanka.

He said it was also happy to note that the objective of WISTA to raise the profile of women in the maritime sector

since the industry is still dominated by male.

Wong also highlighted the role played by the global women in the maritime sector and said that it is another milestone for WISTA Sri Lanka to complete four years in the local maritime industry.

He highlighted that WISTA has been successful in breaking down gender barriers within the shipping and logistics industry over the years and encouraging

more women to join this growing industry.

WISTA Sri Lanka is a member of WISTA International which is a global organization connecting female executives and decision makers around the world. It serves as a connector for its network of more than 3,000 female professionals from all sectors of the maritime industry.

WISTA Sri Lanka, President Swabha Wickramasinghe said the Association had 100 members at

the beginning and currently the membership has increased by over 35 percent.

She said the WISTA Executive Committee work hard to encourage more women to take up careers in shipping, sharing knowledge and networking with other associations in the industry.

She said the association has also carried out several initiatives to schools to promote an early interest in the shipping industry amongst the next generation.

She also mentioned about the 'Formulation of a National Policy for Maritime and Logistics Sectors' initiated by the Government and said founder Chairperson, Shehara Jayawardena is representing as the convener at this forum.

Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake also highlighted the valuable service rendered by WISTA Sri Lanka to encourage more women to the maritime sector.



Aden Wong

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SLPA donates essential items to residential patients at Apeksha Hospital Maharagama



Vice Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) – P.G. Dasanayake hands over a parcel containing essential items for residents of the Apeksha Hospital, to the hospital's Acting Deputy Director Dr. Roshan Amarathunga.

Employees of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) donated parcels of essential items to 743 residents following treatments at the 'Apeksha' Hospital in Maharagama.

The programme had been organized parallel to the 39th Anniversary of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) on 01st August 2018.

Attending the programme the Vice Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) – P.G. Dasanayake stated that

the institution being a place of reconciliation has dedicated not only towards the socio-economic prosperity of the country but also for hospitality to facilitate humanitarian responsibilities. He also thanked all employees of the institution for organizing the donation programme.

A number of divisional heads, staff members and employees of Sri Lanka Ports Authority also participated at the occasion.

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ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ කටයුතු තවදුරටත් සහනයද ලෙස කාර්යක්ෂම කිරීම සඳහා ශුන්‍ය සහන ප්‍රතිපත්තිය ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීමට ද තීරණය කර ඇති අතර ශ්‍රී ලංකා නැව් නියෝජිතයන්ගේ සංගමය හා එම පාර්ශ්වකරුවන් සහ ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව ද ශුන්‍ය සහන ප්‍රතිපත්තිය අනුගමනය කිරීමට එකඟ වූ බව ද වරාය අධිකාරිය පෙන්වා දුන්නේ ය. සාවද්‍ය තොරතුරු සහිත බහුල බාරගෙන පරීක්ෂා කිරීම සඳහා අදාළ පාර්ශ්වවලින් සමන්විත කමිටුවක් ද මේ අනුව පත්කිරීමට තීරණය කර ඇත.

මෙම කටයුතු ක්‍රියාවට නැංවීම සඳහා සහාය ලබා ගැනීමට ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව අතර පසුගියද

සාකච්ඡාවක් පවත්වා තිබේ. එහි දී වරාය හා සමුද්‍රීය ක්ෂේත්‍රය සම්බන්ධ ගැටලු පිළිබඳ විශේෂයෙන් අවධානයට ලක් වූ බවත් ශ්‍රී ලංකා නැව් නියෝජිතයින්ගේ සංගමයේ හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා තොරතුරු මෙහෙයුම්කරුවන්ගේ සංගමයේ සාමාජිකයින් ද මෙම සාකච්ඡාවට එක් වූ බවත් වරාය අධිකාරිය සඳහන් කරයි.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව අතර මෙවැනි හමුවක් පැවැත්වූයේ වරාය ඉතිහාසයේ ප්‍රථම වතාවට බව ද ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය පෙන්වා දුන්නේ ය. ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක, ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගු අධ්‍යක්ෂ ජෙනරාල් පී.එස්.එම්. චාල්ස් මහත්වරු අතුළු වරාය හා රේගු නිලධාරීන් පිරිසක් මෙම සාකච්ඡාව සඳහා එක්ව ඇත.

වරාය - රේගුව දෙපාර්ශ්වයේ ගැටලු පිළිබඳ සාකච්ඡා කෙරේ

ප්‍රධානියා පැවරුවක

වරාය ඉතිහාසයේ ප්‍රථම වතාවට වරාය හා සම්බන්ධ ක්ෂේත්‍රය සම්බන්ධිත ගැටලු පිළිබඳ සාකච්ඡා කිරීම සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව අතර ප්‍රමුඛතා හමුවක් පැවැත්විණි.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා නැවි නියෝජිතයන්ගේ සංගමයේ සාමාජිකයන් හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා තොරතුරු සංගමයේ සාමාජිකයන්ගේ ද සහභාගීත්වයෙන් පැවැති මෙම ප්‍රමුඛතා සාකච්ඡා හමුව සම්මුත හා නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ ගැටලු විසඳීමේ වැදගත්කම පිළිබඳ වරාය හා නාවික අමාත්‍ය මහින්ද සමරසිංහ මහතාගේ උපදෙශකත්වයෙන් හා මහලෙන්විම යටතේ සිදු කෙරුණි.

මෙම හමුවේදී රඳවා තබා ගත් බහලු අනුකූලතා ප්‍රතිපත්තිය, විස්තර අත්සන සහ විද්‍යුත් බෙදාහැරීමේ ඇනවුම් පද්ධතිය



හඳුන්වාදීම ආදී විෂය ක්ෂේත්‍ර පිළිබඳ සාකච්ඡා කෙරුණි.

එමෙන්ම මේ වනවිට ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ කළ මහාකාර්යය වන්නේ ගුණ සහන ප්‍රතිපත්තිය අනුමත කර ඇති අතර, එය අධ්‍යක්ෂ මණ්ඩලය විසින් අනුමත කර ඇත. මෑත කාලීන සාකච්ඡාවකට අනුව ශ්‍රී ලංකා නැවි නියෝජිතයන්ගේ

සංගමයේ පාර්ශ්වකරුවන් සහ ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව විසින් ගුණ සහන ප්‍රතිපත්තිය අනුමත කිරීමට එකඟ වී ඇත. ඒ සඳහා අදාළ බලධරයන් මේ සම්බන්ධයෙන් විදිමත් ලිපි නිකුත් කිරීමටද සාකච්ඡා කර ඇත. එමෙන්ම මෙම සාකච්ඡාවේදී අපනයනකරුවන්ගේ තොරතුරු නොමැතිවීම, තොරතුරු සාමාජිකයා බව වැනි කරුණු



කාරණා මත වැඩිදුර පරීක්ෂණ සඳහා බහලු ධාරාවෙන් පරීක්ෂා කිරීම සඳහා CASA, SLAVO නියෝජිතයන් සහ ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සහ ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුවේ නිලධාරීන්ගෙන් සමන්විත කමිටුවක් පිහිටුවීමටද එකඟවීම් තීරණයක් ගන්නා ලදී. එමෙන්ම මෙම ගැටලු විසඳීම සඳහා නිර්දේශ සහ යෝජනා සහිතව

පවතින ගැටලු පිළිබඳ වාර්තාවක් මෙම කමිටුව විසින් ඉදිරිපත් කිරීමටද නියමිතය. තවද ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය, ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව සහ CASA නිලධාරීන්ගෙන් සමන්විත කමිටුවක් මගින් විස්තර අත්සන හා ඉලෙක්ට්‍රොනික් බෙදාහැරීමේ ඇනවුම් ක්‍රියාවට නැංවීම සම්බන්ධ ගැටලු විසඳීමටද මෙම සාකච්ඡාවේදී තීරණය විය.



Colombo's potential as maritime hub highly rated

Colombo's potential as an international Maritime Centre for Asian Region was highlighted by Singapore-based Drewry Maritime Services (Asia) senior consultant Aden Wong.

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Wong asserted that potential is ripe in areas such as Port and Logistics, Maritime Finance and Law and Maritime Technology. He made these remarks addressing the 4th Anniversary celebration of the Women's International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA) held in Colombo recently. He thanked WISTA for its service provided towards promoting careers in maritime relation industries among females of the country and noted that it was raising the profile of women in a sector that is infamously male-dominated.

Wong commended WISTA for completing four years in Sri Lanka, which is a commendable milestone in an era that women are playing an increasing role in the global maritime sector.

WISTA Sri Lanka is a member of WISTA International, a global organization connecting female executives and decision-makers around the world. It serves as a connector for its network of more than 3,000 female professionals from all sectors of the maritime industry.

WISTA Sri Lankan President S Wickramasinghe highly rated the effort put forward by the association and acknowledged that membership, which began with 100 members, has now increased by over 35 per cent.

She also called for the formulation of a National Policy on Maritime & logistics sectors.

Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Dr Parakrama Dissanayake also highlighted the valuable service rendered by WISTA Sri Lanka to encourage more women to the maritime sector. (RS)

SLPA HOSTS INAUGURAL 'PORT OF COLOMBO AWARDS NIGHT'

The first-ever 'Port of Colombo Awards Night' was held recently at Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo with Ports and Shipping Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe as the Chief Guest.

The event was organised by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) in collaboration with Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT)

and the Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT).

Ten international shipping companies were presented with awards during the ceremony.

Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Nishantha Muthuhettigama, SLPA Chairman Parakrama Dissanayake and representatives of JCT, SAGT and CICT were present at the occasion.



SLPA donated essentials to residential patients at Apeksha Hospital Maharagama

Employees of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) donated parcels of essential items to 743 residents following treatments at the 'Apeksha' Hospital in Maharagama.

The programme had been organised parallel to the 39th anniversary of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) on August 1, 2018.

Attending the programme, SLPA Vice Chairman P.G. Dasanayake said that the

institution, being a place of reconciliation, has dedicated not only towards the socio-economic prosperity of the country but also for hospitality to facilitate humanitarian responsibilities. He also thanked all employees of the institution for organising the donation programme.

A number of divisional heads, staff members and employees of Sri Lanka Ports Authority also participated at the occasion.



SLPA Vice Chairman P.G. Dasanayake handing over a parcel of essentials for residents of the Apeksha Hospital, to Apeksha Hospital Acting Deputy Director Dr. Roshan Amarathunga

Denmark support for Lankan ports sector

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වරාය ප්‍රවර්ධනයට බේන්මාර්කයෙන් ආධාර



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ජායාරූපයේ දක්වෙන්නේ එහි අවස්ථාවයි.

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P10 Underwater myth of Sri Lanka's Hambantota port deal



UNDERWATER MYTH OF SRI LANKA'S HAMBANTOTA PORT DEAL

BY SHEN SHIWEI

A US \$ 1.12 billion agreement, a 99-year lease and "debt diplomacy" are some of the flashy words weaving different stories about the Hambantota port project between China and Sri Lanka.

But what is really happening under the turbulent waters of the maritime port? And if it is commercially run by a joint venture, then who has the final say?

In short, the Hambantota port is under the Sri Lankan sovereignty. And the much-trumpeted security concerns over the commercially-run port by a Chinese company are invalid, as the Sri Lankan government recently moved its southern naval command to the facility.

"There is no need to be frightened as the security of the Hambantota port will be under the control of Sri Lanka Navy," announced a statement by the Sri Lankan Prime Minister's Office, issued in June. It clarified that Sri Lanka and its people own control over the port and refute allegations that a "Chinese colony is being built" there.

But how to run the commercial port, share benefits and provide security?

Chinese and Sri Lankan joint ventures will operate the port and share revenues. When it comes to security, Sri Lanka has full responsibility and control.

All these have been guaranteed by a five-party agreement reached by China Merchants Port Holdings (CMPort), the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), Sri Lankan government, Hambantota International Port Group (Private) and Hambantota International Port Services Company (Private) (HIPS).

An item often overlooked in some media reports is that CMPort needs to invest up to US \$ 1.12 billion in the Hambantota port and relevant sea logistic business under the agreement.

Under this deal, the Chinese side holds a 70-percent stake in two joint ventures and the Sri Lankan side holds the rest 30 percent. After 10 years, the Sri Lankan side will gradually purchase an additional 20 percent stake, resulting in the two sides owning an equal share of 50 percent each.



Chinese and Sri Lankan authorities shake hands during the Hambantota International Port Concession Agreement signing ceremony in Colombo, on July 29, 2017.

Why does Hambantota port matter?

Colombo, the commercial capital and largest city of Sri Lanka, is too busy to deal with seaborne trade routes. Sri Lanka needed a new economic growth engine and the Hambantota port, with its proximity to the world's busiest shipping lanes, proved to be a good option.

Commercial activities at the deep-sea port are expected to trigger economic development for Sri Lanka.

Back in 2005, constructing a new port in Hambantota and connecting it to the capital Colombo via a planned industrial belt, was prioritized in the 'Mahinda Vision for the Future', which was proposed by former

Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa. It aimed to transform Sri Lanka into "a hub for sea transport, aviation, business, energy and knowledge."

How feasible and practical is it to build Hambantota port?

The Sri Lankan government has carried surveys and research regarding that matter in previous years.

During the time of former President Chandrika Kumaratunga, Danish engineering consultancy firm Ramboll did the first feasibility study, without finishing it. Another top engineering consultancy firm, SNC Lavalin from Canada, completed

another study in June 2003.

In 2004, Ramboll was back in the picture and completed the study in 2007. This was under the second term of Kumaratunga.

The conclusion of two feasibility studies under two different governments is clear and convincing: Build the Hambantota port.

No assistance from India

For years, many observers have spoken of "India's worry" over the Chinese presence in the Hambantota port. But separating facts from fiction is essential.

Sri Lanka had first looked to India for assistance to develop the Hambantota port but India declined.

A flourishing Hambantota port, together with the booming Port of Colombo will be strong competitors to India's maritime facilities. Despite investing in Sri Lanka, India needs more foreign direct investment and loans to develop its own infrastructure.

But China's assistance with the project was subject to severe criticism from India and the West, even when Indian automobile exports to Sri Lanka were the first batch of goods when the port opened for business.

Is that fair?

Lower costs, promising benefits: to win the contract of constructing the Hambantota port, many countries together with international contractors and financial institutions competed. China's solution offered the best deal. The actual building cost was lower than the engineering estimates in the feasibility reports by both Ramboll and SNC Lavalin.

In December 2011, the first phase of the Hambantota port was completed and entered



service in 2012. But some critics said: "Look! Only 34 vessels docked in 2012. With tens of thousands of ships passing by along the world's busiest shipping lanes. The port failed."

But 2014 proved to be a better year. A whopping 355 vessels docked at the port as the second phase was under construction. The port made an operating profit of Rs 900 million (US \$ 5.66 million) in 2014 and Rs 1,200 million (US \$ 7.55 million) in 2015.

As for the loan costs and repayment, "the total cost of financing the Hambantota port (capital plus interest) will be US \$ 1.761 billion by the time the loan expires in 2036. By the end of 2016, nearly US \$ 500 million of this total amount had already been repaid."

There was never any problem about meeting the payments for the Hambantota port because it was paid out of the profits of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA)," according to former Sri Lanka President Mahinda Rajapaksa.

In addition to the Hambantota port, China will also set up an industrial zone in the facility. It is hoped that the industrial zone will be an engine to drive the economic development of Sri Lanka and attract investors from all parts of the world.

Who is the major debt owner of Sri Lanka?

"Sri Lanka has borrowed from the US more than China. These loans are in the form of international sovereign bonds, treasury bonds, and treasury bills, which have had investors from the US and West. So, if at all Sri Lanka was going to get into trouble, it was not because of the Chinese debt alone but because of all the debt," said former Sri Lankan Central Bank Governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal, in an interview in June this year.

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වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක, MAERSK LINE ජාලයේ ප්‍රධානී ANDERS BOENAES, ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ අධ්‍යක්ෂ JULIAN BEVIS, දකුණු ආසියාතික කලාපයේ මහජන සම්බන්ධතා නිලධාරී PRITHWIT MAITRE, වෙළෙඳ කළමනාකාර හා ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ මහජන සම්බන්ධතා උපදේශක KARINA KINDVIG සහ වරාය හා නාවික අමාත්‍යතුමාගේ පෞද්ගලික ලේකම් SEAN SAMARASINGHE යන මහත්වරු සහභාගි වූහ.



වරාය හා නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රයට බෙන්මාර්කයෙන් ආධාර

ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ වරාය හා නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ ප්‍රවර්ධනය සඳහා මූල්‍ය හා තාක්ෂණික ආධාර ලබාගැනීමේ අරමුණින් පසුගියදා බෙන්මාර්කයේ සංචාරයක යෙදුණු වරාය හා නාවික අමාත්‍ය මහින්ද සමරසිංහ මහතා MAERSK LINE ජාලයේ ප්‍රධාන විධායක නිලධාරී SOREN SKOU මහතා ඇතුළු නියෝජිත පිරිසක් හමු ව අදාළ කාර්යයන් සම්බන්ධයෙන් සාකච්ඡා කළේය.

ජායාරූපයෙන් දැක්වෙන්නේ MAERSK LINE ජාලයේ ප්‍රධාන විධායක නිලධාරී SOREN SKOU මහතා හමු වූ මොහොතයි.

එම අවස්ථාවට වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක MAERSK LINE ජාලයේ ප්‍රධානී ANDERS BOENAES, ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ අධ්‍යක්ෂ



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‘Ikazuchi’ at Trincomalee Port

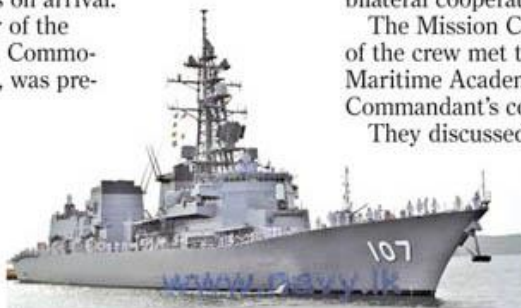
Ikazuchi, a Naval ship of the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, arrived at the Trincomalee Port yesterday on a good will visit. She was welcomed in accordance with naval traditions on arrival. Deputy Area Commander of the Eastern Naval Command, Commodore Nandana Jayarathna, was present on the occasion.

The Mission Commander of the ship, Captain Ryoko Azuma, accompanied by the Commanding Officer and other officers, paid a courtesy call on the

Commander Eastern Naval Area, Rear Admiral Sumith Weerasinghe, at the Eastern Naval Command Headquarters. They held cordial discussions on enhancing bilateral cooperation.

The Mission Commander of Ikazuchi and the officers of the crew met the Training Captain of Naval and Maritime Academy, Captain Kosala Wijesooriya, at the Commandant's conference hall.

They discussed the matters related to training of Navies of both countries and exchanged mementos. During the three-day official visit, the ship's crew will visit important places in Sri Lanka and participate in several special programmes.



ජපානයේ ඉකාජුජි - 107 හුද හෙවනාවේ ත්‍රිකුණාමලය වරායට



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ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ හෙළින නිල සංචාරයක් සඳහා පැමිණි ජපාන නාවික හමුදාවට අයත් යුද නෙකොවික් වන ඉකාජුජි - 107 නෙකොවි පෙරේළා පෙරවරුවේ (20ආ) ත්‍රිකුණාමලය වරායට කේන්ද්‍ර විය.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියට අයත් අන්තරාල් ජැටියේ නැංගුරම්ලා අති මෙම නෙකොවි ලෙන්ත් 150ක ප්‍රිතින් යුක්ත වන අතර ලබන 22 වැනිදා දක්වා මෙරට රැළි

සිටීමට නියමිතය.

ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ සංචාරයක නිරතව සිටින ජපාන ආරක්ෂක ඇමැති ඉරිසුනොරි ඕනඩොරා මහතාගේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා සංචාරයට සමගාමීව මෙම යුද නෙකොවිද පැමිණ තිබීම විශේෂත්වයකි. ශ්‍රී ලංකා - ජපාන සහයෝගීතාව සවිදුරටත් වර්ධනය කර ගැනීම මෙහි අරමුණ වේ.

වන යුද ව්‍යාප්තිය සමඟ ඒ පිළිබඳව අවධානයෙන් පසුවන රටවල් අතර ජපානයද සිටී.

ත්‍රිකුණාමලය

ජපන් යුද නාවික ත්‍රිකුණාමලයට

ත්‍රි/මලය විශේෂ [එ.ටී.එම්.පී. ගුණානන්ද]



ජපාන නාවික හමුදාවට අයත් යුද නෞකාවක් පෙරේදා (20) ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ කෙදින නිල සංචාරයක් සඳහා ත්‍රිකුණාමලය වරායට සේන්ද්‍ර විය.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියට අයත් ත්‍රිකුණාමලය වරායේ “අෂ්රොප් ජැටියේ” නැංගුරම් ලා ඇති මෙම නෞකාව 22 දා දක්වා ලංකාවේ රැඳී සිටී.

ඉ ක සුචි - ජපන් (I KA SUCHI - JAPEN) යනුවෙන් නම් කර ඇත. ජපන් ආරක්ෂක ඇමති ඉටිසුනෝරි ඔනඬේරා මහතාගේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා සංචාරයට සමගාමීව මෙම යුද නෞකාව ද පැමිණ තිබීම විශේෂත්වයකි. ජපන් ශ්‍රී ලංකා සහයෝගිතාවය තවදුරටත් වර්ධනය කරගැනීම මෙහි අරමුණ වේ.

ත්‍රිකුණාමලය

ජපාන නාවික හමුදාවට අයත් යුද නෞකාවක් ත්‍රිකුණාමලය වරායට



■ ත්‍රිකුණාමලය - වමෝදක නේත්‍රාංජලී අමරසිංහ

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සේන්ද්‍ර විය.

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නැංගුරම්ලා ඇති මෙම
නෞකාව 22 වැනිදා දක්වා
ලංකාවේ රැඳී සිටියි.

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KA SUCHI - JAPAN)
යනුවෙන් නම් කර ඇති මෙම
නෞකාවේ දිග අඩි 150කි,
ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ සංචාරයක
නිරතව සිටින ජපන්
ආරක්ෂක අමාත්‍ය ඉටිසුනෝරි
ඕනඩෝරා මහතාගේ ශ්‍රී
ලංකා ගමනට සම්බන්ධව
මෙම යුද නෞකාවද පැමිණ
තිබීම විශේෂත්වයකි.

ජපන් ශ්‍රී ලංකා
සහයෝගීතාව තවදුරටත්
වර්ධනය කර ගැනීම
මෙහි අරමුණ වන අතර,
ජපාන ආරක්ෂක
අමාත්‍යවරයෙකු
දිවයිනට
පැමිණි පළමු
අවස්ථාව
මෙය වෙයි.





Japanese naval ship 'Ikazuchi' arrives in Trinco

Japanese naval ship "Ikazuchi" of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force arrived at the Trincomalee Port on Monday on a three-day goodwill visit and on arrival was accorded a traditional naval welcome.

The Navy said, Mission Commander Captain Ryoko Azuma accompanied by the Commanding Officer and other officers paid a courtesy call on Eastern Naval Area Commander Rear Admiral Sumith Weerasinghe at the Eastern Naval Command Headquarters and held cordial discussions on enhancing bilateral cooperation.

The Mission Commander and the naval officers met the Training Captain of Naval and Maritime Academy, Captain Kosala Wijesooriya at the Commandant's conference hall. They discussed matters related to training of Navies of both countries and exchanged mementos as a goodwill gesture.

**Mission
Commander
Captain
Ryoko Azuma
accompanied by
the Commanding
Officer and other
officers paid a
courtesy call on
Eastern Naval Area
Commander Rear
Admiral Sumith
Weerasinghe**

During the visit the ship's crew is scheduled to visit the important places in Sri Lanka and to participate in several special programmes arranged by the Sri Lanka Navy in enhancing mutual relationships.

Japanese Naval Ship 'Ikazuchi' arrives at Trinco Port

Sri Lanka Navy in accordance with naval traditions, welcomed a Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) ship 'Ikazuchi' which arrived at the Port of Trincomalee on Monday.

JMSDF ship Ikazuchi arrived at the Port of Trincomalee on a three-day goodwill visit on 20th August.

The Mission Commander of the ship Captain Ryoko Azuma accompanied by the Commanding Officer and other officers paid a courtesy call on

Commander Eastern Naval Area, Rear Admiral Sumith Weerasinghe at the Eastern Naval Command Headquarters. They held cordial discussions focused on enhancing bilateral cooperation.

During the three day official visit the ship's crew is scheduled to visit the important places in Sri Lanka and to participate in several special programs arranged by the Sri Lanka Navy.

ජපාන ආරක්ෂක ඇමැති කොළඹ වරායේ නිරීක්ෂණයක



ජපාන ආරක්ෂක ඇමැති ඉටිසුනෝරි ඔනො-
ඩේරා මහතා පසුගිය ද කොළඹ වරායේ විශේෂ
නිරීක්ෂණ වාර්තාවක නිරත විය. එහි දී නියමු
මධ්‍යස්ථානය ඇතුළු ස්ථාන රැසක් හමුගේ නිරී-
ක්ෂණයට ලක් වූ අතර, කොළඹ වරාය අත්තර
ගෙන ඇති ප්‍රගතිය ජපාන ආරක්ෂක ඇමැතිවර-
යාගේ විශේෂ ඇගයීමට ලක්විය.

ශ්‍රී ලංකාව හා ජපානය අතර සබඳතා තව දුර-
ටත් පුළුල් කර ගනිමින් දෙරට වරායයන් අතර
සමුද්‍රීය සංවර්ධන සහයෝගීතාව වර්ධනය කර
ගැනීම පිළිබඳ මෙහි දී අවධානය යොමු කෙරිණි.

මේ නිරීක්ෂණ වාර්තාවේ දී තව පර්යන්ත
ඉදිකිරීම් ඇතුළු පුළුල් යටිතල පහසුකම් ක්‍රියා-
දායක කොළඹ වරාය තුළ ස්ථාපිතවීම පිළිබඳ
ජපාන ආරක්ෂක ඇමැතිවරයාගේ අවධානයට
යොමු කරමින් එහි දී අදහස් දැක් වූ ශ්‍රී ලංකා
වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම
දිසානායක මහතා කොළඹ වරායට ලෝකයේ

ඉහළම වර්ධන අනුපාතය වාර්තා කිරීමට මේ
වසරේ පළමු කාර්තුව තුළ හැකි වූ බවත්, ශ්‍රී
ලංකාව සහ ජපානය අතරින් කාලයක සිට
මිත්‍ර සම්බන්ධතා පැවැති රටවල් දෙකක් බවත්
පැවැසීය.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ ආදායමින් 80%ක
දායකත්වය ලබා දෙන ජය බහලු පර්යන්තය
ඉදිකිරීමෙහිලා ජපන් රජය ලබාදුන් දායකත්වය
විශේෂයෙන් කැපී පෙනෙන බව ද සඳහන් කළේය.

මේ අවස්ථාවට ජපාන තානාපති කෙතීරි පුබ-
නුමා මහතා ඇතුළු දූත පිරිසක් හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය
අධිකාරියේ විධායක අධ්‍යක්ෂ නිලාන් වික්‍රමසිංහ,
නමර් මාස්ටර් කපිතාන් අතුලු සේවාවිකාරීන්
යන මහත්වරුද එක්ව සිටියහ.

එහි දී ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභා-
පති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා ජපාන
ආරක්ෂක ඇමැති ඉටිසුනෝරි ඔනොඩේරා මහතා
වෙත සමරු කිහිපයක් ද ප්‍රදානය කරනු ලැබීය.

පුවත්පත - දිනමිණ

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ජපානයේ ආරක්ෂක ඇමැති හම්බන්තොට වරායේ නිරීක්ෂණ වාර්තාවක

රාහුල් සමන්ත හෙට්ටිආරච්චි -
අමිබලන්තොට සමූහ

දිවයිනට පැමිණ සිටින ජපානයේ ආරක්ෂක ඇමැතිවරයා වන *icsunori Onothera* මහතා ඊයේ (22) දහවල් හම්බන්තොට මගින්ද රාජපක්ෂ ජාත්‍යන්තර වාරයේ නිරීක්ෂණ

වාර්තාවක නිකුත් කළේය.

ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ පැවති උත්සවයකට සහභාගි වීමෙන් අනතුරුව ගුවන් මගින් හම්බන්තොට ජාත්‍යන්තර වරායට පැමිණ පසුව සැන්ග්‍රිලා හෝටලයෙන් දිවා ආහාරය ගෙන අනතුරුව හම්බන්තොට වරායේ නිරීක්ෂණ වාර්තාවේ යෙදී ඇත. පසුව යළි ගුවනින් කොළඹට පැමිණි

ඇත.

මේ අවස්ථාව මාධ්‍යවේදීන්ට ආවරණය කිරීම සඳහා හම්බන්තොට ජාත්‍යන්තර වරාය පරිශ්‍රය වෙත ඇතුළු වීමට අවසර නොදුන් අතර පිටත සිට ජපාන ආරක්ෂක ඇමැතිවරයාගේ පැමිණීම වාර්තා කිරීමට මාධ්‍ය වේදීන්ට සිදුවිය.

පුවත්පත - මව්බිම

දිනය - 2018-08-23

ජපාන ආරක්ෂක ඇමැති කොළඹ වරායේ නිරීක්ෂණ වාර්තාවක



මුහින් පතිරත්න ජයසූරිය

ජපානේ ආරක්ෂක ඇමැතිවරයා මහතා පසුගියදා කොළඹ වරායේ විශේෂ නිරීක්ෂණ වාර්තාවකට එක්විය. ජපානේ ආරක්ෂක ඇමැතිවරයාගේ කොළඹ වරායට පැමිණීමේ ප්‍රථම වතාවටය.

කොළඹ වරාය මේ වන විට අත්කරගෙන ඇති ප්‍රගතිය පිළිබඳ ජපාන ආරක්ෂක ඇමැතිවරයාගේ විශේෂ ඇගයීම් ලැබූ අතර ශ්‍රී ලංකාව හා ජපානය අතර සබඳතා තවදුරටත් පුළුල් කර ගනිමින් දෙරට වරායන් අතර සම්පූර්ණ සංවර්ධන සහයෝගීතාව වර්ධනය කර ගැනීම පිළිබඳ මෙහිදී ඇමැතිවරයාගේ අවධානය යොමුවීණි.

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Japanese Defence Minister visits Colombo harbour

Visiting Japanese Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera yesterday inspected the operations at the Colombo harbour.

This is the first time in history that a Japanese Defence Minister visited the Colombo harbour.

The visiting Defence Minister was impressed with the progress achieved by the Colombo harbour. Attention was paid to enhancing maritime development cooperation between the harbours of the two countries.

Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Parakrama Dissanayake said the Colombo harbour achieved the highest growth rate among harbours in the world during the first quarter this year.

The Chairman said the Jaya Container Terminal, constructed with Japanese financial assistance, contributes 80 percent of the income generated by the Colombo harbour. Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka Kenichi Suganuma and senior harbour officials were present.



Japanese Defence Minister Onodera with SLPA Chairman Parakrama Dissanayake and others.

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BY SANDUN A. JAYASEKERA

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Ports Ministry to present Cabinet paper on ECT development

■ Govt. grants approval to Ports Authority to run the ECT

■ Ports Authority to procure equipment for the development of the Terminal

■ Equipment to be leased till procurement is delivered to bring the Terminal to functionality as soon as possible

By CHATHURI DISSANAYAKE

PORT and Shipping Ministry is preparing to present a Cabinet paper for procurement of equipment needed to operationalise the East Container Terminal, set to be managed by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), utilising its own funds.

Denying reports that

the ECT was to be managed as a Public-Private Partnership, subject Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe, speaking at a press conference held at the Sri Lanka Freedom Party Head Office yesterday, said that the Cabinet has given approval for the Terminal to be managed by the Ports Authority.



Ports and Shipping Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe – Pic by Sameera Wijesinghe

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The National Economic Council and Cabinet of Ministers have both decided to have the SLPA manage the ECT to ensure "continuity and financial viability of the Ports Authority", Daily FT learnt. According to sources within the Ports Authority, initial investment was estimated to be \$ 100 million under Phase 1 of development.

Following the decision, the Ministry is now ready to go ahead with the much delayed development of the ECT.

"Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT) is the only deep-water terminal able to receive large container ships. It has not reached its capacity, and we need ECT running as soon

as possible," Samarasinghe said. The Minister is expected to present a Cabinet paper seeking approval to appoint a negotiating committee and technical evaluation committee to proceed with procurement of equipment needed to operationalise ECT under Phase 1 of development.

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According to the master plan of the Colombo Port Expansion Project (CPEP), the East Container Terminal has a 1,200m-long quay wall, alongside water depth of 18m and a yard capacity of 2.4 million TEUs.

The Government, on earlier occasions, had attempted to form a consortium to manage the ECT with preference given to a partner from the Indian subcontinent. The preference to have a partner from the subcontinent was largely viewed as an attempt to neutralise the growing Chinese presence in Colombo Port.

The Chinese firm China Merchants Port Holdings Company Ltd. already manages CICT, having a 35-year build-operate-transfer basis with 85% share ownership.

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KKS HARBOUR TENDER PROCESS UNDERWAY

Dredging of the Kankesanthurai (KKS) Harbour, under the USD 45.27 million Indian line of credit expansion and upgrading project, has been completed and the tender would be floated later this year, Ceylon Today learns.

Currently, the breakwater and existing pier are set to be renovated and a new pier for commercial cargo handling is to be constructed.



KKS Harbour tender process underway

India extended financial assistance to expand and upgrade the KKS Harbour in the Northern Peninsula to turn it into a regional maritime hub attracting commercial activities.

The tender procedure is underway, but prior to that, several documents, including the detailed Project Report and an agreement

on legal terms and conditions are being prepared for signing between the two Governments.

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority and the Ministry of Finance are involved in the project and the Indians are financially facilitating the construction and will hand over the state-of-the-art harbour to SLPA.

(SRM)



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ඕනෑම වර්ගයේ හෙලිකොප්ටර් යානා නැවැත්විය හැකි අංගණයකින් යුක්ත මෙම හෙයනාව තුළ හෙලිකොප්ටර් ගුවන් යානා තබා තිබේ. හෙයනාව 24 වැනිදා පෙරවරුණේ අණරොල් පැටියට සේන්ද්‍ර වීමේදී නැගෙනහිර නාවික විධානයේ නාවිකයන් සිය තුරිය වාදන කණ්ඩායමේ තුරිය වාදන මැද හරිසවත්

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ඉන්දීය සාගරයේය උපක්‍රමිකව වැදගත් වන්නා වූ ස්ථානයක ඇති ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ පිහිටීම උපයෝගී කර ගනිමින් ගුවන් සැපයුම් මධ්‍යස්ථානයක් පිළිබඳව සංකල්පයක් අත්හදා බැලීමට අප උදෙසාගෙන් සිටිනවා යැයි කොළඹ ඇමෙරිකානු තානාපති කාර්යාලය නිවේදනයක් නිකුත් කරමින් පැවැසීය.

ඇමෙරිකානු එක්සත් ජනපද නාවික හමුදාවට අයත් යුධ හෙයනාවක් වන යු.එස්.එස්. ඇන්චොරේජ් (USS ANCHORAGE LPD 23) පසුගියදා (24දා) පෙරවරුණේ ක්‍රියාකාරීත්වය විරාගයට සේන්ද්‍ර වීමෙන් පසුව එම හෙයනාව පිළිගනිමින් මෙරට නියෝජ්‍ය තානාපති රොබට් හිල්ටන් මහතා පැවැසූ බව එම නිවේදනයේ වැඩිදුරටත් සඳහන් වේ.

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පිළිගනු ලැබීය.

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ලබන 28 වැනිදා දක්වා මෙරට රැඳී සිටින මෙම හෙයනාව දෙරට අතර සහයෝගීතාව වර්ධනය කර ගැනීම සඳහා පැමිණ තිබේ. මෙම පැමිණීම සහ පුහුණුව මගින් ඉන්දු පැසිෆික් කලාපයේ හදිසි මානුෂික අවශ්‍යතා සඳහා ප්‍රතිචාර දැක්වීමේ හැකියාව වැඩිවේ යැයි හෙයනාව පිළිගැනීමේදී ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ නියෝජ්‍ය තානාපති රොබට් හිල්ටන් පැවැසූ බව කොළඹ තානාපති කාර්යාලය නිවේදනයක් නිකුත් කරමින් පැවැසීය.



Inside the Control Tower of the Port of Colombo, SLPA Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake emphasises the importance of the strategic location of the Colombo Port in the Indian Ocean in maritime business to the Japanese Minister of Defence Itsunori Onodera. Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka Kenichi Suganuma and SLPA Harbour Master Capt. Athula Hewavitharana are also present



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making Sri Lanka the maritime hub of the region. The Government of Japan, on numerous occasions, has been involved in building port facilities in the Port of Colombo. Japan's immense contribution is always commendable, as in the construction of the SLPA Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), which offers an 80% income generation in the State-run port sector. The construction of the JCT and establishment of its operational superstructure dating back to the 1980s enhanced the identity of the Port during the

past decades as an efficient maritime centre in the region, he added.

The high profile Japanese delegation at the Port of Colombo also included Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka Kenichi Suganuma. SLPA Executive Director Nilan Wickramasinghe and Harbour Master Capt. Athula Hewavitharana also attended the visit.

Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake presented a special memento to Minister Itsunori Onodera in honour of this historic visit.

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දෙරටේ සහයෝගීතාව වර්ධනය කරගැනීමේ අරමුණෙන් දිවයිනට පැමිණ ඇති මෙය හෙට (28දා) දැක්වා ත්‍රිකුණාමල වරායේ නැංගුරම්ලා තැටිමට නියමිත අතර මෙම කාලය තුළදී යුද අනුකූල කිහිපයකට හා ආපදා කළමනාකරණ කටයුතුවලට

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EXPORTS EARNINGS FROM MERCHANDISE UP TO US\$ 1.02 BN IN JUNE

Sri Lanka's external sector displayed a mixed performance in June 2018. Even though the lowest trade deficit so far during the year in absolute terms was recorded in the month of June, the trade deficit widened significantly in comparison to June 2017 as the growth in import expenditure outpaced the increase in export earnings.

Exports earnings from merchandise exports surpassed US dollars 1 billion for the second time during the year to US dollars 1,024 million in June 2018, mainly driven by industrial exports.

Earnings from tourism increased notably in June 2018 continuing the growth momentum observed since the beginning of the year, although workers' remittances declined during the month in comparison to June 2017.

The financial account of the Balance of Payments (BOP) was supported by the fifth tranche of the



Extended Fund Facility of the International Monetary Fund (IMF-EFF) and the third tranche of the divestiture of the Hambantota Port, however, outflows of foreign investment from the government securities market and the secondary market of the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) exerted some pressure on the BOP. Reflecting developments in the domestic and global foreign exchange markets, the Sri Lankan

rupee depreciated by 3.4 per cent against the US dollar by end June 2018 and by 5.0 per cent during the year up to 27 August 2018. The country's gross official reserves as at end June 2018 were US dollars 9.3 billion.

The deficit in the trade account continued to expand in June 2018 in comparison to June 2017, driven by the higher growth in imports. On a cumulative basis, the trade deficit

Monthly Exports earnings



- Earnings from tourism increase notably
- Industrial exports up
- Country's gross official reserves reach US\$ 9.3 bn
- Export earnings from petroleum products rise significantly

June 2018 due to the combined effect of higher export prices

and volumes of bunker and aviation fuel. Export earnings from rubber products increased mainly due to higher earnings from tyre exports.

Earnings from exports of machinery and mechanical appliances.

Also increased notably during the month owing to the increase in earnings from electrical machinery and equipment and electronic equipment exports. To page iv

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Mean while, export of base metals and articles increased due to higher exports of iron and steel articles and aluminium articles. However, earnings from transport equipment exports declined significantly mainly due to the effect of higher earnings recorded in June 2017 following the export of two ships.

In addition, food, beverages and tobacco and leather, travel goods and footwear exports also declined notably in June 2018. In comparison to

June 2017. Meanwhile, earnings from agricultural exports declined in June 2018 due to the poor performance in almost all categories except seafood.

unmanufactured tobacco and rubber exports. Export earnings from tea declined as both prices and volumes exported reduced in June 2018. In addition, export earnings from spices declined marginally in June 2018 as the growth in cinnamon and nutmeg and mace was outperformed by the decline in pepper, cloves and other spices.

However, benefiting from the positive impact of the removal

of the ban on fisheries exports to the EU and the restoration of GSP+ facility, earnings from seafood exports increased significantly during the month due to higher prices and volumes of seafood exported.

Leading markets for merchandise exports of Sri Lanka in June 2018 were the USA, the UK, India, Italy and Germany, which accounted for about 48 per cent of total exports.

Japan's State Minister for Foreign Affairs in town

JAPANESE State Minister for Foreign Affairs Kazuyuki Nakane is in Sri Lanka today and will be here till 30 August in order to participate in the commissioning ceremony of the patrol vessels donated from Japan to Sri Lanka under the Grant Aid of the Government of Japan to be held tomorrow at the Colombo

Port. In addition, during his stay, Nakane will call on Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and hold meetings with other Sri Lankan Government leaders to further promote bilateral relationship between the two countries.

At the aforementioned ceremony, two patrol vessels will be handed over to Sri Lanka

Coast Guard, which will be utilised to improve maritime safety and strengthen control of the maritime borders of Sri Lanka.

The Embassy of Japan expects that this visit would help further consolidate the 'Comprehensive Partnership' between Japan and Sri Lanka.



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JAPANESE DEFENCE MINISTER VISITS HAMBANTOTA PORT



Ravi Jayawickreme pointing out the naval installations within the port premises to Minister Itsunori Onodera.

Japan's Minister of Defense, Itsunori Onodera, called at the Hambantota Port on August 22 during his State visit to Sri Lanka.

The Minister was taken on a tour of the port by Capt. Ravindra Jayawickreme, CEO of Hambantota International Port Services (HIPS). He was

given an overview of the port's future plans.

The Japanese delegation included Ambassador of Japan in Sri Lanka Kenichi Suganuma and several other dignitaries, along with the Commander of Sri Lanka's Southern Naval Base.



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