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CREATING A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD A MUST

THE PORT OF COLOMBO HANDLED 7 MILLIONTH TEU



By ISHARA GAMAGE

Sri Lanka plans to promote lucrative Ports and Shipping sector globally through a comprehensive sector development national policy framework and an aggressive marketing strategy, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Rathnayake said yesterday (31st).

He also said that creating a level playing field among the key sector stakeholders is a vital fac-

tor to succeed this growth journey. "Very soon we will launch our national maritime and logistics sector development master plan, which is an inclusive approach to look at medium and long-term needs of this nation, everybody should have a level playing field. It's tough one to be achieved, but we are working on that," he said.

Sri Lanka's last year (2018) budget has pro-

posed to liberalise the port sector by removing of ban on foreign ownership of shipping and freight forwarding firms which was preventing the country from becoming a Singapore-style shipping hub, and also make changes to shipping regulation.

However, certain groups have already shown their displeasure to said decision.

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Speaking in Colombo FT, Minister Sagala Rathnayake said that liberalisation must be a priority for the country.

"Liberalisation matters must handle carefully, we have to face at least two elements this year (2019)," he said.

The Port of Colombo handled 7 millionth TEU (Twenty Foot Equivalent Units) on 31 December 2018. The 7 millionth TEU was handled by MS DPD Hamburg of the MSC Line.

Addressing a special function held at the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) in Colombo yesterday, the Minister said that having to establish democracy was absolutely essential to build industry in the Port and Shipping.

"I have to be confident in judiciary and if there is no confidence in the institutions, these industries cannot grow as they have to be confident in the country," he said.

He also stressed that the present government was willing to work to have the policies improve to capitalise on that situation as well as the location that the country sits.

He further said that the government is also working on the most appropriate and a comprehensive marketing policy for the entire shipping industry of Sri Lanka.

Opening on this occasion, the Secretary of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development and Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), Dr. Pawantha Dissanayake stated that the achievement was primarily because of the close relationship of the Port of Colombo. He also thanked the Management and staffs of the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), the South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT), the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT), ports and the shipping industry, along with the business community, for their support and the successful start for this economic endeavour.

"The port of Colombo having handled one million TEUs in 1995, took nine years to handle 2 million TEUs in 2004, having handled 4 million TEUs in 2012, it took 8 years to handle 5 million TEUs in 2016. In the year 2017, the port handled 6 million TEUs and it took 3 years to handle that extra million. But what is unique is that this year the Port of Colombo handled 7 million TEUs and that 1 million took only 1 year. By the end of this year the throughput volumes of the Port of Colombo has increased by 18.1%," the Secretary said.

Dr. Pawantha Dissanayake also stated that in moving forward, the present need to increase the liquidity changes in the competitive environment between the ports competing with the Port of Colombo, understand and build according to changes taking place within the shipping lines and the shipping industry should be strategically addressed in time.

The Port of Colombo is ranked as world's No.1 container growth per annum among 30 container ports for the 1st half of 2018. In container handling, Port of Colombo has recorded a 18.1% growth for the 1st half of 2018 over the same period last year according to a preliminary study. It is also a significant achievement as it is the first time in history the Port of Colombo achieved the

top of a global maritime ranking. With this growth, Port of Colombo has laid ahead many other Asian Ports, Major European Ports and Dubai as well.

The three terminal operators at the Port of Colombo, the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), SAGT, the South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT) and the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT) early this year reached into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to operate collectively to provide the Port of Colombo. Under the new collective agreement, these operators to optimise the waiting time of all container vessels outside the port waters by allowing operations of vessels at the immediately available terminal. Further, through this agreement, operators are also able to provide the Port of Colombo collectively and collaboratively in the area of international maritime business.

Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) was awarded the Port of Colombo of the Year 2018 Award by the Global Ports Forum (GPF). The award GPF awards ceremony, followed by the conference forum, was held in February 2019 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

The Port of Colombo marked the operation of its first TEU in the year of 1973. Accordingly, the construction of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) container Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) - I was completed in 1978. The completion of the stage - I of the JCT in 1987, stage - II and IV in 1989 and 1990 respectively marked the increase of container volumes of the Port of Colombo. Commencement of the South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT) at the Port of Colombo took place in 1999. And the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT) was built in 2012.

With the rapid development of port infrastructure including the construction of new terminals and the public-private partnership in operations at the Port of Colombo, the TEU handling capacity at the port has dramatically increased during previous figures of time period after 2004.

Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) signed its long Public-Private Partnership (PPP) agreement with the South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT) in 1999 for 30 years that brought an investment of US \$120 million in time. Under the agreement, the SAGT served 30% of share locally and internationally whilst the SLPA owned 70%.

The new PPP agreement by SLPA for terminal operation was with the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT) in 2012 for 15 years that brought an investment of US \$ 550 million to the Sri Lankan port sector. The agreement took the same route to share 30% of shares by the CICT and the rest by SLPA.

The Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) that occupies a 100% ownership by SLPA is operated as the main state-owned terminal. Although it showed a negative growth in 2018, with the operational procedures to increase efficiency, the terminal reached a 15% growth against 2017, handling 2.3 million TEUs by the end of 2018. The JCT has also recorded an increase of 22.3% in employment income.

The Port of Colombo marked the achievement of operating 1 million TEUs in 1988. Although it took almost 9 years to reach the mark of 2 million TEUs collectively with the SAGT in 2004, the Port of Colombo reached 3 million TEUs in 2006, 4 million TEUs

in 2010, 5 million TEUs collectively with the CICT in 2015 and 6 million TEUs in December 2017.

With the latest initiatives implemented at Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), all sectors of port operations since a rapid growth compared to similar periods during past, a number of procedures are currently being implemented in all terminal ports around the country under the purview of Sri Lanka Ports Authority to enhance the vision of the Government to develop Sri Lanka as the maritime hub in the region, optimum strategic location and economic contribution to the country being further developed in the port sector of Sri Lanka, capacity building, increase port investment opportunities as well as promote FDI, value addition and tourism.

Higher officials of all three main terminals, the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), the South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT) and the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT) of the Port of Colombo also attended the event.

The Managing Director of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Capt. Afrida Samarasinghe, additional Managing Director of SLPA, Kapila De Zoysa, Director Operations, of SLPA, Jayantha Perera, Chief Executive Officer of South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT), LSS, Manojah David, the Chief Financial Officer of the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT), Rajarathna M., a member of Directors, and highest level management officials of SLPA and a number of representatives from the shipping industry were also present on the occasion.

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38% of Colombo Port's volume

Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT) has reported handling 2.65 million teus for the 12 months ending 31 December 2018, recording a 13 per cent increase in its annual throughput and contributing 38 per cent of the Port of Colombo's volumes in the year just concluded, a media release stated.

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Announcing the year's final volume, CICT said ULCCs (Ultra Large Container Carriers) of a size that only CICT is capable of handling, had contributed 70 per cent to the volumes the Terminal achieved for the year. CICT handles mega container vessels from all three major shipping line alliances.



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"The combination of state-of-the-art infrastructure and equipment, efficiency and convenience enhancing features and the synergies developed through our parent company CM Port, has enabled CICT to generate incremental volumes for Colombo, which was the primary objective of the deep water terminal," he said. "Additionally, the ability to access the CM Port global network enabled us to attract new transshipment volumes to the Port of Colombo."

The concluded year has been a prolific one for CICT: besides being adjudged the Best Container Terminal in Asia in the Under 4 million teus at the Asian Freight, Logistics and Supply Chain (AFLAS) Awards for the second consecutive year, CICT also handled MV Ever Golden, the first 20,000+ teu vessel of Evergreen to call on Colombo, as well as the 14,000 teu 'One Columba' – the first magenta colour vessel to call on Colombo. The company was also responsible for salvaging the storm-ravaged 'MV Theseus' earlier in the year.

In its engagements with the community in 2018, CICT continued to be the principal sponsor of the SLTA's wheelchair tennis programme, was the strategic partner of the National Chamber of Exports initiative to develop local exporters, and won the softball cricket tournament organised by the Chamber of Commerce.

CICT recently also announced the addition of two new mega Quay Gantry Cranes (QGCs), six new Rubber-tyred Gantry Cranes (RTGs) and 12 Prime Movers to enable the

handling of 22,000+ teu vessels and further develop the deepwater capacity of the Port of Colombo. This enhancement is planned for completion by March 2019.

Besides its significant contributions to the growth of the Port of Colombo in volume terms, CICT is also responsible for several firsts in service innovation and eco-friendly operations. In early 2016, the company launched a US\$ 10 million programme to convert its fleet of diesel operated rubber-tyred-gantry cranes to electricity driven rubber-tyred gantry cranes (E-RTGs) which have zero carbon emissions.

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In its last four full years of operation, CICT has brought some of the largest vessels plying the Asia-Europe routes to Colombo. Of these, Milan Maersk (20,568 TEUs), MSC Maya (19,224 TEUs), Mogens Maersk (18,300 TEUs), MSC New York (16,652 TEUs), CMA CGM Marco Polo (16,020 TEUs), Edith Maersk and EMC Thalassa Hellas (each 14,000 plus TEUs) and their sister vessels are now regular callers at CICT.



Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Rathnayake signals for the operation of the seven millionth TEU. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Secretary and SLPA Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake and SLPA Director Operations Jayantha Perera are also present

Port of Colombo handles record-breaking seven millionth TEU

MARKING a major milestone, the Port of Colombo handled its seven millionth TEU yesterday, 31 December.

A special function was held at the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) to celebrate the handling of the seven million mark.

The function was attended by Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Rathnayake and Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Secretary and Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake.

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The seven millionth TEU brought to the Port of Colombo by MV CPO Hamburg of the MSC Line being operated at the JCT of SLPA

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Top officials of all three main terminals – JCT, South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT) and Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT) – of the Port of Colombo also attended the event. The seven millionth TEU was brought by MV CPO Hamburg of the MSC Line.

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Secretary and SLPA Chairman Dr. Dissanayake speaking at the occasion stated that the achievement was primarily possible

because of the clientele of the Port of Colombo. He thanked the management and staff of JCT, SAGT, CICT, pilots and the navigational staff, all employees, trade unions, and also the former minister and the ministerial staff for their enormous contributions.

"The Port of Colombo, having handled one million TEUs in 1995, took nine years to handle two million TEUs in 2004. Having handled four million TEUs in 2010, it took five years to handle five million TEUs in 2015. In the year 2017, the port handled six million TEUs and it took two years to handle that extra million. But what is unique is that this year, the Port of Colombo handled seven million TEUs and that one million took only one year. By the end of this year the transshipment volumes of the Port of Colombo has increased by 19.3%," the Secretary said.

Dr. Dissanayake also stated that in moving forward, the present need to increase the capacity, change in the competition dynamics between the ports competing with the Port of Colombo, understanding and acting according to changes taking place within the shipping lines and the shipping industry should be strategically addressed in time.

Minister Rathnayake speaking at the occasion stated that helping to establish democracy was absolutely essential to build and grow industries like this. "If there is no confidence in the Judiciary and if there is no confidence in the institutions, these industries cannot grow as then there would be no confidence in the country," he said.

He also stressed that the present Government was working towards having policies in place to capitalise on that situation as well as country's location. He further said that the Government was also working on an appropriate and comprehensive marketing policy for the entire shipping industry of Sri Lanka. The Minister thanked everyone for their enormous contribution towards achieving this target.

SLPA Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, SLPA Additional Managing Director Upali De Zoysa, SLPA Director Operations Jayantha Perera, SAGT CEO Romesh David, CICT Chief Financial Officer Raymond Mu, a number of directors and highest level management officials of SLPA and a number of representatives from the shipping industry were also present at the occasion.

The Port of Colombo is ranked as world's No. 01 container growth port among the top 30 container ports for the first half of 2018. In container handling, Port of Colombo has recorded a 15.8% growth for the first half of 2018 over the same period last year according to Alphaliner Monthly 2018. It is also a significant achievement as it is the first time in history the Port of Colombo reached the top of a global maritime ranking. With this growth, Port of Colombo has leapt ahead many other Asian ports and major European ports and Dubai as well.

The Port of Colombo handled seven million containers with joint marketing strategies by the three terminals, JCT, SAGT and CICT. The three terminal operators early this year reached into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to operate collectively to promote the Port of Colombo.

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Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) signed its first Public-Private Partnership (PPP) agreement with the South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT) in 1999 for 30 years that brought an investment of \$ 220 million to date. Under the agreement, the SAGT owned 85% of shares locally and internationally whilst the SLPA owned 15%.

The next PPP agreement by SLPA for terminal operation was with the CICT in 2013 for 35 years that brought an investment of \$ 550 million to the Sri Lankan port sector. The agreement took the same course to claim 85% of shares by the CICT and the rest by SLPA.

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Colombo port handles record-breaking 7mn TEUs in 2018

- In 2017 Colombo port handled 6mn TEUs
- CICT accounts for majority of port's volumes
- New ports minister Sagala Ratnayake vague on industry liberalisation
- New ports ministry secy. says increasing capacity at Colombo port vital

By Nishel Fernando

The Port of Colombo yesterday handled the seven millionth twenty-foot equivalent container unit (TEU) for 2018, which is a first in the port's history.

Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayake yesterday signalled handling of the seven millionth TEU brought to the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) by MV CPO Hamburg of the MSC Line.

Speaking at the occasion Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Ministry Secretary and the Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake highlighted that Colombo port's growth has had accelerated significantly during past few years



From left: Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayake signals the handling of the seven millionth TEU in the presence of the Ministry Secretary and SLPA Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake and other Colombo port officials

PHOTO BY PRADEEP OILKUNSHAKA

as the time taken to handle extra one million TEUs has narrowed down to one year from nine years in 2004.

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to handle that extra million. But what is unique is that this year, the Port of Colombo handled seven million TEUs and that one million took only one year," he elaborated.

The Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT) managed by China Merchant Ports contributed to 38 percent of the Port's volumes, by handling 2.68 million TEUs in 2018.

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The SLPA-owned Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) handled 2.5 million TEUs in 2018 while the South Asia Gateway Terminal's (SAGT) achieved of 2 million TEUs.

The Port of Colombo was ranked the top container port in terms of growth for the first time during the first half of 2018, and the port was also ranked among the top 30 container ports in the same period.

Meanwhile, Dr. Dissanayake revealed that the transshipment volumes of the Port of Colombo grew by 13.3 percent year-on-year (YoY) up to November 2018.

Ratnayake who assumed duties as the Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister last week, asserted that a level-playing field, which enables healthy competition, is essential to achieve Sri Lanka's hub aspirations.

He emphasized that the Ministry is committed to create a level-playing field for all industry players. "Everybody should have a level-playing field. It's a tough one to be achieved, but we are working on that," he said.

When queried on the implementation of the proposed shipping industry liberalisation by lifting the 40 percent foreign ownership restriction on shipping agencies, the minister pointed out that the responsibility of implementing that policy lies with the Finance and Trade Ministry.

Ratnayake noted that this year would be a challenging year in terms of policy implementation, as the country will enter into an election cycle this year.

"There are quite a few things that will be played in this year—from elections to various other things. Hence, we need to manage all in one basket," he said. In addition, Ratnayake announced that his ministry will start to work on an inclusive marketing policy for Sri Lanka's entire shipping industry in the next couple of months.

The three terminal operators at the Port of Colombo—JCT, SAGT and CICT—early this year, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collectively promote the Port of Colombo.

In moving forward, Dr. Dissanayake identified that the key challenge for Sri Lanka's shipping industry is concerning the expansion of the capacity in Colombo port, which requires urgent attention.

"The first thing I see is that the need to increase capacity, not today, not tomorrow, but right now," he stressed.

He also outlined that Sri Lanka needs to understand and act in line with the changes taking place between ports competing with the Port of Colombo as well as changes taking place within shipping lines and the shipping industry.

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Minister Sagala Ratnayaka and Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake officially celebrating the moment. Picture by Chaminda Niroshana

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The Colombo Port handled its seven millionth TEU (Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit) yesterday.

The cargo was brought by MV CPO Hamburg of the MSC line. The containers will be handled with the joint marketing strategies by three terminals, JCT (Jaya Container Terminal), SAGT (South Asia Gateway Terminal) and CICT (Colombo International Container Terminal).

The Colombo Port marked its first achievement of operation in 1995 with one million TEUs. However it took almost nine years to reach the mark of two million TEUs in 2004. After that they were able to obtain three million TEUs in 2006, four million TEUs in 2010, five million TEUs in 2015 and six million TEUs in 2017 respectively.

"We need to work on better marketing

policies," said Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development. He further said that this industry needs to have confidence on constitution and judiciary to expand its operation.

Through the collective operation of JCT, SAGT and CICT, the waiting time of all container vessels outside the port waters were reduced by allowing operations of vessels at the immediately available terminal.

The Colombo Port was ranked as the world's No 1 container growth port among the top 30 container ports for the first half of 2018. It also had a recorded growth of 15.6% during the first half of 2018. It is also a significant achievement as it is the first time in history the Colombo Port reaches the top of a global maritime ranking. With this growth, the Colombo Port has leaped ahead many

other Asian ports, major European ports and Dubai as well.

"But what is unique is that this year, the port handled seven million TEUs and that one million took only one year. By the end of this year, the transshipment volumes have increased by 19.3%," Parakrama Dissanayake, Secretary to Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development and the Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) said.

With the rapid development of port infrastructure including the new terminals and the public private partnership in operations at the Colombo Port, the TEU handling capacity at the port has dramatically increased during minimum time lapses of time period after 2004.

Furthermore, all sectors of the port operation showed a rapid growth with the latest initiatives implemented at the SLPA.



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Shipping Minister tiptoes around capacity development of Colombo Port

BY SANATH NANAYAKKARE

Sagala Ratnayake, the new Minister of Shipping and Maritime Affairs, is still taking compass bearings on the issues pertaining to the development of the East Container Terminal of the Port of Colombo which had been one of the sticking points that turned sour on October 28, 2018.

When *The Island Financial Review* asked the minister how the government would handle the much talked about development of the East Container Terminal to enhance the capacity of the Port of Colombo, the minister tiptoed around the key issue and said, "It is too early to tell because I have just assumed duties".

The minister made this comment yesterday at an event held at the Jaya Container Terminal of the Colombo Port where the Port of Colombo marked the handling of the 7 millionth TEU within just one year, marking a historic achievement of CECT, SAOT, JCT terminals, harbour workforce and the trade unions.

In contrast to the minister, however,

Dr. Parakrama Disanayake, Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping as well as the chairman of the SLFA, made a straightforward point of the need to build capacity of the Colombo Port as a critical requirement that should be implemented as early as 'right now' which the minister avoided talking about during his speech.

"According to statistics up to November, transshipment volumes have increased by 18.5%. But this phenomenal under whatever circumstances is moving forward, going into 2019, there are three challenges we face. Number one, the need to increase capacity of the Port. It shouldn't happen tomorrow or the day after but right now", Dr. Disanayake said.

"Second, the changing competitive dynamics of other ports competing with us. Not only Singapore, Jakarta or Dubai but other regional ports are also changing their operational dynamics and we need to be mindful of that. Thirdly, the changes taking place within the shipping lines and the shipping industry itself. We need to conquer these challenges", Dr. Disanayake said.

"It took five years to handle 5 million TEUs in 2013. In the year 2017, we handled 5 million TEUs which means it had taken two years to handle that extra one million TEUs. But what's unique is that we have handled 7 million TEUs in 2018 and that 1 million growth of TEUs was reported in just one year. I must also mention that during the first half of this year, the Port of Colombo was ranked as No.1 port of the world in terms of growth. This was primarily possible because of our clients. Let's understand that three shipping alliances make the big decision which port to call, hence we owe a big thank you to our clients who made this feat possible for the Port of Colombo. Let me also thank Mahinda Samarasinghe, the former Minister of Ports and Shipping and the trade unions for their support", he said.

Minister Sagala Ratnayake during his speech said the assurance of democracy by the judiciary and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe's pioneering work towards making sea lanes in the Indian Ocean safe would help create a sustainable environment for the Sri Lankan shipping industry to thrive.



Shipping and Maritime Affairs Minister Sagala Ratnayake signs for the unloading of the 7 millionth TEU on the quay of the Jaya Container Terminal in the Port of Colombo yesterday. Pic: Nishan S. Priyathara

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මේ අවස්ථාව සැමරීම පසුගිය (31දා) කොළඹ වරායේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියට අයත් ජයබහලු පරිගන්තයේදී සිදු කෙරිණි.

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Dedicated contribution and honesty key to success: Sagala to Port staff

SRILANKA Ports Authority (SLPA) commenced its operations and duties for the New Year offering priority to religious activities and the Pledge of Public Service on 1 January 2019.

A program was conducted to mark this at the Sri Sambuddhathwa Jayanthi premises of SLPA, under the initiative of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka.

Expressing views at the occasion, Minister Ratnayaka stated that the Port of Colombo has reached a victorious juncture in its operations, through the achievement of 7 million TEUs in container operations by the end of 2018. He further remarked that the most important factor in this regard was the dedicated contribution, honesty, and



Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka addressing the gathering

efficient work procedures of all employees of SLPA and the Port of Colombo, to elevate and maintain sustainable productivity in the port.

Expressing views at the occasion, Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Ministry Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake said that it was a team achievement for the Port of

Colombo to celebrate the handling of the 7 millionth TEU in 2018, with the collaborative contribution and team work of the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT), and the Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT).

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Employees of SLPA reading the Pledge of Public Service to commence the year 2019. Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka and Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Ministry Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake are also present

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SLPA Managing

Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, Additional Managing Director Upali De Zoysa, Directors, Heads of Divisions, executive staff members, trade union representatives and a number of employees were also present at the occasion.

Newspaper – Daily FT Date – 02-01-2019

Lanka Shipping & Logistics handles three Russian Naval ships

LANKA Shipping & Logistics Ltd., led by Saliya Senanayake FCILT, proved its professionalism once again by being nominated as the exclusive agent in Sri Lanka to handle end to end logistics and other related services to three Russian Naval ships at the East Container Terminal in the Port of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The ships, namely the Varayag, Admiral Panteleev and Boris Botuma berthed on the morning of 20 December 2018, and sailed off on Christmas Eve (24 December) 2018.

All agency and ancillary services from fenders for a "double banking operation", transport to many types of supplies were handled by the marine operations team from Lanka Shipping.

The three ships carrying over 1000 sailors, had the opportunity of enjoying the hospitality of Sri Lanka in the commercial capital city of Colombo and the historical city of Galle.

A spokesman said Lanka Shipping & Logistics Ltd. is setting new standards and trends of handling Naval ships in Sri Lanka.



Drill-ship in Hambantota Port for warm lay-up

Pelican design class II drill-ship Aban Abraham berthed at the Hambantota International Port last week, for a warm Lay-up with full crew & equipment. The 219 meter vessel, which will be setting up its rig for post drilling campaign, will be stationed at the Port for a period of six months.

As per Sri Lanka Ports Authority and Flag requirements, a minimum crew would be on board whilst setting up operations are ongoing. The vessel will be under the supervision of local agents Hayleys Energy Services Lanka (Pvt) Ltd and its marine arm, Maritime Agencies (Pvt) Ltd (Hayleys Advantis Group Companies), during its stay at the port.

The drillship's call is another milestone for Hambantota International Port, which has celebrated many firsts since its management came under HIPG, a subsidiary of the world renowned port operator CMPort in December 2017. COO of HIPG Tissa Wickramasinghe, commenting on the new direction the port is moving in, said that whilst this is the first time Sri Lanka is offering such services, HIPG had the advantage of call-



ing on the experience and expertise of their mother company in handling the operation. "We leveraged heavily on the global marine network access of CMPort and were supported by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, to make this operation a reality."

The COO commended HIPG's commercial and marketing teams, who had worked tirelessly in securing the drillship's call. The business had been won in a highly competitive market, amidst several other well established ports in the region providing such services. "The market is well aware of more established ports and the fact that the Hambantota International Port

was chosen despite this, clearly proves that we are benchmarking international standards. The hard work put in by the HIP team has paid off and we are now well positioned as a multipurpose port."

The port's breakthrough in diversifying from traditional shipping activities to enabling Sri Lanka to maximize its strategic location, has not gone unnoticed by the local shipping industry. "We are focused on introducing new businesses that would encourage and develop downstream marine related ancillary services at the Hambantota International Port," says Tissa Wickramasinghe, a veteran in the shipping industry.

Newspaper – Daily Mirror Date – 02-01-2019

Dedicated contribution and honesty vital to achieve goals: Sagala

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Expressing views at the occasion, Minister stated that the Port of Colombo has reached a victorious juncture in its operations through the achievement of 7 million TEUs in container operations by the end 2018. He further remarked that the most important factor in this regard was the



Minister Sagala Ratnayaka addressing the gathering

dedicated contribution, honesty and efficient work procedures of all employees of SLPA and the Port of Colombo to elevate and

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Employees of SLPA reading the pledge of public service to commence the New Year. Minister Ratnayaka and Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake are also in the picture

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According to Alphaliner records the Port of Colombo has reached the position of 22 from its previous position of 23. According to global maritime rankings the Port has also become the world's number one port of growth amongst global container operating ports.

The Managing Director of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, Additional Managing Director of SLPA Upali De Zoysa, directors, heads of divisions, executive staff members, trade union representatives and a number of employees were also present at the occasion.

Newspaper – Ceylon FT Date – 03-01-2019

SLPA holds ceremony to mark the start of 2019 operations

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) commenced its operations and duties for the New Year, offering priority to religious activities and the Pledge of Public Service on 1 January 2019, a media release stated. A programme was conducted to mark this at the Sri Sambuddhathwa Jayanthi premises of SLPA with the initiative of Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayaka.

Expressing his views at the occasion, the Minister stated that the Port of Colombo has reached a victorious juncture in its operations through the achievement of seven million TEUs in container operations by the end of 2018. He further remarked that the most important factor in this regard was the dedicated contribution, honesty and efficient work procedures of all SLPA employees and the Port of Colombo to elevate and maintain sustainable productivity in the port.

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SLPA MD, Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, SLPA Additional MD, Upali De Zoysa, Directors, Heads of Divisions, Executive Staff Members, Trade Union Representatives and a number of employees were also present at the occasion, the release concluded.



Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka addressing the gathering.



Employees of SLPA reading the Pledge of Public Service to commence the year 2019. Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayaka and the Secretary to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake are also in the picture.

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Newspaper – Daily News Date – 03-01-2019

‘PORT OF COLOMBO REACHES VICTORIOUS JUNCTURE’

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Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayaka addresses the gathering. Secretary to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake is also in the picture.

Munchee National Volleyball C'ship concludes on a high note

SL Ports Authority and SL Air Force win Super League titles

Sponsored by the flagship brand of Ceylon Biscuits Limited (CBL), the Munchee National Volleyball Championship 2018 was concluded recently, following an intense competition at the Maharagama National Youth Council Indoor Stadium.

Sri Lanka's apex volleyball tournament, the Munchee National Volleyball Championship is, importantly, the main pathway for the selection of members to the Sri Lankan national team. Through its sponsorship over the past 11 years, Munchee is proud to play a key role in continuing to strengthen volleyball locally, while also helping volleyball, Sri Lanka's

national sport, to improve its profile and ranking internationally.

The Munchee National Volleyball Championship 2018 was initially held at district and then national level, with the participation of more than 4,000 teams from across the nation.

In line with previous tournaments, this year's championship encompassed both the Novices and Super League categories, and culminated in a thrilling series of hard fought finals held on December 16.

Emerging as the overall winners in the Men's Super League category, Sri Lanka Ports Authority earned the top spot by beating Ceylon

Electricity Board, while Sri Lanka Air Force walked away with the Women's Super League champion title, defeating the Sri Lanka Army team in the finals.

At the same time, United Sports Club Nattandiya was the winner in the Men's Novices category, overcoming Golden Tigers Sports Club Kurunegala. The Women's Novices category saw Hiridaramani Sports Club Polonnaruwa crowned champion, winning over Rathnapala Sports Club Mahussuwewa.

Nalin B. Karunaratne, Chief Executive Officer of Ceylon Biscuits Limited (CBL), said, "We are thrilled by the spirit and sportsman-

ship we have witnessed at the Munchee National Volleyball Championship 2018, the 11th occasion we have sponsored this worthwhile tournament. While congratulating all the winners and teams that took part on a well fought-out championship, I would also take this opportunity to reiterate that Munchee, as a fully Sri Lankan brand,

continues to be committed to develop local sports which in turn plays a vital role spreading unity among all our communities."

It is also noteworthy that CBL's contribution sports frequently goes beyond simply providing a one-off corporate sponsorship. CBL has heavily committed long

term to the development of a number of locally-played sports. A recent example of this is CBL's volleyball coaching camps benefiting all the district-level winners of the Munchee National Volleyball Championship 2018 in Ruwanwella. Dr. Asanga Wijeratne, a specialist in Human Kinetics and Sports conducted these camps.

CBL has also launched a dedicated website for the Munchee National Volleyball Championship, www.muncheestrilankavolleyball.com, to help keep up momentum for the 2018 tournament, as well as helping to increase the footprint of the sport of volleyball in Sri Lanka.



Chief guest Nalin B. Karunaratne, Chief Executive Officer of Ceylon Biscuits Limited, and Ranjith Siyambalapitaya, President of the Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation, handing over the trophy to Super League Men's winner - Sri Lanka Ports Authority.



Chief guest Nalin B. Karunaratne, Chief Executive Officer of Ceylon Biscuits Limited, and Ranjith Siyambalapitaya, President of the Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation, handing over the trophy to Super League Women's winner - Sri Lanka Air Force.

Colombo Port reaches seven million TEU container throughputs

LAHIRU FERNANDO

The Colombo Port reached the seven million TEU container throughputs at the end of 2018 (December 31) marking its highest and best performance since 1973.

The 7th million container was brought to Colombo Port by the MV CPO Hamburg ship from the Chennai harbor, recently. A ceremony was held under the patronage of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka, and the Ministry Secretary and Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Parakrama Dissanayake at the Jaya Container Termi-

nal of Colombo Port on Monday. Minister Ratnayaka said the government has focused on formulating policies for the development of the shipping and trade sectors.

Suitable and balanced business promotion policies would be introduced covering the shipping system by the government, the minister added.

The minister and the Secretary congratulated all those who supported to achieve this task.

In the first half of 2018, Colombo Port was ranked the world's fastest growing port among the top 30 container ports. The SLPA was also

awarded with the 'Port Authority of the Year – 2018' by the Global Port Forum in February last year.

The performance of all three terminals of Colombo Port, namely the Jaya Container Terminal, South Asia Gateway Terminal, and the Colombo International Container Terminal are carrying out their marketing strategies based on a MoU.

Colombo Port reached the six million TEU container throughputs in 2017.

The transshipment TEU performance of the port has increased by 19.3 percent in 2018.

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1973 වසරේ පළමු බහලු මෙහෙය වූ කොළඹ වරාය එදා මේදාගේ සිවුසෙමි ස්ථානයකට ළඟාවීමේ වාර්තාගත පටුනක් ඇමරිකානු වරාය නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය සානල රත්නායක මහතාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් පැවැත්විණි. ඉන්දියාවේ නවසීවා වරායේ සිට කොළඹ වරායට සේන්ද්‍ර වූ සිව්සි තැනිබර්න් නෞකාවෙන් මෙම ලක්ෂ 70 වැනි බහලු ජයබහලු පරියන්තයට ගොඩබෑම සිදුවිය.

කොළඹ වරාය ඉතිහාසයේ බහලු මෙහෙයුම් ඒකක ලක්ෂ 10 කඩඉම 1995 සිදුවූ ද ලක්ෂ 20 වාර්තාව සඳහා වසර 9ක් ගත වූ බව වරාය අධිකාරිය පවසයි. ඒ අනුව ලක්ෂ 20 වැනි බහලු මෙහෙයවීම සිදුවන්නේ 2004 වසරේදීය. අනතුරුව 2006 දී ලක්ෂ 30 බහලු ද

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කොළඹ වරායේ පිටතදී පෙර පිවිසුම් කලාපයේ නෞකාවන් සඳහා පර්යන්ත සහසුකම් ලබාගැනීමට ගතවන කාලය අවම කර ගැනීමට හැකි වීම හේතුවෙන් 2018 වසරේදී අන්තර්ජාතික ඇගයීම් රැසක්ම වරාය අධිකාරියට හිමිව තිබේ. ලක්ෂ 70 වැනි බහලු මෙහෙයවීමේ අවස්ථාව වරාය නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්, වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක, කළමනාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ කපිතාන් අතුල හේමාචිකාරණ හා අධ්‍යක්ෂ මෙහෙයුම් ක්ෂේත්‍ර පෙරේරා යන මහත්වරු ඇතුළු ජයබහලු පරියන්තය සවුන් ඒකීයා හේට්ටේ පරියන්තය හා කොළඹ ජාත්‍යන්තර බහලු පරියන්තයේ උසස් නිලධාරීන් සහභාගී වූහ.

වරාය නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය සානල රත්නායක මහතා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ ධජය හසවමින් ලක්ෂ 70 වැනි බහලු ගොඩබෑමට එක්වූ අවස්ථාව, අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම් වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක, කළමනාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ කපිතාන් අතුල හේමාචිකාරණ හා අධ්‍යක්ෂ මෙහෙයුම් ක්ෂේත්‍ර පෙරේරා යන මහත්වරු මෙහි වෙති.



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Marella Discovery makes her maiden call to Colombo



Officials present from the Sri Lanka Port Authority, Aitken Spence Shipping and Aitken Spence Travels with the Master of vessel at the plaque exchange ceremony.



Super luxury passenger vessel M.V. Marella Discovery of Marella Cruises with 1,732 passengers and 764 crew on board made her maiden call at the Port of Colombo in December 2018.

In order to mark the maiden call of the vessel at the Port of Colombo plaque exchanges were held between the Master of the vessel, SLPA, local agents - Aitken Spence Shipping Ltd and travel operator - Aitken Spence Travels Ltd.

On behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority Capt. Athula Hewavitharana - Managing Director exchanged plaques with the Master of Marella Discovery - Capt. Christopher N. Dodds. Iqram Cuttilan - Managing Director of Aitken Spence Shipping and Nalin Jayasundera - Managing Director of Aitken Spence Travels exchanged plaques with the Master on behalf of

the Aitken Spence Group subsidiaries.

Expressing views at the occasion, the Managing Director of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) - Capt. Athula Hewavitharana said that the Port of Colombo was honoured by the presence of Marella Discovery in Colombo.

Marella Cruises (formerly Thomson Cruises) is a British cruise line offering cruise holidays around Europe, the Caribbean and Asia. Marella Discovery is approximately 264 meters in length and 32 meters wide having 902 state rooms with a capacity to accommodate up to 2,074 passengers. The excursions organised by Aitken Spence Travels had over 1,000 passengers joining in to enjoy the city and immediate locations of Sri Lanka such as the Colombo heritage walk, exploring the city of Galle and Sri Lankan river safari.

Marella Discovery commenced its voyage from Europe calling at Italy, Crete and moving onto Egypt, Jordan, Oman, U.A.E. and several ports in India on her way to Sri Lanka and will thereafter cruise towards Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia. The vessel that cruised under the flag of Malta called Colombo from Cochin, India and Sabang. Indonesia is her next port of call.

Established in 1868, Aitken Spence PLC marks its 150th anniversary. The Company has grown to great heights, especially with the diversification of the company in 2004 into non-traditional areas. The Company's involvement in port efficiency enhancement projects in new markets has helped to successfully pursue a long-term directional shift from being service-related to becoming an investment-driven operation.

Garment exporters keen on using Colombo port

BY REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

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'අඩාන් ආබුහම්' හමැති පෙලිකන් කාණ්ඩයේ තෙල් ගවේෂණ නෞකාව මේ වනවිට හම්බන්තොට වරායේ නැංගුරම් ලා තිබේ. පසු ගවේෂණ වැඩසටහනකට සූදානම් වීමට ආම්පන්න සැකසුම් කිරීම් සඳහා පසුගිය මස මුල් සතිවල හම්බන්තොට වරායට පැමිණි මෙම නෞකාව මාස 06ක කාලයක් විවි නැංගුරම් ලා තැබීමට තීරණිතය.

මීටර් 219ක් දිගැති නෞකාවෙහි හේලික් චිකර්ස් සමාගමේ නාවික අංශය වන මැරිටයිම් ඒජන්සිය පුද්ගලික සමාගමේ අධීක්ෂණය යටතේ මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු සිදු කරනු ලබයි.

ලොව පුපතළ වරාය ක්‍රියාකරුවෙකු වන සී.වී.පී.පොර්ට්හි අනුබද්ධිත ආයතනයක් වන HIPG සමාගම විසින් හම්බන්තොට ජාත්‍යන්තර වරායේ කළමනාකරණය හාර ගනු ලැබුවේ 2017 දෙසැම්බර් මාසයේදීය. එදා පටන් මේ වනතෙක් සන්ධිස්ථාන රැසක් තබා ඇති වරායට, ගවේෂණ නෞකාවේ පැමිණීම, තවත් විශේෂ අවස්ථාවකි.

මේ පිළිබඳ අදහස් දැක්වූ HIPG සමාගමේ ප්‍රධාන මෙහෙයුම් නිලධාරී සීස්ස



වික්‍රමසිංහ මහතා මෙසේ පවසා සිටියේය.

'මෙවැනි සේවාවක් සපයන පුරම අවස්ථාව මෙය වන අතර, අපේ මවු සමාගම වන සී.වී.පී. පොර්ට් ආයතනයේ උපදෙස් සහ විශේෂඥ දැනුම් ලබා ගැනීමට හැකිවීම ඉතාම වාසිදායක වූවා. සී.වී.පී. පොර්ට් සමාගමේ නාවික ජාලයට ඇති ප්‍රවේශය අපට ඉමහත් උපකාරයක් වූ අතර මෙම මෙහෙයුමේ සාර්ථකත්වයට ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියෙන් ලැබූ සහායද අගය කරනවා. වඩාත් ප්‍රසිද්ධ ඉල්ලුමක් ඇති වරායක් කිහිපයක් මධ්‍යයේ හම්බන්තොට ජාත්‍යන්තර වරාය තෝරා ගැනීම අප විසින් ජාත්‍යන්තර ප්‍රමිති අනුගමනය කරන බවට කඩිනම සාක්ෂියක්.

අපගේ කාර්යමණ්ඩලයේ කැපවීම සහ විශිෂ්ට සේවාවන්හි ප්‍රතිඵලයක් ලෙස මේ වනවිට හම්බන්තොට ජාත්‍යන්තර වරාය බහුකාර්ය වරායක් ලෙස ස්ථාපිත වී තිබෙනවා.

මීට අමතරව සාම්ප්‍රදායික නාවික ක්‍රියාකාරකම්වලින් බැහැරව, විවිධාංගීකරණය තුළින් ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ මුද්‍රෝපායික පිහිටීම උපරිම තත්වයකට ගෙන විමට වරාය දරා ඇති පුයන්තය මෙරට නාවික අංශයේ අවධානයට ලක් වී තිබෙනවා, විවිධ සමුද්‍රීය ව්‍යාපාර දිරිගැන්වීමට අමතර සේවාවන් රැසක්, හඳුන්වා දීමට හම්බන්තොට ජාත්‍යන්තර වරාය සූදානම්ව සිටිනවා.' යැයි පැවසීය.

අධිෂ්ඨානයෙන් - කැපවීමෙන් අවංකභාවයෙන් තම වගකීම් ඉටු කරන්න



ආර්ථික සාගල රත්නායක

වත්සිකා පෙරේරා

අරමුණු ජයග්‍රහණය කිරීමට තීරණය කළේ, උපරිම කැපවීමෙන් හා අවංකභාවයෙන් යුතුව සෑම අයෙක්ම තම වගකීම් ඉටු කළ යුතු බව වරාය, නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමති සාගල රත්නායක මහතා පැවසීය.

වරාය අධිකාරිය නව වසරේ වැඩ කටයුතු ආරම්භ කිරීමේ උත්සවයට එක් වෙමින් ඇමතිවරයා මේ අදහස් පළ කළේය.

ආගමික වනාවන්වෙලට මුලිකත්වය දෙමින් සියලු වරාය සේවක මහත්ම මහත්මීන් නව වසරේ වැඩ කටයුතු ආරම්භ කළ අතර ඒ වෙනුවෙන් පැවැති ප්‍රධාන උළෙල ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සම්බුද්ධ ජයන්ති වෛකෂ්‍ය පරිශ්‍රයේ දී පසුගිය ද (01) පැවැත්විණි.

එහි දී රාජ්‍ය සේවයේ ප්‍රතිඥා කියවා රජය ගෙන යන වැඩපිළිවෙලට එක් වන බවට දිවුරා පොරොන්දු වෙමින් 2019 වසරේ කටයුතු ආරම්භ කෙරිණි.

එහි දී වැඩිදුරටත් අදහස් දක්වූ ඇමතිවරයා මෙසේ ද කීය.

නව වසර ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සෑම සුරියේම වසරක්, පසුගිය වසර අවසානයේ

කොළඹ වරාය බහලු මෙහෙයුම් මිලියන හතක් සම්පූර්ණ කිරීමේ සුරියේම අවස්ථාව අත්පත් කර ගනු ලැබූ බැවින් අප විසින් වරාය අධිකාරියේ සියලු ක්ෂේත්‍රවල ඵලදායීතාව නවීකරණය වැඩි කිරීමට සියලු සේවක මහත්ම මහත්මීන්ගේ මනා කාර්යක්ෂම සේවාව ඉතා වැදගත්.

රටේ දළ ජාතික ආදායමට වැඩි මුදලක් එක් කර ගනිමින් මෙරට ආර්ථිකය නැංවීමටත්, වරාය සේවක මහත්ම මහත්මීන්ගේ සහ එම පවුල්වල දුරුවන්ගේ ආර්ථික අවශ්‍යතා සපුරා ගනිමින් ඒ අයගේ ආර්ථික ශක්තිය ඇති කිරීමටත් අප සියලු දෙනා එක්ව වගකීමෙන් කටයුතු කළ යුතුය. ඒ අනුව අවශ්‍ය ජයග්‍රාහී අරමුණු කාර්ය අපට ළඟා විය හැකියි.

වරාය හා නාවික, දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම් ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා

ගෙවී ගිය 2018 වර්ෂය ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සංවර්ධන රැස් කිරීමේ කාර්ය උත්සවයක්, කොළඹ වරාය ජේ.සී.වී. එස්.ජී.පී. සී.අයි.සී.වී. බහලු පර්යන්තවල මෙහෙයුම් කාර්යක්ෂමතාව හේතුවෙන් පසුගිය



ඇමති සාගල රත්නායක සහ එම අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම් ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහත්වරුන් ඇතුළු වරාය නිලධාරීන් සහ සේවක පිරිස රාජ්‍ය සේවයේ ප්‍රතිඥා කියවමින්.

වසර අවසන් වන විට බහලු මෙහෙයුම් මිලියන හතක සීමාවට ළඟාවීමට හැකිවීම කොළඹ වරාය ලැබූ විශාල ජයග්‍රහණයක්. පසුගිය වසරේ දී වරාය අධිකාරිය ලබා ගත් ජයග්‍රහණ රැස් කිරීමට, ඇල්ෆා ලයිනර් ජාත්‍යන්තර ශ්‍රේණිගත කිරීම අනුව 2018

වසරේ කොළඹ වරාය ලෝකයේ 23 වැනි ස්ථානයේ සිට 22 වැනි ස්ථානය දක්වා ඉදිරියට ගමන් කර තිබෙනවා. ලොව වැඩිම වර්ධන වේගයක් පෙන්නුම් කළ වරාය බවට ද පත්වීම කොළඹ වරාය පසුගිය වසරේ දී ලැබූ ජයග්‍රහණයක්.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය කළමනාකර අධ්‍යක්ෂ කපිතාන් අතුල හේවා-විතාරණ, අතිරේක කළමනාකරණ අධ්‍යක්ෂ උපාලී සොයිසා මහත්වරු ද, අධ්‍යක්ෂවරු ද, එම අමාත්‍යාංශ නිලධාරීන් ද, වරාය සේවක සේවිකාවෝ ද මේ අවස්ථාවට එක්ව සිටියහ.

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CICT handles 38% of Colombo Port's volume in 2018 with 2.65 m TEUs

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best connected port in the world.

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"The combination of state-of-the-art infrastructure and equipment, efficiency, convenience enhancing features, and the synergies developed through our parent company CMA-Port, has enabled CICT to generate incremental volumes for Colombo, which was the primary objective of the deep water terminal," he said. "Additionally, the ability to access the CMA-Port global network enabled us to attract new transshipment volumes to the Port of Colombo."

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Awards for the second consecutive year, and also handling MV Ever Golden (the first 20,000-plus TEU vessel of Evergreen to call on Colombo) as well as the 14,000 TEU "One Columbia" (the first magenta colour vessel to call on Colombo). The company was also responsible for salvaging the storm-ravaged "MV Thesen" earlier in the year.

In its engagements with the community in 2018, CICT continued to be the principal sponsor of the SLJA's wheelchair tennis programme, was the strategic partner of the National Chamber of Exports initiative to develop local exporters, and won the softball cricket tournament organised by the Chamber of Commerce.

CICT recently announced the addition of two new mega Quay Gantry Cranes (QGCs), six new rubber-tired gantry cranes (RTGs), and 12 Prime Movers to enable the handling of 22,000-plus TEU vessels and further develop the deepwater capacity of the Port of Colombo. This enhancement is planned for

completion by March, 2019.

Besides its significant contributions to the growth of the Port of Colombo in volume terms, CICT is also responsible for several firsts in service innovation and eco-friendly operations. In early 2016, the company launched a \$ 10 million programme to convert its fleet of diesel operated RTGs to electricity driven rubber-tired gantry cranes (E-RTGs) which have zero carbon emissions.

CICT is the first, and currently the only, deep water terminal in South Asia equipped with facilities to handle the largest vessels afloat. Since its inception in 2014, the terminal has incrementally grown the volume it has handled, from 686,639 TEUs in 2014, to 1,561,934 TEUs in 2015, 2,002,580 TEUs in 2016, and 2,388,506 TEUs in 2017.

In its last four full years of operation, CICT has brought some of the largest vessels plying the Asia-Europe routes to Colombo. Of these, Maersk Maersk (20,568 TEU), MSC Maya (19,224 TEU), Maersk Maersk (18,300 TEU), MSC New York (16,632 TEU), CMA CGM Marco Polo (16,020 TEU), Edith Maersk and EMC Thalassa Hellas (each 14,000-plus TEUs) and their sister vessels are now regular callers at CICT.

Ports Authority begins operations after record-breaking 2018

Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) commenced its operations and duties for the new year, offering priority to religious activities and the Pledge of Public Service on 1 January, 2018. A programme was conducted to mark this at the Sri Sambuddhathwa Jayanthi premises of SLPA, with the initiative of Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka.

Expressing views at the occasion, Minister Rathnayaka stated that the Port of Colombo has reached a victorious juncture in its operations through the achievement of 7 million TEUs in container operations by end-2018. He further remarked that the most important factor in this regard was the dedicated contribution, honesty, and efficient work procedures of all employees of SLPA and the Port of Colombo in elevating and maintaining sustainable productivity in the Port.

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SLPA employees reading the Pledge of Public Service to commence the year 2019, in the presence of Minister Sagala Ratnayaka and Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake

occasion, the Secretary to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Southern Development Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake said that it was a team achievement for the Port of Colombo to celebrate the handling of 7-millionth TEU in 2018, with the collaborative contribution and team work of the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT), and the Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT).

According to Alphaliner records, the Port of Colombo

has reached the position of 22 from its previous position of 23. According to global maritime rankings, the Port has also become the world's number one port of growth amongst global container operating ports.

SLPA Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, Additional Managing Director Upali De Zoysa, directors, heads of divisions, executive staff members, trade union representatives, and a number of employees were also present at the occasion.

CICT ends 2018 with 2.65mn TEUs, 38-pct of Colombo Port's volume

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A significant factor in the achievement of 7 million teus by the Port of Colombo, CICT's performance helped the port increase its total throughput by 14 percent in 2018, a noteworthy accomplishment in the region.

Announcing the year's final volume, CICT said ULCCs (Ultra Large Container Carriers) of a size that only CICT is capable of handling, had contributed 70 percent to the volumes the Terminal achieved for the year. CICT handles mega container vessels from all three major shipping line alliances. With the geographical coverage of these services and the high frequency of mainline liner service connections, CICT has helped the Port of Colombo to move up the Drewry's Port Connectivity Index to be ranked the 11th best-connected port in the world.

"While our deep water capacity is one of the main factors driving growth, constant innovations and commitment to service excellence including facilities such as autogate, dual cycle operation, intelligent truck pooling and dispatch, a fully automated customer kiosk, our unique mobile application and CICT e-billing have been in the Port of Colombo," CICT CEO Mr Jack Huang said.

"The combination of state-of-the-art infrastructure and equipment, efficiency and convenience enhancing features and the synergies developed through our company CMPrt, has enabled CICT to generate incremental volumes for Colombo, which was the primary objective of the deep water terminal," he said. "Additionally, the

ability to access the CMPort global network enabled us to attract new transshipment volumes to the Port of Colombo."

The concluded year has been a prolific one for CICT; besides being adjudged the Best Container Terminal in Asia in the Under 4 million teas at the Asian Freight, Logistics and Supply Chain (AFLAS) Awards for the second consecutive year, CICT also handled MV 'Ever Golden', the first 20,000+ teu vessel of Evergreen to call Colombo, as the 14,000 teu 'One Columbia' - the first magenta colour vessel to call on Colombo. The company was also responsible for salvaging the storm-ravaged 'MV Theseus' earlier in the year.

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Besides its significant contributions to the growth of the Port of Colombo in volume terms, CICT is also responsible for several firsts in service innovation and eco-friendly operations. In early 2016, the company launched a US\$ 10 million programme to convert its fleet of diesel operated rubber-tyred-gantry cranes to electricity driven rubber-tyred gantry cranes (E-R), which have zero carbon emissions.

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Dedication, key to success of Colombo Port - *Minister Sagala*



Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka and Ministry Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake and employees read the Pledge of Public Service at the commencement of work for the new year.

Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said dedication was a key to the success of the Colombo Port, referring to its achievement of seven million TEUs in container operations by the end of 2018.

Participating in religious observances to commence Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) operations for the New Year at the Sri Sambuddhathwa Jayanthi premises of the SLPA on January 1, the Minister said the

Colombo Port has reached a victorious juncture in its operations.

He said the dedicated contribution, honesty and efficient work procedures of all employees of SLPA elevated the status of the port. Ministry Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake attributed the achievement of the handling of seven million TEUs to the team effort of the workers.

He said it is a collaboration of the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) and

the Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT). According to the Alphaliner index, the Colombo Port has upped from 22 to 23. According to global maritime rankings, the Port has become the world's number one port of growth among container operating ports. SLPA Managing Director Captain Athula Hewavitharana, Additional Managing Director Upali de Zoysa, Directors, Heads of divisions, staff members and trade union representatives were present.

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Port of Colombo handles record breaking 7 millionth TEU

The Port of Colombo handled its 7 millionth TEU on December 31 and a special function was held at the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) to celebrate the event.

The function was graced by Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayake with the participation of the Secretary of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development and SLPA Chairman – Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake. The 7 millionth TEU was brought by MV CPO Hamburg of the MSC Line.

"The Port of Colombo having handled one million TEUs in 1995, took nine years to handle 02 million TEUs in 2004. Having handled 4 million TEUs in 2010, it took 5 years to handle 5 million TEUs in 2015. In the year 2017, the port handled 6 million TEUs and it took two years to handle that extra million. But what is unique is that in 2018, the Port of Colombo handled 7 million TEUs and that 1 million took only one year. By the end of this year the transshipment volumes of the Port of Colombo has increased by 19.3 per cent," the Secretary Dr. Dissanayake said, according to a media

release issued by the SLPA.

He also stated that in moving forward the present need to increase the capacity, change in the competition dynamics between the ports competing with the Port of Colombo, understand and act according to changes taking place within the shipping lines and the shipping industry should be strategically addressed in time.

Minister Sagala Ratnayake said that helping to establish democracy was absolutely essential to build industries like this to grow. "If there is no confidence in judiciary and if there is no confidence in the institutions, these industries cannot grow as then there would be no confidence in the country," he said.

He said that the Government is working on the most appropriate and a comprehensive marketing policy for the entire shipping industry of Sri Lanka.

The Port of Colombo was ranked as the world's No. 1 container growth port among the top 30 container ports for the first half of 2018. With this growth, the Port of Colombo has moved ahead many other Asian ports, major European ports and Dubai as well, the SLPA said.



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View of the CICT terminal

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නැව් හුවමාරු කිරීම සඳහා පැමිණ ඇති මෝටර් රථ ප්‍රවාහන (රෝරෝ) නොකා 02ක මෙහෙයුම්ද වරාය හසුරුවමින් සිටින අතර අලුත්වැඩියා කටයුතු සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකා නාවික හමුදාවට අයත් යාත්‍රාවක් මේ වන විට හම්බන්තොට වරායේ නැංගුරම්ලා ඇත.

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Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Rathnayake signals for the operation of the seven millionth TEU. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Secretary and SLPA Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake and SLPA Director Operations Jayantha Perera are also present



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Shipping industry makes history

- CASA congratulates the efforts of all stakeholders
- Stresses on increasing port capacity and other way forward measures

PORT of Colombo made history on 31 December 2018 by handling the record highest throughput of seven million TEUs in a calendar year. The seven millionth TEU was brought to the Port of Colombo by MV CPO Hamburg of the MSC Line and was discharged at the JCT of SLPA.

The cumulative container throughput has increased by 14.5% from January to November 2018 when compared to the same period last year and transshipment has recorded the highest growth of 19.3%. All terminals have performed exceptionally well and have contributed to this achievement. JCT reached a 15% growth against 2017, handling 2.3 million TEUs by end 2018. JCT has also recorded an increase of 21.3% in transshipment volumes.

South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT) achieved 2 million TEUs in a calendar year for the first time in history and Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT) has recorded 2.634 million TEUs in 2018. Port of Colombo is therefore a great case study of how Public - Private partnerships can contribute to the growth of an industry and the country at large.

Other Achievements

The Port of Colombo has been ranked as the world's fastest growing port from among the top 30 container ports for the first half of 2018 according to Alphaliner. In container handling, the Port of Colombo recorded a 15.6% growth for the first half of 2018 and this is the first time in history the Port of Colombo reached this rank. With this growth, the Port of Colombo has leaped ahead of many other Asian ports, major European ports and Dubai. In a recent Drewry Port Connectivity Index Colombo was ranked 12th best connectivity port in the world and the best connectivity port in South Asia. The Drewry Global Container Port Connectivity Index that signifies the importance of port connectivity as important as size or scale consists of two variables—the number of mainline services calling at each port per week and the regions in the world to which each port is directly linked.



South Asia Gateway Terminal



Colombo International Container Terminal

Success story

CASA would like to congratulate the Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Sri Lanka Ports Authority for this achievement and would also like to thank South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT), Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT) and Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) for the significant contribution they have made to achieve these impressive ranks.

The MOU signed between the terminal operators, initiatives to improve efficiency, regular meetings with industry stakeholders and giving operational solutions in a timely manner are few initiatives taken by the government which significantly contributed to these commendable results.

CASA would also like to recognise the contributions made by the Shipping Lines as well as their members who played an important role in facilitating this growth. Members of

CASA are involved in vessel agency, husbanding services and act as manning/crewing agents for leading ship owners and managers. They also engage in maritime education & training and provide various other services to ship owners/managers in the ports of Sri Lanka and at off port locations.

Dream of a Maritime Hub

CASA as the voice of the shipping industry will continue its efforts to work closely with the government to develop the maritime industry and addressing concerns of all stakeholders. CASA had been highlighting the need of adding capacity at a brisk pace in order to retain Sri Lanka's position as the best connectivity port in South Asia. If this growth momentum continues we can assume that all the terminals in Colombo will reach full capacity and therefore adding capacity at a brisk pace is the most important factor for

Sri Lanka to retain its position as the best connectivity port in South Asia. Immediate measures should therefore be taken to operationalise the East Container Terminal (ECT) which is designed as a deep water terminal.

There are many other factors that we should concentrate on to make Sri Lanka a vibrant maritime hub. A Maritime Hub constitutes many areas including sea and air ports, which caters to containerised, bulk, and tanker cargo, as well as, offshore, whilst providing ancillary services such as ship husbanding, transshipment, MCC operations, bonded warehousing, sea-air and air-sea conversions, entrepot trading, bunkering, seafarer training and recruitment etc. Apart from investments in all these areas, the Government will also have to look at improving ease of doing business by simplifying processes related to trade, focusing on the bureaucracy and bottlenecks in the supply chain and moving to electronic data exchange and customs clearance. We need to look at all these areas in a holistic manner to make Sri Lanka a Maritime Hub.

CASA, appeals that these initiatives are implemented immediately before we lose the competitive advantage of being the strongest transshipment hub in the region. To attract services which are currently not calling Colombo and to retain the share in a growing regional transshipment market, we must have more capacity. If not, shipping lines and exporters would look for alternative ports to direct their transshipment volumes.

Newspaper – Daily FT Date – 07-01-2019



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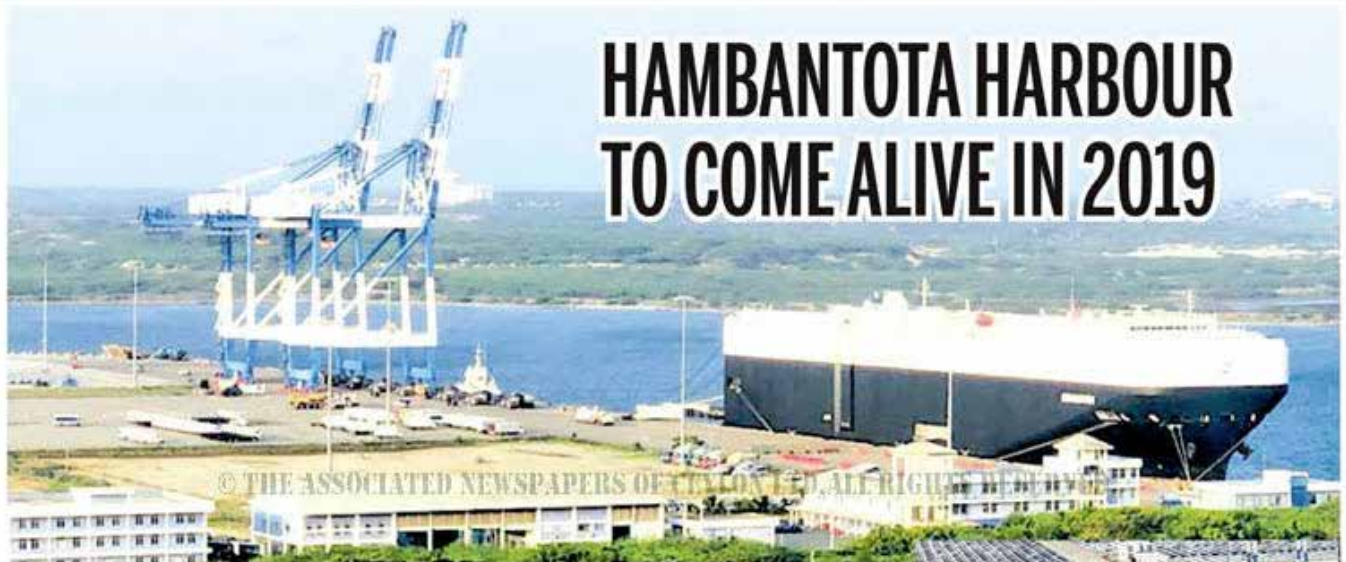
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HAMBANTOTA HARBOUR TO COME ALIVE IN 2019

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With the dawn of 2019 the Hambantota harbor has commenced several new services to ships anchored in the harbor.

Among the activities were the drillship Aban Abraham which berthed at the Hambantota International Port last week for a warm lay-up with full crew and equipment setting up its rig for a post-drilling campaign. Also the exchange of goods to other ships from the Orchid ship, repair work of oil tanker Champion Express, the loading

and unloading activities of GlovisSiris and Glovis Champion ships took the limelight.

The activities of the harbor which were confined to RORO have now diversified into bulk, break bulk, layups and ship supply services. The efforts of Hambantota International Port Group Company Ltd (HIPG) have resulted in converting the harbor into a multi service facility. The HIPG plans to improve facilities in the harbor in 2019 thus increasing the turnover which will result in the spur of the economy in the region.



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NIGHT NAVIGATION TO BE INTRODUCED IN TRINCOMALEE HARBOUR

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Night navigation would be introduced for the first time to the Trincomalee harbour from next April.

An official from the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) said this would make the Trincomalee harbour operational 24 hours.

The Trincomalee harbour would introduce new 'buoys' system to make night navigation possible. These 'buoys' would be powered by solar energy. In addition new Vessel Tracking Rader system would be introduced.

Currently Trincomalee harbour is mostly used by Lanka IOC, Prima Lanka and cement manufactures. General cargo movement is not in large numbers as yet. Trincomalee harbour also saw three Cruise ships calling on the harbour.

"With the introduction of Night



Navigation more ships are expected to call over to the harbour and thereby increase the revenue."

The Trincomalee harbour is also to be developed with assistance from a

Dutch company. In addition Trincomalee, will become Sri Lanka's 'Eastern Gateway' and will be remodeled as a hub for tourism, exports and logistics. This was spelled out by

Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe under a master plan for the district done by Singapore's urban planning firm Surbana Jurong Consultants Pte Ltd.

Under this project, Trincomalee will be developed as the main export center for the Bay of Bengal region with eco-friendly industrial zones, agricultural zones and tourism. Highways, transport, education, health and other facilities are planned to be built and it is envisaged to generate more than a million new jobs.

Surbana Jurong in June 2016 signed a MoU with the Government of Sri Lanka to develop 1,363 sq km of Trincomalee Metro Area to become a resilient economic hub in Sri Lanka and the preparations of the grand expansion plan was initiated in November 2016.

The Trincomalee harbour is one of the largest natural harbours in the world and currently over 200 are employed.

Meanwhile a SLPA official also said that they are looking at introducing night navigation to the Galle harbor, towards the end of 2019.

Galle Port, is expected to be developed as a leisure facility over two phases. The first phase entails construction of a yacht marina for tourists drawn in by the region's coral reefs, tropical rainforests and white sand beaches.

The first phase includes construction of berthing facilities for 22 15-metre-long yachts at a southern breakwater area, a service and repair facility, duty free shop, café and clubhouse, and tourism information centre.

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Port tariff hike put on hold following ministry secy.'s meeting with industry

- Tariff revision suspended for 3 months which was set to come into effect from Jan. 1
- Private sector committee appointed to study rationale behind proposed hikes

The controversial tariff revision by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), which rattled exporters and importers alike, has been suspended after the industry lobbied against the move, Mirror Business learns.

The decision to suspend the higher tariffs for three months has been reached

after the Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Ministry Secretary, Dr. Parakrama Diasanayake met with the industry representatives along with senior SLPA management.

SLPA has given effect to an upward tariff revision of port services effective from the beginning of the New Year without consulting the

exporters, importers and other relevant stakeholders.

As a result, the new port tariffs came as a complete surprise to the traders and they started lobbying against the move, which was believed to have hatched under the previous minister's tenure.

The industry protested that the tariff revision was

arbitrary as no one was kept informed prior to the decision to revise the prices upwards.

They charged that the notice of the price revision was only sent to shipping agents but not to exporters or importers or their respective chambers for that matter.

The meeting ended after

appointing a committee consisting of private sector stakeholders to study the rationale of the proposed tariffs.

It has also been agreed that a revised tariff policy would be considered with the consultation of the industry stakeholders, if the new ports minister wishes to develop one.



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Hull 089 to call at Colombo Port

M/V Saint John Paul II, (Hull 089) afloat at the Incat shipyard in Hobart, Tasmania, will call at Colombo Port later this month for refueling during its maiden voyage to Malta.

According to Malta Independent, it is due to be delivered to ship owners Virtu Ferries on January 24 and a few days later, the vessel will commence a 9,600 nautical miles (17,780 kilometres), 20-day journey to Malta.

The vessel's maiden voyage will see her crossing the Indian Ocean, calling at the ports of Fremantle in Western Australia and Colombo, before passing Somalia, at the Eastern tip of Africa, to transit the length of the Red Sea where she will call at the last refuelling port of Jeddah before entering the Mediterranean via the Suez Canal.



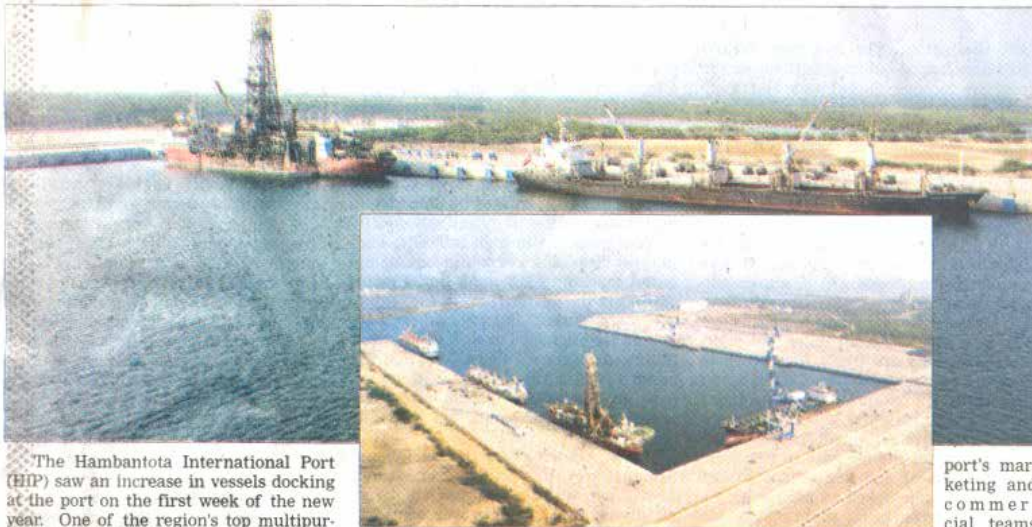


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Newspaper – The Island Date – 11-01-2019

'Hambantota International Port places Sri Lanka on the world maritime map with stellar performance in its first year of operation'



The Hambantota International Port (HIP) saw an increase in vessels docking at the port on the first week of the new year. One of the region's top multipurpose ports, HIP is currently handling a number of different activities, from ship to ship transfers (STS) to ship repairs and warm layups. Apart from the regular car transshipment vessels, there is a vessel requiring Ship to Ship transfer (STS) operations and a ship belonging to the Sri Lanka navy amongst the six vessels currently berthed in the Harbour.

The varied services offered by the highly experienced port staff include a warm layup for drillship 'Aban Abraham' in port for a period of 6 months, a hot layup for oil tanker 'Champion Express', a ship to ship transfer operation for mv 'Orchid', loading and unloading opera-

tions for RORO vessels 'Glovis Siris' and 'Glovis Champion' as well as a familiarization & operational requirement for Sri Lankan naval vessel 'Saurala.'

Traffic to the Hambantota International Port increased significantly during the last year, with 300 vessels calling with different service requirements. Whilst their volume of RORO vessels handled had increased by 136%, the multi services provided by the port has pushed its activities, which were previously centered around RORO and passenger ship operations, to bulk, break-bulk, ship supply services, repairs and layups. The

port's marketing and commercial teams have had a

busy 2018, working on a worldwide campaign to position the Hambantota Port with the focus of attracting the necessary components to make it a truly multi-purpose harbour. Today, their efforts have borne fruit with so many different ships with varied service requirements calling at the port.

HIPG expects to see a manifold increase in vessel traffic in the new year, which would greatly increase the turnover of the port and in turn provide economic benefits to the Hambantota region.

Newspaper – Ceylon FT Date – 11-01-2019



Hambantota Port sees fruitful first year

The Hambantota International Port (HIP) delivered a healthy performance in its first year of operation, seeing 300 vessels with different service requirements calling at the port over 2018, according to a Media release. The volume of RORO vessels handled had increased by 136%, which was part of the main services of the port, besides passenger ship operations.

HIP also increased its multi-service activities, moving into bulk, break-bulk, ship supply services, Ship-to-Ship (STS) transfers, repairs, and lay-ups, in an effort to secure a position as one of the region's top multipurpose ports.

The port has already seen an increase in docked vessels during the first week of the New Year, with a vessel requiring STS operations, a

ship belonging to the Sri Lankan Navy, and regular car transshipment vessels among the six currently berthed in the harbour.

These include a warm layup for drillship 'Aban Abraham' in port for a period of six months, a hot layup for Oil Tanker 'Champion Express', a ship-to-ship transfer operation for mv. 'Orchid', loading and unloading operations for RORO vessels 'GlovisSiris' and 'Glovis Champion', as well as a familiarization & operational requirement for Sri Lankan naval vessel 'Saurala.'

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■ Says marked first year of operation with stellar performance

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Hambantota International Port places Sri Lanka on world maritime map

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Vessels at Hambantota Port

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NCC MEETS PORTS AUTHORITY

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Pathum Nissanka who has been in amazing form

Mondecript Cricket Club (NCC) will look to get back to the top of the points table of the Major League Tier 'A' competition when they face Ports Authority Cricket Club at NCC Grounds in Matland Place today. NCC are currently second with Chelaw Mariaw, who have played one game more, leading the way.

NCC could get back to the top if they win against Ports Authority. NCC will once again depend on their in-form batsmen Pathum Nissanka and Chathuranga de Silva to deliver the

goods. Pathum Nissanka this season has been amazing. He has scored plenty of runs including a double century. He also scored another big century the week before, so all eyes will be on him. Chathuranga de Silva, who has shown great all round skills, will also look to keep the momentum going. He has taken plenty of wickets and scored lots of runs, including a couple of centuries. He has been performing consistently and is one of the key players in the side.

Sri Lanka Ports Authority have a decent record but have been unable to seal an

outright win so far. In their last match they had a great chance of beating Chelaw Mariaw outright, but they failed due to a last wicket partnership of 74 runs between Udeeshi Sagar and Irosha Fernando, which took the game away from them. They are up against a formidable opponent and will have to perform exceptionally well to get a result in their favour.

Moor's Sports Club will host Tamil Union at Graybrooke Place today. Moor's SC is having a horror run this season being shot out for 74, 81 and 110 in their last two

games. Captain Irosha Senarasekiriya is the only player to have got some runs under his belt, and it is incumbent on the other batters to rally round him. Spinner Tharindu Kaushal also seems to have lost his venom and is not the same bowler that ran through batting line-ups previously.

Other matches on the cards will see Sri Lanka Army Sports Club pitted against Ragama Cricket Club in Panagoda, Badureliya Sports Club taking on Colombo Cricket Club and BAC hosting Celts Cricket Club. Saracens will play Negombo Cricket Club in Kalutara.

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Newspaper – Weekend FT Date – 12-01-2019

TWO new non-Cabinet Ministers and a new Deputy Minister took oaths before President Maithripala Sirisena yesterday at the President's Official Residence.

Accordingly, Ravindra Samaraweera took oaths as the Non-Cabinet Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations and V. Radhakrishnan was sworn in as Non-Cabinet Minister for Special Area Development.

Abdullah Maharooof was sworn in as Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping.

Minister Daya Gamage's Cabinet portfolio has been revised and he was appointed as the Social Empowerment Minister.

Two new non-Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Minister appointed



Two non-Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Minister sworn in



Two non-Cabinet Ministers and a Deputy Minister were sworn-in before President Maithripala Sirisena at the President's office yesterday. They are Ravindra Samaraweera – non-Cabinet Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations, V. Radhakrishnan – non-Cabinet Minister for Development of Special Regions and Abdullah Maharoo - Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping. Daya Gamage took oaths as Minister of Social Empowerment as there is an amendment with regard to his portfolio. *Picture by Kapila Ariyawansa (PMD)*

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Daya Gamage took oaths as Minister of Social Empowerment as there is an amendment with regard to his portfolio.

Samaraweera has held a number of Cabinet portfolios including Minister of Wildlife and Sustainable Develop-

ment Samaraweera who made his debut appearance to Parliament in 1989 is the UNP organizer of the Welimada electorate.

Velusami Radhakrishnan has also held a number of positions in the government and Central Provincial Council. He is an old boy of Holy Trinity College, Nuwara Eliya.



Velusami Radhakrishnan



Ravindra Samaraweera



Abdullah Maharoo



Daya Gamage

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නව කැබිනට් නොවන ඇමැතිවරු දෙදෙනෙක් සහ තව නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයකු ඊයේ (11) පෙරවරුවේ ජනාධිපති නිල නිවෙසේ දී ජනාධිපති මෛත්‍රීපාල සිරිසේන මහතා ඉදිරියේ දිවුරුම් දුන්හ.

රවින්ද්‍ර සමරවීර මහතා - කම්කරු සහ වෘත්තීය සමිති සබඳතා කැබිනට් නොවන ඇමැතිවරයා ලෙසත්, වි. රාධක්‍රිෂ්ණන් මහතා විශේෂ

ප්‍රදේශ සංවර්ධන කැබිනට් නොවන ඇමැතිවරයා ලෙසත් අබ්දුල්ලා මහරුර් මහතා වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා ලෙසත් දිවුරුම් දුන්නේය.

මේ අතර දයා ගමගේ මහතාට හිමිව තිබූ ඇමැති ධුරයේ සංශෝධනයක් සිදුව තිබේ. ඒ අනුව ඔහුට හිමිව ඇති තව ඇමැති ධුරය වන්නේ සමාර සවිබල ගැන්වීම් අමාත්‍ය ධුරයයි.

Newspaper – Ceylon Today Date – 12-01-2019



2 non-Cabinet Ministers & Dep Minister take oaths

Daya Gamage gets Social Empowerment Ministry

Two new non-Cabinet Ministers and one Deputy Minister took oaths before President Maithripala Sirisena at the Presidential Secretariat in Colombo, yesterday (11).

V. Radhakrishnan was sworn in as the non-Cabinet Minister for the Development of Special Regions, while Ravindra Samaraweera was sworn in as

the non-Cabinet Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations.

Abdullah Mahrooff was sworn in as Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping.

In addition, an amendment was also made to Daya Gamage's portfolio. He was appointed as the new Minister of Social Empowerment.

Hambantota International Port welcomes 300 vessels in first year

Traffic to the Hambantota International Port (HIP) increased significantly during 2018, with 300 vessels calling with different service requirements.

Whilst its volume of RORO (Roll-on/roll-off) vessels handled increased by 136%, the multi services provided by the port has pushed its activities, which were previously centred around RORO and passenger ship operations, to bulk, break-bulk, ship supply services, repairs, and layups.

The Hambantota International Port also saw an increase in vessels docking at the port on the first week of the new year. One of the region's top multipurpose ports, HIP is currently handling a number of different activities, from ship to ship transfers (STS) to ship repairs and warm layups. Apart from the regular car transshipment vessels, there is a vessel requiring Ship to Ship transfer (STS) operations and a ship belonging to the Sri Lanka navy amongst the six vessels currently



berthed in the harbour.

The varied services offered by the highly experienced port staff include a warm layup for drillship "Aban Abraham" in port for a period of six months, a hot layup for oil tanker "Champion Express", a ship to ship transfer operation for MV "Orchid", loading and unloading operations for RORO vessels "Glovis Siris" and "Glovis Champion", as well as a familiarisation and operational requirement for Sri Lankan naval vessel "Saurala".

The port's marketing and

commercial teams had a busy 2018, working on a worldwide campaign to position the Hambantota Port with the focus of attracting the necessary components to make it a truly multi-purpose harbour. Today, their efforts have borne fruit with so many different ships with varied service requirements calling at the port.

HIPG expects to see a manifold increase in vessel traffic in 2019, which would greatly increase the turnover of the port and in turn provide economic benefits to the Hambantota region.

More vessels call at Hambantota Port

There was an increase in the number of vessels docking at the Hambantota International Port (HIP) during the first week of the New Year.

HIP carries out a number of different activities, from ship to ship transfers (STS), to ship repairs and warm layups.

Apart from the regular car transshipment vessels, there is a vessel needing Ship to Ship transfer (STS) operations and a ship belonging to the Sri Lanka Navy among the six vessels berthed at the harbour at present. The varied services offered by the experienced port staff include a warm layup for drillship 'Aban Abraham', in port for six months, a hot layup for oil tanker

'Champion Express', a ship to ship transfer operation for MV 'Orchid', loading and unloading operations for RORO vessels 'Glovis Siris' and 'Glovis Champion' and a familiarisation and operational need for Navy vessel 'Saurala'.

Traffic to the Hambantota International Port increased significantly during the past year, with 300 vessels for various service needs.

While the volume of RORO vessels handled had increased by 136%, the multi services provided by the port has improved (which were previously centered around RORO and passenger ship operations), to bulk, break-bulk, ship supply services, repairs and layups.

The port's marketing and com-



mercial teams have had a busy 2018, working on a worldwide campaign to make the Hambantota Port attract components to make it a multi-purpose harbour, a spokesman for HIP said.

Today, their efforts have borne

fruit with ships with varied service needs calling at the port. HIPG targets a manifold increase in vessel traffic in the new year, which would greatly increase the turnover of the port and provide economic benefits to the Hambantota region.

Hambantota Port records stellar performance in first year

The Hambantota International Port (HIP) saw an increase in vessels docking at the port in the first week of the new year.

One of the region's top multi-purpose ports, HIP currently handles a number of different activities, from ship-to-ship transfers (STS) to ship repairs and warm layups. Apart from the regular car transshipment vessels, there is a vessel requiring ship-to-ship transfer operations and a ship belonging to the Sri Lanka Navy among the six vessels currently berthed in the harbour.

The varied services offered by the highly experienced port staff include a warm layup for drillship *Aban Abraham* in the Port for a period of six months, a hot layup for oil tanker *Champion Express*, a ship-to-ship transfer operation for mv *Orchid*, loading and unloading operations for RORO vessels *Glovia Siris* and *Glovia Champion* as well as a familiarisation and operational requirement for Sri Lanka naval vessel *Saurala*.

Traffic to be Hambantota International Port increased significantly during the last year,

with 300 vessels calling with different services requirements.

Whilst the volume of RORO vessels handled has increased by 136 percent, the multi-services provided by the Port has pushed its activities, which were previously centered around RORO and passenger ship operations, to bulk, break-bulk, ship supply services, repairs and layups.

The Port's marketing and commercial teams have had a busy 2018, working on a worldwide campaign to position it as a truly multi-pur-

pose harbour. Today, their efforts have borne fruit with so many different ships with varied service requirements calling at the Port.

HIPG expects to see a manifold increase in vessel traffic in the new year, which would greatly increase the turnover of the Port and in turn provide economic benefits to the Hambantota region.

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Hambantota Port sees stellar performance in 1st year



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repairs and warm layups.

Apart from the regular car transshipment vessels, there is a vessel requiring STS transfer operations and a ship belonging to the Sri Lanka Navy is amongst the six vessels currently berthed in the harbour.

The varied services offered by the highly experienced port staff

include a warm layup for drillship Aban Abraham in the port for a period of six months, a hot layup for oil tanker Champion Express, an STS transfer operation for MV Orchid, loading and unloading operations for roll-on/roll-off (RORO) vessels Glovis Siris and Glovis Champion,

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as well as a familiarisation and operational requirement for Sri Lankan naval vessel Saurata.

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Ports Dep. Minister assumes duties



Ports and Shipping Deputy Minister Mohamed Abdullah Mohamed Maharoof assumes duties in the presence of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka and Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Ministry Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake

The newly appointed Ports and Shipping Deputy Minister Mohamed Abdullah Mohamed Maharoof assumed duties in his office, yesterday.

The event was held under the patronage of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka, at the ministry.

Ratnayaka asserted, "Deputy

Minister Abdullah Mohamed Maharoof, who assumed duties in the ministry today and I joined Parliament as Members of Parliament in 2000. I am happy that we are going to work in the same ministry. I'm confident that I will always have his supports to elevate the development of the ports."

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Addressing the gathering, the deputy minister said, "I'm proud of my constituency, the Trincomalee District, where one of the most important natural ports in the world is located. I will ensure the developments of the port of Trincomalee. I will do my best to improve this port to the global standards."

Industry and Commerce Minister Rishad Bathiudeen, Parliamentarian Imran Maharoof, Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Ministry Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Managing Director Captain Athula Hewawitharana, SLPA Managing Director D. Upali De Zoysa, SLPA Director Operations Jayantha Perera and several executive officers and employees of the SLPA, as well as representatives from the Eastern Province were present the event.

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වරාය හා නාවික නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමැති අබ්දුල්ලා මහරුන් මහතා රටේ (14) වරාය හා නාවික නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමැති භාරයාලයේ දී සිය ඇමැති ධුරයේ සටහනු නිල වශයෙන් ආරම්භ කරන ලදී.

සර්වාංගික සටහනු මධ්‍යයේ එහිදී සුබ බොහොමයින් නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා අස්සත් සමමිත් වැඩ බාර ගත් අතර වරාය, නාවික සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමැති සාගල රත්නායක මහතාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් එම නිල උත්සව පැවැත්විණි.

එහිදී ඇමැති සාගල රත්නායක මහතා අදහස් දක්වමින් පැවසුවේ නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමැති ලෙස වැඩ බාරගත් අබ්දුල්ලා මහරුන් මහතා සමාජ සමග වර්ෂ 2000 දී මන්ත්‍රීවරයෙකු ලෙස පාර්ලිමේන්තුවට පැමිණි අතර අද්දරයේදී වරායේ සංවර්ධන සටහනු සාර්ථක කර ගැනීමට ඔහුගේ සහය අනිවාර්යයෙන්ම ලැබෙන බවට විශ්වාස කරන බවයි.

ස්වකීය නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමැති ධුරයේ වැඩ ඇරඹූ අබ්දුල්ලා මහරුන් මහතා එහිදී අදහස් දක්වමින් මෙසේ පැවැසීය.

භූකුණාමලය දිස්ත්‍රික්කයෙන් පාර්ලිමේන්තුව නියෝජනය කරන මා එම ප්‍රදේශය පිළිබඳ බොහෝමයින් ආවිසිබර වෙතවා. විශේෂයෙන් ම ලෝකයේ ප්‍රධානතම ස්වභාවික වරායක් ලෙසින් සැළකෙන භූකුණාමලය වරාය ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ප්‍රමුඛතම වරායක් ලෙසින් සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට මා ඇප කැප වෙතවා. ඒ අනුව එහි සංවර්ධන සටහනු සඳහා නිසි දායකත්වය ලබා දීමට මා සටහනු කරනවා.

මේ උත්සව අවස්ථාවට වාණිජ හා පාරිභෝගික සටහනු අමාත්‍ය රණාඩි බද්දිනි, පාර්ලිමේන්තු මන්ත්‍රී එම්.එච්.එම්. මහරුන් යන දේශපාලන නියෝජිතයන් සහ වරාය හා නාවික දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම් ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සලකුණාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ - නවතාත් අතුලු

සේවා විකාරණ, අජි රේඛ සලකුණාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ - උපාලි සොයිසා, අධ්‍යක්ෂ (මෙහෙයුම්) ජයන්තා ටෙරේරා, අධ්‍යක්ෂ (ස්වාසැලසුම්) - උසුල් ජයසිංහ මහතා ඇතුළු වරාය සලකුණාකාරීන් විසින් උසස් නිලධාරීන් හා සේවක මහත්ම මහත්මිය සහ සැලකිලිමත් සහය නියෝජිතයන් සමමිත් පැමිණි නියෝජ්‍ය අමාත්‍යවරයාගේ ප්‍රදේශවාසී හු රාසත් ද රත්ව සිටියහ.

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THE newly appointed Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping, Mohamed Abdullah Mohamed Maharoof, yesterday assumed duties and pledged to improve Sri Lanka's ports to global standard.

The event was held with the participation of Minister of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka at the Ministry.

While welcoming the Deputy Minister, Minister Ratnayaka said, "Deputy Minister Abdullah Mohamed Maharoof assumed duties at the Ministry.

He and I joined Parliament as Members of Parliament in 2000.

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Deputy Minister of Ports assumes duties



Ports and Shipping Minister Mohamed Abdullah Mohamed Maharoof assumed duties yesterday. Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka, Secretary to the Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake and several representatives joined the event held at the Ministry.

Deputy...

"I am happy we are going to work in the same ministry. I'm confident that I will always have his support to elevate the development of the ports."

Addressing the gathering the Deputy Minister said, "I'm proud of my constituency, Trincomalee District, where one of the most important natural ports in the world is located. I will ensure the development of the Port of Trincomalee. I will do my best to improve this port to global standards."

Minister of Industry and Commerce Rishad Bathiudeen, Parliamentarian Imran Maharoof, Secretary to the Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Dr Parakrama Dissanayake, Managing Director of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority Captain Athula Hewawitharana, Additional Managing Director of Sri Lanka Ports Authority D. Upali De Zoysa, Director Operations of Sri Lanka Ports Authority Jayantha Perera, and several executive officers and employees of SLPA as well as representatives from the Eastern Province were present at the event.

ත්‍රිමලේ වරාය හොඳගන්න නිශේෂය ඇමැති අභිද්‍රව්‍ය ඉදිරිපත් වෙයි

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ත්‍රිකුණාමලය දිස්ත්‍රික්කයෙන් පාර්ලිමේන්තුව නියෝජනය කරන තමා ත්‍රිකුණාමලය දිස්ත්‍රික්කය පිළිබඳ වෙනුවෙන් ආධිපතිවරයා වන ඩබ් වරාය හා නාවික නියෝජ්‍ය අමාත්‍ය අභිද්‍රව්‍ය මහරජ මහතා පැවැසීය. ඒ මහතා මේ ඩබ් පැවැත්වීමේ තම අමාත්‍ය දුරයෙහි වැඩි කාර ගැනීමෙන් අනතුරුවය.

එහිදී පවසුවේ අදහස් දක්වමින් ලෝකයේ ප්‍රධානතම ස්වාභාවික වරායක්

ලෙසින් සැලකෙන ත්‍රිකුණාමලය වරාය ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ප්‍රමුඛතම වරායක් බවට පත් කිරීමට අප කැප වන බවත් එහි සංවර්ධන කටයුතු සඳහා නිසි ආයතනවලින් ලබා දීමට කටයුතු කරන බවත් පැවැසීය.

මේ අවස්ථාවට වරාය, නාවික සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය සාගල් රත්නායක මහතා සහ වාණිජ හා පාරිභෝගික කටයුතු අමාත්‍ය රිෂාඩ් බ්‍රැහුද්දේ මහතා ඇතුළු පිරිසක් සහභාගි වී සිටියහ.

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JMSDF SHIP 'IKAZUCHI' IN H'TOTA



The Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) ship 'Ikazuchi' arrived at the Hambantota Port yesterday (15) on a goodwill visit



Maharoo assumes duties as Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping

Mohamed Abdullah Mohamed Maharoo assumed duties as Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping on 14 January. Minister of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka and Secretary to the Ministry Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake participated.

සමුද්‍රීය වෙළෙඳ ව්‍යාපාර ක්ෂේත්‍රයෙන් කොළඹ වරාය ලෝකයෙන් අංක එකට

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කොළඹ වරාය සමුද්‍රීය වෙළෙඳ ව්‍යාපාර ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ ලොව අංක එක ලෙස ශ්‍රේණිගත වී තිබේ. ආසියානු, යුරෝපීයානු හා මැදපෙ-

රදිග වරායයන් අතරින් කොළඹ වරාය මේ සුවිශේෂී ජයග්‍රහණය අත්පත්කර ගෙන තිබෙන බව වරාය, නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම් හා **06 වැනි පිටුව**

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ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා පවසයි. කොළඹ වරාය අවසන් පළමු අර්ධ වාර්ෂිකයේ දී 15.6%ක බහුල මෙහෙයුම් වර්ධන වේගයක් ද අත්පත් කරගෙන තිබේ.

කොළඹ වරාය ලාභ ලබමින් අත්කර ගෙන ඇති ජයග්‍රහණවලට මුල් වූ ප්‍රධානම කාඩ්කාඩ් ව්‍යාපාරවල නියුතු නාවික වෙළෙඳ පුරාව බවත් මීට සමගාමීව වරාය සේවක ප්‍රජාවගේ කැපවීම වඩා වැදගත් බවත් පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා පවසයි.

ලොව බහුල මෙහෙයුම් සිදු කෙරෙන වරායන් අතර ඇති තරගතා-ර්ථවය හා තව තාක්ෂණය සමග වැඩි දියුණු වන ව්‍යාපාරික අවශ්‍යතා හේතුවෙන් කොළඹ වරායේ බහුල මෙහෙයුම් ධාරිතාවය තව දුරටත් වැඩි කර ගැනීම අත්‍යවශ්‍ය බව ද හෙතෙම අවධාරණය කෙළේ ය. එම කටයුතු විවිධත්වයෙන් සිදු කරන තව නීති රීති සම්පාදනය ද අත්‍යවශ්‍ය බව සභාපති-වරයා පෙන්වා දුන්නේ ය.

අවසාන වසර කොළඹ වරාය ජයග්‍රහණ රැසක් හිමිකරගෙන තිබෙන අතර එම වසරේ දී ලොව හොඳම බහුල මෙහෙයුම් වරාය සහ අතර පළමු ස්ථානයට කොළඹ වරාය පත් වූ බවද පෙන්වා දුන්නේ ය. ජාත්‍යන්තර ඇල්ෆා ලයිතර් දර්ශකයට අනුව කොළඹ වරාය පළමු අර්ධ වාර්ෂිකය තුළ දී ලඟා කරගත් බහුල මෙහෙයුම් වර්ධන අනුපාතය 15.6%කි. සමුද්‍රීය වෙළෙඳ ව්‍යාපාර ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ ලොව අංක 01 ලෙස ශ්‍රේණිගත වීම කොළඹ වරාය ලඟාකර ගත් සුවිශේෂ ජයග්‍රහණ අතර වැදගත් වන බව ද සඳහන් කෙළේ ය. මේ වන විට කොළඹ වරායේ පර්යන්ත අතර ඇති කර ගෙන ඇති අන්තර් පර්යන්ත මෙහෙයුම් අවබෝධතා ගිවිසුම අනුව කොළඹ වරායේ සියලු පර්යන්ත සිය උපාය මාර්ගික පර්යන්ත ව්‍යාපාර ප්‍රවර්ධනයත් එක්ව සිදු කරයි. ඒ අනුව ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය යටතේ පවතින ජය බහුල පර්යන්තය, සවුත් ඒෂියා ශේට්ටර් පර්යන්තය, කොළඹ ජාත්‍යන්තර බහුල පර්යන්තය යන පර්යන්ත මේ අවබෝධතා ගිවිසුම හා මැදි පවතීමේ ගිවිසුම පදනම් කර ගනිමින් කොළඹ වරායේ ව්‍යාපාර ප්‍රවර්ධන කටයුතු පර්යන්ත අතර සාමූහික එකඟතාවයකින් යුතුව සිදු කෙරේ.

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JAPANESE SHIP ARRIVES IN H'TOTA

CREW IN BEACH CLEAN UP

The 'JMSDF Ikazuchi', of the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, arrived at the Hambantota Port on a goodwill visit. Its crew participated in a beach cleaning campaign of the Hambantota beach area yesterday (16).

The Mission Commander of the ship, Captain Ryoko Izuma, the Commanding Officer and other officers and sailors joined a large number of Sri Lankan Naval personnel in the cleaning campaign which won plaudits from the civil community living in this area.



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Hambantota Port scores another first with slag cargo

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says, describing them as "proactive, supportive and on par with top international ports". INSEE had been operating through the Colombo, Trincomalee and Galle ports previously. The Procurement and Logistics Director for INSEE Cement says, "This whole operation was cost effective and convenient."

Wickramasinghe also confirmed that the SLAG cargo shipment was a considerable cost saving for INSEE Cement in terms of economies of scale, as HIP has a deeper draught that can accommodate large bulk carriers. The COO says the slag shipment has further diversified the activities of the Hambantota International Port, which is now positioned to be Sri Lanka's number one multipurpose port. The Port which has the necessary infrastructure to provide services such as container handling, general cargo, RORO, passenger, oil, bulk terminal, gas and project cargo has currently reached efficiency levels that can compete with any other port in the region.



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Newspaper – The Island Date – 18-01-2019

Sagala's brother appointed Chairman of SLPA

Former Tourism Development Authority Chairman Kavan Ratnayake has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority.

He is the brother of Sagala Ratnayake, Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe.

Kavan Ratnayaka, chairman SLPA

Kavan Ratnayaka has been appointed chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA). Ratnayaka assumed duties as the chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) yesterday with blessings of the Triple Gem at the chairman's office of SLPA.

Speaking at the event, Minister of Port, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka remarked of the commendable path taken by Sri Lanka Ports Authority as a pioneer public sector institution that contributed tremendously to the national treasury since the period of late Minister of Port Development Lalith Athulathmudali. Minister Lalith Athulathmudali of the government of President J. R. Jayawardhane created a revolutionary



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SLPA

Newspaper – Daily Mirror Date – 18-01-2019

Kavan appointed SLPA Chairman

Top professional Kavan Ratnayaka yesterday assumed duties as the Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA).

Before his appointment as the SLPA Chairman, Kavan served as the Chairman of Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA). He is also a former Chairman of Associated Newspapers of Ceylon (Lake House).

An old boy of Royal College, Kavan, who is the brother of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala

Ratnayaka, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in (Physics) from the University of California.

He has also served as the Country General Manager of IBM Sri Lanka, Chief Executive Officer of Dialog Broadband and the Chief Corporate Officer of Dialog Axiata PLC.

Minister Sagala Ratnayaka expressed his confidence that Kavan Ratnayaka will steer SLPA to greater heights with his experience in both the public and private sectors.

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Minister Sagala Ratnayaka congratulates newly appointed Chairman Kavan Ratnayaka

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He recollected SLPA's huge contribution to the National Treasury during the period of late Port Development Minister Lalith Athulathmudali.

He also said late President J.R. Jayawardene created a revolutionary change in the port and maritime sector of Sri Lanka, and as a result more public-private partnerships emerged with collaborative competition in the country's port sector.

Gampaha District parliamentarian Kavinda Jayawardena, SLPA Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, Additional Managing Director Upali D. Zoysa, a number of high ranking officials of the management and staffs of SLPA and the President of Jathika Sewaka Sangamaya (JSS) of SLPA, Udeni Kaluthanthri, were present at the event.

Newspaper – Ceylon FT Date – 18-01-2019

Kavan Ratnayaka assumes duties as SLPA Chairman

Kavan Ratnayaka has been appointed the new Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), a Media release stated. Ratnayaka assumed office yesterday (17) at the Chairman's office of SLPA.

Speaking at the event, Minister of Port, Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayaka remarked on the commendable path taken by SLPA as a pioneer public sector institution that contributed tremendously to the national treasury since the period of the late Minister of Port Development, Lalith Athulathmudali. Minister Athulathmudali, of the Government of President J.R. Jayawardene, created revolutionary change in the port and maritime sector of Sri Lanka. As a result, more public-private partnerships emerged with



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Terminals and the Colombo International Container Terminals – should be further developed into one of the leading ports of the world. The Minister expressed his confidence that Kavan Ratnayaka, as the new SLPA Chairman, with experience in both public and private sectors, will steer SLPA and the Port of Colombo to this position.

Before his appointment as SLPA Chairman, Kavan Ratnayaka served the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA). He is also a former Chairman of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon (Lake House). An old boy of Royal College, Kavan Ratnayaka holds a Bachelor of Science degree in

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Additional MD, Upali D. Zoysa, SLPA Jathika Sewaka Sangamaya (JSS) Udeni Kaluthanthri, directors and a number of higher officials of the management and staffs of SLPA also attended the event.

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Newspaper – Daily FT Date – 18-01-2019



Kavan assumes duties as new SLPA Chairman

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Athulathmudali of the Government of President J.R. Jayawardene created a revolutionary change in the port and maritime sector of Sri Lanka and as a result, more public-private partnerships emerged with collaborative competition in the country's port sector, he noted.

The Minister also stated that the Port of Colombo that has almost reached its capacity with the collaborative teamwork of the Jaya Container Terminal of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) and the Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT) should be further developed into one of the leading ports of the world.

The Minister expressed confidence that Rathnayaka, as the new Chairman of SLPA, with experience in both public and private sectors, will steer SLPA and the Port of Colombo to this position.

Before his appointment as the SLPA Chairman, Rathnayaka served as Chairman of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA). He is also a former Chairman of Associated Newspapers of Ceylon (Lake House).

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Newspaper – Daily News Date – 18-01-2019

KAVAN RATNAYAKA ASSUMES DUTIES AS CHAIRMAN SLPA

Kavan Ratnayaka assumed duties as the new Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) yesterday in the presence of Minister of Port, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka and SLPA officials.

Minister Ratnayaka said new chairman Kavan Ratnayaka brings experience in both public and private sectors to his new job and he has the capacity to continue to drive the business growth of the ports in Sri Lanka.

Before his appointment as the chairman of SLPA, Ratnayaka served the chairman of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority.

He is also a former chairman of Associated Newspapers of Ceylon (Lake House).

He has also served as the Country General Manager of IBM Sri Lanka, Chief Executive Officer of Dialog



Minister of Port, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka extends wishes to Kavan Ratnayaka who assumes duties as the Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA). Gampaha District-Member of Parliament, Kavinda Jayawardhane, Managing Director of SLPA, Capt. Athula Hewavitharana and the Additional Managing Director of SLPA, Upali D. Zoysa are also in the picture.

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Newspaper – Sunday Observer Date – 20-01-2019

Plan for artificial island at Hambantota port in two months

—By—

Rajitha Jagoda Arachchi

The master plan for creating an artificial island at Hambantota port by the British ATKIN group will be out in two months, the *Sunday Observer* learns.

According to the guidelines by the Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) and Hambantota International Port Services (HIPS), two companies managing port activities, the island will be dedicated to port-related businesses. A forty-acre island, built with soil from the construction site of the harbour, was originally planned to be an entertainment-based tourist attraction.

Later, under the dual management of CM ports Holdings and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, the new project was introduced as an exceptional sub project. The HIPG assigned



ATKIN to prepare a master plan for the island. The Government showed interest of holding the ownership of the island even after the Chinese investment for the Hambantota port. However, as China Merchants Port Holdings (pvt) Ltd was ready to reduce the investment sum in such context, the government pulled back the proposal of developing the island. According to sources, the artificial island will be developed as a cargo generating business hub.

Newspaper – Sunday Observer Date – 20-01-2019

Kavan Ratnayaka assumes duties as Chairman, SLPA

Kavan Ratnayaka assumed duties as the new Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) yesterday in the presence of Minister of Port, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka and SLPA officials.

Ratnayaka holds a Bachelors of Science degree (in Physics) from the University of California.

Before his appointment as the chairman of SLPA, Ratnayaka served the chairman of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority.

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Broadband and the Chief Corporate Officer of Dialog Axiata PLC. Managing Director of SLPA – Capt. Athula Hewavitharana was also present.

Slag cargo ship at Hambantota Port

The Hambantota International Port (HIP) scored another first when the Ithaca Patience docked in the harbour recently to discharge 27,150MT of slag cargo, an additive used in the manufacture of cement. The operation was successfully completed with high levels of efficiency, peaking at 11,000 MT on some days.

In the past, slag cargo was usually discharged at the Galle Harbour off smaller vessels. Due to Galle port having much less draught clearance this type of larger bulk vessel is unable to call at Galle and therefore, the discharging operation was carried out at Hambantota.

“The advantage of bringing in bigger ships provides economy of scale, and the efficiency with high productivity levels has made the Hambantota Port the preferred option for the cement industry operating in the south,” said COO of Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG), Tissa Wickramasinghe.

“Before handling this cargo, we complied with all regulatory environmental requirements and precautions as recommended by the Central Environment Authority,” he said.

Director of Procurement and Logistics, Insee Cement, Thusith Gunawarnasuriya, the consignee of



the slag cargo, said that he would go for monthly or even bi-monthly shipments to HIP to cater to the recently expanded Insee cement manufacturing capacity in the South. “We are very happy with the services offered,” he said, describing them as “proactive, supportive and on par with top international ports.”

Insee had been operating through

the Colombo, Trincomalee and Galle ports previously. COO of HIPG, Tissa Wickramasinghe also confirmed that the SLAG cargo shipment was a considerable cost saving for INSEE Cement in terms of economies of scale, as HIP has a deeper draught that can accommodate large bulk carriers.

The COO said the slag shipment has further diversified the activities of

the Hambantota International Port, which is now positioned to be Sri Lanka's number one multipurpose port.

The Port which has the infrastructure to provide services such as container handling, general cargo, RO-RO, passenger, oil, bulk terminal, gas and project cargo has currently reached efficiency levels that can compete with any other port in the region.

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Newspaper – Sunday Times Date – 20-01-2019



Kavan Ratnayake assuming duties as the Chairman, Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA)

Ministers' brotherly concerns

After two Committees – one under the Prime Minister and the second under the President – cleared him, Kavan Ratnayake has been appointed Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA).

He is the brother of Ports and Shipping Minister Sagala Ratnayake, under whom the SLPA functions.

This is the second time under the UNF government that a minister has appointed his own brother as Chairman

of an institution within the purview of his Ministry. Both for the country's harbours.

The first was Arjuna Ranatunga. He appointed his brother Dhammika Ranatunga as SLPA Chairman when he was the minister in charge of ports.

Later, as Petroleum Resources Minister, Mr. Ranatunga appointed his brother Dhammika as Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC).

ඩොලර් බිලියන දෙකක සෘජු විදෙස් ආයෝජන

ඉකුත් වසරේ ඇමෙරිකානු එක්සත් ජනපද ඩොලර් බිලියන දෙකක සෘජු විදේශ ආයෝජන පැමිණ ඇතැයි වාර්තාවේ.

හම්බන්තොට වරාය ආශ්‍රිත කර්මාන්තපුරයේ නව කර්මාන්තශාලා ඇරඹීම හා සෙසු ආයෝජන කලාපවල නව ව්‍යාපාර සඳහා මේ ආයෝජන පැමිණි බව ශ්‍රී ලංකා ආයෝජන මණ්ඩලය සඳ-

හත් කරයි.

වසර 2018 ආයෝජන ලැබීම්වලටත් වඩා මේ වසරේ එය ඉහළ නංවාගැනීම අරමුණ බව සංවර්ධන උපායමාර්ග හා ජාත්‍යන්තර වෙළඳ රාජ්‍ය ඇමැති තලින් බණ්ඩාර ජයමහ මහතා කීය.

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දිනය - 2019-01-21





ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරයේ සභාපති කාවන් රත්නායක වැඩ අරඹයි

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරයේ නව සභාපති ලෙස කාවන් රත්නායක මහතා පසුගියදා වැඩ ආරම්භ කළේය.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා සංචාරක කර්මාන්තය නගා සිටුවීම උදෙසා ජාතික සංචාරක සැලසුම් ක්‍රියාවට නංවමින් ශ්‍රී ලංකා සංචාරක සංවර්ධන අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ධුරය හෙබවූ කාවන් රත්නායක මහතා ශ්‍රේෂ්ඨවූස් ආයතනයේ සභාපති ධුරය මෙන්ම, IBM, ඩයලොග් ඇතුළු ආයතන රැසක ප්‍රධාන තනතුරු හොබවා තිබේ.

කොළඹ රාජකීය විද්‍යාලයේ ආදි සිසුවෙකු වන රත්නායක මහතා, කැලීගෝනියා විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ භෞතික විද්‍යා උපාධිධාරියෙකි.

විම අවස්ථාවට වරාය, නාවික සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය සානල රත්නායක, ගම්පහ දිස්ත්‍රික් පාර්ලිමේන්තු මන්ත්‍රී කාවින්ද ජයවර්ධන, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ කළමනාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ කපිතාන් අතුලු හේවාච්ඡාරණ, අතිරේක කළමනාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ



උපාලි ද කොයිසා ඇතුළු වරාය අධිකාරියේ කළමනාකාරිත්වයේ උසස් නිලධාරී මහත්ම මහත්මීන්, වෘත්තීය සමිති නියෝජිතයන් ඇතුළු සේවක මහත්ම මහත්මීහු රැසක් සහභාගී වූහ.

පුවත්පත - දිනමිණ

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13 INDIAN TRAWLERS RELEASED FROM SL CUSTODY

BY DARSHANA SANJEEWA

Sri Lanka Navy, in coordination with Sri Lanka Coast Guard, released another thirteen Indian fishing trawlers on Saturday, which had been apprehended on several occasions due to trespassing and illegal fishing in Sri Lankan waters.

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GROUP OF INDIAN TECHNICIANS ARRIVED IN SRI LANKA AND REPAIRED THE INDIAN TRAWLERS



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ඉන්දියාවෙන් සහනදායී පදනම මත ලැබුණු
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වික්‍රමසිංහ මහතා,

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කන්කසන්තුරේ 2021 වනවිට...

වරාය හා නාවික අමාත්‍යවරයා සහ රජයේ උසස් නිලධාරීන් සමග
ලබන 15 වැනිදා කන්කසන්තුරේ ප්‍රදේශයේ සංචාරයක් නියමිතව
නියමිතය.

කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය වර්තමානයේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා නාවික හමුදාව
යටතේ පවතින අතර, මෙම වැඩසටහන යටතේ එහි දියුණු කිරීම
සම්පූර්ණයෙන්ම අලුතින් ඉදි කිරීමට නියමිතය. එමෙන්ම භාණ්ඩ
ප්‍රවාහන තැව් වලට ගමන් කළ හැකි පරිදි එහි ගැඹුර මීටර් 9ක් දක්වා
වැඩි කිරීම ද, එක් ජැටියක් ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කිරීම ද, තවත් ජැටියක්
අලුතින් නිර්මාණය කිරීම ද සිදුවන බව වරාය සහ නාවික අමාත්‍යව-
රයා ප්‍රකාශ කළේය.

මේ වන විට කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය පරිශ්‍රයේ අක්කර 15ක භූමි
භාගයක ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය මෙම සංවර්ධන ක්‍රියාවලියේ මූලික

කටයුතු අරඹා ඇති බව කී අමාත්‍යවරයා ඉදිරියේ දී එය අක්කර 50ක
ප්‍රදේශයක් දක්වා ව්‍යාප්ත කිරීමට කටයුතු කෙරෙනු ඇති බව ද සඳ-
හන් කළේය.

මේ වන විට වරාය අධිකාරිය මීට අදාළ මූලික කටයුතු සිදු කිරීම
(පැහැර දීම) විශේෂයෙන්ම සම්බන්ධ කර ඇති මේ ක්‍රියාවලිය සිදු කරමින්
සිටින අතර එයින් අනතුරුව පාරදායක ක්‍රමවේදයක් යටතේ ඉදිකිරීම්
සමාගමක් තෝරා ගැනීමට කටයුතු කරනු ඇත.

අමාත්‍යවරයා වැඩිදුරටත් සඳහන් කළේ කන්කසන්තුරේ වරායට
භාණ්ඩ ප්‍රවාහන තැව් පැමිණීමත් සමග මෙරට ආනයන සහ අපනයන
ක්ෂේත්‍රවලට විශාල වාසියක් සැලසෙන බවයි. එමෙන්ම උතුරු පළාතේ
තව රැකියා උත්පාදනය කිරීම මෙන්ම යටිතල පහසුකම් සංවර්ධනය
කිරීම ද මේ හරහා සිදුවන බව ඔහු වැඩිදුරටත් සඳහන් කළේය.

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Major League Tier 'A' Cricket Plate

Zoysa scores double ton, Alankara twin hundreds

Sameera de Zoysa of Ragama CC scored 215 against BRC in their SLC Major League Tier 'A' Inter Clubs Plate cricket match played yesterday.

Alankara Asanka of Badureliya CC scored a century (144 n.o. & 151) in each innings against Moors SC. All the matches ended in draws.

RESULTS

● **At Moors:**
Match drawn.

Negombo CC: 365 and 200/2 decl. in 39.2 overs (Ashen Silva 60 n.o., Lasith Croospulle 59, Shehan Jayasuriya 56)

Sri Lanka Ports Authority CC: 280 (208/6 o/n) in 89.3 overs (Primosh Perera 70, Yohan de Silva 51, Gihan Rupasinghe 46, Upul Indrasiri 6/68, Shaehan Jayasuriya 4/79) and 120/2 in 29 overs (Primosh Perera 58 n.o., Ishan Ranga-na 40)

● **At BRC:**
Match drawn.

Badureliya CC: 383 and 258/3 in 80.4 overs (Alankara Asanka 151, Nadeera Nawela 72 n.o.)

Moors SC: 259 (236/7 o/n) in 75.5 overs (Ramesh Mendis 86, Pabasara Waduge 60, Anuk Fernando 35, Sachith Pathirana 5/116, Nuwan Thushara 2/37, Buddika Sanjeewa 2/64)

● **At Bloomfield:** Match drawn.

BRC: 291 and 230/8 in 63.4 overs (Bhanuka Rajapaksha 84, Savin Gunasekara 58, Romesh Buddika 34, Amila Aponso 6/50)

Ragama CC: 430/9 decl. (324/8 o/n) in 141.2 overs (Sameera de Zoysa 215, Saminda Fernando 56, Dineth Thimodya 64 n.o., Shehan Fernando 28, T.N. Sampath 4/104, Duvindu Tilla-karatne 3/60) - **YK**

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Premier Plate Cricket Tourney

Sameera's double ton helps Ragama CC

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A career best knock of 215 by Sameera de Zoysa paved the way for Ragama CC to record a comfortable first inning win over BRC in their SLC Premier Plate Championship Cricket Tournament encounter which concluded at Reid Avenue yesterday.

Sameera's marathon innings came off 393 balls, comprised 14 boundaries and four sixes and he was also associated in a valuable 162-run stand for the ninth-wicket with Dineth Thimodya.

At Reid Avenue (1st innings win for Ragama CC)

BRC: 291 and 230/8 (Bhanuka Rajapaksa 84, Savin Gunasekera 58, Ramesh Buddika 34, Raminda Wijesooriya 29, Amila Aponso 6/50)

Ragama CC (324/8 overnight): 430/9 declared (Sameera de Zoysa 215, Saminda Fernando 56, Shehan Fernando 28, Dineth Thimodya 64 n.o., T. N. Sampath 4/104, Duvindu Tillekerane 3/60).

At BRC Grounds (1st innings win for Badureliya CC)

Badureliya CC (325/5 overnight): 383 (Kosala Kulasekera 102, Salinda Ushan 41, Alankara Asanka 144 n.o., Anuk Fernando 4/88, Shiran Fernando 3/46,

Ramesh Mendis 2/43) and 258/3 (Alankara Asanka 151, Pathum Madusanka 21, Nadeera Nawela 72 n.o)

Moors SC (236/7 overnight): 259 (Ramesh Mendis 86, Pabasara Waduge 60, Anuk Fernando 35, Tharindu Kaushal 26, Sachith Pathirana 5/116, Nuwan Thushara 2/37, Buddhi Sanjeewa 2/64).

At Braybrooke Place (1st innings win for Negombo CC)



Sameera de Zoysa

Negombo CC: 365 and 200/2 declared (Lasith Croospulle 59, Shehan Jayasuriya 56, Ashen Silva 60 n.o.)

Sri Lanka Ports Authority CC (208/6 overnight): 280 (Primosh Perera 70, Yohan de Silva 51, Gihan Rupasinghe 46, Chaminda Bandara 28, Prashan Wickramasinghe

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Trinco and Galle harbours to operate 24/7 with night navigation

The Trincomalee and Galle harbours will operate 24/7 with night navigation before the end of this year, Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said.

The minister said the Trincomalee harbour, a natural resource with immense economic potential, would have night navigation in April. The project is supported

by a JPY 1 billion grant by the Japan International Cooperation System.

The minister added speedy measures would be adopted to set up new radar systems and other necessary infrastructure to introduce night navigation to the Trincomalee harbour, which would be transformed into a port that can handle more volume of activities, including more general cargo ships. “The

government has earmarked the Trincomalee area as a potential export hub. Transformation of the Trincomalee harbour into a highly competitive port will be a key pillar of our export hub strategy,” the minister explained. The Trincomalee harbour is considered the second best natural harbour in the world and has up to 10 times the land area as the Colombo port. Its current

dimensions are water area up to 1630 hectares, an entrance channel of 500 meters and a land area of 5261 hectares.

“We also have plans to introduce night navigation to the Galle harbour before the end of the year. Apart from the economic and industrial aspects, we will also look at the tourism aspect when developing the Galle harbour,” the minister explained.

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TRINCO AND GALLE HARBOURS TO OPERATE 24/7 WITH NEW RADAR SYSTEMS FOR NIGHT NAVIGATION

By METHMALIE DISSANAYAKE

Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayake yesterday (28), said that both the Trincomalee and Galle Harbours will operate 24 hours, seven days of the week, with night navigation before end of this year.

Ratnayake made this remark while updating his official Twitter handle. Elaborating further, he said that the Government has identified the Trincomalee area as a potential export hub.



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Therefore, it is very important to transform the Harbour into a port which can handle more activities and general cargo ships, he added. "For that, we hope to set up new radar systems and other necessary infrastructure at the Harbour to initiate night navigation."

The Minister said that the Trincomalee Harbour, a natural resource with immense economic potential will have night navigation in April.

The project is supported by a Japanese Yen1 billion grant from the Japan International Cooperation System.

The Government has plans to introduce night navigation to the Galle Harbour as well, Ratnayake stated.

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SRI LANKA FOOTWEAR & LEATHER EXPORTS TOPS US\$ 118 MN

Trincomalee and Galle harbours will operate 24/7 with night navigation before the end of this year, Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said. The Minister said the Trincomalee harbour,



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The Minister added speedy measures would be adopted to set up new radar systems and other necessary infrastructure to introduce night navigation to the Trincomalee harbour which will be transformed into a port that can handle more volume of activities, including more general cargo ships.

"The government has earmarked the Trincomalee area as a potential export hub. Transformation of Trincomalee Harbour into a

highly competitive port will be a key pillar of our export hub strategy," the minister explained.

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ත්‍රි'මලේ රාත්‍රි මෙහෙයුම් අප්‍රේල් සිට

ත්‍රිකුණාමලය සහ ගාලු වරායන් මේ වසර අවසානයට පෙර පැය 24ම මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු සිදු කරන වරායක් බවට පත් කරන බව වරාය, නාවික කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය ආගල රත්නායක මහතා ප්‍රකාශ කළේය.

මෙහි පළමු පියවර වශයෙන් ලබන අප්‍රේල් මාසයේ සිට ත්‍රිකුණාමල වරායෙහි රාත්‍රි මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු සිදු කිරීමට නියමිතය. ඒ සඳහා අවශ්‍ය රේඩාර් පද්ධති මෙන්ම සෙසු සවිතල පහසුකම් ද ඉක්මනින්ම එහි ස්ථාපනය කරන බව අමාත්‍යවරයා වැඩිදුරටත් සඳහන් කළේය.

මෙම ක්‍රියාවලිය සඳහා ජපානය යෙන් බිලියන 1ක ආධාරයක් ලබා දී ඇති බව පැවසූ අමාත්‍යවරයා මෙය කඩිනම් ව්‍යාපෘතියක් ලෙස සිදු කිරීමට කටයුතු යොදා ඇති බව ද සඳහන් කළේය.

ත්‍රිකුණාමල වරාය පැය 24 ම මෙහෙයුම් සිදු කෙරෙන වරායක් බවට පත් කිරීමත් සමග එයට පැමිණෙන නැව් සංඛ්‍යාව ශීඝ්‍රයෙන් ඉහළ යනු ඇති බව කී අමාත්‍යවරයා ඒ සමගම හාණිධි ප්‍රවාහන නැව් ද වැඩි වශයෙන් ත්‍රිකුණාමල වරායට පැමිණෙනු ඇති බව සඳහන් කළේය.

ත්‍රිකුණාමල වරාය සංවර්ධන ව්‍යාපෘතියත් සමග ත්‍රිකුණාමල වරාය ආශ්‍රිත කලාපය අපනයන කේන්ද්‍රයක් වශයෙන් හඳුනා ගෙන වැඩිදියුණු කිරීමට කටයුතු කෙරෙනු ඇති බව ද අමාත්‍යවරයා වැඩිදුරටත් සඳහන් කළේය.

ගාලු වරායෙහි රාත්‍රි මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු ද මේ වසර අගදී ආරම්භ කිරීමට නියමිතය. වරාය සංවර්ධනයට අමතරව ගාලු වරාය ආශ්‍රිත ප්‍රදේශය සංචාරක කලාපයක් වශයෙන්ද වැඩිදියුණු කිරීමට කටයුතු යොදා ඇති බව අමාත්‍යවරයා සඳහන් කළේය.

ත්‍රි'මලය-ගාල්ල වරායන් පැය 24ම වැඩව

ත්‍රිකුණාමලය සහ ගාල්ල වරායන් මේ වසර අවසානයට පෙර පැය 24ම මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු සිදු කරන වරායන් බවට පත් කරන බව වරාය, නාවික කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය සාගල රත්නායක මහතා ප්‍රකාශ කළේය. මෙහි පළමු පියවර වශයෙන් ලබන අප්‍රේල් මාසයේ සිට ත්‍රිකුණාමල වරායෙහි රාත්‍රී මෙහෙ-

යුම් කටයුතු සිදු කිරීමට නියමිතය. ඒ සඳහා අවශ්‍ය රේඛාර් පද්ධති මෙන්ම සෙසු යටිතල පහසුකම් ද ඉක්මනින් එහි ස්ථාපනය කරන බව අමාත්‍යවරයා වැඩිදුරටත් සඳහන් කළේය.

මෙම ක්‍රියාවලිය සඳහා ජපානයෙන් බිලියන 1ක ආධාරයක් ලබා දී ඇති බව පැවසූ අමාත්‍යවරයා මෙය කඩිනම් ව්‍යාපෘතියක්06 වැනි 8වුව

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ලෙස සිදු කිරීමට කටයුතු යොදා ඇති බවද සඳහන් කළේය.

ත්‍රිකුණාමල වරාය පැය 24ම මෙහෙයුම් සිදු කෙරෙන වරායක් බවට පත් කිරීමත් සමග එයට පැමිණෙන නැව් සංඛ්‍යාව ශීඝ්‍රයෙන් ඉහළ යනු ඇති බව කී අමාත්‍යවරයා ඒ සමගම භාණ්ඩ ප්‍රවාහන නැව් ද වැඩි වශයෙන් ත්‍රිකුණාමල වරායට පැමිණෙනු ඇති බව සඳහන් කළේය.

ත්‍රිකුණාමල වරාය සංවර්ධන ව්‍යාපෘතියක් සමග ත්‍රිකුණාමල

වරාය ආශ්‍රිත කලාපය අපනයන කේන්ද්‍රයක් වශයෙන් හඳුනා ගෙන වැඩිදියුණු කිරීමට කටයුතු කෙරෙනු ඇති බව ද අමාත්‍යවරයා වැඩිදුරටත් සඳහන් කළේය.

ගාල්ල වරායෙහි රාත්‍රී මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු ද මේ වසර අග දී ආරම්භ කිරීමට නියමිතය. වරාය සංවර්ධනයට අමතරව ගාල්ල වරාය ආශ්‍රිත ප්‍රදේශය සංචාරක කලාපයක් වශයෙන් ද වැඩිදියුණු කිරීමට කටයුතු යොදා ඇති බව අමාත්‍යවරයා සඳහන් කළේය.

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Trinco and Galle ports to operate 24/7 with night navigation this year: Sagala

TRINCOMALEE and Galle harbours will operate 24/7 with night navigation before the end of this year, Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said.

The Minister said the Trincomalee harbour, a natural resource with immense economic potential will have night navigation in April. The project is supported by a JPY 1 billion grant by the Japan International Cooperation System (JICS). The Minister added speedy measures would be adopted to set up new radar systems and other necessary infrastructure to introduce night navigation to the Trincomalee harbour which will be transformed into a port that can handle more volume of activities, including more general cargo ships.

“The Government has earmarked the Trincomalee area as a potential export hub. Transformation of the Trincomalee harbour into a highly competitive port will be a key pillar of our export hub strategy,” the Minister explained.

Trincomalee

Harbour is considered the second best natural harbour in the world and has up to 10 times the land area as the Colombo port. Its current dimensions are water area up to 1630 hectares, an entrance channel of 500 meters and a land area of 5261 hectares. “We also have plans to introduce night navigation to the Galle harbour before the end of the year. Apart from the economic and industrial aspects, we will also look at the tourism aspect when developing the Galle harbour,” the Minister explained.

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ත්‍රිකුණාමලය හා ගාලු වරායන්හි වෙහෙයුම් පැය 24 පුරාම සිදු කෙරෙන යයි

ත්‍රිකුණාමලය සහ ගාල්ල වරායන් මේ වසර අවසානයට පෙර පැය 24ම මෙහෙයුම් කරනු ලබන බවට පත් කරන බව වරාය, ගාස්තුව සහ දුක්මිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය කාමරාජ රත්නායක මහතා ප්‍රකාශ කළේය.

මෙහි පළමු පියවර වශයෙන් ලබන අප්‍රේල් මාසයේ සිට ත්‍රිකුණාමලය වරායෙහි රාත්‍රී මෙහෙයුම් කරනු ලබන ස්ථිරීකරණය, ඒ සඳහා අවශ්‍ය ටේකර් පද්ධති මෙන්ම සෙසු යටිතල පහසුකම් ද ඉක්මනින් එහි ස්ථාපනය කරන බව අමාත්‍යවරයා වැඩිදුරටත්

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මෙම ක්‍රියාවලිය සඳහා ජපානයෙන් බිලියන 1ක අධාරයක් ලබාදී ඇති බව පැවසූ අමාත්‍යවරයා මෙය කඩිනමින් ව්‍යාපෘතියක් ලෙස සිදු කිරීමට කරනු ලබන බවද සඳහන් කළේය.

ත්‍රිකුණාමලය වරාය පැය 24ම මෙහෙයුම් සිදු කෙරෙන වරායක් බවට පත් කිරීමත් සමඟ එයට පැමිණෙන නැව් සංඛ්‍යාව ශීඝ්‍රයෙන් ඉහළ යනු ඇති බව කී අමාත්‍යවරයා ඒ සමඟම හාණ්ඩු ප්‍රවාහන නැව්ද වැඩි වශයෙන් ත්‍රිකුණාමල වරායට පැමිණෙනු ඇති බව සඳහන්

කළේය. ත්‍රිකුණාමලය වරාය සංවර්ධන ව්‍යාපෘතියත් සමඟ ත්‍රිකුණාමලය වරාය ආශ්‍රිත කලාපය අපනයන කේන්ද්‍රයක් වශයෙන් සඳහාගෙන වැඩිදියුණු කිරීමට කරනු ලබන බවද සඳහන් කළේය. ගාලු වරායෙහි රාත්‍රී මෙහෙයුම් කරනු ලබන මේ වසර අගදී ආරම්භ කිරීමට නියමිතය. වරාය සංවර්ධනයට අමතරව ගාලු වරාය ආශ්‍රිත ප්‍රදේශය සංචාරක කලාපයක් වශයෙන් ද වැඩිදියුණු කිරීමට කරනු ලබන බවද සඳහන් කළේය.

දින 51 රජයේ වරාය ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය ඇමැති සාමාල ආපසු හරවයි

ජයන් ශ්‍රී ඛණ්ඩාර

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සේවාවන්ගේ සහ සීමාසහිත ජයබහලු පර්යන්ත සමාගමේ ගාස්තු සන්ශෝධනය මාර්තු 15 වැනිදා දක්වා කල් තැබීමට වරාය, නාවික සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය සාමාල රත්නායක මහතා ඉදිරිපත් කළ කැබිනට් සංදේශයට රියේ (29දා) පැවැති අමාත්‍ය මණ්ඩල රැස්වීමේදී අනුමැතිය හිමිවිය.

වරාය ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය පිළිබඳ තීරණය දින 51ක් පැවැති රජයේ කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලය විසින් පසුගිය නොවැම්බර් 05 වැනිදා ගනු ලැබිණි. එසේ වුවත් එයට වරාය සහ නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රයේත්, ආනයන සහ අපනයන ක්ෂේත්‍රවලත් බොහෝ පාර්ශ්වවලත් විරෝධය එල්ල විය. ඔවුන්ගේ විරෝධතා සහ මැසිවිලි සැලකිල්ලට ගනිමින් මෙම ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය මාර්තු 15 වැනිදා දක්වා කල් තැබීමට අමාත්‍ය සාමාල රත්නායක මහතා ඉදිරිපත් කළ

කැබිනට් සන්දේශයට අමාත්‍ය මණ්ඩලයේ අනුමැතිය හිමි විය. කමිටුවකින් මෙම ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය සම්බන්ධ නිර්දේශ ලබාගෙන ඉදිරි ක්‍රියාමාර්ග ගැනීමට අමාත්‍යවරයා කටයුතු යොදා ඇත.

එම කමිටුව සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ ඉහළ නිලධාරීන් මෙන්ම ලංකා නැව් නියෝජිතයන්ගේ සංගමයේ ජාතික අපනයනකරුවන්ගේ මණ්ඩලයේ, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වාණිජ මණ්ඩලයේ ආනයන අංශයේ, ශ්‍රී ලංකා කාර්යෝපාය සහ නැව් / ගුවන් භාණ්ඩ ප්‍රවාහකයන්ගේ සංගමයේ, ඒකාබද්ධ ඇඟලුම් සංගම් සංසදයේ, භාණ්ඩ නිෂ්කාශන සහ ප්‍රවාහන නියෝජිතයන්ගේ ආයතනයේ සහ ජාතික වාණිජ මණ්ඩලයේ නියෝජිතයෝ ඇතුළත් වෙති. අදාළ ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය සම්බන්ධයෙන් ගත යුතු ඉදිරි ක්‍රියාමාර්ග මෙම කමිටුව විසින් නිර්දේශ කරනු ලැබීමෙන් අනතුරුව කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලය මේ සම්බන්ධයෙන් ඉදිරි තීරණ ගැනීමට නියමිතය.

වරාය ගාස්තු ඉහළ දැමීමේ තීරණය කළයයි



වරාය ගාස්තු ඉහළ දැමීමේ තීරණය කළයයි >>P4

වරාය ගාස්තු ඉහළ දැමීමේ තීරණය කළයයි

■ ඉන්දියානු සේවා විකේතය

වරාය ආශ්‍රිත හාස්තු ඉහළ දැමීමට හෝ සිවු තීරණය කරනු ලබන 15 වැනිදා දක්වා කල් දැමීම සඳහා කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලයට ඉදිරිපත් කර සිවු කෝට්ටාවකින් (29දා) අනුමැතිය හිමිව තිබේ.

අදාළ කැබිනට් පත්‍රිකාව විෂය කර ඇතැයි සාකච්ඡා රාජ්‍යාධිකාරී මණ්ඩලයට ඉදිරිපත් කර තිබේ.

වරාය අධිකාරියේ හාස්තු ඉහළ දැමීමට වන 51 ආණ්ඩුව සම්බන්ධීකරණය කර තීරණය කරනු ලබන 15 වැනිදා දක්වා කල් දැමීමට විෂය කර ඇතැයි සාකච්ඡා රාජ්‍යාධිකාරී මණ්ඩලයට ඉදිරිපත් කර තිබේ. වරාය හා භාණ්ඩ ගබඩා කළමනාකරණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය සඳහන් කරයි.

වරාය අධිකාරියේ සේවා විකේතය හා සීමා සහිත සේවාවල පරිගණක සම්බන්ධීකරණය කරනු ලබන 15 වැනිදා දක්වා කල් දැමීමට හෝ සිවු තීරණය කරනු ලබන 15 වැනිදා දක්වා කල් දැමීමට විෂය කර තීරණය කළයයි.

මෙම සංශෝධනයට ආයතන හා අනුගත සේවාවල කොටස් පිරිසකගේ විරෝධය එල්ල වී සිටින බවත්, මෙම සංශෝධනය සාකච්ඡා කළයයි. අදාළ සංශෝධන සටහනු කරනු ලබන 15 වැනිදා දක්වා කල් දැමීමට කැබිනට් පත්‍රිකාව ඉදිරිපත් කර සිවු තීරණය කළයයි.

අදාළ හාස්තු සම්බන්ධයෙන් තීරණය ඉදිරිපත් කිරීම සඳහා කැබිනට්වල පත් කර තිබේ.

මෙම කැබිනට්වල මුලික වරාය අධිකාරියේ ඉහළ නිලධාරීන් මෙන්ම ඉංජාන සැවි තිබේද්වලින් සංගම්යේ, පාලන අනුගත සංවර්ධනයේ මණ්ඩලයේ, මුලික වාණිජ මණ්ඩලයේ ආයතන අංශයේ, මුලික සාර්වජන සහ සැවි/සැවි සාමාජික ප්‍රවර්ධනයේ සංගම්යේ, විකේතයේ අනුගත සංගම් සංගදයේ, සාමාජික විකේතය සහ ප්‍රවර්ධන විකේතයන්ගේ ආයතනයේ සහ පාලන වාණිජ මණ්ඩලයේ තිබේද්වලින් අනුගත වේ.

අදාළ හාස්තු සංශෝධනය සම්බන්ධයෙන් සහ යුතු ඉදිරි ක්‍රියාමාර්ග මෙම කැබිනට්වලින් තීරණය කරනු ලැබීමෙන් අනතුරුව කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලය විසින් මෙම සම්බන්ධ ඉදිරි තීරණය කළයයි.



වරාය ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය ආපසු හරවයි

ඉදිරි ක්‍රියාමාර්ග නිර්දේශ කිරීමට කමිටුවක් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සේවාවන්ගේ සහ සීමාසහිත ජයබහලු පර්යන්ත සමාගමේ ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය කිරීමට හිටපු වරාය සහ තාවකාලික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යවරයා විසින් ගන්නා ලද තීරණය ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීම මාර්තු 15 වැනිදා දක්වා කල් දමීමට වරාය, තාවකාලික සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය සාගල රත්නාසක මහතා විශ්වර ගෙන තිබේ.

වරාය අධිකාරියේ ඉහළ නිලධාරීන්ගෙන් සහ වරාය ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ සියලු පාර්ශ්ව නියෝජිතයන් වන පරිදි පත්කළ කමිටුවකින් මෙම ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය සම්බන්ධ නිර්දේශ ලබාගෙන ඉදිරි ක්‍රියාමාර්ග ගැනීමටත් අමාත්‍යවරයා කටයුතු යොදා ඇත.

වරාය ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය පිළිබඳ තීරණය දින 51 රජයේ කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලය විසින් පසුගිය නොවැම්බර් 5 වැනිදා ගනු ලැබීණි. එසේ වුවත් එයට වරාය සහ තාවකාලික ක්ෂේත්‍රයේත්, ආනයන සහ අපනයන ක්ෂේත්‍රවලත් බොහෝ පාර්ශ්වවල විරෝධය එල්ල විය.

මවුන්ගේ විරෝධතා සහ මැසිවිලි සැලකිල්ලට ගනිමින් මෙම ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය මාර්තු 15 වැනිදා

දක්වා කල්තැබීමට වරාය, තාවකාලික සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය සාගල රත්නාසක මහතා ඉදිරිපත් කරන ලද කැබිනට් සංදේශයට අද (29) පෙරවරුවේ පැවැති අමාත්‍ය මණ්ඩල රැස්වීමේ දී අනුමැතිය හිමිවිය.

මෙම ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය සම්බන්ධ නිර්දේශ ඉදිරිපත් කිරීම සඳහා පත් කරන ලද කමිටුවට ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ ඉහළ නිලධාරීන් මෙන්ම ලංකා නැව් නියෝජිතයන්ගේ සංගමයේ, ජාතික අපනයනකරුවන්ගේ මණ්ඩලයේ, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වාණිජ මණ්ඩලයේ ආනයන අංශයේ, ශ්‍රී ලංකා කාර්යෝපය සහ නැව්/ගුවන් ගාණ්ඩ ප්‍රවාහකයන්ගේ සංගමයේ, ඒකාබද්ධ ඇගයුම් සංගම් සංසදයේ, ගාණ්ඩ නිෂ්පාදන සහ ප්‍රවාහන නියෝජිතයන්ගේ ආයතනයේ සහ ජාතික

වාණිජ මණ්ඩලයේ නියෝජිතයෝ ඇතුළත් වේ. අදාළ ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය සම්බන්ධයෙන් ගත යුතු ඉදිරි ක්‍රියාමාර්ග මෙම කමිටුව විසින් නිර්දේශ කරනු ලැබීමෙන් අනතුරුව කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලය විසින් මේ සම්බන්ධ ඉදිරි තීරණ ගැනීමට නියමිතය.

වරායේ ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය මාර්තු 15 දා තෙක් කළයයි

● ඇමැති සාගලගේ කැබිනට් සංදේශයට අනුමැතිය



ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සේවාවන්ගේ සහ සීමාසහිත ජයබහලු පර්යන්ත සමාගමේ ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය කිරීමට හිටපු වරාය සහ නාවික කටයුතු ඇමැතිවරයා විසින් ගන්නා ලද තීරණය ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීම මාර්තු 15 වැනිදා දක්වා කල් දැමීමට වරාය, නාවික සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමැති සාගල රත්නායක මහතා පියවර ගෙන තිබේ.

වරාය අධිකාරියේ ඉහළ නිලධාරීන්ගෙන් සහ වරාය ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ සියලු පාර්ශ්ව නියෝජනය වන පරිදි පත් කළ කමිටුවකින් මේ ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය සම්බන්ධ නිර්දේශ ලබාගෙන ඉදිරි ක්‍රියා මාර්ග ගැනීමටත් ඇමැතිවරයා කටයුතු යොදා ඇත.

වරාය ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය පිළිබඳ තීරණය දින 51 රජයේ කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලය විසින්



වල විරෝධය එල්ල විය.

ඔවුන්ගේ විරෝධතා සහ මැසිවිලි සැලකිල්ලට ගනිමින් මේ ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය මාර්තු 15 වැනිදා දක්වා කල්තැබීමට වරාය,

නාවික සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමැති සාගල රත්නායක මහතා ඉදිරිපත් කරන ලද කැබිනට් සංදේශයට ර්‍යේ (29) පෙරවරුවේ පැවැති අමාත්‍ය මණ්ඩල රැස්වීමේ දී අනුමැතිය හිමිවිය.

මේ ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය සම්බන්ධ නිර්දේශ ඉදිරිපත් කිරීම සඳහා පත් කරන ලද කමිටුවට ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ ඉහළ නිලධාරීන් මෙන්ම ලංකා නැව් නියෝජිතයන්ගේ සංගමයේ, ජාතික අපනයනකරුවන්ගේ මණ්ඩලයේ, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වාණිජ මණ්ඩලයේ ආනයන අංශයේ, ශ්‍රී ලංකා කාර්යෝපාය සහ නැව්/ගුවන් භාණ්ඩ ප්‍රවාහකයන්ගේ සංගමයේ, ඒකාබද්ධ ඇඟලුම් සංගම් සංසදයේ, භාණ්ඩ නිෂ්පාදන සහ ප්‍රවාහන නියෝජිතයන්ගේ ආයතනයේ සහ ජාතික වාණිජ මණ්ඩලයේ නියෝජිතයෝ ඇතුළත් වෙති.

අදාළ ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය සම්බන්ධයෙන් ගත යුතු ඉදිරි ක්‍රියාමාර්ග මේ කමිටුව විසින් නිර්දේශ කරනු ලැබීමෙන් අනතුරුව කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලය විසින් මේ සම්බන්ධ ඉදිරි තීරණ ගැනීමට නියමිතය.

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Port tariff revision Sagala defers implementation

Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said the implementation of the proposed Port tariff revision will be deferred until 15 March, considering the concerns raised by multiple industry stakeholders.

The Cabinet yesterday (29) ratified the decision, after a Cabinet memorandum presented by Ratnayaka, seeking to defer the implementation of the tariff revision due to concerns raised by multiple industry stakeholders.

The Cabinet will review the tariffs after considering

the report of the committee appointed to look into the matter. The committee comprises several senior officials of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, and a Member each from the Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents, the Chamber of Exporters, the Import Section of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, the Sri Lanka Logistics and Freight Forward Association, the Joint Apparel Associations Forum, the Association of Clearing and Forwarding Agent and the National Chamber of Commerce.

The committee, the memorandum stated, would study tariff consolidation further and make necessary recommendations on the way forward.

The tariff revision was approved by Cabinet on 5 November 2018, during the second Cabinet meeting of the Government of President Maithripala Sirisena and then appointed Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. However, multiple industry stakeholders raised concerns about the revision and stated that it would be detrimental to the import and export sectors.

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යාපනයේ පිහිටි කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය ඉන්දීය ආධාර මත සම්පූර්ණයෙන්ම ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කිරීමට තීරණය කොට ඇතැයි යාපනය දිස්ත්‍රික් ලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ සැලසුම් ඒකකය සඳහන් කරයි.

2021 වසරේදී අවසන් කිරීමට නියමිත කන්කසන්තුරේ වරායේ සංවර්ධන කටයුතු සඳහා ඇමරිකානු ඩොලර් මිලියන 45.27ක මුදලක් වැය කෙරෙන අතර මේ සම්බන්ධයෙන් කටයුතු සොයා බැලීම සඳහා ඉන්දීය නියෝජිතයින් පිරිසක් යාපනයේ කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය වෙත පැමිණ තිබේ.

එම නියෝජිතයින් පවසා ඇත්තේ ඉන්දියානු වරාය සංවර්ධන අධිකාරිය ශ්‍රී ලංකා රජයේ හා වරාය සංවර්ධන අධිකාරියේ සහය මත කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය වාණිජ වරායක් වශයෙන් සංවර්ධනය කරන බවයි.

ඉන්දියාවේ සිට ශ්‍රී ලංකාවට රැගෙන එන බොහෝ භාණ්ඩ කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය වෙත රැගෙන එම වඩා වාසිදායක මෙන්ම පහසු බවද එම නියෝජිතයන් වැඩිදුරටත් පවසා තිබේ.

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Proposed port tariff hike deferred until March 15

Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said the implementation of the proposed port tariff revision will be deferred until March 15 considering concerns raised by numerous industry stakeholders.



Sagala Ratnayaka

The Cabinet of Ministers ratified the decision yesterday, following a memorandum presented by Minister Ratnayaka seeking to defer the implementation of the tariff revision due to concerns raised by multiple industry stakeholders.

The Cabinet of Ministers will review the tariffs after considering the report of the committee appointed to look into the matter.

The committee comprises of several senior officials of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), and a member each from Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA), Chamber of Exporters, Import Section of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Sri Lanka Logistics and Freight Forward Association (SLAFFA), Joint Apparel Associations Forum (JAAF), Association of Clearing and Forwarding Agent (ACFA) and the National Chamber of Commerce.

The committee, the minister's Cabinet memorandum said, would study the tariff consolidation further and make necessary recommendations on the way forward.

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නාවික සහ දකෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමැති සාලේ රත්නායක මහතා පියවර ගෙන ඇත.

මෙම ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය පිළිබඳ සොයා බලා නිර්දේශ ලබා ගැනීම සඳහා වරාය අධිකාරියේ ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ නිලධාරීන් සහ වරාය ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ සියලු පාර්ශ්ව නියෝජනය වන පරිදි කමිටුවක් පත් කිරීමටද ඇමැතිවරයා කටයුතු කර තිබේ.

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වැනිදා වරාය ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය සඳහා තීරණය කළ බව පැවසූ වරාය, නාවික හා දකෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ප්‍රකාශනයක දිවයිනට සඳහන් කළේ එම තීරණයට වරාය හා නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රයෙන්, ආනයන සහ අපනයන ක්ෂේත්‍රයෙන් බොහෝ පිරිසක් විරෝධය පළ කළ බවයි. එම විරෝධතා සැලකිල්ලට ගත් ඇමැති සාලේ රත්නායක මහතා අදාළ ගාස්තු සංශෝධන තීරණය මාර්තු 15 තෙක් අත්හිටුවූ බවද ඊට ඊයේ (29 දා) කැබිනට් අනුමැතිය හිමි වූ බවද හෙතෙම කීය.

Newspaper – Daily FT Date – 30-01-2019

Sagala defers port tariff revision to 15 March

■ **Decision made after industry concerns raised, Cabinet to review tariff after committee report**

PORTS, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka has decided the implementation of the proposed port tariff revision will be deferred until 15 March following concerns raised by the industry.

Cabinet approved the decision to delay on Monday after a Cabinet paper was presented by Minister Ratnayaka that sought to defer the implementation of the tariff revision. The deferment was done due to concerns raised by multiple industry stakeholders, the Ministry said in a statement.

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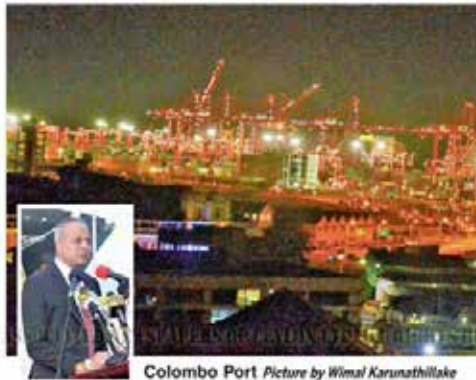
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SAGALA DEFERS PORT TARIFF REVISION IMPLEMENTATION UNTIL MARCH 15

CABINET TO REVIEW TARIFF AFTER COMMITTEE REPORT



Colombo Port Picture by Wimal Karunathillake

Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said the implementation of the proposed port tariff revision will be deferred until March 15 considering concerns raised by multiple industry stakeholders.

The Cabinet ratified the decision today after a Cabinet memorandum presented by Minister Ratnayaka seeking to defer the implementation of the tariff revision due to concerns raised by multiple industry stakeholders.

The Cabinet will review the tariffs after considering the report of the committee appointed to look into the matter. The committee comprises of several senior officials of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), and a member each from the Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA), the Chamber of

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Trinco, Galle harbours to operate 24/7

IRANGIKA RANGE

Trincomalee and Galle harbours will be made operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week, before the end of this year, Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said.

He said that night navigation would be introduced for the first

time to the Trincomalee harbour from April.

This would make the Trincomalee harbour operational 24 hours. The Japanese government has pledged to provide financial assistance in this regard and the necessary vessel tracking radar system and the other infrastructure facilities will be established shortly in the harbour.

The Trincomalee harbour would introduce a new buoy system to make night navigation possible. "With the introduction of night navigation, more ships are expected to call over at the harbour and thereby revenue will increase," he added. Meanwhile, plans are afoot to introduce night navigation to the Galle harbor as well, towards the end of 2019.

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SLPA to place over US \$ 3mn order with Colombo Dockyard for 2 pilot vessels

- Move aimed at handling greater volume and improving efficiency
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