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ICGS Samar

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CGS සමර් සහ ආර්යන් ඉන්දියානු වෙරළ ආරක්ෂක නෞකා දෙක දෙසැම්බර් 1 දිනට 7 දින වා ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ සංචාරය කරයි. මෙම නෞකා ශ්‍රී ලංකාවට පැමිණෙන්නේ 'දේස්නී' ඉන්දු-ශ්‍රී ලංකා-මාලදිවයින ත්‍රිකෝණීය වෙරළ ආරක්ෂක අභ්‍යාසයට සහභාගී වීමෙන් පසුවය. එය නොවැ-ම්බර් 25-29 දින මාලදිවයිනේ දී පැවැත්විණි. මෙම නෞකා ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ රැඳී සිටින කාලයේ දී ගාල්ලේ ද සංචාරය කිරීමට නියමිතය.

Newspaper – Daily News      Date – 01-12-2018

## Indian Coast Guard Ships here today

Indian Coast Guard Ships CGS Samar and Aryaman will arrive today in Sri Lanka and stay until December 7.

The ships will arrive in Colombo after participating in the India-Sri Lanka-Maldives Tri-Lateral Coast Guard Exercise 'Dosti' conducted from November 25 to 29 in Maldives.

Two junior Sri Lanka Coast Guard Officers have also been embarked on the ships since their departure from India on November 23 to provide sea experience and first-hand insight into Coast Guard operations. During their stay in Sri



Lanka, the ships would also be visiting Galle.

The visit is aimed at furthering cooperation and interoperability that exists between Coast Guards of both nations and to assist in capacity building of Sri Lanka Coast Guard. Interaction between the services has seen a steady increase over the years with a number of high level delegations and four ship visits under-

taken by Indian Coast Guard to Sri Lanka since last year.

The operational and professional exchange that takes place between both the Coast Guards had also served to build mutual trust and provide an opportunity to learn from each other.

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fast boarding operations, search and rescue, law enforcement and maritime patrol.

CGS Aryaman is also an ingeniously-designed vessel that was constructed at Cochin Shipyard. Similar to CGS Samar, she is also tasked to carry out fast boarding operations, search and rescue, law enforcement and maritime patrol.

During their visit, the Indian Coast Guard ships will undertake training on aspects such as search and rescue, vessel search procedure and documentation, pollution control

etc. In addition, a series of professional exchanges and sports fixtures have been also planned ashore between the ships' crew and Sri Lanka Coast Guard personnel at Colombo as well as Galle.

Newspaper – Daily Mirror      Date – 01-12-2018



## Two Indian Coast Guard Ships to visit SL

Two Indian Coast Guard Ships, CGS Samar and Aryaman, would arrive in Sri Lanka on Saturday furthering the cooperation between the two Coast Guards of India and Sri Lanka, the Indian High Commission said yesterday (30).

In a statement, the High Commission said the ships would arrive in Colombo after participating in the India-Sri Lanka-Maldives Tri-Lateral Coast Guard Exercise 'Dosti' that was conducted from November 25-29 in the Maldives.

Two junior Sri Lanka Coast Guard Officers have also been onboard the ships since their departure from India on November 23 to provide them with valuable sea experience and first hand insight into Coast Guard operations. During their stay in Sri Lanka, the ships would also be visiting Galle. The visit is aimed at furthering the level of

cooperation and interoperability that exists between Coast Guards of both the nations and to assist in capacity building of the Sri Lanka Coast Guard," it said.

It said the interaction between the two coast guards has seen a steady increase over the years with a number of high level delegations and four ship visits undertaken by the Indian Coast Guard to Sri Lanka since last year. During their visit, the Indian Coast Guard ships will undertake training on aspects such as search and rescue, vessel search procedures, documentation and pollution control.

In addition, a series of professional exchanges and sports fixtures have been also been planned ashore between the ships' crew and the Sri Lanka Coast Guard personnel in Colombo and Galle as well.

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## INDIAN COAST GUARD SHIPS VISIT SRI LANKA

**Indian Coast Guard Ships CGS Samar and Aryaman are on a visit to Sri Lanka from 01 to 07 December 2018.** The ships arrived in Colombo after participating in the **India-Sri Lanka-Maldives Tri-Lateral Coast Guard Exercise 'Dosti'** that was conducted from 25-29 November 2018 in Maldives. Two junior Sri Lanka Coast Guard Officers have also been embarked on the ships since their departure from India on 23 November 2018 to provide valuable sea experience and first hand insight into Coast Guard operations. During their stay in Sri Lanka, the ships would also be visiting Galle.

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## Two Indian Coast Guard vessels here

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Indian High Commission spokesperson said: "The ships arrived in Colombo after participating in the India-Sri Lanka-Maldives Tri-Lateral Coast Guard Exercise 'Dosti' that was conducted from 25-29 November 2018 in Maldives. Two junior Sri Lanka Coast Guard Officers have also been embarked on the ships since their departure from India on November 23 to provide valuable sea experience and first hand insight into Coast Guard operations. During their stay in Sri Lanka, the ships would also be visiting Galle.

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Newspaper – Sunday Island      Date – 02-12-2018

## Indian Coast Guard ships on visit to Sri Lanka

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Two junior Sri Lanka Coast Guard officers were also aboard the ships since their departure from India on November 23 to gain valuable sea experience and a first-hand insight into Coast Guard operations. During their stay in Sri Lanka, the ships will also sail to Galle.

The visit is aimed at furthering the level of cooperation and interoperability that exists between Coast Guards of both nations and to assist in capacity building of the Sri Lanka Coast Guard.

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ICGS 'SAMAR'



ICGS 'ARYAMAN'

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## Luxury vessel Mein Schiff 3 calls Colombo Port with 2,430 passengers



Super luxury passenger vessel MV Mein Schiff 3 of TUI Cruises with 2,430 passengers and 995 crew on board made her maiden call at the Port of Colombo on November 26.

Sri Lanka Ports Authority said in a statement that the vessel was welcomed at the East Container Terminal (ECT) of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA).

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 and the local agents of the vessel, Shipping Agency Services (Pvt) Ltd.

On behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, the Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake exchanged plaques with the Master of Mein Schiff 3 – Capt. Alevropoulos George.

Expressing views at the occasion, the Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) – Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake said that the Port of Colombo was honored by the presence of Mein Schiff 3 in Colombo.

“The Port of Colombo has become an extremely busy port and this year the port also became the fastest growing port in the world in terms of handling containers,” he said.

“The next area we are focusing on is the passenger vessels and we have plans to construct a state of the art passenger terminal at the Port of Colombo.”

TUI Cruises is a Germany-based, joint venture cruise line of the German Tourist firm, TUI AG and the American cruise line operator, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.

The company commenced operations in 2009 targeting German clientele, as an alternative to AIDA Cruises and Hapag-Lloyd Cruises.

The concept is for German-speaking customers who opt for a premium cruise experience. Onboard products are custom-tailored for German tastes and encompass food, entertainment, and amenities. German is the main language used onboard their ships.

Mein Schiff 3 is approximately 295 meters long and approximately 36 meters (118 ft) wide. The ship has 1250 staterooms, most of which have balconies, with a capacity of 2,500 passengers and a crew of 1,000.

This ship, Mein Schiff 3 has commenced its voyage from Europe during the month of May. She has touched many ports in Europe over the last couple of months and thereafter cruises towards south Asia thru the Suez canal touching some ports in the UAE.

The vessel that cruises under the flag of Malta called Colombo from Mumbai, India and her next Phuket, Thailand is her next port of call. (LBO)

Newspaper – Sunday Morning      Date – 02-12-2018

## Maiden call of super luxury MV MEIN SCHIFF 3

TUI Cruises super luxury passenger vessel MV Mein Schiff 3, with 2,430 passengers and 995 crew members on board, made its maiden call at the Port of Colombo on 26 November and was welcomed at the East Container Terminal (ECT) of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA).

Plaque exchanges were held between the Master of the vessel, Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), and the local agent of the vessel, Shipping Agency Services (Pvt.) Ltd. On behalf of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake exchanged plaques with the Master of Mein Schiff 3 – Capt. Alevropoulos George.

Expressing views at the occasion, Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake said that the Port of Colombo was honoured by the presence of Mein Schiff 3 in Colombo: "The Port of Colombo has become an extremely busy port and this year the port also became the fastest growing port in the world in terms of handling containers. The next area we are focusing on is passenger vessels and we have plans to construct a state-of-the-art passenger terminal at the Port of Colombo."

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Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake exchanges plaques with the Master of Mein Schiff 3 Capt. Alevropoulos George. The Managing Director of Shipping Agency Services (Pvt.) Ltd. Gihan Nanayakkara and other representatives look on

long and approximately 36 meters wide. The ship has 1,250 staterooms, most of which have balconies, with a capacity of 2,500 passengers and a crew of 1,000. The ship includes several restaurants, a theatre, spa and nightclub.

TUI Group announced that as part of their modernisation strategy, Mein Schiff 1 and Mein Schiff 2 would be transferred to Thomson Cruises over the next few years, as a result, two replacement ships Mein Schiff 1 and Mein Schiff 2 were ordered. This year on 15 January, Mein Schiff 5 was launched and subsequently on 28 April, Mein Schiff 6 was laid down.

This ship, Mein Schiff 3 commenced its voyage from Europe during the month of May. She touched many ports in Europe over the last couple of months and thereafter cruised towards South Asia through the Suez Canal touching some ports in the UAE. The vessel cruises under the flag of Malta, called Colombo from Mumbai, India and her next port of call will be Phuket, Thailand.



MV Mein Schiff 3 at the Port of Colombo

The officials of the higher management of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), including the Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewawitharana, Additional Managing Director Upali De Zoya, and officials of the local agent Shipping Agency Services (Pvt.) Ltd., including Managing Director Gihan Nanayakkara, Deputy General Manager Dakshan Jayasinghe and Operations Executive Niroshan Davidson, were also present at the occasion.

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මේ වසරේ හෙවුණු මාස 10ක කාල පරිච්ඡේදය තුළ කොළඹ වරායට පැමිණි සංචාරක මගී නෞකා ප්‍රමාණය 45ක් වන අතර, අදාළ කාලසීමාව තුළ පසුගිය වසරේ පැමිණි සංචාරක මගී නෞකා ප්‍රමාණය 35ක් වන බවද එම අධිකාරිය මාධ්‍ය නිවේදනයක් නිකුත් කරමින් සඳහන් කරයි. මේ වර්ෂය තුළ ගාල්ල, ත්‍රිකුණාමලය, හම්බන්තොට වරායන්ද ඇතුළුව සමස්ත වරායන් වෙත පැමිණි සංචාරක මගී නෞකා ප්‍රමාණය 58ක් බවද එහි දැක්වෙයි.

මේ වනවිට සංචාරක කර්මාන්තය නගා සිටුවීමේ අරමුණෙන් ප්‍රභේදය මට්ටමේ යටිතල පහසුකම් සපිරි නවීන අංශෝභාගයන්ගෙන් සමන්විත මගී පර්යන්තයක් කොළඹ වරායේ ඉදි කිරීමට කැලඳුම් කර ඇත් අතර, එමගින් සංචාරක මගී නෞකා සඳහා වැඩි පහසුකම් සැලසීමට අපේක්ෂිත බවද එම අධිකාරිය පවසා සිටියි.

එමෙන්ම අවසාන වනවිට කොළඹ වරාය බහුල මෙහෙයුම් ඉතිහාසයේ සුවිශේෂී සන්ධිස්ථානයකට වළඹෙමින් සිටින බහුල පර්යන්තවල බහුල මෙහෙයුම් මිලියන 07 සීමාව ඉක්මවීමට අපේක්ෂිත යැයිද එහි දැක්වේ.

අදාළ නිවේදනයේ මෙසේද දැක්වේ.

'2018 වසරේ පළමු මාස 10 තුළ කොළඹ වරායේ ප්‍රතිනැව්ගත බහුල මෙහෙයුම්වලද 19.5%ක වර්ධනයක් පෙන්නුම්

කරයි. 2017 වර්ෂයේ අදාළ කාලසීමාව තුළ ප්‍රතිනැව්ගත බහුල 3,948,163 (TEU) මෙහෙයවා තිබූ අතර, 2018 වර්ෂයේ පළමු මාස 10 තුළ ප්‍රතිනැව්ගත බහුල 4,717,746 (TEU) මෙහෙයවා තිබේ.

මේ වනවිට කොළඹ වරාය ප්‍රවර්ධනය කිරීමේ අවබෝධතා හිඟිපුම් යටතේ JCT, SAGT, CICT යන පර්යන්ත ත්‍රිත්වය ආශ්‍රිත කටයුතු කරනු ලබන අතර, කොළඹ වරාය අන්තර්ජාතික වශයෙන් ප්‍රවර්ධනය කිරීම සඳහා සියලුම පර්යන්තරුවන් සහ සංවිධාන සමග නව නැව් සේවා ආකර්ෂණය කරගැනීම සඳහා කටයුතු කරනු ලබයි.'

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## Colombo Port draws more TEUs and cruise ships

CONTAINER-HANDLING at the Port of Colombo is on the rise whilst it is also drawing more cruise ships, the SLPA said yesterday.

In the first 10 months of this year, Colombo port has witnessed the highest growth of 19.5% in transshipment container throughput as against the corresponding period in 2017. During the first ten months of 2018, the Port of Colombo handled 4,717,746 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of transshipment containers as against 3,948,163 TEUs handled in the corresponding period in 2017. Sri Lanka Ports Authority said under the leadership of Minister of Ports and Shipping Mahinda Samarasinghe, and advice from the SLPA



MP Mahinda Samarasinghe with SLPA Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake

Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, the positive increase at SLPA-controlled terminal Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), and Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT) and South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) collectively resulted in this increase.

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Colombo expects to handle 7 million containers in 2018, up 12.9% from the 6.2 million TEUs handled in 2017 with joint marketing by three terminals: JCT, SAGT and CICT.

It also said that Colombo Port has also achieved remarkable growth of the cruise ships calling. SLPA said 45 cruise ships have called at Port of Colombo in the past 10 months of this year, which is a 28.8% increase against the corresponding period in 2017.

"This record-breaking growth is a significant achievement after the declaring of years 2017, 2018 and 2019 as tourism and investment years of Sri Lanka by President Maithripala Sirisena with the objective of creating a prosperous country. These years have been declared to ease the planning for the next three years to overcome all challenges in the fields of hotel and tourism in Sri Lanka by 2020," SLPA said in a statement.

Following Samarasinghe assuming office as the Minister of Ports and Shipping, an exclusive three-year plan was introduced to develop the entire port sector in order to establish Sri Lanka as the most preferred maritime gateway to South Asia.

The Port of Colombo is ranked as the world's No. 1 container growth port among the top 30 container ports for the first half of 2018. In container-handling, Port of Colombo has recorded a 15.6% 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 reaches the top of a global maritime ranking. With this growth, Port of Colombo has leapt ahead many other Asian ports, major European ports, and Dubai as well.

SLPA was awarded the Ports Authority of the Year 2018 Award by the Global Ports Forum (GPF). The fourth GPF awards ceremony, followed by the conference forum, was held in February this year at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

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## Remarkable growth of cruise ships at Port of Colombo reported this year



Ports and shipping Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe and SLPA Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake



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**45 cruise ships in last 10 months, 29% increase YoY**

A remarkable growth of the cruise ships calling at the Port of Colombo has been reported in this year.

According to the records of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), 45 cruise ships have been called at Port of Colombo in the last 10 months of this year, which is a 28.8 percent increase against the corresponding period in 2017.

This record-breaking growth is a significant achievement after declaring the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 as tourism and investment years of Sri Lanka by President Maithripala Sirisena with the objective of creating a prosperous country.

These years have been declared to ease the planning for the next three years to overcome all challenges in the fields of hotel and tourism in Sri Lanka by 2020.

Meanwhile, the Port of Colombo has witnessed the highest growth of 19.5 percent in transshipment container throughput for the first

ten months in 2018 as against the corresponding period in 2017.

During the first ten months of 2018, the Port of Colombo handled 4,717,746 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of transshipment containers as against 3,948,153 TEUs handled in the corresponding period in 2017.

Under the leadership of Ports and shipping Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe, and advice of SLPA Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake the positive increase at SLPA controlled terminal, Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), and Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT), and South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT) collectively resulted in this increase.

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port among the top 30 container ports for the first half of 2018. In container handling, Port of Colombo has recorded a 15.8 percent growth for the first half of 2018 over the same period last year according to Alphaliner Monthly 2018.

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## REMARKABLE GROWTH OF CRUISE SHIP ARRIVALS AT COLOMBO PORT

A remarkable growth of cruise ships calling the Port of Colombo has been reported in this year. According to the records of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, 45 cruise ships have called at the Port of Colombo in the last 10 months of this year which is 28.8 % increase against the corresponding period in 2017.

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Chairman of SLPA, Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake with Ports and Shipping Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe and a cruise ship at the Port of Colombo

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[අශ්වල ශ්‍රියතශේ]

මෙරට සංචාරක කර්මාන්තයට විශිෂ්ට දායකත්වයක් ලබා දෙන සංචාරක නොකා කොළඹ වරායට පැමිණීමේ වර්ධනයක් පෙන්නුම් කරන බවත්, සංචාරක කර්මාන්තය නගා සිටුවීමේ අරමුණින් ප්‍රශස්ත මට්ටමේ යටිතල පහසුකම් සපිරි නව නගරාංශයන්ගෙන් සමන්විත මගී පර්යන්තයක් කොළඹ වරායේ ඉදි කිරීමට සැලසුම් කර ඇති බවත් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය නිවේදනයක් නිකුත් කරමින් පවසයි.

මෙම වර්ෂයේ ගෙවුණු මාස 10ක කාල පරිච්ඡේදය තුළ කොළඹ වරායට පැමිණි සංචාරක මගී නොකා ප්‍රමාණය 45ක් වන අතර අදාළ කාල සීමාව තුළ පසුගිය වසරේ පැමිණි සංචාරක මගී නොකා ප්‍රමාණය 35ක් වේ. එය ප්‍රතිශතයෙන් ලෙස සියයට 28.6ක වර්ධනයකි.

ආසියානු අප්‍රිකානු සහ ඕස්ට්‍රේලියානු මහද්වීප කේන්ද්‍ර කරගනිමින් භූගෝලීය පිහිටීමේ සුවිශේෂී කෙසෙත්ව උපායමාර්ගික ලෙසින් භාවිත කරමින් ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ වරායන් සංචාරක කර්මාන්තයේ සංවර්ධනයෙහිලා විශිෂ්ට දායකත්වයක් ලබාදෙන බවත් වරාය අධිකාරිය වැඩිදුරටත් සඳහන් කරයි.

## දුම්රිය සේවයට අලුත් දුම්රියක් හා ඩීසල් විදුලි එන්ජිමක් ඉන්දියාවේ හිට එයි



ඉන්දියානු සහන ණය වැඩපිළිවෙල යටතේ ශ්‍රී ලංකාවට ආනයනය කළ ද්විත්ව බලවේග කට්ටලයක් සහ ඩීසල් විදුලි එන්ජිමක් 03 දා) පෙ.ව. 10.00 ට කොළඹ වරායේ පිහිටි බණ්ඩාරනායක ජැටියට ගොඩබෑන ලදී. මෙම ද්විත්ව බලවේග කට්ටලයේ වටිනාකම රු. බිලියන 1.8ක් පමණ වන අතර ඩීසල් විදුලි එන්ජිමේ වටිනාකම රු. මිලියන 77.8 ක් පමණ වේ.

මෙම ද්විත්ව බලවේග කට්ටලයේ මැදිරි සංඛ්‍යාව 09 ක් වන අතර 03 වන පන්තියේ මැදිරි 05 ක්, 02 වන පන්තියේ මැදිරි 02ක් සහ මායුසමනය කරන ලද පළමු පන්තියේ මැදිරි 02 ක්ද මෙයට අමතරව ඇත. මෙයට අමතරව ආනයනය කරන ලද ඩීසල් විදුලි දුම්රිය එන්ජිම ප්‍රධාන මාර්ගවල බැවනය සඳහා යෙදවීමට කටයුතු කරන බව දුම්රිය දෙපාර්තමේන්තු බලධාරීන් පවසා ඇත.

ඉන්දියානු සහන ණය වැඩපිළිවෙල යටතේ එළඹෙන 2019 වසරේ තවත් ද්විත්ව බලවේග කට්ටල 09 ක් සහ ඩීසල් විදුලි එන්ජිම 05 ක් ආනයනය කර දුම්රිය සේවය සඳහා යෙදවීමට සියලු කටයුතු අවසන් කර ඇති බව ප්‍රවාහන හා සිවිල් ගුවන් සේවා අමාත්‍යාංශය අවධාරණය කරන අතර, මෙම දුම්රියක් ධාවනයට යෙදවීමෙන් පසුව මිනිසුන්ගේ සේවය වැඩි වන බවට අමාත්‍යාංශය විශ්වාසය පළ කරයි.

මෙම ද්විත්ව බලවේග කට්ටලය සහ ඩීසල් විදුලි දුම්රිය ගොඩබෑමේ අවස්ථාවට ප්‍රධාන හා සිවිල් ගුවන් සේවා අමාත්‍ය නමැති සිරිපාල ද සිල්වා මහතා පහ වරාය සහ නාවික කටයුතු පිළිබඳ අමාත්‍ය මහින්ද සමරසිංහ මහතා යන අමාත්‍යවරුන්ද, අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම් ජී. එස්. විතානගේ, දුම්රිය දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ සමානාධිකාරී විලන්ත ප්‍රනාන්දු යන මහත්වරුන් ඇතුළු නිලධාරීන් පිරිසක් සහභාගී විය.

## සංචාරක නැව්වල පැමිණීම 28.6%ක වර්ධනයක්

**චන්ද්‍රිකා පෙරේරා**

ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ වරයන්ට පැමිණෙන සංචාරක තොරතුරු ප්‍රමාණය පසුගිය මාස දහයේ දී පමණක් සියයට 28.6%ක වර්ධනයක් පෙන්නුම් කර ඇති බව ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සඳහන් කරයි.

2017 සිට 2019 දක්වා වසර තුන සංචාරක වසර ලෙස තම කර්මන්තයේ සංචාරක කර්මාන්තය තහාසිටුවීමට ජනාධිපති මෙහිපාල සිරිසේන මහතා ආරම්භ කළ වැඩපිළිවෙල අනුව මෙම වර්ධනය වෙත ළඟා ගමන් කිරීමට ගැනී වී තිබේ.

ආසියානු, අප්‍රිකානු සහ ඕෂේනියානු මහද්වීප කේන්ද්‍ර කර ගනිමින් භූගෝලීය පිහිටීමේ සුවිශේෂී ගණනාව උපාය මාර්ගික ලෙස භාවිතා කරමින් සංචාරක වරායන් සංචාරක කර්මාන්තයේ සංවර්ධනයට දායක කර ගෙන ඇති බව වරාය අධිකාරිය පෙන්වා දෙයි.

2018 වර්ෂයේ ගෙවුණු මාස 10 කාල පරිච්ඡේදයේ කොළඹ වරායට පැමිණි සංචාරක මගී තොරතුරු ප්‍රමාණය 45කි. පසුගිය වසරේ පැමිණි සංචාරක මගී තොරතුරු ප්‍රමාණය 35කි. මේ අනුව එය ප්‍රතිශතයක් ලෙස 28.6%ක වර්ධනයක් පෙන්නුම් කරයි.

2017 සමස්ත වර්ෂයේ ගාල්ල, ත්‍රිකුණාමලය, හම්බන්තොට වරායයන් ද ඇතුළුව වරාය අධිකාරිය සතු සමස්ත වරායයන් වෙත පැමිණි සංචාරක මගී තොරතුරු ප්‍රමාණය 58කි.

මේ වන විට සංචාරක කර්මාන්තය තහාසිටුවීමේ අරමුණෙන් ප්‍රගස්ත මට්ටමේ යටිතල පහසුකම් සපිරී නවත අංශෝපාංගයන්ගෙන් සමන්විත මගී පර්යන්තයක් කොළඹ වරායේ ඉදි කිරීමට සැලසුම් කර ඇත. එමගින් සංචාරක මගී තොරතුරු සඳහා වැඩි පහසුකම් සැලසීමට අපේක්ෂිත බවද වරාය අධිකාරිය සඳහන් කෙළේය.

2018 වර්ෂය අවසාන වන විට කොළඹ වරාය බහලු මෙහෙයුම් ඉතිහාසයේ සුවිශේෂී සංධිස්ථානයකට එළඹෙමින් සියලු බහලු පර්යන්තයන්ගේ ප්‍රසංයෝගී දායකත්වයෙන් බහලු මෙහෙයුම් මිලියන 7 සීමාව ඉක්මවීමට ද අපේක්ෂිතය.

2018 වසරේ පළමු මාස 10යේ කොළඹ වරායේ ප්‍රති තැවගත බහලු මෙහෙයුම්වල ද 19.5% ක වර්ධනයක් පෙන්නුම් කරයි.

2017 වර්ෂයේ ප්‍රති තැවගත බහලු 3,948,163ක් මෙහෙයවා තිබෙන අතර 2018 වර්ෂයේ පළමු මාස 10ය ප්‍රති තැවගත බහලු 4,717,746ක් මෙහෙයවා තිබේ.

මේ වන විට කොළඹ වරාය ප්‍රවර්ධනය කිරීමේ අවබෝධතා ගිවිසුම අවසන් වී ඇති අතර එමගින් හා සිදුකිරීම සහ පර්යන්ත ක්‍රියාව සාමූහිකව ක්‍රියාත්මකව ඇත. කොළඹ වරාය අන්තර්ජාතික වශයෙන් ප්‍රවර්ධනය කිරීම සඳහා සියලුම පාර්ශ්වකරුවන් සහ සංවිධාන සමග නව තැව් සේවාවන් ආකර්ෂණය කර ගැනීම මෙහි අරමුණු අතර ප්‍රධාන වේ.

සංචාරක කර්මාන්තයට අවශ්‍ය ප්‍රගස්ත මට්ටමේ යටිතල පහසුකම් සලසා දීමත්, සංචාරක මගී තොරතුරු කොළඹ වරාය වෙත ආකර්ෂණය කර ගැනීමත් මෙම ක්‍රියාවලියේ ප්‍රධාන අලක්ක වෙයි. Alpha liner වර්තමානව අනුව කොළඹ වරාය 2018 පළමු මාස හයේ දී ලෝකයේ ප්‍රධාන බහලු මෙහෙයුම් වරායන් නිහ අතර වර්ධන වේගය අනුව පළමු ස්ථානයට පත්ව ඇත. වරාය සම්බන්ධතා දර්ශකය අනුව කොළඹ වරාය ආසියාවේ විශිෂ්ටතම සම්බන්ධිත වරාය බවට ද පත්ව ඇත.

ලෝකයේ සමූද්‍රික සිතියමේ කොළඹ වරාය ග්ලෝබල් පෝර්ට්ෆෝරම් '2018 වසරේ වරාය අධිකාරිය' සම්මානය ද දිනා ගැනීමෙන් ඇත.



## 45 cruise ships arrive at Colombo Port

SL welcomes 65,6K travellers via sea

The Colombo Port has witnessed an increase of 28.8 per cent in cruise ship callings to the port with more than 45 ships attended during the first ten months of this year.

According to the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, more than 65,600 travellers arrived in Sri Lanka via sea routes during the first ten months, with the highest arrivals being recorded in April at

19,393. In January this year, nearly 9,694 travellers arrived in the country via sea, while in February it was 5,414, in March 14,763, in May 4,250, in June 3,569, in July 1,759, in August 1,834, in September 2,829 and in October, nearly 2,841 came via sea routes.

Last year, nearly 1.05 per cent (22,300) of tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka came via sea ports...

## 45 cruise...

...with 0.53 per cent mainly from the Galle Port and 0.48 per cent through the Port of Colombo.

The Government of Sri Lanka has been emphasizing the need to improve cruise tourism for better economic development, as the sector has been viewed as a high-yielding area of tourism.

Since the dawn of peace in 2009, various agencies have lobbied for a special cruise ship terminal at Colombo Port, as well as a Galle Port to be developed as a tourist port with yacht marina facilities.

This year, the Government hoped to attract more than 50,000 travellers and managed to surpass it by an additional 30 per cent as of end October this year. **(MA)**

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■ **සංචිත ධර්මයන්**

ශ්‍රී ලංකා ක්‍රිකට් ආයතනය විසින් සංවිධානය කරනු ලබන අන්තර්ජාතික පළමු පෙළ ක්‍රිකට් තරගාවලිය පසුගිය සතියේ ආරම්භ වූ අතර, එහිදී පැවැති එකම පූර්ණ ජයග්‍රහණය වාර්තා කිරීමට එස්.එස්.සී. ක්‍රීඩා සමාජය සමත් විය. සෙසු සියලුම තරග ජය පරාජයෙන් තොරව අවසන් විය.

**මුවර්ස් - වරාය අධිකාරී තරගය**

මුවර්ස් ක්‍රීඩා සමාජය හා වරාය අධිකාරී ක්‍රීඩා සමාජය අතර තරගය ජය පරාජයෙන් තොරව අවසන් විය. මෙම තරගය කොළඹ ආර්. ප්‍රේමදාස ක්‍රීඩාංගණයේදී පැවැත්විණි.

**මුවර්ස් පළමු ඉනිම 320/10 (පන්දුවාර 91.5)**

වාමර සිල්වා 87, ඉරෝන් සමරසූරිය 51, පබසර චන්දනේ 42,  
වමන්ද බණ්ඩාර 4/82, වානක කොමකාරු 3/105, වාලුක විරසිංහ  
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**වරාය අධිකාරී පළමු ඉනිම 156/10 (පන්දුවාර 67.3)**

අදීප නානායක්කාර 30, රනේශ් පෙරේරා 29, රනේශ් හිමත්ත 25,  
මඳුල් ද සිල්වා 2/45, තරුක කෙසේද 4/40

**වරාය අධිකාරී දෙවැනි ඉනිම 165/4 (පන්දුවාර 68)**

යොහාන් ද සිල්වා 59, අධීප නානායක්කාර 58\*, ගහාන් මහිෂාන්  
29\*, දුරන්ත රනේදිත් 2/52

පුවත්පත - දිවයින

දිනය - 2018-12-05

## මේ වසරේ මාස 10 ට මගී නොකා 45 ක් ලංකාවට ඇවිත්

කොළඹ වරාය ඇතුළුව ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ වරායන් වෙත මෙම වසරේදී (2018) පැමිණි සංචාරක මගී නොකාවල කැපී පෙනෙන වර්ධනයක් දක්නට ඇතැයි ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සඳහන් කරයි.

ගෙවුණු මාස දහයක කාලය තුළ කොළඹ වරායට සංචාරක මගී නොකා 45 ක් පැමිණි බවත් පසුගිය වසරේදී (2017) පැමිණ ඇත්තේ සංචාරක මගී නොකා 35 ක් පමණක් බවත් වරාය අධිකාරිය පවසයි.

සංචාරක කර්මාන්තය නැගීයැදීම සඳහා නවීන අංශෝපාංගයන්ගෙන් සමන්විත මගී පර්යන්තයක් කොළඹ වරායේ ඉදිකිරීමට සැලසුම් කර ඇති බවත් එමගින් සංචාරක මගී නොකා සඳහා වැඩි පහසුකම් සලසාදිය හැකි බවත් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය වැඩිදුරටත් සඳහන් කරයි.



## සංචාරක නැව් ලංකාවට තර්තරියට ඇවිත්

(රාජ්‍ය කණ්ඩායම)

ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ සංචාරක කර්මාන්තයට විශිෂ්ට දායකත්වයක් ලබාදෙන කොළඹ වරාය සහ ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ අනෙකුත් වරායන් වෙත පැමිණෙන සංචාරක මගී නෞකා ප්‍රමාණය කැපී පෙනෙන ලෙස වර්ධනය වී ඇතැයි ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සඳහන් කරයි.

මේ වසරේ මුල්මාස දහය ඇතුළත කොළඹ වරායට පැමිණි සංචාරක මගී නැව් ප්‍රමාණය 45ක් වන අතර එය ඉකුත් වසරට සාපේක්ෂව නැව් 10ක වැඩිවීමකුයි ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය පවසයි.

ඉකුත් 2017 වසරේදී ශාල්ල, ක්‍රිකට්කරුවන්, හම්බන්තොට වරායන්ද ඇතුළුව ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ වරායන් වෙත සංචාරක මගී නෞකා 58ක් පැමිණ තිබෙන බවද වරාය අධිකාරිය කියයි.

සංචාරක කර්මාන්තය නගා සිටුවීමේ අරමුණින් ප්‍රශස්ත මිලදීමේ යටිතල පහසුකම්වලින් හා නවීන අංශෝපාංගවලින් සමන්විත මගී පර්යන්තයක් කොළඹ වරායේ ඉදිකිරීමට සැලසුම් කර තිබෙන අතර එමගින් සංචාරක මගී නෞකාවන් සඳහා වැඩි පහසුකම් සලසාදීමට අපේක්ෂිත බවද වරාය අධිකාරිය කියයි.

# ලංකාවට එන මගී නැව්වල කැපීපෙනෙන වර්ධනයක්

ශ්‍රීමත් පතිරත් පියසූරිය

කොළඹ වරාය ප්‍රමුඛ ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ වරායන් වෙත පැමිණෙන සංචාරක මගී නෞකාවල කැපීපෙනෙන වර්ධනයක් මෙම වසරේදී පෙන්නුම් කර ඇතැයි ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සඳහන් කරයි.

2018 වසරේ ගෙවුණු මාස දහයක කාලය තුළ කොළඹ වරායට පැමිණි සංචාරක මගී නෞකා ප්‍රමාණය 45කි. පසුගිය වසරේ (2017) එම කාල සීමාව තුළ සංචාරක නෞකා 35ක් කොළඹ

වරායට පැමිණ තිබේ. එය ප්‍රතිශතයක් ලෙස 28.6%ක වර්ධනයකි. 2017 සමස්ත වර්ෂය තුළ ගාල්ල, ත්‍රිකුණාමලය, හම්බන්තොට වරායන්ද ඇතුළුව මෙරට වරායන් වෙත පැමිණි සංචාරක මගී නෞකා ප්‍රමාණය 58කි.

මේ වනවිට සංචාරක කර්මාන්තය දියුණු කිරීමට පහසුකම් සපිරි නාවික අංශෝපාංගයන්ගෙන් සමන්විත මගී පර්යන්තයක් කොළඹ වරායේදී ඉදිකිරීමට සැලසුම් කර ඇතැයිද ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සඳහන් කරයි.

## Colombo Dockyard lays keels of Bouy Tender Vessel, Pilot Station Vessel for GCPI through TTC Japan

ON 4 December, Colombo Dockyard PLC (CDPLC) laid the keel to auspiciously commence shipbuilding work on the 60 m Bouy Tender Vessel and the 50 m Twin Hull Catamaran hull Pilot Station Vessel for General Company for Ports of Iraq (GCPI) as per an Agreement signed with Toyota Tsusho Corporation (TTC) of Japan. TTC is the Prime Contractor of GCPI for this project and CDPLC is TTC's preferred Shipbuilder.

This keel laying ceremony marked the commencement of hull construction work of the two vessels and the auspicious occasion was graced by Rajaa Haneeb Shalal Mandakawi Ambassador/ Charge D'Affaires Head of Mission of the Embassy of Iraq, Akira Sugiyama Ambassador of Japan in Sri Lanka, Chief Engineer Talib Abdulsh Bseish Asst Director General/ Project Director of General Company for Ports of Iraq and Hideoaki Otsu Senior General Manager of TTC.

In addition, a host of special dignitaries from GCPI, Nippon Koei, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), ClassNK, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Sri Lanka Navy, Board of Investment, Toyota Lanka, Standard Chartered Bank, participated and offered their blessings for the project.

From the part of CDPLC, Dr. Toru Takehara (Chairman), D.V. Abeysinghe (MD/CEO), H. Tanaka (Advisor), Y. Kijima (Technical Advisor), K. Utsumi (Director), K. Kanaya (Director), Lal Hettiarachchi (GM-SB), A.D.M. Jeeth (Project Manager) and a host of other senior management and staff participated at this momentous occasion.

TTC and GCPI signed the Prime Contract on 27 April in Dubai for this project and subsequently TTC signed the Sub Contract Agreement with CDPLC as their preferred Shipyard for the construction of these two vessels on 2 May in Japan. Since then the development of the basic design engineering and detailed



Keel laying ceremony

design engineering took place and from now on, the project will take off the ground with the arrival of steel plates and sections ordered for this project.

At a challenging time where there is not much of shipbuilding work taking place in the world due to the recession in the shipbuilding and shipping markets, CDPLC was fortunate to secure this Shipbuilding contract, which will continue till the third quarter of 2020.

This project also will be etched in Gold in the annals of shipbuilding history, as the first shipbuilding project from Sri Lanka to reach the Republic of Iraq, who has been one of Sri Lanka's close allies for a number of decades. CDPLC and we as Sri Lankans are happy to contribute with our technology, products and services for the rehabilitation of the Iraq maritime sector. CDPLC assured our willingness to attend to any type of shipbuilding, ship repairing and heavy engineering requirement for the Iraq shipping fraternity in the future too.

This project also has further strengthened the relations between Sri Lanka and Japan. Historically, Japan and Sri Lanka have maintained warm and friendly relations over the past. The cordial relationship between the two countries have grown significantly through the combination of cultural and economic ties between the two governments and the people.

We are confident that with these shipbuilding projects generating from TTC Japan will dawn in a new era in the bilateral economic sphere of



60 m Bouy Tender Vessel



50 m Pilot Station Vessel

Picture courtesy – Concept Designer, MTX Marine Design & Consultants

the relationship between Sri Lanka and Japan.

CDPLC believe that TTC and CDPLC has formed a very good relationship which can be developed and transformed in to a very strong, long lasting strategic partnership to cater to worldwide requirements for shipbuilding, ship repairing and heavy engineering services and a force to be reckoned with in the future.

Both the Pilot Station Vessel and the Bouy Tender Vessel will be constructed using modern technology and will be in accordance with latest rules and regulations of the maritime industry. Both vessels will be classed to Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK).

The Pilot Station Vessel is a

twin hull Catamaran type vessel which will be used to transport of pilots and provisions, to provide pilots with accommodation services and to provide station and necessary support for pilot boats. This is a 50m length vessel with a breadth of 18m and a depth of 6.1m. The vessel is driven by two powerful diesel engine and shall develop a speed of 14 knots. The vessel shall be fully air-conditioned and shall provide accommodation for 47 persons.

The Bouy Tender Vessel is designed to be operated to retrieve and launch marine navigation buoys, to provide repair and maintenance to marine navigation buoy, to transport marine navigation buoys and/or spare parts

and to transport general cargo. This is a 60m length vessel with a breadth of 12m and a depth of 4.8m. The vessel is driven by twin diesel engines and is capable of achieving a speed of 12 knots. The vessel also shall be equipped with a Crane with a lifting capacity of 22 tons. This vessel too provides fully air conditioned living quarters for its complement of 29 persons.

The two vessels are to sail out of Colombo in August 2020.

CDPLC established in 1974 mainly for shipbuilding and ship repairing activities, in the span of 44 years, has earned a reputation internationally of being one of the most competitive and dynamic shipbuilding and ship repairing facility in the South Asian region.

With CDPLC's technical expertise in the construction of steel and aluminium hull vessels, complemented by a highly skilled, knowledgeable Engineers and Technicians, CDPLC is capable of offering Japanese Quality products and services, at highly competitive prices to its clients. CDPLC is also well known for its flexibility to customise vessels meeting client's requirement and making continuous improvement to the design and performance characteristics to finally offer a superior product to the customer.

CDPLC operates in joint collaboration with Onomichi Dockyard Company Ltd. of Japan who owns a stake of 51% at Colombo Dockyard PLC while Sri Lankan Government institutions has a 35% shareholding at Colombo Dockyard.

As the leader of Shipbuilding Industry in Sri Lanka, CDPLC continuously proves its excellence by successfully securing and executing large scale shipbuilding projects for the worldwide operation.

CDPLC is the front runner of Sri Lankan industrialisation and the main contributor to the Government's National Export Strategy from the Shipbuilding sector.



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## LAUGFS Terminals' Director/CEO

Further strengthening its leadership team, LAUGFS Holdings, the diversified conglomerate announced the appointment of Sarathkumara Premachandra as Director/Chief Executive Officer of LAUGFS Terminals Limited.

LAUGFS Terminals is part of the LAUGFS Gas PLC group, which has set up one of the largest LPG Transshipment Terminals in South Asia at the Hambantota Port.

Premachandra joins LAUGFS from the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, where he served as the Managing Director. He possesses over 40 years of experience in Ports Management and Operations, including Transshipment Hub Operations, having managed port terminals



owned and operated by both private and public sector.

He has also served at CMA CGM, the 3rd largest shipping company in the world, where he has been based in Malaysia as well as India as Head of Ports section for CMA – Asia. As the ports operations expert for CMA CGM, Sarathkumara has completed assignments in numerous countries including Australia, UAE, Nigeria, USA,

France, Ukraine and Netherlands. He was also part of the panel of operational experts for the Rotterdam World Gateway Terminal and has served as a Consultant/Advisor for private ports in UAE and Malaysia, including Westports Malaysia.

## හම්බන්තොට වරායේ මෙහෙයුම් නංවන්න තවත් ආයෝජනයක්

**මහලංගණ සමූහ, හම්බන්තොට දිසා සමූහ සහ ශ්‍රීගම් සමූහ**

හම්බන්තොට වරායේ මෙහෙයුම් වැඩි දියුණු කිරීම උදෙසා හම්බන්තොට ඉන්ටර්නැෂනල් පෝර්ට් ගෘහ සමාගම මගින් තවත් ආයෝජනයක් සිදු කරන ලදී. අමෙරිකානු ඩොලර් 800,000ක් ඉක්ම වූ තව

ආයෝජනය තුළින්, කාර්යක්ෂම සහසුට සඳහා ගල්තෙත්ස් සහිත අඩි 40 රෝරෝ යන්ත්‍ර (40 - foot Ro-Ro trailers with goosenecks), ඉවත් කළ හැකි ගල්තෙත්ස් (goosenecks), සේල් තෙත් පද්ධතියක් සහිත ටර්බර්ස් ට්‍රැක්ටර් රථයක් (Terberg Tractor with a SafeNeck)

හා බ්‍රේක් බල්ස් බ්‍රැක් බුල්බ් (Break-bulk lifting gear) යන උපකරණ මිල දී ගන්නා ලදී. මේ තව උපකරණ කිල විශයෙන් මෙහෙයුම් සඳහා යොදා ගනු ලැබුවේ, මික්තෝම්බර් 02 වැනි දින Glovis Century තෙතොට සඳහාය.

තව උපකරණවලට අමතරව, මේ

මස මුලදී, හම්බන්තොට ජාත්‍යන්තර වරාය මගින්, ලෝ බෙඩ් ට්‍රේලර් යන්ත්‍ර හතරක් ද (low-bed trailer) කාර්ට්කම් මෙහෙයුම් සඳහා යොදවා ඇත.

මේ තව යන්ත්‍රෝපකරණ බඩු හාණ්ඩ් හැසිරවීමේ කාර්යක්ෂමතාව වැඩි දියුණු කර වරායේ හාණ්ඩ් හැසිරවීමේ හැකියාවක් සඳහා තව

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By D.C. RANATUNGA

**IF** one is to ask what the most significant landmark in Colombo Fort dating back to over a century, many would unhesitatingly say it's the Clock Tower. True, skyscrapers have come up in recent years but they were unknown in the early British era dating back to the 18th century. The clock tower, in fact, is 163 years old since its construction.

It was built where Chatham Street starts and intersects Queen's Street (presently Janadhipathi Mawatha). In the early part of the 20th century, most – if not all – iconic buildings around the clock tower apart from Queen's House and General Post Office (GPO), were commercial buildings, mainly those housing foreign banks. On one side was the Chartered Bank and on the other, the Mercantile Bank. Then there was the National Mutual Building, the head office of the insurance company National Mutual Life Association of Australasia Ltd. (Today the building houses the Central Bank currency museum.)

Though the building was erected in 1857, it had been mooted 42 years earlier in 1815. Designed by Lady Ward, wife of Governor Sir Henry Ward (1835-60), the clock was obtained in 1872, kept in a warehouse until finally installing it in 1914. The four dials are created according to a standard British design showing time to all four points of the compass.

What most of us fail to remember is that the clock tower was also the first Lighthouse in Colombo. Thus it provided two services – one providing accurate time and the other serving as a guiding light to the ships. At 132 feet above sea level, it had a white revolving double light which showed a triple flash lasting a second with an 18-second wait. Powered by kerosene oil the light could be seen from a distance of 18km away in clear weather.



Writer Virginia Woolf, wife of the Leonard Woolf, well-known British civil servant who served in Ceylon, introduces the lighthouse as "a silvery, misty-looking tower with a yellow eye, that opened suddenly and softly in the evening," in her book 'To the Lighthouse'.

What a lighthouse is all about is explained in a recent Stamp Bulletin of the Philatelic Bureau thus: "Lighthouses are guiding lights that have stood for more than a thousand years. Even as waves batter their sides, lighthouses stand proud and erect, guiding the way for all storm-tossed mariners. They are used to indicate dangerous coastlines, underwater rocks and shoals and to guide ships through the channels safely in and out of harbours. The earliest lighthouses were beacon fires or candles displayed through windows of buildings. With the advancement of technology more advanced methods were used to beam the flash from lighthouses such as parabolic reflectors and Fresnel lens invented in the nineteenth century by the French Civil Engineer Augustin-Jean Fresnel. To light the fires during the earliest times various types of oil were used and by the 1900s oil gave way to gas, electricity and more recently to solar power."

In what are known as "man-made wonders," until recently lighthouses were manned by lighthouse-keepers. It was no easy job. They had to undergo tremendous difficulties in performing their duties day and night to ensure the safety of sea-going vessels and mariners. They would trim wicks, top up oil, keep the lenses clean, and operate the various mechanisms.

The turn of the 20th century saw most lighthouses being automated.

These amazing feats of engineering built on the stormiest coastlines have stood for centuries and saved millions of lives in the era before modern navigation. Many of them still do.

#### IN SRI LANKA

Being an island, lighthouses have been an essential element in Sri



From left: Oluvil, Galibokka (Colombo), Barbery (Beruwa) and Point Pedro

Lanka's maritime activities from earliest times. Even the December 2014 tsunami which devastated the Sri Lankan coast failed to destroy any of the lighthouses, though some were slightly damaged. In Sri Lanka most of the lighthouses which were built during the British rule were operated and maintained by the Imperial Lighthouse Service. After independence in 1948 the Sri Lanka Navy gradually took over their operation which was completed by 1976. Today of the 16 active lighthouses (there were 25 in all), most are under the control of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority. The others are controlled by the Navy. There are four international lighthouses in Sri Lanka – Dondra Head, Little Basses Reef, Great Basses Reef and Barbery (Beruwa).

Four lighthouses are featured in the recent issue of stamps.

Oluvil Lighthouse, the first lighthouse built in 1898 by Sri Lankan authorities along with the commissioning of the Oluvil fisheries harbour, is situated on the eastern coast 12 km from the town of Kalmunai. Its focal height is 25 metres (82 feet). The white light flashes every 10 seconds. The white cylindrical tower suffered minor damage from the 2004 tsunami, but has since been repaired. It is also open to the public. Galibokka Point Lighthouse, situated on the western coast on the approach road to the Colombo Harbour, was built in

1952 after the decommissioning of the nearby Colombo Clock Tower lighthouse. The focal height of the round concrete tower lighthouse is 26 metres (85 feet). The white light flashes every 10 seconds. The light beam is visible up to 25 nautical miles. The front of the lighthouse is painted black and white. The lighthouse is open to the public.

Barbery Lighthouse (1896), situated on an island named Barbery on the south-western coast near the town of Beruwa, can only be reached by boat. The focal height of the round stone-embossed tower painted white lighthouse is 46 metres (151 feet). The white light flashes every 20 seconds and is visible up to 27 nautical miles. The glass of the tower is still the original glass installed by the British when the lighthouse was built. It is open to the public. Point Pedro Lighthouse (1916) is in close proximity to the town of Point Pedro in the northern-most point of Sri Lanka. The focal height of the tower is 31 metres (102 feet) and it flashed a white light every five seconds when it was active. The flash could be seen up to 10 nautical miles. It is a round concrete tower painted in white. Controlled by the Sri Lanka Navy, the lighthouse and tower is presently not open to the public, even though the surrounding area is inhabited by people.

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## Sarathkumara Premachandra joins Laugfs Terminals as Director/CEO



Sarathkumara Premachandra

Further strengthening its leadership team, Laugfs Holdings, the diversified conglomerate announced the appointment of Sarathkumara Premachandra as Director/Chief Executive Officer of Laugfs Terminals Limited.

Laugfs Terminals is part of the Laugfs S Gas PLC group, which has set up one of the largest LPG Transshipment Terminals in South Asia at the Hambantota Port.

Premachandra joins Laugfs from the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, where he served as the Managing Director. He possesses over 40 years of experience in ports management and operations, including transshipment hub operations, having managed port

terminals owned and operated by both private and public sector.

He has also served at CMA CGM, the 3rd largest shipping company in the world, where he has been based in Malaysia as well as India as Head of Ports section for CMA – Asia. As the ports operations expert for CMA CGM, Sarathkumara has completed assignments in numerous countries including Australia, UAE, Nigeria, USA, France, Ukraine and Netherlands. He was also part of the panel of operational experts for the Rotterdam World Gateway Terminal and has served as a Consultant/Advisor for private ports in UAE and Malaysia, including Westports Malaysia.

He has a first class Master's

Degree in Port Economics and Port Management from University of Antwerp, Belgium and is also a distinguished alumni of Sri Jayawardenapura University where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

The Laugfs LPG Transshipment Terminal in Hambantota is a state-of-the-art facility comprising of a 30,000MT LPG storage capacity, which is expected to be extended to 45000MT by the completion of the second phase of the project. The facility is strategically located at the Hambantota Port, taking advantage of its unique positioning amidst key maritime trade routes, to serve emerging LPG markets in the region.

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Newspaper – Sunday Observer      Date – 09-12-2018

Munchee National Volleyball Championship - 2018

## Ports Authority and CEB battle in final

—By—  
**Bernard Perera**

The two finals of the Munchee National Volleyball Championship will be conducted at the National Youth Services Council courts Maharagama on December 16 from 9.00 a.m. The Championship is organized by Sri Lanka

Volleyball Federation in association with Ceylon Biscuits.

The Super League National Championship was worked off for men and women while the amateurs tournament for both men and women too were played concurrently two months ago.

In the women's Super league, Air Force and Army women qualified to play in the final while in the men's cat-

egory Ports Authority defeated Army and CEB beat MAS Li in the semi-finals to enter the final.

Ceylon Biscuits is the main sponsor for the National Championship and the president of the Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation and former Minister of Power and Renewable Energy Ranjith Siyambalapitiya will grace the occasion as chief guest and present the awards. The finals will be telecast

live on ITN channel. Finals: Ratana-pala SC, Mahauswewa women take on Hirdaramani SC, Polonnaruwa in the amateurs while in the men's amateur category Golden Tigers SC, Kurunegala meet United SC, Nattandiya.

In the Super League women's category it will be a battle between the two forces the Air Force and Army while in the men's Ports Authority play against Ceylon Electricity Board in the final.

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## Cruise ships calling Port of Colombo up 29% in 2018

An increase in the number of cruise ships calling at the Port of Colombo has been reported this year, Sri Lanka Ports Authority said.

According to the authority, 45 cruise ships have been called at Port of Colombo for the first 10 months of this year which is a 28.8 percent growth against the corresponding period in 2017.

Port of Colombo has also witnessed the highest growth of 19.5 percent in transshipment container throughput for the first ten months of this year against the corresponding period of 2017.

During the first ten months of this year, the port has handled 4,717,746

twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of transshipment containers against 3,948,163 TEUs handled in the corresponding period in 2017.

Colombo Port has been ranked as the fastest growing container port out of 30 major ports in the world for the first half of this year.

In container handling, the port has recorded a 15.6 percent growth for the first half of 2018 over the same period last year according to Alphaliner Monthly 2018.

The Port of Colombo expects to handle 7.0 million containers in 2018, up 12.9 percent from the 6.2 million TEUs handled in 2017.

Newspaper – Sunday Times      Date – 09-12-2018

## Colombo Dockyard to build two vessels for Iraqi Port

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TTC and GCPI signed the contract on April 27, 2018 in Dubai for this project and subsequently TTC signed the Sub Contract Agreement with CDPLC as their preferred shipyard for the construction of these two vessels on May 2 in Japan. Since then the development of the basic design engineering and detailed design engineering took place and from now on, the project will take off the ground with the arrival of steel plates and sections ordered for this project.

"At a challenging time where there is not much of shipbuilding work taking place in the world due to the recession in the shipbuilding and shipping markets, CDPLC was fortunate to secure this shipbuilding contract, which will continue till the third quarter of 2020. This project also will be etched in Gold in the annals of shipbuilding history, as the first shipbuilding project from Sri Lanka to reach the Republic of Iraq, which has been one of Sri Lanka's close allies for a number of decades," the statement added.

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## Dockyard lays keel to begin building two vessels

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Sri Lanka Ports Authority Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharana exchanges plaques with the Master of MV ONE Columba Capt. Anil Khanna. SLPA Chief Manager (Marketing and Business Development) Upul Jayatissa, Harbour Master Capt. Nirmal De Silva, CICT CEO Jack Huang, General Manager (Operations) Kumara Siriwardena, General Manager (Commercial and Marketing) Catriona Jayasundara, Ocean Network Express Lanka Managing Director Vishvanath Daluwatte, Senior General Manager Ayesha Perera, General Manager (Product & Network) Lohitha Hettiarachchi, General Manager (Marketing and Commercial) Manjula Vitharana, Manager (Finance, HR and Administration) Priyantha Herath, and Manager (Operations) Nalaka Alwis are also present

## Ocean Network Express's newest vessel makes maiden call at Colombo Port

OCEAN Network Express (ONE)'s newest vessel MV ONE Columba called the Port of Colombo on her maiden voyage on 7 December.

The arrival of the vessel marked the first ever ONE branded vessel to call the Port of Colombo. With its magenta hull, and loaded fully with ONE's magenta containers, this ship presented a unique sight when arriving and sailing into the Port of Colombo.

To mark the maiden call of the vessel at the Port of Colombo, plaque exchanges were made with the Master of the vessel Capt. Anil Khanna.

The vessel will proceed to Europe, as ONE's first magenta 14,000teu

vessel to call Europe. Ocean Network Express (ONE), which is the world's sixth largest container carrier, commenced operations in April 2018. With a fleet of 230 container-ships and a 1,440,000 TEU container fleet, the company seeks to meet customers' needs by providing high-quality, competitive container shipping services. Supported by a worldwide high level, globally-connected organisation, ONE offers 85 service loops and a comprehensive network linking more than 200 of the world's major ports.

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to sail out of Colombo in August 2020. CDPLC established in 1974 mainly for shipbuilding and ship repairing activities, in the span of 44 years, has earned a reputation internationally, of being one of the most competitive and dynamic shipbuilding and ship repairing facility in the South Asia region.

With CDPLC's technical expertise in the construction of steel and aluminium hull vessels, complimented by a highly skilled, knowledgeable Engineers and Technicians, CDPLC is capable of offering Japanese Quality products and services, at highly competitive prices to its clients. CDPLC is also well known for its flexibility to customise vessels meeting client's requirement and making continuous improvement to the design and performance characteristics to finally offer a superior product to the customer.

CDPLC operates in joint collaboration with Onomichi Dockyard Company Ltd. of Japan who owns a stake of 51 percent at Colombo Dockyard PLC while Sri Lankan Government institutions has a 35 percent shareholding at Colombo Dockyard.

As the leader of Shipbuilding Industry in Sri Lanka, CDPLC continuously proves its excellence by successfully securing and executing large scale shipbuilding projects for the worldwide operation.

Newspaper – Daily FT      Date – 10-12-2018

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## HIPG attracts first drillship to Hambantota International Port

HAMBANTOTA International Port marked another first, coinciding with their first anniversary celebrations yesterday, when the drill ship Alan Abraham berthed at the Port.

The birthday call by the ship was the first of its kind for the Port and proof of Hambantota International Port Group's (HIPG) success in pursuing new and diverse business opportunities for the fully equipped modernised Port.

HIPG saw this business as a good entry point for the Hambantota International Port to be placed on the international map of ports, providing multiple disciplinary services for lay-up vessels. The company had to compete aggressively in the international market to make the breakthrough which came after months of hard work by 'team HIPG' closely supported by CMPORT.



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A spokesman for HIPG said that this was the first time that Sri Lanka was offering such services, "therefore, we had to leverage heavily on the global marine network access of CMPORT to make this happen".

The HIPG team also worked closely with the local agent and acknowledges the cooperation of Hayleys Energy Services. The owners had to be convinced that we could offer international standard services at the Hambantota International Port under the management of HIPG. It should be noted that there are well-established ports in the region that are currently providing such services and have been doing so for many years. Therefore, the local shipping industry considers this as a major breakthrough in diversifying the traditional shipping activities and enabling Sri Lanka to maximise from its strategic location," the spokesperson added.

HIPG was focused on introducing new businesses that would encourage and develop downstream marine-related ancillary services at the Port. The drill ship, which will be at the Port for a minimum of six months will also provide various opportunities for multiple disciplines in the Sri Lankan maritime

service sector. In addition to providing some of the basic services, such as ship chandling and supply of ship stores, etc., marine engineering service providers will have a huge opportunity for new business. Since a wide spectrum of engineering and specialised technical services need to be provided, it is expected that foreign technical experts would be visiting Sri Lanka to provide these services along with their local counterparts.

The management of HIPG is confident that the new business introduced to the Hambantota International Port will have a significant trickle-down effect on the local community, improving their economy through the multitude of support services that will need to be provided for this vessel.

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## Port of Colombo reports 28.8% increase in cruise ship arrivals

A remarkable growth of the cruise ships calling at the Port of Colombo has been reported this year. According to the records of Sri Lanka Ports Authority, as cruise ships have called at the Port of Colombo in the past 10 months of this year which is a 28.8% increase compared to the corresponding period in 2017.

This record-breaking growth is a significant achievement after declaring the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 as tourism

and investment years of Sri Lanka by Mahapala Sirisena with the objective of creating a prosperous country.

Meanwhile, the Port of Colombo has witnessed the highest growth of 13.5% in transshipment container throughput for the first ten months in 2018 as against the corresponding period in 2017. During the first ten months of 2018, the Port of Colombo handled 4,717,796 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEU) of transshipment containers as

against 3,948,163 TEU's handled in the corresponding period in 2017.

The policy direction has led to the positive increase at SLPA controlled terminal, Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), and Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT), and South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT).

Katpuz, a 5-year plan had been introduced to develop the entire port sector to establish Sri Lanka as the most preferred maritime gateway to South Asia.

The Port of Colombo is ranked as world's No.61 container growth port among the top 30 container ports for the 1st half of 2018. In container handling, Port of Colombo had recorded a 13.8% growth for the 1st 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 reaches the top of a global maritime ranking. With this growth, Port of Colombo has leapt ahead many other Asian ports, major European ports and Dubai.

The Port of Colombo expects to handle 7.8 million containers in 2018, up 13.9% from the 6.8 million TEUs handled in 2017 with joint marketing by three terminals, JCT, SAGT and CICT.



A cruise ship which called at the Port of Colombo, recently.

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Seated (from left): Thusitha Jeewendra, Roshan Manikwadyge, Nimal Amerasekara (Immediate Past President), Upali Gunawardena (President), Channaka De Alwis, Lakshman Seneviratne, Dinesh Edirisooriya  
Standing (from left): E.A. Pathmasiri, H.D.R. Shantha, W.G.N. Kumara, Dimuth Silva, Shaminda Kumara, Dinuka De Saram  
Not in photograph: Chinthaka Athapaththu

## Association of Container Transporters holds AGM to elect new team

THE Association of Container Transporters, the leading trade body representing truck owners who serve the national economy held its 33rd Annual General Meeting recently at Pegasus Reef Hotel.

Sri Lanka Customs Director General P.S.M. Charles graced the occasion as Chief Guest along with the then SLPA Managing Director H.D.A.S. Premachandra as Guest of Honour, distinguished invitees representing trade



ACT President  
Upali Gunawardena

and regulatory bodies, and members.  
Upali Gunawardena was

elected President for 2018/2019 uncontested along with 13 committee members representing the entire spectrum of Members. Roshan Manik Waduge and Channaka De Alwis were elected as Vice Presidents with Lakshman Seneviratne as Secretary and Thusitha Jeewandara as Treasurer for 2018/2019.

Charles addressing the gathering emphasised the importance of standardisation and implementation of proper systems to cater to the demands of all stakeholders.

Premachandra highlighted many of the infrastructure and capacity building initiatives undertaken by Sri Lanka Ports Authority and pledged SLPA's commitment to deliver a superior service. He also emphasised on the continued support to ACT. Nimal Amerasekara, the outgoing President thanked the former Committee and the membership for extending their support during his tenure and extended his best wishes to the new President and Committee.

Upali Gunawardena, the President highlighted some of the many problems faced by the industry at the current moment. He also pointed out the importance of the industry to prepare itself to face new challenges as per global trends and adopt sustainable practices for the betterment of all. Reiterating the importance of workforce efficiency improvements, he drew attention of the authorities to ease work pressure through adopting modern technologies to meet future demands.

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## YoungShip organises visit to Hambantota Port

YOUNGSHIP Sri Lanka held its inaugural event for the next generation of the maritime industry with a visit to the Hambantota Port on 24 November. At the port of Hambantota, the YoungShip members were welcomed by LAUGFS Group Chairman W.K.H. Wegapitiya along with Tissa Wickramasinghe from the Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) and Ravi Jayawickrama from the Hambantota International Port Services (HIPS). This was followed by an insightful presentation by Wegapitiya with regard to the recently completed LAUGFS terminal and the future potential for Sri Lanka in the export of gas resources.

Wegapitiya's presentation was followed by a presentation by Nishantha Gamage on behalf of HIPG, where he briefed the participants on the progress made by HIPG after the takeover and also about the future plans to convert Hambantota into a vibrant port and city. Afterwards the participants were given the opportunity to observe a bird's eye view of the entire port and its facilities from the 12th floor of the administration building.

Afterwards the YoungShip participants were given the rare opportunity to enter the high security zone of the

Port of Hambantota. Initially the participants were shown the piers which are used to dock the car carriers and bulk vessels which was completed under phase 1 and 2. Participants were then taken to the newly opened laughs terminal which is the largest of its kind in the region, followed by a detailed description of the tanks, pump system, fire prevention system and also a look into the automated control room of the facility.

YoungShip Sri Lanka is a part of YoungShip International which was formed to be the voice for young people in the maritime industry. YoungShip is involved in two awards, one that promotes young entrepreneurs and the other is awarded to those companies that clearly promote young professionals. Headquartered in Norway, YoungShip is present in 18 countries with a membership of over 3000. The Norway branch has a 350-strong membership and we are pleased to announce that the Sri Lankan branch is the newest addition to this global network with a strong membership of 250 members. YoungShip Sri Lanka functions under the aegis of the Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA).



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## MV ONE COLUMBA MAKES MAIDEN CALL AT COLOMBO PORT

Ocean Network Express (ONE)'s newest vessel MV ONE Columba called the Port of Colombo on her maiden voyage on December 7, 2018. The arrival of the vessel marked the first ever ONE branded vessel to call the port of Colombo. With its magenta colored hull and loaded fully with

ONE's magenta colored containers, this ship presented a unique sight when arriving & sailing the Port of Colombo.

To mark the maiden call of the vessel at the Port of Colombo plaque exchanges were made with the Master of the vessel Capt. Anil Khanna.

The vessel will proceed to Europe, as ONE's first magenta colored 14,000teu vessel to call Europe. Ocean Network Express (ONE) which is the world's sixth largest container carrier commenced operations in April 2018. With a fleet of 230 container-ships and a 1,440,000 TEU container fleet, the company seeks to meet customers' needs by providing high-quality, competitive container shipping services. Supported by a worldwide high level, globally-connected organization, ONE offers 85 service loops and a comprehensive network linking more than 200 of the world's major ports.

ONE is represented in Sri Lanka by Ocean Network Express Lanka (Pvt) Ltd and serves the importers and exporters of Sri Lanka with 8 weekly services to and from the Port of Colombo.



Ocean Network Express and SLPA officials in Colombo Port

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## MV ONE Columba makes maiden call at Colombo Port



Managing Director of Sri Lanka Ports Authority Capt. Athula Hewawitharana exchanges plaques with the Master of MV ONE Columba Capt. Anil Khanna. From left: Upul Jayatissa - Chief Manager (Marketing and Business Development) - SLPA, Capt. Nirmal De Silva - Harbour Master of SLPA, Jack Huang - CEO of CICT, Kumara Siriwardena - General Manager Operations of CICT, Catriona Jayasundara - General Manager, Commercial & Marketing of CICT, Vishvanath Daluwatte - Managing Director, Ocean Network Express Lanka (Pvt) Ltd (ONE Lanka), Ayesh Perera - Senior General Manager, ONE Lanka, Lohitha Hettiarachchi - General Manager, Product & Network, ONE Lanka, Manjula Vittharana - General Manager, Marketing & Commercial, ONE Lanka, Priyantha Herath - Manager, Finance, HR & Administration, ONE Lanka and Nalaka Alwis - Manager, Operations, ONE Lanka are also present.

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## 'COLOMBO PORT TO TOUCH 7 MN TEU LANDMARK FOR 2018'

**RAVI LADDUWAHETTY**

The Colombo Port is on the brink of the 7 million TEU container throughput landmark for 2018.

"We are almost there, which will also be the highest and best ever performance of the Colombo Port, an upbeat Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake told Daily News Business yesterday.

He expressed confidence that the landmark was within reach despite the head winds which usually prevail at this time of the year, which could have an impact on the docking of vessels in the Colombo Port.

He also said that one of the world's largest shipping lines

which patronizes the Colombo Port Maersk Lines which accounts for 20% of the business of the Colombo Port, had assured the Government that they would increase the volumes to Colombo on a year on year basis.

"This assurance was provided to the Government when former Minister of Ports and Shipping Mahinda Samarasinghe and I paid a courtesy call on the A.P. Moller Maersk Lines Group Transport and Logistics CEO Soren Skou and it was he who provided us with that assurance, the SLPA Chief said.

"Maersk is one of Sri Lanka's biggest shipping clients and it was indeed important that we pay them these courtesy calls at the highest level.

This is also the second time in 15 years that a Sri Lankan Shipping Minister and I paid a courtesy call on Maersk since 2003," he explained.

They are fully committed to the Port of Colombo and they will undoubtedly keep increasing the volumes in and out of Colombo, he said.

"This was a courtesy call to solicit their support and that was what we achieved," he said.

Dr. Dissanayake also said that the cause of the Colombo Port was further evidenced and buttressed by that it was adjudged as the fastest growing port in the world and even ahead of competing ports such as Singapore which was the second best, the ports of Dubai,



Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake

Fujairah, Salalah in the Gulf and Tanjung Pelepas in Malaysia in the first half of 2018 and that was also due to head winds that affect all global ports and economies, he asserted.

## CICT TO ENHANCE COLOMBO PORT'S DEEP WATER CAPACITY BY MARCH 2019

Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT) has announced a significant equipment addition that will enhance the terminal's deep water capacity and make Colombo one of the few ports in Asia capable of handling vessels of 22,000 + TEUs.

The Company said the enhancement encompasses the addition of two new mega Quay Gantry Cranes (QGCs), six new Rubber-tyred Gantry Cranes (RTGs) and 12 Prime Movers, and is planned for completion by March 2019.

CICT's existing QGCs are the biggest gantry cranes in the Indian Subcontinent region, and the addition of two even larger twin-lift QGCs from Zhenhua Port Machinery Company (ZPMC), a global leader in quayside container cranes, will further strengthen the Port of Colombo's hub status, the Company said.

The new QGCs will provide a lifting height of 54 metres above rail level and 18 metres below rail level with an outreach of 26 across and a lifting capacity of 65 tons, making it possible for the Colombo South container terminal managed by CICT to unload and load 22,000 + TEU vessels, the largest container carriers afloat.

To support the estimated 13 per cent consequent



Images taken on the day MSC Maya, the world's largest container ship made its debut port of call in a South Asian port - MSC Maya, Container, Shipping, Sri Lanka, Port, Harbour, ZPMC, Crane

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The world's largest underwater restaurant at Colombo Harbour and Workers on board the vessel. Pictures by Saliya Rupasinghe

## LANKAN COMPANY DESIGNS WORLD'S LARGEST UNDERWATER RESTAURANT

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AKDA Engineering Group Sri Lanka which designed the world's first underwater night club, spa and wine cellar has also completed building the world's largest underwater restaurant with a glass tunnel.

Eng. A K Diyabalanage, Chairman, Managing Director AKDA said that all these innovation were 'not copies' but original engineering marvels from Sri Lanka. He said that it took Colombo Dockyard five months to build this restaurant which is 22.5

meters long and weighs about 220 tons. The total investment is around US\$ 1.5 million.

The state of the art under water restaurants could accommodate nearly 30 people and would be delivered to Uthuru Maafara Luxury Hotel island owned by Akbar Brothers in the Maldives next Monday, by sea. The underwater restaurant would have two lifts to carry guest and will also offer 180 degrees of underwater sea view. It would be placed six meters below sea level.

Diyabalanage said that this is the fifth underwater leisure sector project they have completed and delivered to the Maldives hotels. "We are now looking at accepting bigger orders from all over the world including buyers from Europe to help Sri Lanka to get more foreign exchange.

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He said that he played a major role in the development of Trincomalee harbor and the Navy facility. "Unfortunately no major developments are happening now and the Trinco-

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## Colombo Port performance: CASA lauds SLPA

Expediting East Port, the priority  
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— By —  
**Ravi Ladduwahetty**

The Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA) yesterday lauded the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) for its epoch making performance at the Colombo Port, but stressed that the need of the hour was to expedite the construction of Colombo East Port.

"We congratulate the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and the officials of the Colombo Port on the epoch-making and robust performances of being the fastest growing port in the world in the first half of 2018 and also touching the seven million TEU landmark this year.

But it is also important at the same time that the Port adds to this present capacity to maintain this growth momentum and trajectory, CASA Vice Chairman Iqram Cuttilan told *Business Observer* in an interview at his Vauxhall Towers office on Friday.

Reacting positively to the *Daily News Business* lead story on Wednesday which quoted SLPA Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake as having said the Colombo Port was touching the seven million TEU landmark this year and his comments on the Colombo Port being ahead of the other competing regional ports such as Singapore, Dubai, Fujairah and Salalah, Cuttilan, also Aitken Spence



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Logistics Director and COO, told this newspaper that while it was important that port capacities were increased, the immediate priority was the fast tracking the Colombo East Port Container Terminal.

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"CICT has taken the initiative to boost the Port's deep water capacity within just five years of commencement of operations, at a time when other ports in the region are aggressively adding capacity. Demand for deep water facilities is increasing at a rapid pace and requires the quick response that only CICT is able to provide."

Huang added that besides enabling the port to attract larger vessels, this addition will generate more capacity and berthing space by turning ships around faster.

CICT is already the principal contributor to growth at the Port of Colombo, having achieved one million TEUs and two million TEUs respectively in its first two years of operation and generated a 14 per cent growth for the port after four years of static growth.

CICT has also set benchmark productivity levels for the region achieving 36 moves per hour and helping the Port of Colombo move from a rank 28th to 23rd among the world's best 30 ports, and from 18th to 13th for connectivity.

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.

CICT was also the first terminal in the Port of Colombo to introduce electronic boat notes, breaking new ground in efforts to reduce paper in export documentation, as well as the first to launch a mobile app for the purpose of keeping track of containerised cargo at the terminal.

Recently adjudged the Best Container Terminal in Asia in the Under 4 million TEUs at the Asian Freight, Logistics and Supply Chain (AFLAS) Awards, CICT, which commenced operations in July 2013, manages the Colombo South Terminal of the Port of Colombo, the first and currently the only deep water terminal in South Asia equipped with facilities to handle the largest vessels afloat. The company is managed by CMPort, the world's second largest terminal operator, through which it has access to a wide network of 34 ports across the globe, none of which are in any form of competition with the Port of Colombo.

In its last four years of operation, CICT has brought some of the largest vessels plying the Asia-Europe routes to Colombo. Of these, Milan Maersk (20,568 TEU), MSC Maya (19,224 TEU), Mogens Maersk (18,300 TEU), MSC New York (16,652 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. (LBO)

## Air Force win women's final

# SLPA shock Electricity Board to win National Munchee VB title

**BERNARD PERERA**

Sri Lanka Ports Authority overcame strong Ceylon Electricity Board to win the Munchee National Volleyball Championship in the final played at the National Youth Services Council courts yesterday.

The first set saw both teams fighting hard to take the upper hand but the SLPA spikers got the lead at the halfway mark. Though Port men were in front Power men too fought gallantly until the end but lost the set 25-21.

The second set saw the Port men get off to a strong start but CEB however came up with fine performance after the halfway mark to equalize 15-all. From there onwards it was a ding dong battle with both teams trying their best to take control of the set. At one stage CEB went ahead with the score at 17-15 and had a lead of six points. SLPA however turned the tide in their favour by collecting six consecutive points to overtake CEB and went on to win the set 25-20. This gave them a strong 2-0 lead.

The final set saw a complete domi-

nance by SLPA from the outset as the Port resistance deteriorated and they won quite comfortably 25-18 to make a clean sweep of the final and lay their hands on the Muncher trophy.

### AIR FORCE TAKE WOMEN'S OPEN TITLE

Air Force defeated Sri Lanka Army by three sets to nil (27-22, 25-18, 27-25) to take the women's Open Munchee National Volleyball title played at the same venue.

The first set was evenly contested and after the scores were level 25-all Air

Force collected two consecutive points to win the set.

The second set saw a setback by the Army spikers as they failed to live up to expectations and went down 25-18 to give their opponents a firm two sets to nil lead. In the third set Army once again came back strongly and posed a threat to Air women and this set too went beyond the normal finish time with Air Force eventually winning 27-25 and also the match.

Hirdaramani SC, Polonnaruwa displayed superb spiking to outplay Ratanapala SC by three sets to one (25-22, 22-25, 25-16, 25-13).

Sunthen Prasadharshani and Dilrukshi Harshani Senarathne of Hirdaramani SC were declared as Best Setter and Best Player respectively while Ratanapala SC's A.S. Sewmini was selected as the Best Attacker.

### UNITED SC VICTORIOUS

The Men's Novices Championship was won by United SC from Nattandiya when they trounced

Golden Tigers SC from Kurunegala in a five setter (25-18, 27-25, 21-25, 16-25, 15-11).

This game was evenly contested and went the full length of five sets. The second set was the most interesting as it had to go past the specified number of points to decide the winner.

G.A. Kamshalya and S.H.K.C. Senarathne of United SC were awarded the Best Setter and Player awards respectively while L.K.A.G. Madushan received the Best Attacker's award.

**HIRDARAMANI WIN**  
In the women's Novices category final



The Munchee Open National Men's (Sri Lanka Ports Authority) and Women's (Air Force) winners.

## HAYLEYS ENERGY SERVICES COMMENCES LANKA'S FIRST OIL AND GAS DRILLSHIP LAY-UP

Hayleys Energy Services (HES), the pioneer in Oil and Gas support services in Sri Lanka, announced the arrival of the oil and gas drillship "Aban Abraham" for a warm lay-up to the Hambantota International Port, Sri Lanka.

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Heralding Sri Lanka's entry into the global oil and gas marine vessel lay-up services industry, this



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opens the doors to a world of new opportunities for the nation's shipping industry.

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prises directly involved in it. The leadership, commitment and world class facilities of the Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) have been a key factor in the success of this project bid and will go a long way in helping us attract long-term business-

es such as this," said Ruwan Waidyaratne, Managing Director - Hayleys Advantis Limited. He went on to say, "Whilst commending the Hayleys Energy Services team for successfully competing with service providers from across the

region and bagging this project, I look forward to seeing them expand their horizons and soar to greater heights."

Hayleys Energy Services has set up a permanent office within the Hambantota Port, at the 6th floor of the Sayurupaya Building, the first by an Oil & Gas Services company at this port, in light of this landmark project and the opportunities it is set to bring with it.

Commenting about the initiative taken by Hayleys Energy Services, Saliya Wickramasuriya, Former Director General - Petroleum Resources Development Secretariat (PRDS) said, "Hambantota is an excellent location not just for a vehicle transshipment and break bulk hub, but also for a potential regional service and repair centre for the South Asian Oil & Gas industry. My congratulations to Hayleys Energy Services, long time partners with the PRDS in petroleum exploration and production, for kicking

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Meanwhile, Chas Charles, Director/Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Hayleys Energy Services said, "Having offered an extensive range of end-to-end logistics services for the Oil and Gas industry for over 10 years, we are excited to enter the lay-up services domain with this project, the first for a Sri Lankan company. This is indeed a proud moment for the entire Sri Lankan shipping industry."

The Aban Abraham had called on the Hambantota International Port recently after completing a long drilling assignment in India. Image

Newspaper – Daily FT      Date – 17-12-2018



Lanka Shipping and Logistics team with the US Contractors and Support officer of the vessel



## Lanka Shipping and Logistics services USN ship 'USS ANCHORAGE' in port of Trincomalee

LANKA Shipping & Logistics Ltd. successfully serviced USN ship 'USS ANCHORAGE' at the berth in the port of Trincomalee from 24 to 28 August. Professionals in this trade, Lanka Shipping & Logistics Ltd., headed by Saliya Senanayake FCILT have been successful in the bid to ensure the USN ship is well managed and the crew on board experience the best of both, the hospitality of the island and the professionalism in logistics by his team. Services provided by the Lanka Shipping team included among many others – supply of marine equipment, land



transport and logistics, deck and tech supplies (door to door), security arrangements and last

but not least, a grand cocktail party hosted on the flight deck of the ship.

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## High profile US delegation visits Colombo Port

A high profile delegation of the United States (US) including Deputy Assistant Secretary of State David Ranz, US Ambassador Alaina Teplitz, US Embassy Colombo Political Officer Joanna Pichette, US Embassy Colombo Economic Chief Partha Mazumdar, US Embassy Colombo Economic Attaché Eduardo Garcia, SCA/RA Desk Officer for Sri Lanka, Jason Evans, SCA/RA Bureau Planner Jason and US Embassy Colombo Political Officer Marcus Carpenter made a special visit at the Port of Colombo on 13 December. The delegation was welcomed by Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake.

Dr. Dissanayake briefed the delegation of the recent developments at the



SLPA Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake presents a special memento to Deputy Assistant Secretary of State of the US delegation David Ranz, while also seen are US Ambassador Alaina Teplitz, SLPA Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, SLPA Additional Managing Director Upali De Zoysa and SLPA Harbour Master Capt. Nirmal Silva

Port of Colombo to become the maritime gateway in the region.

SLPA Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, SLPA

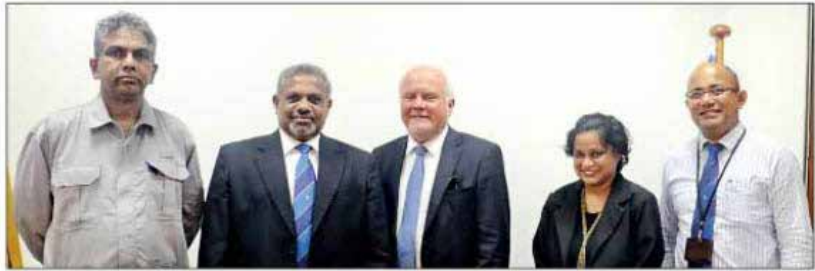
Additional Managing Director Upali De Zoysa and SLPA Harbour Master Capt. Nirmal Silva also attended the occasion.

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## Norwegian Ambassador visits Colombo Dockyard

COLOMBO Dockyard had the honour of a courtesy visit by Norwegian Ambassador for Sri Lanka Thorbjørn Gaustadsæther recently. The Ambassador was accompanied by Dharini Shamali Daluwatte Senior Advisor, Commercial Cooperation of the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

During the discussion, Colombo Dockyard MD/CEO D.V. Abeysinghe explained in detail about the shipyard's products, services, capabilities, facilities, markets served and the extent of cooperation Colombo Dockyard has with Norwegian partners at present in the Shipbuilding and Ship repairing sectors. Discussions also focused on how to further enhance the present day cooperation to increase bilateral trade. In addition prospects of cooperating on heavy engineering projects which are in the pipeline



From left: CDPLC GM-SRB Benny Fernando, CDPLC MD/CEO D.V. Abeysinghe, Royal Norwegian Embassy Ambassador Thorbjørn Gaustadsæther, Royal Norwegian Embassy Senior Advisor Commercial Cooperation Dharini Shamali Daluwatte and CDPLC Head of Shipbuilding Marketing Prince Lye

under the planned infrastructure development in Sri Lanka were also discussed.

Gaustadsæther recognised the outstanding progress Colombo Dockyard

has achieved at present in the maritime sector in Sri Lanka, delivering ships to a global clientele and wished the Shipyard good luck in the future.

## Hayleys Energy Services commences SL's first oil and gas drillship lay-up at Hambantota Int'l Port

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Branding Sri Lanka's entry into the global oil and gas marine vessel lay-up services industry, this opens the doors to a world of new opportunities for the nation's shipping industry.

"Projects of this nature have a significant impact on the economy as a whole, creating business and employment opportunities beyond the enterprises directly involved in it. The leadership, commitment and world class facilities of the Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) have been a key factor in the success of this project but will also go a long way in helping to attract long-term businesses such as this," said Hayleys Advanta Ltd. Managing Director Bryan Wathurapala, the vessel on its way to "Wishful commencing the Hayleys Energy Services team for successfully competing with service providers from across the region and beating this project. I look forward to seeing them expand their horizons and seek to grow bigger."

Hayleys Energy Services has set up a procurement office within the Hambantota Port, at the 6th floor of the Seaport Building, the first in oil and gas services amongst all ports, in light of this landmark project and the opportunities it is set to bring with it.

Commenting about the initiative taken by Hayleys Energy Services, Welive Wickramaratne, Port and Director General - Petroleum Resources Development Secretariat (PRDS) said, "Hambantota is an excellent location



Drillship Aban Alabram berthed at the Hambantota International Port

not just for a reliable transportation and break bulk hub, but also for a potential regional service and repair centre for the South Asian Oil & Gas Industry. My congratulations to Hayleys Energy Services, long time partners with the PRDS in petroleum engineering and production, for taking this concept off by bringing the drillship Aban Alabram to the port for long-term lay-up and refueling. This new area of business for Sri Lanka will help unlock the port's full potential and no doubt increase employment and knowledge transfer opportunities for the people of Hambantota in the future."

Meanwhile, Hayleys Energy Services Director Chief Executive Officer Chas Charles said, "Having offered an extensive range of end-to-end logistics services for the Oil and Gas industry for over 11 years, we are excited to enter the lay-up services domain with this project, the first for a Sri Lankan company. This is indeed a proud moment for the entire Sri Lankan shipping industry."

The Aban Alabram is a 10,000-tonne vessel, after completing a long-term lay-up in India. The vessel has a draught of up to 14.5m and has a drilling depth capacity of up to 3,000m. It is to be docked at the Port of Hambantota for a minimum of six months, starting with port services and vessel maintenance, bunkering, crew management and arrival/departure services will be provided by HES.

"We are delighted to be chosen for this project and would like to thank the management of Aban Alabram for placing their trust in us. This is indeed a reflection of the trust and confidence we have earned in the oil and gas industry. Having delivered complex logistics services for the general oil and gas projects, we look forward to continuing a safe and efficient project for the vessel's lay-up and production of the

drillship Aban Alabram at Hambantota International Port, Sri Lanka," said Hayleys Energy Services General Manager Ravi Barath.

"We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to all stakeholders including the port's Managing Director - Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) - DRPG, Sri Lanka Immigration and Emigration Department, Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka Navy and Sri Lanka Ports Authority for their continued support in making this history project possible."

Earlier this year, the company successfully completed two projects at the Trincomalee Port Anchorage - the off-loading of the heavy submersible oil rig 'Orinda Star' and provision of anchor services to the heavy lift vessel 'VGP'.



Alongside berthing of drillship Aban Alabram at the Hambantota International Port



The Hayleys Energy Services team with drill ship Aban Alabram at the Hambantota International Port

Hayleys Energy Services is a subsidiary of Hayleys Advanta Ltd., the transportation and logistics arm of Hayleys PLC. Through the wider logistics offerings of Hayleys Advanta Ltd., the Group caters to diverse logistics needs of its clientele. The company has provided logistics and support services for several projects in the

oil and gas sector both locally and internationally including supply chain management services, vessel and equipment services, exploratory drilling, rig repairs and servicing, daily live storage of drill rigs and transportation, and loading, offloading, towing and lay-up services for oil and gas rigs and marine assets.

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## Hayleys commences oil and gas drillship lay-up

At Hambantota International Port



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The Aban Abraham had called on the Hambantota International Port recently after completing a long drilling assignment in India. The almost 160 metres long vessel is capable of drilling at depths of up to 6,600 feet and has a drilling depth capacity of up to 24,600 feet. It is to be docked at the Port for a minimum of six months, during which lay-up support services and vessel preservation, husbandry, bunkering, crew management and several other marine services will be provided by Hayleys Energy Services.

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Having delivered complex integrated logistics services for several Oil and Gas projects, we look forward to completing a safe and efficient project by assisting Aban in their lay-up and preservation of the drillship Aban Abraham at Hambantota International Port, Sri Lanka," said Ricky Barnett, General Manager, Hayleys Energy Services. "We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to all stakeholders including the port's managers - Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG/HIPS), Sri Lanka Immigration and Emigration Department, Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka Navy and Sri Lanka Ports Authority for their continued support in making this historic project possible."

Earlier this year, the company successfully completed two projects at the Trincomalee Port Anchorage - the off-loading of the Semi-Submersible oil rig, Olinda Star and provision of agency services to the heavy lift carrier 'GPO Grace' dry towing the Semi-Submersible oil rig 'Louisiana' and they also went on to provide offshore ship to ship supplies/logistics services for Transocean Drillship 'Dhirubhai Deepwater KG1' at the Colombo Port Anchorage.

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## High-profile U.S. delegation visits Port of Colombo



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The U.S. delegation included Deputy Assistant Secretary of State David Ranz, U.S. Ambassador Alaina Teplitz, U.S.

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"Aban Abraham" for a warm lay-up to the Hambantota International Port, Sri Lanka. Aban Offshore Limited, the company that own the vessel, is India's largest offshore drilling

services provider to oil companies, providing drilling operations, production and exploratory work worldwide.

Hayleys Energy Services, a subsidiary of Sri Lankan blue-chip conglomerate Hayleys PLC's transportation and logistics arm - Hayleys Advantis Limited, had competed with several players from established lay-up service destinations in the region to win the country's first ever drill ship lay-up project.

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long-term businesses such as this," said Ruwan Waidyaratne, Managing Director - Hayleys Advantis Limited. He went on to say, "Whilst commending the Hayleys Energy Services team for successfully competing with service providers from across the region and bagging this project, I look forward to seeing them expand their horizons and soar to greater heights."

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**SLPA, AIR FORCE CLAIM SUPER LEAGUE VB TITLES**

**SUSIL PREMALAL**

**S**ri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Sports Club and Air Force Sports Club clinched the Men's and Women's Super League titles respectively at the Munchie National Volleyball Championship finals worked off at the National Youth Services Centre (NYSC) in Maharagama yesterday.

SLPA SC defeated Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) SC 3-0 (25-21, 26-24 and 25-17) in the Men's final while Air Force SC beat Army SC 3-0 (27-25, 25-18 and 27-25) in the Women's final.

Meanwhile, United SC, Nattandiya beat Golden Birds SC, Kurunegala 3-2 (25-18, 27-25, 21-25, 16-25 and 15-11) in the Men's Novices final.

In addition, Hirdaramani SC, Polonnaruwa beat Rathnapala SC, Mahauswewa 3-1 (25-15, 22-25, 25-16 and 25-13) in the Women's Novices final.

**BEST PERFORMANCES**

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 Best Setter – Priyadarshani Wijesinghe – (Hirdaramani SC).  
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 Best Player – Harshani Senaratne (Hirdaramani SC).

**(Novices Men):**  
 Best Setter – G.A. Kaushalya (United SC).  
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 Best Server – Ayesha Madurika (Army SC).  
 Best Receiver – Dinesha Prasadini (Air Force SC).  
 Best Setter – R.A.V. Thushani (Air Force SC).  
 Best Blocker – Viraji Chamanka (Army SC).  
 Best Defender – Shyama Maduranga (Air Force SC).  
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Commenting about the initiative taken by Hayleys Energy Services, Petroleum Resources Development Secretariat (PRDS) Former Director General Saliya Wickramasuriya said, "Hambantota is an excellent location not just for a vehicle transshipment and break bulk hub, but also for a potential regional service and repair centre for the South Asian oil and gas industry. My



The Hayleys Energy Services team with drill ship Aban Abraham at the Hambantota International Port

congratulations to Hayleys Energy Services, long time partners with the PRDS in petroleum exploration and production, for kicking this concept off by bringing the drillship Aban Abraham to the port for long-term lay-up and refurbishment. This new area of business for Sri Lanka will help unlock the port's full potential and no doubt increase employment and knowledge transfer opportunities for the people of Hambantota in the future.

Meanwhile, Hayleys Energy Services Director and CEO Chas

Charles said, "Having offered an extensive range of end-to-end logistics services for the oil and gas industry for over 10 years, we are excited to enter the lay-up services domain with this project, the first for a Sri Lankan company. This is indeed a proud moment for the entire Sri Lankan shipping industry."

The Aban Abraham had called on the Hambantota International Port recently after completing a long drilling assignment in India. The almost 160 metres long vessel is

capable of drilling at depths of up to 6,600 feet and has a drilling depth capacity of up to 24,660 feet. It is to be docked at the Port for a minimum of six months, during which lay-up support services and vessel preservation, husbandry, bunkering, crew management and several other marine services will be provided by Hayleys Energy Services.

"We are delighted to have been chosen for this project and would like to thank the management of Aban Offshore Ltd for placing their trust in us. This is indeed a reflection of our team's knowledge, expertise and service commitment in the oil and gas domain. Having delivered complex integrated logistics services for several oil and gas projects, we look forward to completing a safe and efficient project by assisting Aban in their lay-up and preservation of the drillship Aban Abraham at Hambantota International Port, Sri Lanka," said Hayleys Energy Services General Manager Ricky Barnett.

"We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to all stakeholders including the port's managers - Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG/ HIPPS), Sri Lanka Immigration and Emigration Department, Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka Navy and Sri Lanka Ports Authority for their continued support in making this historic project possible," added Barnett.

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මෙම නිශ්ශිෂ්ණ පිරිස හමුවේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සහකාරී ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා පැවැත්වූ දැනට කරන සංවර්ධන කටයුතු නිමවීමත් සමඟම කොළඹ වරාය සමුද්‍රීය වෙළෙඳාමේ පිවිසුම් වෙයි.



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මෙම නිශ්ශිෂ්ණ පිරිස හමුවේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සහකාරී ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා පැවැත්වූ දැනට කරන සංවර්ධන කටයුතු නිමවීමත් සමඟම කොළඹ වරාය සමුද්‍රීය වෙළෙඳාමේ පිවිසුම් වෙයි.

## වත්මන් ඉදිකිරීම් නිමාවීමත් සමඟ කොළඹ වරාය සමුද්‍රීය වෙළෙඳාමේ ප්‍රධාන පිවිසුම් ස්ථානය වෙතවා

● ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති



2018 ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා අමෙරිකානු සහකාර රාජ්‍ය ලේකම් ඩේවිඩ් රාන්ස් මහතා වෙත සමරු තිළිණයක් පිළිගැන්වූ අවස්ථාව.

### වත්මනා පෙරේරා

වර්තමාන ඉදිකිරීම් නිමාවීමත් සමඟ කොළඹ වරාය සමුද්‍රීය වෙළෙඳාමේ ප්‍රධාන පිවිසුම් ස්ථානය බවට පත්වන බව ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා පැවසීය.

අමෙරිකානු රජයේ විශේෂ නියෝජිත පිරිසක් පසුගියද කොළඹ වරායේ විශේෂ සංචාරයක නිරත වූ අවස්ථාවේ එම පිරිස පිළිගනිමින් ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා එම අදහස් පළ කළේය.

සංචාරය සඳහා අමෙරිකානු සහකාර රාජ්‍ය ලේකම් ඩේවිඩ් රාන්ස් (David Ranz), ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ අමෙරිකානු තානාපති ඇලිනා ටිප්ලිට්ස් (Alina Tiplitz), ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ අමෙරිකානු තානාපති කාර්යාලයේ දේශපාලන කටයුතු පිළිබඳ නිලධාරී ජොනා පිචෙට්ට් (Joanna pichette), ආර්ථික කටයුතු ප්‍රධානී එඩුආර්ඩෝ ගාර්සියා (Eduardo garcia),

ආර්ථික සහාය ජේසන් එවන්ස් (Jason Evans), සහාය නිලධාරී ජේසන් බ්‍රැන් (Jeason

Briggs) දේශපාලන කටයුතු නිලධාරී - මාර්කස් කාර්පෙනර් (Marcus Carpenier) මහත්ම මහත්මිය එක්ව සිටියහ.

කොළඹ වරායේ දැනට සිදුවන සංවර්ධන කටයුතු කඩිනම් කිරීමට පියවර ගෙනඇති අතර එම කටයුතු නිම වීමෙන් පසු කොළඹ වරාය සමුද්‍රීය වෙළෙඳාමේ පිවිසුම බවට පත්වන බවද ඒ අනුව ආර්ථික වාසිදායක තත්ත්වය තවදුරටත් වැඩිදියුණු වන බවද වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති දිසානායක මහතා පෙන්වා දුන්නේ ය.

එහිදී දෙපාර්ශ්වය අතර ඇති වූ සුහද සාකච්ඡාවකින් අනතුරුව ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා අමෙරිකානු සහකාර රාජ්‍ය ලේකම් ඩේවිඩ් රාන්ස් මහතා වෙත විශේෂ සමරු තිළිණයක් ද පිළිගැන්වීය. මේ අවස්ථාවට වරාය අධිකාරියේ කළමනාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ කපිතාන් අතුල හේවාලිතාරණ, අතිරේක කළමනාකර අධ්‍යක්ෂ උපාලි ද සොයිසා, හාබර් මාස්ටර් කපිතාන් නිර්මාල් ද සිල්වා මහත්වරු ද එක්ව සිටියහ.

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## High-profile US delegation visits Colombo Port



SLPA Chairman, Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake presents a special memento to David Ranz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State of the US delegation. Alaina Teplitz – U.S. Ambassador, Capt. Athula Hewavitharana – Managing Director of SLPA, Upali De Zoysa – Additional Managing Director of SLPA and Capt. Nirmal Silva – Harbour Master of SLPA, are also in the picture

A high-profile delegation from the United States made a special visit at the Port of Colombo on 13 December, a media release stated. The delegation included Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, David Ranz, US Ambassador, Alaina Teplitz, U.S. Embassy Colombo Political Officer, Joanna Pichette, U.S. Embassy Colombo Economic Chief, Partha Mazumdar, U.S. Embassy Colombo Economic Attaché, Eduardo Garcia, SCA/RA Desk Officer for Sri Lanka, Jason Evans, SCA/RA Bureau Planner, Jason Briggs, and U.S. Embassy Colombo Political Officer, Marcus Carpenter. The delegation was welcomed by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Chairman, Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, who briefed the delegation of the recent developments at the Port of Colombo to become the maritime gateway in the region.

SLPA Managing Director, Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, SLPA Additional Managing Director, Upali De Zoysa and SLPA Harbour Master, Capt. Nirmal Silva also attended the occasion, the release concluded.

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## PORTS AUTHORITY AND AIR FORCE EMERGE CHAMPIONS

BY MUSTAQ SYDEEN

Ports Authority and Air Force clinched the men's and women's Super League titles respectively in the Munchie National Volleyball Championship 2018 which concluded on 16 December at the Youth Services Council Indoor Stadium Maharagama.

In the Men's Division, Ports Authority defeated Ceylon Electricity Board 3-0. In the first set Ports Authority came out winners 25-21. In second set CEB fought back hard but couldn't capitalise and went down 25-24. Ports Authority easily won the third set 25-17 to clinch the championship.

Most Valuable player was awarded to Janitha Sunth from SL Ports Authority. In Novices Men's category United Sports Club Nethandya defeated Golden Tigers SC Sunnagarala 3-2.

In the women's final, Air Force dominated all three sets and won 3-0 against Army.

In the first set both sides were involved in a ding-dong battle for supremacy. The score was 10-9 at one stage, but the Air Force ladies managed to take a 4-point lead (17-13) in the second time out and went on to win the set 27-25 over the gallant Army team.

Air Force, who had by now settled down, took control of the second set and was leading 6-3 at the first technical time out. They made it 12-10 before going onto win the set 26-18.

The never-say-die Army women then came storming back in the

third set with all guns blazing and at one stage were leading 10-0. Air Force bounced back hard and gradually wore down the Army ladies to take a crucial one point lead (18-17) in the second time out. The spectators applauded the players of both teams for their fascinating battle, which ultimately saw Air Force clinch the third 27-25 in a thriller.

Hiridamani S.C. Polonnaruwa defeated Rathnapala S.C. Mahaseewa 3/1 in Novices Women's Division.

### SPECIAL AWARDS

#### Men's:

Best Player - S.H.K.C.

Best Attacker - Madushan

Best Setter - G.A. Karushalya

(United SC)

Women's:

Best Server - J.P. Ayasha

Best Receiver - J.M. Dinisha

Best Setter - R.A.V. Thushani

(Air Force)

Best Attacker - A.L. Anuttara

Sandana (Air Force)

Best Blocker - Viraj Chamerika

(Army)

Best Defender - Shiyama

Meduranga (Air Force)

Most Valuable Player - Dinisha

Pasadisi (Air Force)



Victorious SL Ports Authority team



Victorious Air Force team

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## Russia Pacific Fleet ships due in Colombo



Slava Class missile cruiser Varyag

The Russian Pacific Fleet's Slava Class missile cruiser *Varyag* is scheduled to arrive in Colombo tomorrow (Dec 20). *Varyag* will be accompanied by large anti-submarine ship *Admiral Panteleyev* and Auxillary vessel *Boris Butoma*. The vessels are scheduled to leave on Dec 24.

A senior spokesperson for the Russian embassy in Colombo told *The Island* that Vladivostok-based

vessels were on a four-day friendly visit.

The vessels participated in a joint bilateral exercise by the Russian and Indian Navies dubbed *Indra Navy 18* in the Bay of Bengal. The exercise was concluded on Monday (Dec 17).

India conducts regular exercises with both Russian and the US. India-US exercise also involves Japanese naval forces (SF)

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## Colombo Dockyard constructs underwater restaurant structure to be commissioned in the Maldives

THE Colombo Dockyard PLC (CDPLC) recently successfully handed over the Underwater Restaurant Structure constructed to be commissioned at a tourist resort, 'YOU AND ME by Cocoon Maldives', in the beautiful Uthuru Maafaru Islands in the west coast of Raa Atoll in the Republic of Maldives.

The restaurant was built under a contract entered by Colombo Dockyard PLC with AKDA Engineers International Ltd. of Hasowa Building, Boduthakurufanu Magu, Male' for Uthurumaafuru Holdings Ltd. of Maldives.

The handing over ceremony took place at CDPLC premises with the participation of many dignitaries. For this auspicious occasion AKDA Chairman/MD A.K. Diyabalanage, AKDA Project Manager Sumudu Adikari, AKDA Site Manager B.R. Cooray representing AKDA Engineers International Ltd. and Director Asgi Akbarally, Director Shiraz Akbarally, Director Imran Akbarally and Group Chief Operating Officer Janek Jayasekara representing the client participated.

From Colombo Dockyard, Chairman Dr. Toru Takahara, MD/CEO D.V. Abeyasinghe, Project Manager Samantha Senarathne and a host of other senior manage-

ment personnel participated. This Underwater Restaurant Structure will be towed and placed underwater in Uthuru Maafaru at the west coast of Raa Atoll in Maldives and is set to be a top tourist attraction in the Maldives. The restaurant will give a magical, extraordinary experience and an exquisite dining experience under the clear blue sea, while enjoying the view of beautiful fish and marine life in the natural underwater surroundings.

The first ever construction of an underwater restaurant structure by CDPLC shows the capability of Colombo Dockyard to cater to clients varying requirements from complex commercial vessels to requirements in the hospitality industry, and has created a good opportunity to market such underwater restaurant structures for the tourism industry in tourist hot spots worldwide.

CDPLC operates in joint collaboration with Onomichi Dockyard Company Ltd. of Japan who owns a stake of 51% at Colombo Dockyard PLC while Sri Lankan Government institutions have a 35% shareholding at Colombo Dockyard.

As a shipbuilding, ship



From left (seated): Shiraz Akbarally, Asgi Akbarally, AKDA Chairman/MD A.K. Diyabalanage, CDPLC MD/CEO D.V. Abeyasinghe, AKDA Project Manager Sumudu Adikari, CDPLC Chairman Dr. Toru Takahara and (standing) CDPLC Project Manager Samantha Senarathne at the time of signing the protocol of delivery



From left: CDPLC Chairman Dr. Toru Takahara, Asgi Akbarally, Imran Akbarally, Shiraz Akbarally, AKDA Site Manager B.R. Cooray, AKDA Chairman/MD A.K. Diyabalanage, Janek Jayasekara, CDPLC MD/CEO D.V. Abeyasinghe, CDPLC Head of Shipbuilding Marketing Prince Lye, CDPLC Project Manager Samantha Senarathne in front of the Underwater Restaurant Structure

repairing and heavy engineering company in Sri Lanka, CDPLC continuously proves its excellence by successfully securing and executing global projects.

CDPLC is the front runner of Sri Lankan industrialisation and the main contributor to the Government's National Export Strategy from the shipbuilding sector.



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From left: GFS Lanka Managing Director Mevan Peiris, GFS Lanka General Manager Azad Rawdin, Harbour Master Capt. Nirmal Silva, Ceyline Group Executive Chairman Capt. Ajith Peiris, Master of the Vessel Capt. Rajpal Singh Sandhu, SLPA Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharane, GFS Dubai Operations Manager Rajesh Maadhav and officials from SAGT Terminal

## First global feeder ship under new agent calls at Port of Colombo

GFS Lanka Ltd., a Ceyline Group company, successfully handled MV Mogral, the first vessel to call the Port of Colombo since Ceyline took over officially as exclusive agents for Global Feeder Shipping LLC.

The MV Mogral, the 3,400 TEU feeder vessel, berthed at SAGT terminal on Saturday 15 December. After an exchange of approximately 2,000 containers, the ship

departed Colombo on route to Cochin, its next port of call.

In honour of this special occasion a plaque was presented to the Master of the Vessel by Ceyline Group Executive Chairman Capt. Ajith Peiris. Sri Lanka Ports Authority Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharane, Harbour Master Capt. Nirmal Silva and officials from SAGT Terminal attended the presentation ceremony.

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Newspaper – Daily Mirror      Date – 20-12-2018

## SAGT breaks through 2mn TEUs in 2018



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SAGT is the first public-private partnership container terminal in Sri Lanka with approximately 60 percent Sri Lankan shareholding and commenced operations in 1999, launching the Port of Colombo as global trade's preeminent gateway hub to South Asia.

Today, the terminal is one of three operators in the Port of Colombo and continues to offer the international container shipping community a competitive best in class service.

SAGT is a Board of Investment flagship company, whose shareholders include John Keells Holdings, Maersk/APM Terminals, the SLPA and Evergreen Marine Corporation.

Newspaper – Daily FT      Date – 20-12-2018

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# SARATHKUMARA PREMACHANDRA JOINS LAUGFS TERMINALS

LAUGFS Holdings, the diversified conglomerate announced the appointment of **Sarathkumara**

**Premachandra** as Director/Chief Executive Officer of LAUGFS Terminals Limited.

LAUGFS Terminals is part of the LAUGFS Gas PLC group, which has set up one of the largest LPG Transshipment Terminals in South Asia at the Hambantota Port.

Premachandra joins LAUGFS from the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, where he served as the Managing Director. He possesses over 40 years of experience in Ports Management and Operations, including Transshipment Hub Operations, having

managed port terminals owned and operated by both private and public sector.

He has also served at CMA CGM, the 3rd largest shipping company in the world, where he has been based in Malaysia as well as India as Head of Ports section for CMA – Asia. As the ports operations expert for CMA CGM, Sarathkumara has completed assignments in numerous countries including Australia, UAE, Nigeria, USA, France, Ukraine and Netherlands.

He has a first class Master's Degree in Port Economics and Port Management from University of Antwerp, Belgium and is also a distin-



guished alumni of Sri Jayawardenapura University where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

The LAUGFS LPG Transshipment Terminal in Hambantota is a state-of-the art facility comprising of a 30,000MT LPG storage capacity, which is expected to be extended to 45000MT by the completion of the second phase of the project.

Newspaper – Daily FT      Date – 22-12-2018

■ Says will implement policies swiftly to promote growth

## Shipping pillar of SL economy: Sagala

EFFORTS would be made to implement policies swiftly so that effects of the political turmoil in the past few weeks would be reversed, Ports and Shipping Minister Sagala Ratnayake said yesterday, noting that shipping needs to continue as a key sector of Sri Lanka's economy.

Ratnayaka, after assuming duties on Friday, said Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe had advised his Cabinet to start working immediately to ensure the stability of the country.

"The Ministry of Ports and Shipping has contributed a great deal to the country's income and it acts as a basic pillar of our economy. During the recent period, the Treasury gained a significant amount of money due to this Ministry. The sector has seen a steady growth and it has expanded continuously," he said.

The new Minister praised the Sri



Lanka Ports Authority for adapting successfully to a challenging global shipping environment and recalled that key officials of both the United

National Party (UNP) and Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) had held the portfolio at different times in the past.

"Former Ministers Lalith Athulathmudali, Mangala Samaraweera, Rauff Hakeem, Arjuna Ranatunga, and Mahinda Samarasinghe have served in this Ministry. All of these Ministers carried out their duties with the support of these workers in a productive manner. Therefore we should work as a team to achieve our goals as in the past."

Ministry Secretary L. P. Jayampathi, Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, MPs S. M. Marikkar, Kavinda Jayawardene, Wijepala Hettiarachchi, Rohini Kavirathna, Hector Appuhamy, Chaminda Wijesiri, and Southern Provincial Council Member Kapila Gamage, Colombo Mayor Rosie Senanayake, and several other high profile officials were present at the occasion.



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Newspaper – Ceylon Today      Date – 22-12-2018

## Sagala assumes duties as Ports & Shipping and Southern Development Minister



Newly appointed Minister of Ports and Shipping, and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayaka assumed duties at the line Ministry yesterday (21). Minister Ratnayaka said, the country went through an extensive political crisis during the last 50 days and that it created a considerable harmful impact on the country's economy. "Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe advised us to start working immediately without any delay to ensure the stability of the country," he said.

Newspaper – Sunday Times      Date – 23-12-2018



Drillship Aban Abraham berthed at the Hambantota International Port

## Hayleys Energy Services begins Sri Lanka's First Oil & Gas Drillship Lay-Up at Hambantota Port

Hayleys Energy Services (HES), the pioneer in Oil and Gas support services in Sri Lanka, recently announced the arrival of the oil and gas drillship "Aban Abraham" for a warm lay-up to the Hambantota Port.

Aban Offshore Ltd, the company that owns the vessel, is India's largest offshore drilling services provider to oil companies, providing drilling operations, production and exploratory work worldwide.

HES, a subsidiary of Sri Lankan blue-chip conglomerate Hayleys PLC's transportation and logistics arm - Hayleys Advantis Ltd, had competed with several players from established lay-up service destinations in the region to win the country's first ever drill ship lay-up project, the company said in a media release.

Heralding Sri Lanka's entry into the global oil and gas marine vessel lay-up services industry, this opens the doors to a world of new opportunities for the nation's shipping industry.

"Projects of this nature have a significant impact on the economy as a whole, creating business and employment opportunities beyond the enterprises directly involved in it. The leadership, commitment and world class facilities of the Hambantota International Port

Group (HIPG) have been a key factor in the success of this project bid and will go a long way in helping us attract long-term businesses such as this," said Ruwan Waidyaratne, Managing Director - Hayleys Advantis Ltd. He added: "Whilst commending the Hayleys Energy Services team for successfully competing with service providers from across the region and bagging this project, I look forward to seeing them expand their horizons and soar to greater heights."

HES has set up a permanent office within the Hambantota Port, at the 6th floor of the Sayurupaya Building, the first by an oil and gas services company at this port, in light of this landmark project and the opportunities it is set to bring with it. Commenting about the initiative taken by HES, Saliya Wickramasuriya, Former Director General - Petroleum Resources Development Secretariat (PRDS), said, "Hambantota is an excellent location not just for a vehicle transshipment and break bulk hub, but also for a potential regional service and repair centre for the South Asian Oil and Gas industry. My congratulations to Hayleys Energy Services, long time partners with the PRDS in petroleum exploration and production, for kicking this concept off by bringing the drillship

Aban Abraham to the port for long-term lay-up and refurbishment. This new area of business for Sri Lanka will help unlock the port's full potential and no doubt increase employment and knowledge transfer opportunities for the people of Hambantota in the future."

The Aban Abraham had called on the Hambantota International Port recently after completing a long drilling assignment in India. The almost 160 meters-long vessel is capable of drilling at depths of up to 6,600 feet and has a drilling depth capacity of up to 24,600 feet. It is to be docked at the Port for a minimum of six months, during which lay-up support services and vessel preservation, husbandry, bunkering, crew management and several other marine services will be provided by HES.

Earlier this year, the company successfully completed two projects at the Trincomalee Port Anchorage - the offloading of the Semi-Submersible oil rig, Olinda Star and provision of agency services to the heavy lift carrier "GPO Grace" dry towing the Semi-Submersible oil rig "Louisiana" and they also went on to provide offshore ship to ship supplies/logistics services for Transocean Drillship "Dhirubhai Deepwater KG1" at the Colombo Port Anchorage.

Newspaper – Sunday Observer      Date – 23-12-2018



**The Hayleys Energy Services team with drillship *Aban Abraham* at the Hambantota International Port**

## H'tota Port enters drillship lay-up services industry

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Newspaper – Sunday Observer Date – 23-12-2018



Newspaper – Sunday Island      Date – 23-12-2018

## High profile US delegation visits Sri Lanka's Port of Colombo

A high profile delegation of the United States headed by Deputy Assistant Secretary at the United States Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs David Ranz has made a special visit at the Colombo Port.

Sri Lanka Ports Authority said the delegation was welcomed by the Chairman of the authority Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake and briefed the recent developments of the port that aimed at becoming the maritime gateway in the region.

The delegation included US Ambassador Alaina Teplitz, Political Officers at the US Embassy of Colombo Joanna Pichette & Marcus Carpenter, Economic Chief Partha Mazumdar, Economic Attaché Eduardo Garcia, Desk Officer Jason Evans, and Bureau Planner Jason Briggs.

Managing Director of Sri Lanka Ports Authority Athula Hewavitharana, Additional Managing Director Upali De Zoysa, Harbour Master Nirmal Silva also attended the occasion. (LBO)



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Newspaper – Sunday Observer      Date – 23-12-2018

## US Naval ship USS Rushmore arrives at Colombo Port

United States Naval ship USS Rushmore arrived at the port of Colombo yesterday on a goodwill visit.

The ship was welcomed by the Sri Lanka Navy in accordance with naval traditions.

The 185m long vessel which has a displacement of 18000 tons is manned by 380 officers and sailors and she is commanded by Commander RC Tryan. During the visit, the ship's crew is scheduled to engage in several programmes organized by the Sri Lanka Navy and expected to visit some of the places of tourist interest in the island.



USS Rushmore which is on a six-day visit is due to depart on December 26.

Newspaper – Sunday Observer      Date – 23-12-2018



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## SAGT hits two million TEUs mark

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## Three cruise liners ferry in over 7,000 tourists to Sri Lanka

In November, Sri Lanka saw an increase in tourist arrivals with the members of the Barmy Army, and adding to the existing flow of tourists was the arrival of three super-luxury passenger vessels with a combined passenger occupancy of nearly 7,600. Throughout 2018, Sri Lanka saw the arrival of 53 cruise liners, which in addition, helped to increase the number of tourists arriving.

The Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau ensured that a tourist information counter was available in each vessel to create awareness among tourists on Sri Lanka as a leading travel destination. Around 12,500 onboard passengers were reported throughout the year.

### MV Mein Schiff 3

The super-luxury passenger vessel MV Mein Schiff 3 of TUI Cruises with 2,336 passengers and 355 crew made her maiden call at the Port of Colombo on 26 November. The vessel was welcomed at the East Container Terminal of Sri Lanka Ports Authority.

On her maiden call at the Port of Colombo, plaque exchanges were held between the Master of the vessel, Sri Lanka Ports Authority and the local agents of the vessel, Shipping Agency Services.

SLPA Chairman Dr. Dissanayake said that the Port of Colombo had become an extremely busy port and that there were plans to construct a state of the art passenger terminal at the Port of Colombo. He further said that the process has already started and has got the approval from the Board of Directors, and will be going through procurement process soon.

Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau Assistant Director Harindra Dissanayake said: "We're delighted to add our contribution in promoting Sri Lanka as a leading travel destination by establishing tourist information counters in each passenger vessel. This is done with the purpose of encouraging more tourists to visit Sri Lanka. We would like to thank the shipping agents, the crew of the respective vessels, and all those who helped us to be involved



A closer view of the vessel



The majestic looking AIDAbliss

in promotional activities on board and look forward to their cooperative support in future."

The ship which started her journey from Europe in May arrived in the UAE, passing the Suez Canal after visiting several European ports. She arrived at Colombo from Mumbai and will proceed to Phuket, Thailand.

TUI Cruises is a German-based joint venture cruise line. The concept is for German travellers to have a premium cruise experience with products and services custom made for German travellers. On its arrival, the ground handling was done by Antien Spence Travels Ltd.

### AIDAbliss

AIDAbliss, a cruise ship operated by AIDA Cruises, ferried nearly 2,200 passengers when the vessel made her port of call at Colombo. The local travel agent, Winox Travels hosted several excursions for both the passengers and 646 crew who were on board.

While on tourists took the Kandy city tour, nearly 520 joined the Colombo city tour. There were many tourists who were keen on experiencing water sports and so 112 of them took part in Bentota water sport excursion, while 95 stayed in Beruwala and 45 opted for the Negombo beach excursion. A unique offering for the tourists was a tuk tuk excursion; 26 taks were hired for

this purpose and 48 tourists travelled in them and were given a glimpse of Colombo life as they toured the Pettah area, St. Lucia Cathedral, Red Mosque, Parliament, Independence Square, National Museum, Lakshana and Seemamalaya.

The staff at the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau also accompanied the guests to ensure that this new innovative excursion was rendered the support it needed.

### Sapphire Princess

Another Princess Cruise Line, the Sapphire Princess, also made a visit at the Colombo Port. She started her journey from Cádiz in Spanish Morocco on 24 October and

ended her journey on 10 November. She arrived at Colombo from Cochin India and travelled to Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia.

MacShip Cruises which handled the shipping line said that there were nearly 3,000 tourists on board the vessel. The ground handling was facilitated by Winox Travels which hosted many excursions and visits for the touring passengers.

Some of the most requested excursions by the passengers included visits to the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Bentota beach, tea plantations, the Delada Maligawa in Kandy and Colombo city tours. There were also 1,100 crew members on board who joined the passengers on these trips.



Going through Sri Lanka brochures



A descriptive explanation Sri Lanka



Sri Lanka brochures on display



A visitor being briefed by a Tourist Information Centre (TIC) officer of SLTPB in conversation with a passenger



Enjoying a tuk tuk ride



A Tourist Information Centre (TIC) officer of SLTPB in conversation with a passenger



Sightseeing in Colombo in a tuk tuk



Sri Lanka brochures on display

## Super luxury cruise liner MS Le Laperouse latest to call at Colombo Port

By HANISHA UDAYAKRISHNA PERERA

The Port of Colombo is always not only the port of call for the largest container vessels of the maritime world but also one of the best ports offered in the region for passenger vessels as well. With its quicker turnaround facilities and services, it has now become one of the most preferred ports by world class cruise operators inviting their clients to visit this beautiful and diverse country in the Indian Ocean.

The latest to the addition is the super luxury MS Le Laperouse of France to call the Port of Colombo, Galle and Trincomalee. The vessel carrying 141 passengers and 110 crew made its maiden call at the Port of Colombo on Friday 21 December. In order to mark her maiden call at the Port of Colombo's Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) controlled terminal, a celebratory plaque exchange was held onboard between the Harbour Master of SLPA, Capt. Nimal Silva and the Master of the vessel, Capt. Florian Richard amidst a special delegation of invitees from the Embassy of France in Sri Lanka with the initiative of Eric Lavertu – the Ambassador of France in Sri Lanka and Maldives. Master of the vessel, Capt. Florian Richard at the ceremony stated that the visit to Sri Lanka with the vessel and all its passengers onboard was a very good and appreciative opportunity for a cultural exchange between France and Sri Lanka.

MS Le Laperouse built in Norway is one of the most luxurious vessels of a fleet of six belonging to France's COMPAGNIE DU PACIFIQUE, the cruise arm of one of the world's largest container shipping lines, CMA CGM. With an overall length of 131.45m and a draft of 8.00m, the vessel offers 30 passenger cabins for 154 passengers onboard. The vessel is also equipped with several world-class restaurant and bar



Master of the vessel, Capt. Florian Richard receives plaque from SLPA Harbour Master, Capt. Nimal Silva at the plaque exchange ceremony onboard MS Le Laperouse. Ambassador of France in Sri Lanka and Maldives, Eric Lavertu, CMA CGM Lanka General Manager Uminda Dunsuwan and CMA CGM Lanka Director Ikram Ghazali are also seen



Master of the vessel, Capt. Florian Richard receives plaque from SLPA Harbour Master, Capt. Nimal Silva at the plaque exchange ceremony onboard MS Le Laperouse. Ambassador of France in Sri Lanka and Maldives, Eric Lavertu and SLPA Director (Logistics, Marketing and Business Development) Upul Jayatilaka are also seen



Ambassador of France in Sri Lanka and Maldives, Eric Lavertu presenting a special memento to the Master of MS Le Laperouse, Capt. Florian Richard



CMA CGM Lanka Deputy General Manager Kalanga Seneviratne speaking at the plaque exchange ceremony. Ambassador of France in Sri Lanka and Maldives, Eric Lavertu and Master of the vessel, Capt. Florian Richard are also seen



MS Le Laperouse at the Port of Colombo

areas, swimming pools, a state-of-the-art theatre auditorium, an underwater aqua-restaurant that projects the true colour of the ocean beneath, a state-of-the-art gymnasium, a modern solar and also a submarine for underwater exploration during the voyage. CMA CGM Lanka Ltd. Director Kalanga Seneviratne explained, CMA CGM Lanka Ltd., a subsidiary of the blue chip conglomerate Hayleys Group, acts the

local agent for the vessel.

Expressing delight onboard MS Le Laperouse at her maiden call at the Port of Colombo, Capt. Nimal Silva – Harbour Master of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) said that there was no doubt that her passengers would have one of their most enjoyable visits in Colombo and suburbs during their voyage in Laperouse. He further remarked that with timely concerns

lowering the industry of tourism in Sri Lanka and with the implementation of the master plan to develop the Port of Colombo, future passenger vessels at the port will have a fully-fledged state-of-the-art terminal with all modern facilities for quicker and uplaid services. The Harbour Master also thanked the Master of the vessel for selecting the Port of Colombo, Galle and Trincomalee in the current voyage of Le Laperouse.

With 47 cruise ships having been called at Port of Colombo during the year, a remarkable growth of passenger vessels calling at the Port of Colombo has been reported. According to the records of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) this is an increase of more than 20.0% against the corresponding period in 2017.

There is also a significant achievement following the Declaration of years 2011, 2015 and 2018 as tourism and investment years of Sri Lanka by the present government with the objective of making Sri Lanka a socio-economically prosperous country. These years have

been declared to ease the planning for the next three years to overcome all challenges in the field of hospitality and related sectors in Sri Lanka by 2020.

Speaking at the plaque ceremony onboard Le Laperouse, Hayleys Adventa Ltd. Managing Director Ruwan Wadyanatha said that this was a winning opportunity to welcome the luxurious vessel, its passengers, the Captain, staff and crew to this beautiful island at a time when several international top advisors have rated Sri Lanka as the number one best place to visit. Speaking of business stories of the past, he said that with successful emergence of long lasting peace in the country, CMA CGM Lanka Ltd. (a subsidiary of the blue chip conglomerate, Hayleys Group through its long associated principle in France CMA CGM) commenced their world renowned luxury cruise services in Sri Lanka in 2010. The maiden call of luxury cruise liner MS Le DAMIAN, was first to call at all three ports in the country (Colombo, Galle and Trincomalee respectively) on the same voyage.

"During that time the voyage was of great significance, since a cruise liner was touching the Port of Trincomalee, the world's second largest natural harbour, after 30 years. I am happy that we could make it happen again this time with Le Laperouse. The local agents CMA CGM Lanka together with Hayleys Group are enthusiastic in supporting the ongoing tourism promotion initiatives," he said.

SLPA Director (Logistics, Marketing and Business Development) Upul Jayatilaka, CMA CGM Lanka Ltd. General Manager, Uminda Dunsuwan, CMA CGM Lanka Ltd. Deputy General Manager, Kalanga Seneviratne, CMA CGM Lanka Ltd. Director, Ikram Ghazali and representatives from the South Asia Gateway Terminals Ltd. of the Port of Colombo were also present at the welcome and plaque ceremony of the vessel at the Port of Colombo.

After Sri Lanka, the next ports of call by Le Laperouse will be Chennai, Malaysia and Singapore.

By Anuradha Handagama



The modern solar facility inside Le Laperouse with a view of part of Port of Colombo



The underwater aqua-restaurant inside Le Laperouse that projects true colour of ocean beneath



An attractive lounge area inside Le Laperouse



The state-of-the-art theatre auditorium inside the vessel



One of the modern star class restaurant areas inside the vessel

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## New Ministry Secretaries appointed

NEW Secretaries who have been appointed to the Ministry received their appointment letters from President Maithripala Sirisena at the Presidential Secretariat on 21 December.

**Bransford Fernando** - Secretary to the Ministry of Defence.

**S.M. Mohamed Euseeb** - Secretary to the Ministry of Social Services & Muslim Religious Affairs.

**T. Ekanayake** - Secretary to the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs, Southwestern and Policing, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training, Skills Development and Youth Affairs.

**Pedramurti Jayasinghe** - Secretary to the Ministry of Education.

**R. M. S. S. Seneviratne** - Secretary to the Ministry of Justice and Prisons.

**J. J. Rajapaksa** - Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration and Disaster Management.

**R.M.S. Rajapaksa** - Secretary to the Ministry of Power and Energy and Economic Development.

**S.P. Jayasinghe** - Secretary to the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation.

**N. Rajasinghe** - Secretary to the Ministry of Megaports and Water Development.

**B.E. Karan, Fernando** - Secretary to the Ministry of Internal and Home Affairs and Provincial Councils, Local Government.

**J.A. Rajapaksa** - Secretary to the Ministry of Plantation Industries.

**A.P. Rajapaksa** - Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism and Vocational Development.

**D. Seneviratne** - Secretary to the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs and Development of the Island.

**R.M. S. H. Dissanayake** - Secretary to the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Conservation.

**P. Rajapaksa** - Secretary to the Ministry of Hill Country, New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development.

**R.M. Gunasekera** - Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Social Empowerment.

**R.D.R. Anura** - Secretary to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Development of long term (duplex and Co-operative Development).

**R.D.S. Gunasekera** - Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livelihood Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquaculture.

**Rajendra Ranjitharatne** - Secretary to the Ministry of Public Services Development, Secondary Education and Early City Development.

**W.H. Rajapaksa** - Secretary to the Ministry of Lands and Parliamentary Reform.

**M.S. Rajapaksa** - Secretary to the Ministry of National Integration, Official Languages, Social Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs.

**R.P. Senarath Wimalaratne** - Secretary to the Ministry of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs.

**S.T. Gunasekera** - Secretary to the Ministry of Development Strategies, International Trade, Science, Technology and Research.

**R.A. Chandana Perera** - Secretary to the Ministry of Telecommunications, Digital Infrastructure Facilities, Foreign Employment and Sports.

**Wimala Perera** - Secretary to the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine.

**M.M.P.K. Jayasinghe** - Secretary to the Ministry of Town Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education.

**Siri Rajapaksa** - Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs.

**R.P. Arjasinghe** - Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Parakrama Dissanayake** - Secretary to the Ministry of Ports, Maritime Affairs and Southern Development.

**Sanjiv Rajapaksa** - Secretary to the Ministry of Highways and Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development.



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සෙනෙවිරත්න මහතා - කම්කරු, වාණිජ සම්ප්‍රදාය සංරක්ෂණ හා සමාජ සවිබල ගැන්වීම් අමාත්‍යාංශය, කේ.ඩී.එන්.ආර්. අසෝක මහතා - කර්මාන්ත හා වාණිජ කටයුතු, දිගුකාලීන අවකාශ පුද්ගලයන් නැවත පදිංචි කිරීම සහ සමුපකාර සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය, කේ.ඩී.එස්. රුවන්වත්තු මහතා - කෘෂිකර්ම, මුළුමන ආර්ථික කටයුතු, පශු සම්පත් සංවර්ධන, වාරිමාර්ග සහ ධීවර හා ජලජ සම්පත් සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය, රවීන්ද්‍ර හේවාට්තාරණ මහතා - රාජ්‍ය ව්‍යවසාය, කන්ද උඩරට උරුමය සහ මහනුවර සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය, එම්.එම්.එම්. කාරුණාරත්න මහතා - ඉඩම් සහ පාර්ලිමේන්තු ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණ අමාත්‍යාංශය, එම්.වි.එස්. දේශප්‍රිය මහතා - ජාතික ඒකාබද්ධතා, රාජ්‍ය භාෂා, සමාජ ප්‍රගති සහ නින්ද ආගමික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශය, කේ.පී. බර්නාඩ් එසන්ත සිල්වා මහතා - නිවාස, ඉදිකිරීම් සහ සංස්කෘතික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශය, එස්.ටී. කොඩිකාර මහතා - සංවර්ධන උපාය මාර්ග, ජාත්‍යන්තර වෙළෙඳ සහ විද්‍යා, තාක්ෂණ හා පර්යේෂණ අමාත්‍යාංශය, ඩබ්.ඒ. චූලානන්ද පෙරේරා මහතා - විදුලි සංදේශ, සිවිල් යටිතල පහසුකම්, විදේශ රැකියා සහ ක්‍රීඩා අමාත්‍යාංශය, එස්.එම්. පෙරේරා මහත්මිය - සෞඛ්‍ය, පෝෂණ හා දේශීය වෛද්‍ය අමාත්‍යාංශය, එම්.එම්.පී.කේ. මායාදත්තේ මහතා - නගර සැලසුම්, ජලසම්පාදන සහ උපස්ථ අධ්‍යාපන අමාත්‍යාංශය, එස්. හෙට්ටිආරච්චි මහතා - සංචාරක සංවර්ධන, වනජීවී හා ක්‍රිස්තියානි ආගමික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශය, ආර්.පී. ආරියසිංහ මහතා - විදේශ කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශය, පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා - වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය, සුනිල් හෙට්ටිආරච්චි මහතා - මහා මාර්ග හා මාර්ග සංවර්ධන සහ බනිජ තෙල් සම්පත් සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය.

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Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Southern Development Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake gets his appointment letter from President Sirisena. See full list and pix on Page 4

## Parakrama first-ever industry professional to be made Ports, Shipping, and Southern Development Secretary

TOP industry professional Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake has been appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Southern Development by President Maithripala Sirisena.

Prior to the latest appointment, Dissanayake was serving as the Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (his second stint) and Chairman of Hambantota International Ports Services Ltd., the joint venture between SLPA and the CPort of China.

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## Parakrama...

He was also a Director of the other joint venture Hambantota International Port Group, the Colombo International Container Terminals, South Asia Gateway Terminals Ltd., and the Ceylon Shipping Corporation.

A veteran in the maritime industry, Dissanayake was the first non-British International President of Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (UK) Founded in 1911 (Royal Charter – 1913). He was also the only individual to Chair both the highest professional bodies in Maritime and Transport Logistics sectors in Sri Lanka – Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (UK) and Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (UK) Sri Lanka branches.

He was also the first Sri Lankan to qualify at both the highest Chartered qualifications in Shipping (FICS/Chartered Shipbroker) UK and Transport Logistics (Chartered Fellow Logistics -Transport FCILT UK).

Dissanayake is also a Fellow Member (FCIM), considered as the highest professional qualification in Marketing Management and obtained a Masters' Degree in Business Administration (MBA) and Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing Management from the Sri Jayawardenepura University.

Having started his shipping career as Head of Marketing of the Ceylon Shipping Corporation, he joined the private sector as the Managing Director of Pership Shipping Ltd., and later on, the Aitken Spence Group.

He rose up to Director on the main Board and as Chairman and CEO of Aitken Spence Maritime and Transport Logistics sectors. He was also MD of Aitken Spence Ports International, the first and only Lankan company to engage in port management overseas (in Africa) and first Sri Lankan company to pursue a Public Private Partnership in Port Management (in South Pacific Islands).

During his stint as Chairman of SLPA, some of the main and recent achievements included the conclusion of the first public/private partnership of a port in Sri Lanka (Hambantota Port); attracting the largest single foreign direct investment of \$ 1.17 billion to Sri Lanka through this project; SLPA recording its highest profit of Rs. 13.1 billion in the year 2017; and the modernisation of Jaya Container Terminal with the formal initiation of JCT Stage V. During the first half of 2018, the Port of Colombo was ranked as the No. 1 fastest growing container port in the world by the Dyaliners.

Dissanayake has qualified as an Oxford Business Alumni on successful completion of the management program on strategic leadership at the University of Oxford, UK, and successfully completed a Management program on Global Economy at Harvard Business School, University of Harvard, Boston, USA. He has also graduated in professional shipping and was conferred a Distinction at Norwegian Shipping Academy (OSLO). Furthermore, he is a visiting lecturer at Dalian Maritime University, China, and CINEC Maritime Campus, Sri Lanka.

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## First global feeder ship under new agent calls Port of Colombo

**G**FS Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd, a Ceyline Group Company successfully handled M.V. Mogral, the first vessel to call the Port of Colombo since Ceyline took over officially as exclusive agents for Global Feeder Shipping LLC.

The M.V. Mogral, the 3400 TEU feeder vessel berthed at SAGT terminal on December 15, 2018. After an exchange of approximately two thousand containers, the ship departed Colombo on route to Cochin, its next port of call.

In honour of this special occasion a plaque was presented to the Master of the vessel by Capt. Ajith Peiris the Executive Chairman of Ceyline Group. The Managing Director of Sri Lanka Ports Authority Capt. Athula Hewavitharane, Harbour Master Capt. Nirmal Silva and officials from SAGT Terminal attended the Presentation Ceremony.



From left: GFS Lanka Managing Director Mevan Peiris, GFS Lanka General Manager Azad Rawdin, Harbour Master Capt. Nirmal Silva, Ceyline Group Executive Chairman Capt. Ajith Peiris, Master of the Vessel Capt. Rajpal Singh Sandhu, SLPA Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharane, GFS Dubai Operations Manager Rajesh Maadhav and SAGT Terminal officials

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Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake receiving the appointment as the Secretary to the Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development from President Maithripala Sirisena

## **SLPA Chairman appointed as Secretary to Ports and Shipping Ministry**

Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake was appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development by President Maithripala Sirisena on December 21, 2018.



## වරාය දැමූකාලයේ ලේකම් තනතුර ලැබේ

**ක්‍රිකට් පිටියේ ප්‍රධානියා**

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා වරාය, නාවික කටයුතු සහ දුරකථන සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම් ලෙස පත්කළේය.

මෙහිදී පාලන සිරිතේ සහ සහය වී සිටි පත් කරනු ලැබේ.

ජාත්‍යන්තරයෙන් දැක්වෙන්නේ ප්‍රධානියා මෙහිදී පාලන සිරිතේ සහ සහය ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා ලේකම් ධුරයට අදාළ පත්වීම් මුද්‍රා පිටපත් අවබෝධයි.

පුවත්පත - මව්බිම

දිනය - 2018-12-24

## නව අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම්වරුන් පත් කෙරේ



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කාර්යාලයේදී  
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මෙහිසුරු සිරිසේන  
මහතා අතින් සිය  
පත්විම් ලිපි ලබා  
ගත් අමාත්‍යාංශ නව  
ලේකම්වරු මෙසේය.

- ජෙනරාල් ප්‍රනාන්දු මහතා - ආරක්ෂක අමාත්‍යාංශය
- එස්.එම්. මොහොමඩ් මහත්මිය - තැපැල් සේවා හා මුද්ලිම් ආගමික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශය
- ඩී. සිව්දානසේකර් මහතා - ජාතික ප්‍රතිපත්ති, ආර්ථික කටයුතු, නැවත පදිංචි කිරීම් හා පුනරුත්ථාපන, උතුරු පළාත් සංවර්ධන, වෘත්තීය පුහුණු, නිපුණතා සංවර්ධන හා යෙවන කටයුතු
- පද්මසිරි ජයමාන මහතා - අධිකරණ අමාත්‍යාංශය
- ආර්. එම්. ඩී.බී. මිශ්‍රි මහතා - අධිකරණ හා වත්කම් ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණ අමාත්‍යාංශය
- ජේ.ජේ. රත්නසිරි මහතා - රාජ්‍ය පරිපාලන හා ආපදා කළමනාකරණ අමාත්‍යාංශය
- ආචාර්ය ඩී.එම්. එස්. බටහොඩි මහතා - විදුලිබල, බලශක්ති හා ව්‍යාපාර සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය
- එල්.පී. ජයමාන මහතා - ප්‍රවාහන හා සිවිල් ගුවන් සේවා අමාත්‍යාංශය
- එස්. රූපසිංහ මහතා - මහනගර හා ඛනික සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය
- එච්.ටී. කමල් පද්මසිරි මහතා - අභ්‍යන්තර හා ස්වදේශ කටයුතු සහ පළාත් සභා හා පළාත් පාලන අමාත්‍යාංශය
- ජේ.ඒ. රාජිත් මහතා - වැවිලි කර්මාන්ත අමාත්‍යාංශය
- ඒ.පී.පී. කිත්තිරි මහතා - මුද්‍රිත ශාසන හා වගඹි සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය
- එල්.ඩී. සේනානායක මහත්මිය - කාන්තා හා ශ්‍රම කටයුතු සහ විශුද්‍ර කලාප සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය
- ඩී.එම්.ඒ. ආර්.බී. දිසානායක මහතා - මහවැලි සංවර්ධන හා පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශය
- ඩී. සුමේෂ් මහතා - කඳුරටි නව ගම්මාන, ගව්නල පහසුකම් හා ප්‍රජා සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය
- එච්.එම්. ගාමිණී සෙනෙවිරත්න මහතා - කම්කරු, වෘත්තීය සමිති සබඳතා හා සමාජ සවිබල ගැන්වීම් අමාත්‍යාංශය
- ඩේ.ඩී. එස්.ආර්. අසේන මහතා - කර්මාන්ත හා වාණිජ කටයුතු, දිගුකාලීන අවකාශවූ පුද්ගලයන් නැවත පදිංචි කිරීම් සහ සමුපකාර සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය
- ඩේ.ඩී. එස්. රුවන්විත්තු මහතා - කෘෂිකර්ම, ග්‍රාමීය ආර්ථික කටයුතු, පශු සම්පත් සංවර්ධන, වාරම්භ සහ ධීවර හා ජලජ සම්පත් සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය
- රේ.ඩී. එස්. රුවන්විත්තු මහතා - රාජ්‍ය විවේචන, කන්ද උඩරට උරුම සහ මහනුවර සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය
- ඩබ්ලිව්. එච්. කරුණාරත්න මහතා - ඉඩම් සහ පාරිලිමේතු ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණ අමාත්‍යාංශය
- එම්.වී.එස්. දේශප්‍රිය මහතා - ජාතික ඒකාබද්ධතා, රාජ්‍ය භාෂා, සමාජ ප්‍රගති සහ සිවිල් ආගමික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශය
- ඩේ.පී. බර්නාඩ් වසන්ත සිල්වා මහතා - නිවාස ඉදිකිරීම් සහ සංස්කෘතික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශය
- එස්.ටී. කොඩිකාර මහතා - සංවර්ධන උපායමාර්ග, ජාත්‍යන්තර වෙළෙඳ සහ විද්‍යා, තාක්ෂණ හා පර්යේෂණ අමාත්‍යාංශය
- ඩබ්. ඒ. ඩුලානේද පෙරේරා මහතා - විදුලි සන්නිවේදන, ඩිජිටල් යටිතල පහසුකම්, විදේශ රැකියා සහ ක්‍රීඩා අමාත්‍යාංශය
- වසන්ත පෙරේරා මහත්මිය - සෞඛ්‍ය, පෝෂණ හා දේශීය වෛද්‍ය අමාත්‍යාංශය
- එම්.එම්.පී.කේ. මායාදත්තේ මහතා - නගර සැලසුම්, ජල සම්පාදන සහ උසස් අධිකරණ අමාත්‍යාංශය
- සිරි හෙට්ටිආරච්චි මහතා - සංචාරක සංවර්ධන, වනජීවී හා ක්‍රියාකාරී ආගමික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශය
- ආර්.පී. ආරියසිංහ මහතා - විදේශ කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශය
- පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා - වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු සහ දුර්විකා සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය
- සුනිල් හෙට්ටිආරච්චි මහතා - මහා මාර්ග හා මාර්ග සංවර්ධන සහ ඩිජිටල් තෙල් සම්පත් සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය

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## අමෙරිකාවේ 'රූෂ්මෝර්' කොළඹ වරායට



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දිගින් මීටර් 185 කින් යුක්ත මෙම නෞකාව වොන් 18000 ක ධාරිතාවයකින් යුක්ත වන අතර, එය නිලධාරීන් සහ නාවිකයන් 380 දෙනෙකුගෙන් යුත් තැටි මුළුමනින් ද සමන්විතය. තවද, නෞකාවේ අණදෙන නිලධාරී වශයෙන් කොමාන්ඩර් ආර්.පී. ට්‍රයන් මහතා කටයුතු කරනු ලබන අතර, 'රූෂ්මෝර්' නෞකාව දිවයිනේ රුද්‍රී සිටින කාල සීමාව තුළදී එහි තැටි මුළුමනින් ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ වැදගත් ස්ථානයන්හි සංචාරය කිරීමට සහ ශ්‍රී ලංකා නාවික හමුදාව විසින් සංවිධානය කරනු ලබන වැඩසටහන් කිහිපයකට ද සහභාගී වීමට නියමිතව ඇත.

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## Drillship *Aban Abraham* prepares for post-drilling campaign

Pelican design class II drillship *Aban Abraham* berthed at the Hambantota International Port last week for a warm lay-up with full crew and equipment. The 219-metre vessel, which will be setting up its rig for a 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 (HayleysAdvantis Group Companies), during its stay at the port.



**The drillship *Aban Abraham* docked at the Hambantota International 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 calling 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," he said.

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," he added.

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," Wickramasinghe said.

Newspaper – Ceylon Today    Date – 26-12-2018



## H'tota Port expands into vessel lay-up

The Hambantota Port has expanded into vessel lay-up services, with its first such operation being for a drillship, Aban Abraham, which will be moored at the port for a six-month warm lay-up.

The vessel will be under the supervision of Maritime Agencies (Pvt) Ltd and Hayleys Energy Services Ltd, units of Sri Lanka's Hayleys Advantis logistic group.

A minimum crew will be on board, as per Sri Lanka's flag requirements. Under a warm lay-up, this crew will keep the equipment on board running and prepare for other activities, so that it can be decommissioned quickly.

Hambantota International Port Group

(HIPG), which runs the Hambantota Port through a joint venture with China's CMPort group, had competed with established ports in the region to win the deal, stated HIPG Chief Operating Officer, Tissa Wickramasinghe, proving that the port is up to international standards.

"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," added Wickramasinghe.

"The hard work put in by the HIP team has paid off and we are now well-positioned as a multipurpose port."

## Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake deserves post of Secretary to Ministry of Ports and Shipping

I was very happy to learn from your esteemed paper of 24 December that Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake has been appointed the Secretary of the Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development. Dr. Dissanayake's performance as Chairman has been excellent as can be seen from the results of the Ministry for the past few years. He has been very efficient in his performance and therefore, he well deserves the post of the Secretary to the Ministry. If all administrative officers in Government could perform like him,



**Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake**

Sri Lanka could become prosperous very soon.

*Gulam Chatoor.*

Newspaper – Ceylon Today

Date – 27-12-2018

## AMERICAN NAVAL SHIP USS RUSHMORE DEPARTS SRI LANKA

The US Naval Ship USS Rushmore which arrived at the Port of Colombo on Friday (27) on a six-day goodwill visit departed the island yesterday (26). The occasion was marked by the Sri Lanka Navy according a customary farewell in keeping with Naval traditions.



## THREE RUSSIAN SHIPS SET SAIL FROM COLOMBO HARBOUR



Concluding their four-day goodwill visit in Sri Lanka, the three Russian ships, Varyag, Admiral Panteleev and Boris Butoma which arrived here on 20 December, set sail from the Colombo Harbour on 24 December. The Sri Lanka Navy made a customary farewell to the departing ship, in compliance with naval traditions.

Newspaper – Ceylon FT      Date – 27-12-2018

Local container handling down 1.6%

## Transshipment traffic grows 20.5%

By PANEETHA AMERESEKERE

Colombo Port transshipment traffic, led by a burgeoning Indian economy, grew by 20.5% year-on-year (YoY) to 501,236 twenty foot equivalent unit (TEU) of containers in October, latest official data showed.

Led by India's poor port services, Colombo is one of two-key transshipment ports to handle Indian container traffic, both imports and exports, the other being the Port of Singapore.

The first to identify Colombo Port's attractiveness as a transshipment hub to India other than being a mere trading port for local traffic was President...



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### Transshipment...

...J.R. Jayewardene, who transformed the Colombo Port from being a trading port catering to Sri Lanka's import-export business, to a Port catering to regional business after he came to power in July 1977.

Meanwhile, Colombo Port's transshipment traffic in the first 10 months of the year increased by 19.6% YoY to 4,641,040 TEUs.

However, Sri Lanka's import-export traffic, reflected by domestic container handling, retarded by 1.6% YoY to 111,502 TEUs in October, while growing by an overall negative figure of 0.7% YoY to 1,128,164 TEUs in the first 10 months of the year, mirroring a sluggish local economy in the two review periods.

Newspaper – Ceylon FT      Date – 28-12-2018

## Marella Discovery makes her maiden call to Colombo

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, a media release stated.

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.

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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, the media release concluded.

Newspaper – Daily Mirror      Date – 28-12-2018

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■ Brings along 1,732 passengers and 764 crew members

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Sri Lanka Port Authority, Aitken Spence Shipping and Aitken Spence Travels officials with Marella Discovery Master Capt. Christopher N. Dodds at plaque exchange ceremony

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### Super luxury...

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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.

## MSC SPLENDIDA CALLS ON COLOMBO PORT

**LAKMI NANAYAKKARA**

One of the world biggest cruise liners in the world, MSC Shipping sailed MSC Splendida with her 4000+ passengers to Colombo during their 29 day voyage on her way to Abu Dhabi.

Departing from the shores of Shanghai, China, the ship left Okinawa, Hongkong, Laem Chabang, Singapore, port Klang and Phuket to reach Colombo.

In bid to market the cruise liner among Sri Lankan passengers, the NKAR Travels and Tours Pvt Ltd, PSA for MSC cruises in Sri Lanka organized a tour of Travel agents to the MSC Splendida.

The 18 deck ship where only 14 are reserved for the public, hosts a total of seven restaurants, eleven bar lounges, fifteen entertainment places, five places

for relax and fitness and eight shops.

The Swarovski crystal staircases with each step valued at 30,000 pounds, The sports bar, Formular one simulator and the excellent choices of dining options attracts many passengers.

An officials of the ship said that the MSC Splendida owns the largest theatre of the fleet. The Strand Theatre which could accommodate 1000+ viewers, features top west end style shows.

MSC Splendida built in 2009 was honored with the title of ECO Ship due to its efficient systems in place to save energy and process waste and water in the cleanest way.

One of the main entertainment places within the ship, The Yacht Club has 71 spacious



suites with its own concierge reception, 24 hour butler service, private top sail lounge, pool deck and bar. Further the top 18 sundeck offers stunning sea view with its own dedicated spa service and bar menu with its complimentary fruit skewers.

The Ship owned by the world's largest privately-owned cruise line and brand market

leader in Europe and South America, MSC Cruises in Italy operates several cruises all over the world. Their ships sail year-round in the Mediterranean and the Caribbean, and the seasonal itineraries include Northern Europe, the Atlantic Ocean, South America, southern Africa, China, and Dubai, Abu Dhabi & India.

## LUXURY VESSEL MS LE LAPEROUSE CALLS COLOMBO



MS Le Laperouse at the Port of Colombo.

The luxury passenger vessel MS Le Laperouse carrying 145 passengers and 113 crew made its maiden call at the Port of Colombo last week.

In order to mark her maiden call at the Port of Colombo's Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) controlled terminal, a plaque exchange was held onboard between the Harbour Master of SLPA Capt.Nirmal Silva and the Master of the vessel Capt.Florion Richard amidst a special delegation of invitees from the Embassy of France in Sri Lanka with the initiative of Eric Lavertu – the Ambassador of France in Sri Lanka and Maldives.

Expressing views onboard Le Laperouse at her maiden call at the Port of Colombo, Capt.Nirmal Silva – Harbour Master of SLPA said that there was no doubt that her passengers would have one of their most enjoyable visits in Colombo and suburbs during their voyage in Sri Lanka. He further remarked



Master of the vessel Capt. Florion Richard receives plaque from the Harbour Master of SLPA Capt.Nirmal Silva at the plaque exchange ceremony onboard MS Le Laperouse. Excellency Eric Lavertu – the Ambassador of France in Sri Lanka and Maldives and Director (Logistics, Marketing and Business Development) of SLPA – Upul Jayatissa are also in the picture.

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the master plan to develop the Port of Colombo, future passenger vessels at the port will have a fully fledged state

of the art terminal with all modern facilities for quicker and uplifted services.

Master of the vessel Capt. Florion Richard at the ceremony stated that the visit to Sri Lanka with the vessel and all its passengers onboard was a very good and appreciative opportunity for a cultural exchange between France and Sri Lanka.

MS Le Laperouse built in Norway is one of the most luxurious vessels of a fleet of six belonging to France's COMPAGNIE DU PONANT, the cruise arm of one of the world's largest container shipping line CMA CGM. A subsidiary of the blue chip conglomerate, Hayleys Group, CMA CGM Lanka Pvt Ltd; acts the local agent for the vessel.

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Ruwan Waidyaratne – Managing Director of Hayleys Advantis Limited said that this was a winning opportunity to welcome the luxurious vessel, its passengers, the Captain, staff and crew in this beautiful island, at a time several international trip advisors had rated Sri Lanka the number one and the best place to visit on earth.

"The local agents CMA CGM Lanka together with Hayleys Group are enthusiastic in supporting the ongoing tourist promotion initiatives," he said.

Newspaper – Daily News      Date – 28-12-2018

## MARELLA DISCOVERY MAKES MAIDEN CALL TO COLOMBO PORT

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 recently.

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.

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902 state rooms with a capacity to accommodate up to 2,074 passengers.

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Newspaper – The Island      Date – 28-12-2018

## Marella Discovery makes maiden call to Colombo port

Super-luxury passenger vessel M.V. Marella Discovery of Marella Cruises with 1,700 passengers and 704 crew on board made her maiden call at the Port of Colombo recently. Managing Director of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), Capt. Alinda Hewawitharana said that the Port of Colombo was honoured by the presence of Marella Discovery in Colombo.

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Newspaper – Sunday Observer      Date – 30-12-2018

## *Marella Discovery* makes maiden call in Colombo

Super luxury passenger vessel *MV Marella Discovery* of Marella Cruises with 1,732 passengers and 764 crew on board made her maiden call at the Colombo Port recently.

Ports Authority Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharana exchanged plaques with the Master of *Marella Discovery*, Capt. Christopher N. Dodds, while Aitken Spence Shipping Managing Director Iqram Cuttilan and Aitken Spence Travels Managing Director Nalin Jayasundera also exchanged plaques with Capt. Dodds, to mark the maiden call of the vessel.

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The liner commenced its voyage in Europe, calling in Italy, Crete and moving on to Egypt, Jordan, Oman, UAE and several ports in India on her way to Sri Lanka. The vessel will cruise towards Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia from Sri Lanka.

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*MV Marella Discovery*

## Colombo Port: JCT transshipment volumes up 23 per cent

The State-owned Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), has posted a growth of 23.3% in transshipment container throughput for the first nine months (from January to September) in 2018 compared to the corresponding period last year.

During the first nine months of this year, the transshipment volume handled by Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) reached 1,445,424 TEUs compared to 1,172,542 TEUs for the corresponding period in 2017.

The Port of Colombo recorded a growth of 19.4% in trans-

shipment container throughput for the first nine months in 2018 as against the corresponding period in 2017.

During the first nine months of 2018, the Port of Colombo handled 4,206,630 TEUs of transshipment containers as against 3,522,521 TEUs in the corresponding period in 2017.

The Port expects to reach the seven million TEU target by the end of this year.

A three-year plan is due to be launched to develop the entire port sector to establish Sri Lanka as the most preferred maritime gateway to South Asia.

## SAGT targets 2.4 m TEUs for 2019

Plans to invest in equipment to meet demand, says CCO

South Asia Gateway Terminals (Pvt) Ltd. (SAGT), operators of the Queen Elizabeth Quay (QE) in the Colombo Port, has increased its projections to 2.4 million TEUs for 2019 from the landmark two million TEUs reached in 2018.

The company will import new equipment to meet the demand.

"We are delighted to achieve two million TEUs in 2018, which is quite an achievement considering the design capacity of 1.1 million TEUs at the commencement of operations in 1999, SAGT Chief Marketing Commercial Officer (CCO) Ted Muttiah told *Business Observer*.

"We are now strategising towards the 2.4 million TEU mark with additional capacity for 2019. In the past few years, we were averaging between 1.6 million and 1.7 million TEUs and it

was through operational efficiency that we increased capacity by another 300,000 TEUs, he said.

The quay line at QE terminal is 940 metres with limited scope to extend it. Therefore, our focus was to drive efficiency by sweating the operating assets and increasing the velocity of volumes through the terminal, he said.

He said the East Container Terminal (ECT) was overdue by at least two years.

Muttiah said the Colombo Port should achieve the seven million TEU landmark this year which will make Colombo among the fastest growing among the top 30 Ports in the world.

In 2014, Colombo was the 29th largest port in the world by measure of volume handled.

He said the Colombo Port is facing



**Ted Muttiah**

competition from regional ports such as Dubai, Singapore and Port Kelang in Malaysia.

"With 80 percent of our transship-

ment volumes involving India, the Colombo Port is complementary to India's international trade growth aspirations," Muttiah said.

The SAGT CCO said that shipping lines also have the benefit of three terminal operators in Colombo in contrast to the single terminal operator each in Singapore and Dubai.

SAGT's Sri Lankan shareholder-ship is close to 60 percent with major shareholders being John Keells Holdings PLC and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA).

Maersk Ltd (APMT) and Evergreen (EMC) are among other international shareholders.

SAGT's ability to achieve two million TEUs is remarkable with a yard capacity of 20 hectares and must rate among the best in the world for space optimisation. - **RL**

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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.



## Marella Cruises vessel calls at Sri Lanka's Colombo port

**M**arella Cruises vessel M V Marella Discovery had called at Sri Lanka's Colombo Port with complement of 1,732 passengers and 764 crew, agents Aitken Spence Shipping Ltd said. Marella Discovery had sailed from Europe calling at Italy, Crete, Egypt, Jordan, Oman, U.A.E. and India before coming to Sri Lanka and will move on to Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia. More than 1,000 passengers had taken tours in Colombo, Galle and a river safari organized by Aitken Spence Travels.

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The Malta flagged vessel is 264 meters in length and 32 meters wide and could accommodate up to 2,074 passengers.

## COLOMBO PORT TO CELEBRATE REACHING 7M TEU LANDMARK

Sri Lanka's Colombo Port has reached the 7 million TEU container throughput for 2018 and the Sri Lanka Port Authority plans to celebrate the highest and best ever performance of the Port.

The ceremony to celebrate the milestone will be held on Monday under the patronage of the Minister of Ports and Shipping, Sagala Ratnayake.

Ports Authority says that reaching the seven million TEU container volume is a major milestone in the history of Colombo's container handling operation.

Sri Lanka's Colombo Port was adjudged as the fastest growing port in the world and even ahead of competing ports such as Singapore, the ports of Dubai, Fujairah, Salalah in the Gulf and Tanjung Pelepas in Malaysia in the first half of 2018.

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## New Minister Sagala makes familiarisation visit to Colombo Port

CHIEF of staff to the Prime Minister, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka made familiarisation visit to the port of Colombo on Friday. The Minister visited the Chairman's office, Harbour

Master's Office, Pilot Station, JCT Administration Building and several other units of the Colombo Port.

The Minister was accompanied by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake,

Sri Lanka Ports Authority Managing Director Athula Hewawitharana and Sri Lanka Ports Authority Director Operations Jayantha Perera. Several executive directors and employees of SLPA were present at this visit.



## Marella Discovery makes her maiden call to Colombo

SUPERluxury 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 Aiken Spence Shipping Ltd., and travel operator Aiken Spence Travels Ltd.

On behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewawitharana exchanged plaques with the Master of Marella Discovery Capt. Christopher N. Dods. Aiken Spence Shipping Managing

Director Iqram Cutkian and Aiken Spence Travels Managing Director Nalin Jayasundara also exchanged plaques with the Master on behalf of the Aiken Spence Group subsidiaries.

Expressing views at the occasion, SLPA Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewawitharana said that the Port of Colombo was honoured by the presence of Marella Discovery in Colombo.

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32 meters wide, having 902 state rooms with a capacity to accommodate up to 2,074 passengers. The excursions organised by Aiken 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.

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several ports in India on her way to Sri Lanka, and will thereafter cruise towards Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia. The vessel, which cruised under the flag of Malta, called Colombo from Cochin, India, and Sabang, Indonesia is



her next port of call. Established in 1888, Aiken Spence 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.

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## CRUISES FERRY 72,500 TOURISTS TO SRI LANKA



Visitors being briefed by a Tourist Information Centre (TIC) official on the cruise (right) the AIDAbella cruise ship

Sri Lanka tourism is experiencing an increase of cruise liners calling in Colombo and this is attributing to the increase of tourist arrivals. Throughout 2018, Sri Lanka saw the arrival of 53 cruise liners.

In November 2018, Sri Lanka saw the arrival of three super luxury passenger vessels with combined passenger occupancy of nearly 7,000. Around

72,500 onboard passengers were reported throughout the year.

The super luxury passenger vessel MV Mein Schiff 3 of TUI Cruises with 2,430 passengers and 995 crew made her maiden call at the Port of Colombo on November 26. The vessel was welcomed at the East Container Terminal of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA).

The Chairman of SLPA Dr. Dissanayake said that the Port of Colombo had become an extremely busy port and that there were plans to construct a state of the art passenger terminal at the Port of Colombo. He further said that the process has already started and will be going through procurement process soon.

Assistant Director, Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion

Bureau Harindra Dissanayake said, "we're delighted to add our contribution in promoting Sri Lanka as a leading travel destination, by establishing Tourist Information Counters in each passenger vessel to create awareness among tourists on Sri Lanka as a leading travel destination. This is done with the purpose of encouraging more tourists to visit Sri Lanka."

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Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayaka visits Colombo Port

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## COLOMBO PORT CREATES RECORD HANDLING 7 MN TEU FOR 2018

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The Minister was accompanied by the Secretary to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Dr. Prakrama Dissanayake, Managing Director of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority Athula Hewawitharana and Director Operations of Sri Lanka Ports Authority Jayantha Perera. Several Executive directors and employees of SLPA were present at this visit.

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