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Newspaper – The Island Date – 01-02-2019

Final draft of national policy on Maritime and Logistics sector accomplished

To understand the importance of a national policy for the alignment of maritime and logistics sectors to reap the benefits towards the development of Sri Lanka, the final draft of the National Policy for Maritime and Logistics Sectors presented to Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka at an event held at the Ministry, yesterday.

The final draft of National Policy for Maritime and Logistics Sectors presented to the Minister by the Secretary to the Ministry of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development Dr Parakrama Dissanayake. The policy was drafted by the committee comprised with leading experts on maritime affairs chaired by Dr Dissanayake. Around 80 stakeholders participated during the formulation of the policy.

While valuing and appreciating the efforts by all parties involved in drafting this comprehensive and comparative policy on maritime, a lifeline of the country, the Honorable Minister requested for feedbacks from the interested parties and the general public. He has ensured the promulgation of this national policy as quickly as possible. Minister Ratnayaka has acknowledged the governing sup-



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Around hundred and fifty pages document comprehensively detailed the strategies, suggested actions and coordinating role of each party while addressing the urgent requirements of the maritime and logistics sectors in Sri Lanka. It has addressed the several areas of the subject including, Ports and Related Infrastructure; Development of Maritime Related Services; Ships, Ship Owning, Ship & Crew Management, Shipping & NVOCC Agency, Coastal Shipping ; Development of Logistics and Intermodal Infrastructure, Harmonization of Regulatory Framework ; Maritime Safety, Security, Marine Pollution Prevention, Maritime Training; Promotion of Small & Medium Scale Enterprises in Maritime and Logistics; Restrictive Practices in Maritime and Logistics.

Maritime and logistics national policy final draft presented to Ports Minister

The final draft of the national policy for maritime and logistics sector was presented to Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka yesterday by the ministry Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake.

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The 159-page document comprehensively detailed the strategies, suggested actions and coordinating role of each party while addressing the urgent requirements of the maritime and logistics sectors in Sri Lanka.



Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Ministry Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake presents the final draft of the national policy for maritime and logistics sectors to Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka in the presence of Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Kavan Ratnayaka, Sri Lanka Ports Authority Managing Director Captain Athula Hewawitharana, Merchant Shipping Director General A.W. Samwelipenne, Length Terminals Ltd Chief Executive Officer H.D.A.S. Premachandra, Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Ministry Additional Secretary Development K.N. Kumari Somaratne, Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Ministry Additional Secretary Admin and Finance H.M.L.S. Herath, McLaren's Group Group Joint Managing Director Shihara Jayawardene, CASS Chairman Saliya Senarathne and SAIT CEO Ramesh David.

It has addressed the several areas of the subject including ports and related infrastructure, development of maritime-related services, ships, ship owning, ship and crew management, shipping and NVOCC agency, coastal shipping, development of logistics and intermodal infrastructure, harmonization of regulatory framework, maritime safety, security, marine pollution prevention, marine training, promotion of small and medium-scale enterprises in maritime and logistics and restrictive practices in maritime and logistics.

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by sea, with a competitive and efficient port industry capable of meeting the needs of importers and exporters in a cost-effective and timely manner, thus contributing to long-term economic growth and prosperity of Sri Lanka," Dr. Dissanayake said by quoting the final draft of the national policy.

The vision of this national policy made us to "become a leading global maritime and logistics hub while maintaining a premier status in regional maritime and logistics by affording and facilitating the best technology and convenience to all stakeholders thus facilitating the economic growth in Sri Lanka."

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particular sector includes domestic and transshipment container operations, a range of logistical services, ship repairs, supply of bunkers and ship spares, maritime education and training, logistics and supply chain management, etc. Of the above, container operation is the single largest source of foreign exchange," the policy assessed.

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Ministry Secretary Dr Parakrama Dissanayake presents draft policy to Minister Sagala Ratnayaka

NEW MARITIME POLICY BEFORE CABINET THIS MONTH

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The BTI evaluates the quality of democracy, market-economic systems, and governance in developing and transformation nations.

Bertelsmann Stiftung also stated that more policy changes are needed in the areas of environmental protection, reconciliation, political democracy and demographic trends. It further stated that ethnic reconciliation and a political settlement on the devolution of power remain key issues for Sri Lanka.

"Politicians in power need to look beyond their political differences to build a consensus on the issues of minority rights and devolution. Sri Lanka has a current shortage of labor in construction and agriculture," it stated.

According to BST 4,000 acres of wetlands have destroyed due to development activities. Growing population pressure and certain cultivation and clearing practices have resulted in greater exposure to natural disasters, such as landslides and floods.

"Existing legal instruments need to be fully utilised and strengthened, and there needs to be more comprehensive evaluation of environmental implications of development projects," the agency stated.

Newspaper – Daily Mirror Date – 02-02-2019

SLPA signs agreement with Colombo Dockyard to build two pilot boats

■ New pilot boats to handle greater volumes more efficiently

■ Ports Authority's investment to be US\$ 3.12mn

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) signed an agreement with Colombo Dockyard PLC yesterday to build two pilot boats for the Port of Colombo, enabling it to handle a greater volume of activities with more efficiency. The agreement was signed by SLPA Chairman

Kiron Ratnayaka, on behalf of the SLPA and Colombo Dockyard PLC Managing Director/CEO D.V. Abeyasinghe, on behalf of Colombo Dockyard PLC.

Established in 1974, Colombo Dockyard PLC is Sri Lanka's leading ship repair, shipbuilding, heavy engineering and offshore engineering facility.

Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Minister, Anura Kumara Ratnayaka recently said, "The two new pilot boats will be faster than other boats in the fleet and will be better equipped to handle the modern ships that frequently visit the country's busiest port."



Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Kiron Ratnayaka and Colombo Dockyard PLC CEO D.V. Abeyasinghe exchange the agreement for the purchase of two pilot boats for the Port of Colombo. (From left) Sri Lanka Ports Authority Managing Director Captain Nirmal Silva, Sri Lanka Ports Authority Managing Director Captain Achala Hewawitharana and Colombo Dockyard PLC Chairman Dr. Toku Takehara.

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Newspaper – Sunday Observer Date – 03-02-2019

MARITIME AND LOGISTICS NATIONAL POLICY AIMS AT 'GLOBAL MARITIME HUB' STATUS

Ports Ministry Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake presents draft policy to Minister Sagala Ratnayaka

The final draft of the National Policy for Maritime and Logistics Sectors was presented to Minister of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayaka by Ministry Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake at the Ministry last week.

The policy was drafted by a committee comprising experts on maritime affairs chaired by Dr. Dissanayake.

Around 80 stakeholders participated during the formulation of the policy.

While valuing and appreciating the efforts of all parties involved in drafting this comprehensive and comparative policy on the maritime sector, the Minister called for a feedback from interested parties. He has ensured the promulgation of the national policy.

Minister Ratnayaka acknowledged the support of his predecessor, former Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe to the initiative.

Dr. Dissanayake stressed the importance of the national policy and how it will develop the maritime affairs of the country.

The hundred-and-fifty page document details the strategies, action and the coordinating role of each party while addressing the urgent needs of the maritime and logistics sectors in Sri Lanka.

It addresses several areas including, Ports and related infrastructure, Development of maritime related services, ships, ship owning, ship and crew management, shipping and NVOCC agency, coastal shipping, development of logistics and inter-modal infrastructure, harmonisation of regulatory framework, maritime safety, security, marine pollution prevention, maritime training; promo-



Secretary to the Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development, Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake presents the final draft of the National Policy for Maritime and Logistics Sectors to Minister of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayaka. Chairman, Sri Lanka Ports Authority Kavan Ratnayaka; Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewawitharana, Director General, Merchant Shipping, A. W. Senewiratne, Chief Executive Officer, Langkai Terminals Ltd., H.D.A.S. Premachandra, Additional Secretary (Development), Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Ministry, K. S. Kumari Samarathne, Additional Secretary (Admin and Finance) Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development, H. M. L. S. Herath, Group Joint Managing Director of McLaren Group, Shekara Jayawardana, Chairman, CASS, Saliya Senanayake and SAGT CEO Ramesh David look on.

sion of small and medium scale enterprises in the sector and restrictive practices.

One of the aims of the policy is to 'encourage sustainable port development to cater to long-term growth in imports and exports and transshipment by sea, with a competitive and efficient port industry meeting the needs of importers and exporters in a cost-effective and timely manner, contributing to long-term economic growth,' Dr. Dissanayake said, quoting the draft of the policy document.

The vision of the national policy reads as 'become a leading global maritime and logistics hub while maintaining the premier status in regional maritime activity and logistics by affording and facilitating the best technology and convenience to all stakeholders thus facilitating economic growth.'

'Sri Lanka's maritime and logistics business generates foreign exchange for the country. The sector includes, domestic and transshipment container operations, a range of logistical services, ship repairs, supply of bunkers

and ship spares, maritime education and training, logistics and supply chain management. Container operation is the single largest source of foreign exchange,' the policy document stated.

'While some global container hub ports recorded a decline in throughput, Sri Lanka's main commercial port, the Port of Colombo, showed resilient growth, in the past few years. As a result, last year, the Port of Colombo rose to a higher position in the global container port league, registering a throughput of

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over seven million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units). The Port has advanced to occupy a leading position in the world as one of the best-connected ports with over 59 main-

line services calling each week, placing it ahead of other regional ports while it was placed marginally behind the world's leading ports,' the document stated.

According to the policy document, 'Major Sri Lankan ports need to transform themselves from 'regional transshipment hubs' to 'global maritime hubs' to face competition from emerging regional transshipment ports and traditional global competitors. Continued dependence on the Indian subcontinent for a major portion of business will no longer be possible due to emerging regional competition, expansion of direct mainliner services to traditional feeder ports and changes in cabotage laws.'

'One needs to recognise the fact that all major global hubs are relay centres for major shipping lines. The share of relay traffic in global hubs far exceeds the share of hub and spoke transshipment, making them less vulnerable to emergence of regional competition.'

However, this change will need development of port and logistics facilities well ahead of such demand.

'Sri Lanka has followed a policy of waiting for demand to push before new port/terminal facilities are developed. This policy enabled other regional hubs to overtake Colombo in the past. It is, therefore, necessary to shift the development policy from 'demand-driven' to 'supply-driven,' the final draft of the National Policy for Maritime and Logistics Sectors has stated.

Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Kavan Ratnayaka was also present.

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Final draft of National Maritime and Logistics Policy completed

To understand the importance of a national policy for the alignment of maritime and logistics sectors to reap the benefits towards the development of Sri Lanka, the final draft of the National Policy for Maritime and Logistics Sectors was presented to Minister of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka in an event held at the Ministry, on 31 January.

The final draft of the National Policy for Maritime and Logistics Sectors was presented to the Minister by the Secretary to the Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake. The policy was drafted by the committee comprised with leading experts on maritime affairs chaired by Dr. Dissanayake. Around 80 stakeholders participated during the formulation of the policy.

While valuing and appreciating the efforts by all parties involved in drafting this comprehensive and comparative policy on maritime, a lifeline of the country, the Minister requested for feedback from the interested parties and the general public. He ensured the promulgation of this national policy as quickly as possible. Minister Ratnayaka further acknowledged the governing support of his predecessor, former Minister of Ports and Shipping Mahinda Samarasinghe, on this national initiative.

Meanwhile, in his brief introduction during the event, Dr. Dissanayake clarified the importance of this historic national policy and how it is going to elevate the development of the maritime affairs in the country.

The 150-page document comprehensively detailed the strategies, suggested actions, and coordinating role of each party, while addressing the urgent requirements of the maritime and logistics sectors in Sri Lanka. It addressed several areas of the subject including ports and related infrastructure, development of maritime related services, ships, ship owning, ship and crew management, shipping and NVOCC agency, coastal shipping, development of logistics and intermodal infrastructure, harmonisation of regulatory framework, maritime safety, security, marine pollution prevention, maritime training, promotion of small and medium-scale enterprises in maritime and logistics, and restrictive practices in maritime and logistics.

One of the aims of this national policy is to "encourage sustainable port development to cater to long-term forecasted



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growth in volumes of imports and exports, and transshipment trades by sea, with a competitive and efficient port industry capable of meeting the needs of importers and exporters in a cost-effective and timely manner, thus contributing to long-term economic growth and prosperity of Sri Lanka," Dr. Dissanayake said by quoting the final draft of the national policy.

The vision of this national policy reads that Sri Lanka is to "become a leading global maritime and logistics hub, while maintaining a premier status in regional maritime and logistics by affording and facilitating the best technology and convenience to all stakeholders thus facilitating the economic growth in Sri Lanka."

"Sri Lanka's maritime and logistics business generate the much needed foreign exchange to the country. The particular sector includes: domestic and transshipment container operations, a range of logistical services, ship repairs, supply of bunkers and ship spares, maritime education and training, logistics and supply chain management, etc. Of the above, container operation is the single largest source of foreign exchange," the policy assessed.

"While some global container hub ports recorded a decline in throughput, Sri Lanka's main commercial port, the Port of Colombo, showed resilient growth in the last few years. As a result, in 2018, the Port of Colombo elevated to a greater position in the global container-port league, registering a throughput of over 7 million TEUs (The 20-foot equivalent unit). Sri Lanka's Port of Colombo has advanced to occupy a leading position in the world as one of the best-connected ports with over 59 mainline services calling each week, placing it ahead of other regional ports while it was placed marginally behind the world's leading ports."

the policy further observed.

According to the policy: "Major Sri Lankan ports need to transform themselves from 'regional transshipment hubs' to 'global maritime hubs' in order to face the competition from emerging new regional transshipment ports as well as traditional global competitors. Continued dependence on the Indian subcontinent for a major portion of business will no longer be possible due to emerging regional competition, expansion of direct mainline service to traditional feeder ports, and changes in cabotage laws, etc."

"One needs to recognise the fact that all major global hubs are relay centres for major shipping lines. The share of relay traffic in global hubs far exceeds the share of hub and spoke transshipment, thus making them less vulnerable to emergence of regional competition. However, this change will require development of port and logistics facilities well ahead of such demand. Sri Lanka has hitherto followed a policy of waiting for demand to push before new port terminal facilities are to be developed. This policy allowed other regional hubs to overtake Colombo in the past. It is, therefore, necessary to shift the development policy from 'demand-driven' to 'supply-driven', the final draft of the National Policy for Maritime and Logistics Sectors has suggested.

Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Kavan Ratnayaka, Sri Lanka Ports Authority Managing Director Captain Athula Hewawitharana, Sri Lanka Ports Authority Executive Director Dr. Emerick Fernando, Sri Lanka Ports Authority Additional Managing Director D. Upali De Zoysa, Directors of Sri Lanka Ports Authority, and several stakeholders and experts of the subject were present the event.

Newspaper – Sunday Island Date – 03-02-2019

Sri Lankan ports need shift from regional transshipment to global maritime hubs



Sri Lanka Ports Authority said the final draft of the National Policy for Maritime and Logistics Sectors has been presented to the Ports & Shipping Minister Sagala Ratnayaka.

The draft has been prepared to underscore the importance of a national policy for the alignment of maritime and logistics sectors to reap the benefits towards the development of Sri Lanka.

The policy was drafted by a committee comprised of leading experts on maritime affairs chaired by Dr Parakrama Dissanayake with around 60 stakeholders participating during the formulation of the policy.

According to the policy, "Major Sri Lankan ports need to transform themselves from 'regional transshipment hubs' to 'Global Maritime Hubs' in order to face the competition from emerging new regional transshipment ports as well as traditional global competitors.

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"It is, therefore, necessary to shift the development policy from 'demand-driven' to 'supply-driven', the final draft of National Policy for Maritime and Logistics Sectors has suggested.

The minister has requested for feedbacks from the interested parties and the general public and has ensured the

promulgation of this national policy as quickly as possible.

Around hundred and fifty pages document comprehensively detailed the strategies, suggested actions and coordinating role of each party while addressing the urgent requirements of the maritime and logistics sectors in Sri Lanka.

It has addressed the several areas of the subject including, Ports and Related Infrastructure; Development of Maritime Related Services; Ships, Ship Owning, Ship & Crew Management, Shipping & NVOCC Agency; Coastal Shipping; Development of Logistics and Intermodal Infrastructure; Harmonization of Regulatory Framework; Maritime Safety, Security, Marine Pollution Prevention, Maritime Training; Promotion of Small & Medium Scale Enterprises in Maritime and Logistics; Restrictive Practices in Maritime and Logistics.

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Newspaper – Sunday Observer Date – 03-02-2019

Colombo Port to buy pilot boats

USD 3.12 m investment

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) will sign an agreement with Colombo Dockyard PLC to build two pilot boats for the Colombo Port enabling it to handle a greater volume of work with more efficiency.

A pilot boat is used to transport maritime pilots between land and the inbound or outbound ships that they are piloting.

The Colombo Port currently has four pilot boats and the fleet was last upgraded in 2007.

"The Colombo Port has become busier over the years and its infrastructure needs to be developed allowing it become more competitive on a global scale. The two boats



will be faster than others in the fleet and will be better equipped to handle modern ships that frequently

visit the country's busiest port. We, therefore, think it will be a much-needed investment for the future,"

Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said.

The two boats are due to be delivered in 10 months. "The contractor was selected through a Cabinet approved procurement process. The SLPA will invest USD 3.12 million on the boats," the Minister said.

The Minister expressed confidence that the Colombo Port would use the two boats from December 1. "The Colombo Port is the lifeline of the country's economy. It is important to make the right type of investments at the right time to ensure that it operates with greater efficiency," he said.

Newspaper – Daily News Date – 04-02-2019

SLPA SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH COLOMBO DOCKYARD TO BUILD TWO PILOT BOATS



SLPA Chairman, Kavan Ratnayaka and Colombo Dockyard, Managing Director/CEO, D.V. Abeysinghe exchanging the agreement flanked by officials of SLPA and CDL

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) has signed an agreement with the Colombo Dockyard PLC, to build two pilot boats for the Port of Colombo enabling it to handle a greater volume of activities with more efficiency, recently.

The agreement was signed by Chairman of the SLPA Kavan Ratnayaka, on behalf of the SLPA and Managing Director/CEO of Colombo Dockyard PLC D.V. Abeysinghe, on behalf of the Colombo Dockyard PLC. Established in 1974, the Colombo Dockyard PLC is Sri Lanka's leading ship repair, ship-building, heavy engineering and offshore engineering facility.

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would be faster than other boats in the fleet and would be better equipped to handle modern ships that frequently visit the country's busiest port."

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The pilot boat is a vessel that is specifically used from harbours to ships that need piloting, or vice versa. A pilot boat fulfills a major maritime niche. The Port of Colombo currently has four pilot boats, while the fleet was last upgraded in 2007, according to a SLPA press release.

Newspaper – Daily Mirror Date – 04-02-2019

Colombo Dockyard partners SLPA to supply two pilot boats

Colombo Dockyard PLC (CDPLC) has successfully entered into a contract with Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) to supply two pilot boats.

The contract was signed on February 1, 2019, at SLPA Chairman's office. SLPA Chairman Kavan Ratnayaka and CDPLC Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer D.V. Abeysinghe signed the contract.

SLPA Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, SLPA Harbour Master Capt. Nirmal Silva, CDPLC Chairman Dr. Toru Takehara, CDPLC Shipbuilding General Manager Lal Hettiarachchi and management personnel from both organisations participated at this special occasion.

This 19m boat is a proven design developed by MACDUFF Scotland. The boat will serve to transport pilots from shore to ship. It can accommodate a total number of eight persons including four crew members and four pilots and it can achieve a service speed around 22 knots and can operate in all weather conditions prevailing in Sri Lanka,



SLPA Chairman Kavan Ratnayaka and CDPLC MD and CEO D.V. Abeysinghe exchanging contracts. Also in the picture are SLPA MD Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, SLPA Harbour Master Capt. Nirmal Silva, CDPLC Chairman Dr. Toru Takehara, CDPLC Shipbuilding GM Lal Hettiarachchi and officers from SLPA and CDPLC

all year round. By building the pilot boats in Sri Lanka, SLPA helps develop the economy of the country by developing the local shipbuilding industry. The local ventures such as CDPLC generate large number of direct and indirect employment opportunities and develop the skills and technical know how of the local workmen and help save on valuable foreign exchange.

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 have a 35 percent shareholding at Colombo Dockyard.

As the leader of shipbuilding industry in Sri Lanka, CDPLC continuously proves its excellence

by successfully securing shipbuilding projects both local and worldwide. Currently, CDPLC is building a 113m cable laying vessel for Japan and a 60m buoy tender vessel and a 50m pilot station vessel for Iraq.

CDPLC is the front runner of Sri Lankan industrialisation and the main contributor to the government's national export strategy from the shipbuilding sector.

Newspaper – The Island Date – 04-02-2019

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'Fleet last upgraded in 2007'



From left: Captain Nirmal Silva, Harbour Master, Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA); Captain Athula Hewavitharana, Managing Director, Sri Lanka Ports Authority; Kavan Ratnayaka, Chairman, Sri Lanka Ports Authority; D.V. Abeysinghe, Managing Director/CEO of Colombo Dockyard PLC; Dr Toru Takehara, Chairman, Colombo Dockyard PLC.

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Hambantota Port to rebuild Tissapura Junior School

The foundation stone ceremony for the reconstruction of the Tissapura Junior School, in Anulala Weerawala in the Hambantota district, was held recently at the school premises. Participating in the laying of the foundation were A. H. Weerakeerthi, Principal of the Tissapura Junior School along with key officials of the Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG), Ray Ren, CEO of HIPG, Tissa Wickramasinghe, COO of HIPG and Captain Ravi Jayawickreme, CEO of Hambantota International Port Services.

The Tissapura school is one of many community projects undertaken by HIPG, and the company believes that education plays an important role in building a knowledgeable, skilled future generation.

The grant to rebuild the school was made by China Merchants Charitable Foundation (CMCF), the primary CSR arm of global port operator, CMPT, the main partner of HIPG. The laying of the foundation stone to rebuild the derelict school, was the first step in fulfilling a commitment made by HIPG during its very early stages.

It was brought to the Company's attention that the Tissapura Junior School, a government public school built in 1986, had got into a bad state. The school which has a student body of approximately 300, including preschool and primary school students and 24 teachers, had decaying infrastruc-



Laying of the foundation stone - Left to Right: Ray Ren- CEO HIPG, Captain Ravi Jayawickreme- CEO HIPS, Tissa Wickramasinghe- COO HIPG, A. H. Weerakeerthi- Principal of the Hambantota Tissapura Junior School

ture and facilities that did not encourage learning or modern methods of teaching.

Ray Ren, CEO of HIPG speaking at the ceremony said that the company was committed towards supporting adjacent communities as part of their Corporate social responsibility goals. "We are committed towards using our CSR budgets to uplift key areas amongst our adjacent communities and this time we targeted education as it plays a significant role in providing equal opportunities for young people in the Hambantota area. We recognised the need to upgrade the Tissapura Junior School and brought the matter to the attention of CMCF who immediately agreed to make the grant. CMCF is solely funded by our main partner China Merchants Group and the Foundation's aim is to improve livelihoods through alleviation of poverty and sustainable development."

HIPG has allocated a sum of US \$ 200,000/- for the renovation of the school which will be equipped with all the basic facilities required for modern learning. The new additions to the school includes two new drinking water tanks with filtered water pipes, eight new classrooms, a playground and a wholly repaired roof. Any other repair work will be done on a need basis once renovation gets underway.

HIPG is closely involved in the construction of the school and are working with the Hambantota district engineers

and zonal education department to expedite the project.

The principal of the Tissapura Junior School thanked HIPG for their support in rebuilding the school stating that this is the first renovation the school had received since it was built. He added that the action taken by HIPG to support children from such an underprivileged province was greatly appreciated.

Other dignitaries at the event included senior members of HIPG and the Regional Educational Office, teachers and parents of students of the Tissapura Junior School, OLC of the Weerawala Police Station and members of the clergy, the Gramasewaka of the area, as well as leaders and principals of neighbouring schools.

The Hambantota International Port is managed by Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) and Hambantota International Port Services (HIPS), two new companies set up by China Merchants Port Holdings (CMPH) and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA).

China Merchants Port Holdings Company Ltd. (CMPH) owns 85% and Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) owns 15% of the stake in Hambantota International Port Group Ltd. (HIPG), which will undertake the project identified to restructure the Hambantota Port development and transform it to become a commercially viable national asset.

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ඉන් පසුව එය වරාය සහ නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රයන්ට අදාළ ජාතික ප්‍රතිපත්තිය වශයෙන් සම්මත කෙරෙනු ඇති බව කී අමාත්‍යවරයා ඒ හරහා ඉදිරි වසර කිහිපය තුළ ක්ෂේත්‍රයට අවශ්‍ය මාර්ගෝපදේශනය හිමිවනු ඇතැයි ද කීය.

මේ වනවිට කෙටුම්පත් කර ඇති එම ප්‍රතිපත්තියේ මුල් පිටපත ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ වරාය සහ නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රයන්හි නියෝජිතයන්ට දීම ඉකුත් සතියේ වරාය සහ නාවික අමාත්‍යාංශ ශ්‍රවණාගාරයේදී සිදුකෙරිණි.

ලියවිල්ලේ අත්කරගතය සම්බන්ධයෙන් පුළුල් සංවාදයක් ඇති කිරීමේ අවශ්‍යතාව ද අමාත්‍යවරයා විසින් පෙන්වා දෙනු ලැබීය.

වරාය යනු මෙරට ආර්ථිකයේ ජීවනාලිය බව කී අමාත්‍යවරයා එය ශක්තිමත් කිරීමට නම් පුළුල් සහ ඉදිරිතර ජාතික ප්‍රතිපත්තියක් අවශ්‍ය බවත්, සෑම පාර්ශවයකගේම සහයෝගය ඒ සඳහා ලබා ගත යුතු බවත් අවධාරණය කළේය.

වරාය, නාවික සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම් ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් සෑදුම්ලත් කමිටුවක් විසින් ජාතික ප්‍රතිපත්තිය කෙටුම්පත් කර ඇති අතර ඒ පිරිසට ද අමාත්‍යවරයා සිය ස්තුතිය පළ කළේය.

වරාය-නාවික ජාතික ප්‍රතිපත්තියට ජනතා අදහස්

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● ඇමැති සාගල රත්නායක

වරාය හා නාවික ජාතික ප්‍රතිපත්තිය ගැන මහජනතාවගෙන් අදහස් ලබා ගන්නවා

ඇමැති සාගල රත්නායක

මේ වන විට කෙටුම්පත් කර ඇති වරාය සහ නාවික ජාතික ප්‍රති-පත්තිය සම්බන්ධයෙන් මාසයක කාලයක් තුළ එම ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ විවිධ පාර්ශ්වයන්ගෙන් සහ මහජනතාවගෙන් අදහස් ලබා ගන්නා බව වරාය, නාවික සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමැති සාගල රත්නායක මහතා ප්‍රකාශ කළේය.

එසේ මහජන අදහස් ලබා ගෙන සකස් කරන අවසාන ලියවිල්ල කැඩිතට් මණ්ඩලයට ඉදිරිපත් කොට අනුමැතිය ලබා ගන්නා බව ද අමාත්‍යවරයා වැඩිදුරටත් සඳහන් කළේය.

එහිත් පසුව එය වරාය සහ නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රයන්ට අදාළ ජාතික ප්‍රතිපත්තිය වශයෙන් එය සම්මත කෙරෙනු ඇති බව කී ඇමැතිවරයා ඒ හරහා ඉදිරි වසර කිහිපය තුළ එම ක්ෂේත්‍රයන්ට අවශ්‍ය මාර්ගෝ-පදේශනය හිමිවනු ඇති බව ද සඳහන් කළේය.

මේ වන විට කෙටුම්පත් කර ඇති එම ප්‍රතිපත්තියේ මුල් පිටපතක් ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ වරාය සහ නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රයන්හි නියෝජිතයන්ට ලබා දීමේ ඉකුත් සතියේ වරාය සහ නාවික අමාත්‍යාංශ ශ්‍රවණාගාරයේ

දී සිදු කෙරිණි. එහිදී මේ ලියවිල්ලේ අත්තිරිගනය සම්බන්ධයෙන් පුළුල් සංවාදයක් ඇති කිරීමේ අවශ්‍යතාව ද ඇමැතිවරයා විසින් පෙන්වා දෙනු ලැබිණි.

වරාය යනු මෙරට ආර්ථිකයේ ජීවනාලිය බව කී ඇමැතිවරයා එය ශක්තිමත් කිරීමට තම පුළුල් සහ ඉදිරිගාමී ජාතික ප්‍රතිපත්තියක් අවශ්‍ය බවත්, සෑම පාර්ශ්වයකගේම සහයෝගය ඒ සඳහා ලබා ගත යුතු බවත් අවධාරණය කළේය.

වරාය, නාවික සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම් ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් සැදුම්ලත් කමිටුවක් විසින් මේ ජාතික ප්‍රතිපත්තිය කෙටුම්පත් කොට ඇති අතර එම පිරිසට ද ඇමැතිවරයා මෙහිදී සිය ස්තූතිය පළ කළේය.

අමාත්‍යාංශයේ උසස් නිලධාරීන් සහ ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ ප්‍රධානීන් මෙන්ම එම ක්ෂේත්‍රය නියෝජනය කරන සියලුම සංවිධා-නවල නියෝජිතයෝ ද මේ ජාතික ප්‍රතිපත්තියේ පළමු කෙටුම්පත එළිදක්වන උත්සවයට සහභාගී වූහ.

HIPG to rebuild Tissapura Junior School

The foundation stone ceremony for the reconstruction of the Tissapura Junior School, in Andalla Weerawila in the Hambantota district, was held recently at the school premises.

Participating in the laying of the foundation were Principal A. H. Weerakeerthi, along with key officials of the Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG), CEO Ray Ren and COO Tissa Wickramasinghe, and Hambantota International Port Services CEO Captain Ravi Jayawickrama.

The Tissapura school is one of many community projects undertaken by HIPG.

The grant to rebuild the school was made by China Merchants Charitable Foundation (CMCF), the primary CSR arm of global port operator, CMPort, the main partner of HIPG. It was brought to



HIPG CEO Ray Ren, HIPS CEO Captain Ravi Jayawickreme, HIPG COO Tissa Wickramasinghe, and Hambantota Tissapura Junior School Principal A. H. Weerakeerthi laying the foundation stone.

the company's attention that Tissapura Junior School, a government public school built in 1986, needed renovation. The school some 300,

including preschool and primary school students, and 24 teachers.

HIPG CEO Ren, speaking at the ceremony said, "We are committed

towards using our CSR budgets to uplift key areas amongst our adjacent communities and this time we targetted education as it plays a significant role in providing equal opportunities for young people in the Hambantota area."

HIPG has allocated a sum of US\$ 200,000 for the renovation of the school which will be equipped with all the basic facilities required for modern learning. The new additions to the school include two new drinking water tanks with filtered water pipes, eight new classrooms, a playground and a wholly repaired roof.

HIPG is closely involved in the construction of the school and are working with the Hambantota district engineers and zonal education department to expedite the project.

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HAMBANTOTA PORT TO REBUILD TISSAPURA JUNIOR SCHOOL

The foundation stone ceremony for the reconstruction of the Tissapura Junior School, in Andala Wiravella in the Hambantota district, was held recently at the school premises. Participating in the laying of the foundation were A.H. Weerakeerthi, Principal of the Tissapura Junior School along with key officials of the Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG). Ray Res, CEO of HIPG, Tina Wickramasinghe, COO of HIPG and Captain Ravi Jayawickrama, CEO of Hambantota International Port Services.

The Tissapura school is one of many community projects undertaken by HIPG, and the company believes that education plays an important role in building a knowledgeable, skilled future generation.

The grant to rebuild the school was made by China Merchants Charitable Foundation (CMCF), the primary CSR arm of global port operator, CMH, the main partner of HIPG. The laying of the foundation stone is a vital step in fulfilling a commitment made by HIPG during its very early stages.

It was brought to the company's attention that the Tissapura Junior School, a government public school built in 1980, had got into a bad state. The school which has a student body of approximately 300, including pre-school and primary school students and 24



Standing in attention for the national anthem at the Tissapura Junior School foundation stone laying ceremony.

teachers, had decaying infrastructure and facilities that did not encourage learning or modern methods of teaching.

Ray Res, CEO of HIPG speaking at the ceremony said that the company was committed towards supporting adjacent communities as part of their Corporate social responsibility goals.

"We are committed towards using our CSR budgets to uplift key areas among our adjacent communities and this time we targeted education as it plays a significant role in providing equal opportunities for young people in the Hambantota area. We recognised the need to

opposite the Tissapura Junior School and brought the matter to the attention of CMCF who immediately agreed to make the grant. CMCF is solely funded by our main partner China Merchants Group and the Foundation's aim is to improve livelihoods through alleviation of poverty and sustainable development."

HIPG has allocated a sum of US \$ 200,000 for the renovation of the school which will be equipped with all the basic facilities required for modern learning.

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with filtered water pipes, eight new classrooms, a playground and a wholly required roof. Any other repair work will be done on a need basis once renovation gets underway.

HIPG is closely involved in the construction of the school and are working with the Hambantota district engineers and zonal education department to expedite the project.

The principal of the Tissapura Junior School thanked HIPG for their support in rebuilding the school stating that this is the first renovation the school had received since it was built. He added that the action taken by



Laying of the foundation stone - Left to Right: Ray Res- CEO HIPG, Captain Ravi Jayawickrama- CEO HPS, Tina Wickramasinghe- COO HIPG, A. H. Weerakeerthi- Principal of the Hambantota Tissapura Junior School

HIPG to support children from such an underprivileged province was greatly appreciated.

Other dignitaries at the event included senior members of HIPG and the Regional Educational Office, teachers and parents of students of the Tissapura Junior School. OLC of the Wiravella Police Station and members of the clergy, the Government of the area, as well as leaders and principals of neighbouring schools.

The Hambantota International Port is managed by Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) and Hambantota International Port Services (HIPS),

two new companies set up by China Merchants Port Holdings (CMH) and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA).

China Merchants Port Holdings Company Ltd (CMH) owns 65% and Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) owns 35% of the stake in Hambantota International Port Group Ltd. (HIPG), which will undertake the project identified to reconstruct the Hambantota Port development and transform it to become a commercially-viable national asset.

China Merchants Port Holdings Company Ltd. (CMH) officials at the event.

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Colombo Dockyard enters into contract with Sri Lanka Ports Authority to supply 2 pilot launches

COLOMBO Dockyard PLC (CDPLC) has successfully entered into a contract with Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) to supply two pilot launches.

The contract was signed on 1 February at SLPA Chairman's office. SLPA Chairman Kavan Ratnayake and CDPLC Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer D.V. Abeysinghe signed the contract. Managing Director Captain Athula Hewavitharana, SLPA Harbour Master Captain Nirmal Silva, and Chairman Dr. Toru Takehara, General Manager (Shipbuilding) Lal Hettiaratchi from CDPLC and management personnel from both organisations participated at this special occasion.

This 18m launch is a



SLPA Chairman Kavan Ratnayake signing the contract



CDPLC MD/CEO D.V. Abeysinghe signing the contract



The pilot launch to be built for the SLPA

proven design developed by MACDUFF Scotland. The



CDPLC MD/CEO D.V. Abeysinghe signing the contract

launch will serve to transport pilots from shore to ship. The launch can accommodate a total number of eight persons including four crew members and four pilots and it can achieve a service speed around 22 knots and can operate in all weather conditions prevailing in Sri Lanka, all year round.

By building the pilot



SLPA Chairman Kavan Ratnayake and CDPLC MD/CEO D.V. Abeysinghe exchanging contracts flanked by SLPA MD Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, SLPA Harbour Master Capt. Nirmal Silva, CDPLC Chairman Dr. Toru Takehara, GM Shipbuilding Lal Hettiaratchi and officers from SLPA and CDPLC

launches in Sri Lanka, SLPA helps develop the economy of the country by developing the local shipbuilding industry. The local ventures such as CDPLC generate a large number of direct and indirect employment opportunities and develop the skills and technical knowhow of

the local workmen and help save on valuable foreign exchange.

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

have a 49% shareholding at Colombo Dockyard.

As the leader of the shipbuilding industry in Sri Lanka, CDPLC continuously proves its excellence by successfully securing shipbuilding projects both local and worldwide. Currently, CDPLC is building a 113 m

cable laying vessel for Japan and a 60 m buoy tender vessel and a 50 m pilot station vessel for Iraq.

CDPLC is the front runner of Sri Lankan industrialisation and the main contributor to the Government's national export strategy from the shipbuilding sector.

Newspaper – Daily Mirror Date – 06-02-2019

Hambantota Port to rebuild Tissapura Junior School

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Participating in the laying of the foundation were Tissapura Junior School Principal A.H. Weerakeerthi and key officials of the Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG), CEO Ray Ren, COO Tissa Wickremasinghe and Hambantota International Port Services CEO Capt. Ravi Jayawickrama.

The Tissapura school is one of many community projects undertaken by HIPG, and the company believes that education plays an important role in building a knowledgeable, skilled future generation.

The grant to rebuild the school was made by China Merchants Charitable Foundation (CMCF), the primary CSR arm of global port operator, CM Port, the main partner of HIPG. The laying of the foundation stone to rebuild the derelict school, was the first step in fulfilling a commitment made by HIPG during its very early stages.

It was brought to the company's attention that the Tissapura Junior School, a government public school built in 1986, had got into a bad state. The school which has a student body of approximately 300, including preschool and primary school students and 24 teachers, had decaying infrastructure and facilities that did not encourage learning or modern methods of teaching.

HIPG CEO Ray Ren said that the company was committed towards supporting adjacent communities as part of their corporate social responsibility goals. "We recognised the need to upgrade the Tissapura Junior School and brought the matter to the attention of CMCF who immediately agreed to make the grant. CMCF is solely funded by our main partner China Merchants Group and the foundation's aim is to improve livelihoods through alleviation of poverty and sustainable development."

HIPG has allocated a sum of US\$200,000 for the renovation of the school which will be equipped with all the basic facilities required for modern learning. The new additions to the school includes two new



Laying of the foundation stone. From left: HIPG CEO Ray Ren, HIPG CEO Capt. Ravi Jayawickrama, HIPG COO Tissa Wickramasinghe and Hambantota Tissapura Junior School Principal A.H. Weerakeerthi

drinking water tanks with filtered water pipes, eight new classrooms, a playground and a wholly repaired roof. Any other repair work will be done on a need basis once renovation gets underway.

HIPG is closely involved in the construction of the school and are working with the Hambantota district engineers and Zonal Education Department to expedite the project. The principal of the Tissapura Junior School thanked HIPG for their support in rebuilding the school, stating that this is the first renovation the school had received since it was built. He added that the action taken by HIPG to support children from such an underprivileged province was greatly appreciated.

Other dignitaries at the event included senior members of HIPG and the regional educational office, teachers and parents of students of the Tissapura Junior School, O.I.C. of the Weeravila Police Station and members of the clergy, the Gramasevaka of the area, as well as leaders and principals of neighbouring schools.



The team from HIPG and O.I.C. of the Weeravila Police Station, representative of the regional educational office and Principal of the Hambantota Tissapura Junior School

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Newspaper – Daily News Date – 06-02-2019



Ithaca Patience anchored in the Hambantota Port

ITHACA PATIENCE ANCHORS IN H'TOTA PORT WITH SLAG CARGO

M. IRFAN ZAKARIYA
Hambantota Group Corr

The 27,150 metric ton ship Ithaca Patience has anchored in the Hambantota port with Slag cargo.

Slag cargo is a motivator which is used for the cement production. Employees successfully unloaded the cargo with great efficiency. At times they had to unload 11,000 metric tons brought

to the Galle port by small ships, but the draught of the Galle port was not enough to control such a big ship.

Chief Operational Officer of HIPG Tissa Wickramasinghe said that, the experience the staff of the harbour obtained by handling the ship will be a boost to cement production in the South.

Furthermore, he said that,

they have done operations according to the rules of The Central Environment Authority.

Procurement and Insight Director of Insee Cement Thusith admired the service of Hambantota Port. He said they plan to bring Slag cargo to the Hambantota Port. He said this is a huge help to their dilate production capacity.

Newspaper – Daily Mirror Date – 07-02-2019

Security to be beefed up at Colombo Port

■ Sagala instructs SLPA to coordinate with Police and Customs

Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka has instructed the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) to beef up security in and around the Colombo Port in view of ongoing raids on drug dealers and traffickers across the country. The minister has told the SLPA senior management to coordinate with Sri Lanka Police, the Customs



Sagala Ratnayaka

Department and other relevant institutions and come up with an advanced security plan for the Colombo Port. The minister held a special meeting with the SLPA senior officials at the Prime

Minister's Chief of Staff Office at Temple Trees on Tuesday and directed them to keep him regularly informed about the implementation of the new security plan. Meanwhile, Minister Ratnayaka also tweeted that he instructed SLPA officials to handle all tenders and procurements in a transparent manner. "Due process must be followed with diligence. There should be no room for name-trading, unofficial negotiations and underhand deals," the minister said, adding that ensuring transparency in the ports sector is one of his main priorities.

Minister orders beefing up of SLPA security

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advanced security plan for the Colombo Port.

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informed about the implementation of the new security plan.

Meanwhile, Minister Ratnayake also tweeted that he instructed SLPA officials to handle all tenders and procurements transparently.

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Newspaper – Ceylon Today Date – 07-02-2019

BEEFING UP SECURITY AT COLOMBO PORT

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Meanwhile, Minister Ratnayaka also tweeted that he instructed the SLPA officials to handle all tenders and procurements in a transparent manner.

"Due process must be followed with diligence. There should be no room for name-trading, unofficial negotiations and underhand deals," the Minister said, adding that ensuring transparency in the ports sector is one of his main priorities.

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Sagala to study two reports on ECT before making final decision

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Minister Sagala Ratnayaka

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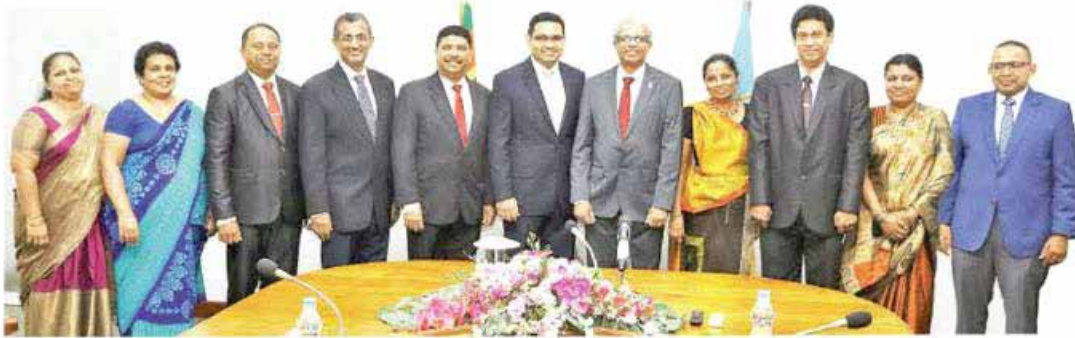
"I would make final decisions on the ECT and other important matters concerning the Ports sector after studying these two reports. This, however, will not take a long time. The new Board of Directors will work expeditiously on the matter," Minister Ratnayaka said responding to media queries on the future of the ECT project.

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Com Bank's Chief Operating Officer Sanath Manatunge (6th from left), SLPA Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharana and representatives of the two organizations are at the occasion of signing the agreement

ComBank enables online payment of Ports Authority charges

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has added the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) to its Online Banking platform, enabling customers to pay their Ports Authority charges in respect to their shipping requirements from anywhere, 24 x 7, 365 days of the year, a media

release announced. To use this online payment option, customers simply have to key in their 14 digit invoice number issued by SLPA on Commercial Bank's online payment portal to be notified of the amount due. Once the payment is successfully completed, an online

receipt will be issued. This facility is available to both personal and corporate customers.

The release also mentioned that the Bank has also set up a dedicated client support desk that is accessible 24 hours of the day, for those who use the facility.

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රජයේ ප්‍රතිපත්ති සම්පාදනය කරන විට ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ අදහස් සමග එම ප්‍රතිපත්ති සම්පාදනය කිරීම අත්‍යවශ්‍ය බව වරාය හා නාවික අමාත්‍ය සාගල රත්නායක මහතා ඊයේ (07 වරායේ නිරීක්ෂණ වාර්තාවකට එක් වෙමින් පැවසීය.

වරාය අධිකාරිය යනු මහා භාණ්ඩාගාරය මත යැපෙන ආයතනයක් නොවන අතර සිය මෙහෙයුම් හරහා මුදල් උපයන වරාය මහා භාණ්ඩාගාරයට බදු ගෙවන බව කී ඇමතිවරයා වැඩිදුරටත් මෙසේද කීය.

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දිවයිනේ විවිධ ප්‍රදේශවල වන මත්ද්‍රව්‍ය වැටලීම්වලට සමගාමීව කොළඹ වරාය සහ ඒ අවට ප්‍රදේශයේ ආරක්ෂාව තර කරන ලෙස වරාය, නාවික සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය සාගල රත්නායක මහතා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ නිලධාරීන්ට උපදෙස් ලබා දී තිබේ.

අරලියගහ මන්දිරයේ පැවැති සාකච්ඡාවකදී ගත් තීරණයක් අනුව අමාත්‍යවරයා අදාළ අංශ වෙත මෙම උපදෙස් ලබා දී ඇත.

වරායේ ආරක්ෂාව තර කිරීම සම්බන්ධයෙන් ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව, ශ්‍රී ලංකා පොලිසිය සහ අදාළ සියලු ආයතන සමග මනා සම්බන්ධීකරණයෙන් යුතුව කටයුතු කරන ලෙසත් රටේ වත්මන් තත්ත්වයට ගැළපෙන පරිදි වරාය ආශ්‍රිතව නව ආරක්ෂක සැලසුමක් වහාම සකස් කර, එය ක්‍රියාවට නංවන ආකාරය සම්බන්ධයෙන් තමන් දැනුවත් කරන ලෙසත් අමාත්‍යවරයා වරාය අධිකාරියේ ඉහළ කළමනාකාරීත්වයට දැනුම් දී තිබේ.

එසේම වරාය අධිකාරියේ සියලු ගනුදෙනු නියමිත ටෙන්ඩර් පටිපාටි සහ ප්‍රසම්පාදන ක්‍රියාවලීන්ට අනුකූලව සිදු විය යුතු අතර ඒවා සියයට සියයක් පාරදෘශ්‍ය විය යුතු බවද එහිදී අමාත්‍යවරයා අවධාරණය කර ඇත.

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NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR LANKAN PORTS

Minister of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka yesterday said that he has given instructions to the newly appointed board members of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority to present a long-term plan to develop Sri Lanka's maritime industry, particularly for the development of East terminal of Colombo port, Galle, Oluvil, Trincomalee and KKS port Projects.

He also noted that measures also be taken to create much needed port related business activities with ships, passing through Sri Lanka in the near future.

Meanwhile, Minister Ratnayaka recently stated that the implementation of the proposed port tariff revision will be deferred until March 15 considering concerns raised by multiple industry stakeholders.

The Cabinet will review the tariffs after considering the report of the committee appointed to look into the matter and the committee would study the tariff consolidation further and make necessary recommendations on the way forward.

The tariff revision was approved by the Cabinet on November 5, during the second Cabinet meeting of the Sirisena-Rajapaksa government.

However, multiple industry stakeholders raised concerns about the revision and said it would be detrimental to the import and export sectors. (IH)



Minister of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka on a visit to the Colombo Port yesterday. Picture by Wasitha Patabadi

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● ඇමරිකා සාගරයෙන් වරාය අධිකාරියේ ඉහළ කළමනාකාරිත්වයට උපදෙස්

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රටේ වත්මන් තත්ත්වයට ගැලපෙන පරිදි වරාය ආශ්‍රිතව නව ආරක්ෂක සැලසුමක් ව්‍යාප්ත කළේ කර ක්‍රියාවට නංවන ලෙස වරාය, තාවකාලි සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමති සාගර රක්ෂාකරු මහතා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ ඉහළ කළමනාකාරිත්වයට උපදෙස් ලබා දී ඇත.

වරායේ ආරක්ෂාව සම්බන්ධයෙන් සංවර්ධන ඇමති රටේ ඉහළ සියලු ආයතන

සමග මිත්‍ර සම්බන්ධතා රැස් කළේය. සියලුම ආයතන ලෙස ද ඉහළ කළමනාකාරිත්වයට දැනුම් දුන් බව ඇමතිවරයා සඳහන් කළේය.

මේ පිළිබඳව වැඩිදුරටත් අදහස් දැක්වූ ඇමතිවරයා මෙසේ ද කීය.

මේ වන විට රට පුරා පිළිවෙලින් මත්ද්‍රව්‍ය වැට්ලීම් සම්බන්ධයෙන් දැනුවත්වීමට හිමිකරු වී සමගාමීව නොදන්නා වරාය සහ ඒ අවට ප්‍රදේශයේ



නියමිත ටෙන්ඩර් පටිපාටි සහ ප්‍රසම්පාදන ක්‍රියාවලිවලට අනුකූලව සිදු විය යුතුය.

ආරක්ෂාව තවදුරටත් කර කරමින් මේ විශේෂ ආරක්ෂක වැඩපිළිවෙල සකස් කරන්න. මෙසේ සැකසෙන ආරක්ෂක සැලසුම සහ එය ක්‍රියාවට නංවන ආකාරය සම්බන්ධයෙන් මා දැනුවත් කරන්න.

මීට අමතරව වරාය අධිකාරියේ සියලු ගනුදෙනු නියමිත ටෙන්ඩර් පටිපාටි සහ ප්‍රසම්පාදන ක්‍රියාවලිවලට අනුකූලව සිදු විය යුතුය.

ඒවා සියයට සියයක් පාරදෘශ්‍ය විය යුතුය. නම් විනිශ්චිත, අනෙකුත් ගනුදෙනු සහ රහස්‍ය සාකච්ඡා හරහා වරායේ සිදු ගනුදෙනුවක් සිදු නොවිය යුතු යි. මේ පාරදෘශ්‍යභාවය, සුරැකීම මගේ ප්‍රධානම රාජකාරියයි.

අරලියගහ මන්දිරයේ අග්‍රාමාත්‍ය කාර්ය මණ්ඩල ප්‍රධානී කාර්යාලයේ දී ඇමති සාගර රක්ෂාකරු මහතා හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ ඉහළ කළමනාකාරිත්වයට අනුකූලව සිදු විය යුතුය. මේ උපදෙස් ලබා දී ඇත.

Newspaper – Sunday Observer Date – 10-02-2019

ComBank enables online payment of SLPA charges

Commercial Bank has added the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) to its online banking platform, enabling customers to pay their Ports Authority charges in respect to their shipping requirements from anywhere, 24x7, 365 days of the year.

Customers can key in their 14-digit invoice number issued by the SLPA on Commercial Bank's Online payment portal to be notified of the amount due.

When the payment is completed, an online receipt will be issued for personal and corporate customers. The Bank has also set up a client support desk 24 hours of the day, for those who use the facility.



Commercial Bank's Chief Operating Officer Sanath Manatunge (fifth from left), SLPA Managing Director Captain Athula Hewavitharana and representatives of the two organisations after signing the agreement.

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ECT: Sagala to study reports before final decision

The new board of directors of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority have been given time to present their plans for the Eastern Container Terminal (ECT) project and the development of other key ports, Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said.

The Minister told the media at the Colombo Port after a brief observation tour on Thursday, that he also expected a report from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on the matter.

"I will make final decisions on the ECT and other important matters con-

cerning the ports sector after studying the two reports. This, however, will not take long. The new board of directors will work expeditiously on the matter," the Minister said responding to media queries on the future of the ECT project.

"These are our national assets and we have to develop them fast and in a manner that benefits the economy," Ratnayaka said, laying out his general policy on the project that sparked controversy during the latter part of the pre-October 26 Government.

The Government has plans to

develop the Colombo Port's East Container Terminal to be the largest and deepest container terminal in South Asia. However, the specifics of the implementation of the project are yet to be finalised.

He also said that the Sri Lanka Ports Authority would work with a results-oriented approach to maximise profits. "The Ports Authority does not rely on the Treasury for money. It generates revenue and pays taxes to the Treasury while abiding by government policy and the procurement process."

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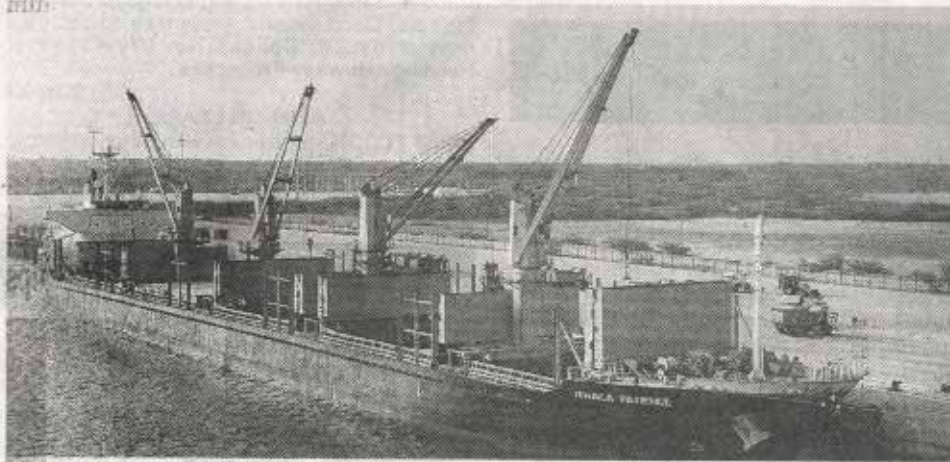
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Newspaper – Sunday Island Date – 10-02-2019

Bulk Carrier with consignment of slag sails into Hambantota port



BY RAJA WAIDYASEKERA

Bulk Carrier 'Ithaca Patience', sailing under the flag of Panama, steamed into the Hambantota sea port carrying a stock of slag, a recovered industrial by-product of iron blast furnaces, used as a supplementary material in the manufacture of cement concrete.

Chief officer of the Hambantota port, Tissa Wickramasinha said that consignments of slag are usually unloaded at the Galle port, but as the 17,018 ton vessel built in 2010, could not be accommodated there because of its size, it sailed directly to the Hambantota port to unload the cargo.

COLOMBO PORT EMBARKS ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT DRIVE

14 New Terminal Tractors To Increase Efficiency

Colombo Port has embarked on a major infrastructure drive as the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) is set to receive fourteen new Terminal Tractors that will substantially increase the efficiency of the country's busiest port.

Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said the new Terminal Tractors will be added to the current fleet with the aim of increasing the speed of the Colombo port's daily operations.

"Currently, about 100 Terminal Tractors are being used on a daily basis and we have realized that we need to about 30 new tractors to the current fleet in order to bring the operations to the optimum speed. The 14 new Terminal Tractors that we will purchase soon will be the first step of this process," Ratnayaka said, adding that the



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Sagala Ratnayaka

new Terminal Tractors would immediately increase the discharging rate of containers at the Colombo Port.

The Minister said the SLPA would spend Rs.190 million for the new investment and a Malaysian supplier has been selected through a transparent procurement process handled by the Ministry of Ports and Shipping.

Ratnayaka said the new infrastructure development drive would project Colombo as a more competitive port in the region and move it up on the global ranking. "The Port must attract greater transshipment cargo traffic volume – thus directly increasing foreign exchange earnings. To achieve this, we must be more attractive than all neighbouring ports – financially, efficiency-wise, and in terms of ease of doing business," he said.

Newspaper – Daily FT Date – 11-02-2019

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CASA organises annual bowling tournament

CEYLON Association of Shipping Agents (CASA) organised the annual bowling tournament for their members on 25 January at the Excel World bowling alley. Hemas Maritime Ltd. emerged as the Bowling Champions for 2019 and GAC Shipping Ltd. and Simatech Marine Lanka Ltd. were awarded first and second runners-up respectively. Umesha Fernando of Hemas Maritime was awarded the best female bowler and Dilshan Pasindhu of the same organisation became the best male bowler.



The winning team – Hemas Maritime Ltd.



First Runners-up – GAC Shipping Ltd.



Second Runners-up – Simatech Marine Lanka Ltd.

Newspaper – Daily Mirror Date – 11-02-2019

Colombo Port to invest in new equipment to speed up operations

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14 new terminal tractors for Colombo Port

BY METHMALIE DISSANAYAKE

Colombo Port would receive 14 new terminal tractors, with an investment of Rs 190 million soon, in order to increase its turnaround of daily operations and overall efficiency, said Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka yesterday (10).

Ratnayake in his official Twitter handle further said that about 100 Terminal Tractors are being used on a daily basis at the moment and the ministry having realised

that the Colombo Port needs to add about 30 new tractors to the current fleet in order to bring the operations to the optimum speed.

Buying 14 new terminal tractors is the first step of this process, Ratnayaka added.

"The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) would bear the cost of the investment and a Malaysian supplier has already been selected for carrying out the project through a transparent procurement process handled by the Ministry," he said.

Newspaper – Daily Mirror Date – 12-02-2019



Sagala on Colombo Port inspection tour

Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka yesterday went on an inspection tour at the Colombo Port.

The minister visited the

Jaya Container Terminal, passenger terminal, storage facilities, kitchen, medical centre, fire response unit and accommodation facilities for workers.

He also exchanged views with the staff members on developing Colombo as a clean, efficient and highly competitive port in the region.

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Newspaper – Daily Mirror Date – 14-02-2019

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මුලතිව් දිස්ත්‍රික් ලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ දී නිවාස, නැවත පදිංචි කිරීම් සහ සංවර්ධන කටයුතු වල ප්‍රගති සමාලෝචනය රැස්වීමක් ද ඇවැත්වේ.

අභ්‍යන්තර හා ස්වදේශ කටයුතු සහ පළාත් සභා හා පළාත් පාලන ආයතන වර්ග අඛණ්ඩව මහතාගේ මෙහෙයවීමෙන් කෝපායි ප්‍රාදේශීය ලේකම් කාර්යාලය වෙනුවෙන් රුපියල් ලක්ෂ 446 ක වියදමකින් මේ ගොඩනැගිල්ල ඉදිකර ඇත.

මේ ගොඩනැගිල්ල මුල්ගල තබා වැඩ ආරම්භ කර ඉතා කෙටි කාලයකින් වැඩ අවසන් කිරීමට හැකිවූ බව අභ්‍යන්තර හා ස්වදේශ කටයුතු සහ පළාත් සභා හා පළාත් පාලන ආයතන වර්ග අඛණ්ඩව මහතා පවසයි.

කෝපායි ප්‍රාදේශීය ලේකම් කාර්යාල ගොඩනැගිල්ලෙහි විශේෂත්වය වන්නේ වාහන තැවැත්වීමේ පහසුකම්වලින් ද සමන්විතව ඉදිකර ඇති බැවින් ද ආයතනිකව ප්‍රවේශාගාරයක් ද මෙම ගොඩනැගිල්ල ඉදිකර ඇති අතර ගොඩනැගිල්ල සහ එහි කාර්ය මණ්ඩලය සඳහා අවශ්‍ය සියලු උපකරණ ද අභ්‍යන්තර හා ස්වදේශ කටයුතු සහ පළාත් සභා හා පළාත් පාලන ආයතනයන් මගින් ලබාදෙයි.

අගමැතිවරයා වැඩිදුරටත් කියා සිටියේ දිවයින පුරා ප්‍රාදේශීය ලේකම් කාර්යාල හා දිස්ත්‍රික් ලේකම් කාර්යාල මගින් ජනතාවට ඉතා විශාල සේවයක් සිදුකළ ද ඇතුළු කාර්යාල ඉතා අඩු පහසුකම් සහිත ප්‍රමාණවත් තරම් ඉඩක් නොමැති ස්ථාන බවට පත්ව තිබීම හේතුවෙන් එම සේවය කාර්යක්ෂමව සිදුකිරීමේ යම් යම් ගැටලු ඇතිව තිබේ. එබැවින් ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ සියලුම දිස්ත්‍රික් ලේකම් කාර්යාල හා ප්‍රාදේශීය ලේකම් කාර්යාල හොඳින් වගයෙන් වැඩිදියුණු කිරීම රජයේ ඉලක්කයක් බව ද ඇතුළු වර්ග අඛණ්ඩව මහතා පවසයි.

මේ අවස්ථාවන් සඳහා යාපනය සහ වන්නි දිස්ත්‍රික් පාලිමේන්තු හා පළාත් සභා මැතිඥයින්ටද සහභාගී වීමට නියමිතය.

ඇමැති සාමගු රජනායක ගාලු වරායේ නිරීක්ෂණ පාර්ශ්වය

ශ්‍රීමත් පතිරත් පයසුරිය

වරාය නාවික සහ දුක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන කටයුතු පිළිබඳ අමාත්‍ය සාමගු රජනායක මහතා පසුගියදා ගාල්ල වරායේ නිරීක්ෂණ පාර්ශ්වයට සහභාගි විය.

මෙහිදී අමාත්‍යවරයා ප්‍රකාශ කළේ සංචාරකයන්ගේ වැඩි අවධානයක් දිනාගෙන ඇති ගාල්ල පුරවරය කේන්ද්‍ර කරගෙන පිහිටා ඇති මෙම වරාය දියුණු කිරීම තුළින් රටේ ආර්ථිකයට විශාල සේවයක් ගෙනදීමට සහ ලාභ ලබන වරායක් බවට පත් කිරීමේ හැකියාවක් ඇති බවයි.

ගාල්ල වරාය සංචාරක වරායක් ලෙස වැඩිදියුණු කිරීමට අවශ්‍ය වන වැඩපිළිවෙළ පිළිබඳවද සාමගු රජනායක



අමාත්‍යවරයා සහ අදාළ නිලධාරීන් මෙහිදී සාකච්ඡා කර තිබේ.

■ කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය

කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය සංවර්ධන ව්‍යාපෘතිය සඳහා ඉඩම් අත්පත් කර ගැනීම යටතල පහසුකම් සහ අනෙකුත් උපයෝගීතා සැලසීම පිණිස සැලසුම් සකස් කර ඇති අතර මේ ප්‍රදේශයේ ආර්ථික සංවර්ධනයට සමගාමීව ආගමික හා සමාජීය සංවර්ධනයක් ඇති කර ගැනීම සඳහා එම ප්‍රදේශයේ පිහිටා ඇති අයියනාර් කෝවිල ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කිරීමද මේ යටතේ සිදු කෙරේ.

කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය වාණිජ වරායක් ලෙස වැඩිදියුණු කිරීමේ මේ යෝජනාව පුනරුත්ථාපන උතුරු පළාත් සංවර්ධන වෘත්තීය පුහුණු හා නිපුණතා සංවර්ධන සහ යොවන කටයුතු අමාත්‍යතුමන් වශයෙන් රාජිල් වික්‍රමසිංහ මහතා ඉදිරිපත් කළ යෝජනාවට කැබිනට් අනුමැතිය හිමිවිණි.

■ රේගුවට බහාලුම් ප්‍රවාහන අධීක්ෂණ පද්ධතියක්

වර්තමානයට ගැලපෙන පරිදි බහාලුම් ප්‍රවාහනය හා අධීක්ෂණය සඳහා තවත් තාක්ෂණික අංශෝධාන හඳුන්වා දීමටත් එමගින් බහාලුම්වල අන්තර්ගත හාණිව පිළිබඳ අබණ්ඩ අධීක්ෂණයක් සිදු කිරීමට හා බහාලුම් පවතින තිත්විත හඳුනා ගැනීමටත් අපේක්ෂිත අතර මේ බහාලුම්වල ආරක්ෂාව තහවුරු කිරීම පිණිස මේ තවත් ආරක්ෂක අංශෝධානවලින් සමන්විත තවත් තාක්ෂණය රේගුව සඳහා හඳුන්වා දීමද මෙහිදී සිදු කෙරෙනු ඇත.

මේ සඳහා වූ යෝජනාව මුදල් හා ජනමාධ්‍ය ඇමැති මංගල සමරවීර මහතා විසින් කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලයට ඉදිරිපත් කරනු ලැබ එ සඳහා අනුමැතිය හිමිවිණි.



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Econ hub around KKS Harbour

COMMERCIAL OPS TO BEGIN WITH INDIAN ASSISTANCE

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Wickremesinghe, in his capacity as the Northern Province Development Minister, has also obtained Cabinet approval for the development work of the Kankesanthurai Harbour.

Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka tweeted that the Kankesanthurai Harbour, currently operated by the Sri Lanka Navy, would be transformed into a Port that can handle general cargo ships.

"Under this plan, the harbour's basin will be deepened to eight metres allowing it to handle general cargo ships. The current breakwater will be completely replaced as part of the transformation. One existing pier will be com-



pletely rehabilitated and a new pier will also be constructed," Ratnayaka added.

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority has already begun initial

work on a 15-acre area within the KKS Harbour premises, and it is expected to be expanded to a 50-acre area in the next phase.

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අමාත්‍ය සාගල රත්නායක



මහතා මේ සම්බන්ධයෙන් කරුණු දක්වමින් ප්‍රකාශ කළේ තවත් වසර තුනක කාලයක් ඇතුළත කන්කසන්තුරේ වරායට සාමාන්‍ය ගාණ්ඩ ප්‍රවාහන තැටි පැමිණිය හැකි ආකාරයට එය නවීකරණය කරන බවයි. වර්තමානයේ එම වරායේ සීමිත මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු සිදු කරන්නේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා නාවික හමුදාව විසිනි.

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අලුතින් ඉදි කිරීමට නියමිතය. එමෙන්ම ගාණ්ඩ ප්‍රවාහන තැටි වලට ගමන් කළ හැකි පරිදි එහි ගැඹුර මීටර් 8ක් දක්වා වැඩි කිරීම ද, එක් ජැටියක් ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කිරීම ද, තවත් ජැටියක් අලුතින් නිර්මාණය කිරීම ද සිදුවන බව වරාය සහ නාවික අමාත්‍යවරයා ප්‍රකාශ කළේය.

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කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය වාණිජ වරායක් ලෙස වැඩි දියුණු කරමින් ශ්‍රී ලංකාව කලාපීය සමුද්‍රීය කේන්ද්‍රස්ථානයක් බවට පත් කිරීම සඳහා රජයේ අවධානය යොමු වී ඇත.

එම කටයුතු සැපිරීම සඳහා අගමැති රනිල් වික්‍රමසිංහ මහතා ජාතික ප්‍රතිපත්ති, ආර්ථික කටයුතු, නැවත පදිංචි කිරීම හා පුනරුත්ථාපනය, උතුරු පළාත් සංවර්ධනය,

වෘත්තීය පුහුණු හා නිපුණතා සංවර්ධන හා යොවන කටයුතු ඇමතිවරයා වශයෙන් ඉදිරිපත් කළ අමාත්‍ය මණ්ඩල යෝජනාවට අනුමැතිය හිමි වී තිබේ.

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A large group of men, many in white shirts and ties, are standing in formation outdoors. Some are in uniform, while others are in civilian attire. They are standing on a paved area with trees and a building in the background. The image is a group photo of the participants in the training program.

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"Sri Lanka has demonstrated a strong commitment to port security," the embassy statement quoted Lieutenant Matt Arnold, the USCG's liaison to Sri Lanka for Port Security initiatives who headed the programme as having said. "This capacity building program helped create the security environment that's essential to increased trade and realizing Sri Lanka's goal of becoming a regional hub for commerce."



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Final phases of KKS Port rehab begin

Kankasanturai Harbour rehabilitation commenced in 2010 under the Sri Lanka-India Friendship pact signed between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Government of India.

The rehabilitation was to be carried out in six phases. Four out of these six phases were completed under India's grant assistance nearing \$ 25 million, which included the preparation of the Detailed Project Report following geo-technical studies, wreck removal and disposal, and a dredging and hydrographic survey.

In January, 2018, an agreement was signed to mark the fresh financial assistance of \$ 45.27 million to complete the remaining two phases. Once the harbour's existing pier and breakwater is rehabilitated, the final phase will see the construction of a new pier to handle commercial cargo and the installation of port infrastructure facilities. Meanwhile on Thursday (14), Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe noted that along with the rehabilitation of the KKS Harbour, the Government will take steps to develop an economic hub in the area. Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka indicated that upon completion, KKS Port would generate employment opportunities to the people from the Northern Province.

– Sarah Hannan

Newspaper – Sindy Island Date – 17-02-2019

'Iron Man' 2019 in Sri Lanka to generate over US\$ 3 million in revenue

By STEVE A. MORRELL

'Iron Man', the 70.3 International Triathlon & Exhibition, supported by the Ministry of Tourism, will, this year as well, attract global participation.

Tourism Minister, John Amaratunga, said that the success of 'Iron Man' in 2018 provoked international sponsors to re-enact the event in Sri Lanka this year as well.

"This will be the first major happening in the 2019 tourism calendar, and this year also, it is expected to generate over US\$ 3 million in revenue during the 10-day event, he said.

'Iron Man' will get off the ground on February 24. Enthusiasm and expected influx of participants and visitors converging on Sri Lanka prior to the event



Minister John Amaratunga

and their extended stay has already been described as a 'sold out' event.

Chairman, Sri Lanka Tourism



Kishu Gomes

Promotion Bureau, Kishu Gomes, at last week's media conference said the Triathlon will include swimming, biking, and running. International reviews on the event, which have also described the warm temperatures of the Indian ocean of about 27 degrees, would enhance the growing reputation of Sri Lanka as 'must visit' tourist destination, he said.

Although 'Iron Man', will be a single-day event, visitors to Sri Lanka will arrive well ahead and will stay on. According to most recent information, the 'stay' period will be at least 14 days, Gomes noted.

He agreed that the income generated will be more than US\$ 3 million. Of importance is the factual position that Sri Lanka is now an emerging impact on tourism world-wide.

'Iron Man' competing registrations are around 700, which include the differently-abled.

The contest commenced in 1982 in the US and is now held in many other countries.



Organizing Committee: Prasad Daluwatte, Dhushan Wickramasuriya, Rajan Thananayagam, Yasas Hewage, S. Hettiarachchi, Capt. Athula Hewavitharna and W. A. Chulanda Perera. (Pics by Dharmasena Welipitiya)

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The official launch of IronMan 70.3 Colombo was held at Shangri-La with the participation of distinguished guests

IronMan 70.3 to invade Colombo next Sunday

An army of 700 athletes from 58 countries will swim, cycle and run, covering a distance of 113 kilometres or 70.3 miles next Sunday in the heart of Colombo, as Sri Lanka hosts the 'So Sri Lanka' IronMan 70.3 Colombo event for the second time.

The main organisers of this global event, ProAm Serendib, boasted that it had accomplished the primary task of putting Sri Lanka on the world map with the demand for the second edition of the event, which escalated after the success of the inaugural event last year.

"Our goals in bringing the IronMan franchise to Sri Lanka last year were to establish the country as a viable destination for sports tourism and outdoor recreation, while encouraging Sri Lankans to get more involved in physical challenging activities. We are delighted with how the event unfolded last year, and with the response we received from locals as well as the foreign participants, most of whom were travelling to our sunny shores for the first time. This gave us the motivation and determination to continue with the second edition of the event this year, the team is working tirelessly to make sure that all participants have a great triathlon, while enjoying the country's true hospitality," Yassas Hewage, the Director of ProAm Serendib, stated.

The top five participating nations for the 'So Sri Lanka' IronMan 70.3 Colombo is led by India, who will have 94 athletes in participation. Great Britain comes in at second with 55 followed by Australia with 40, France with 34 and Japan with 24. Among other leading nations that athletes will represent are the USA, Germany, Russia, Malaysia, Singapore, Maldives and hosts Sri Lanka.

The average age of this year's athletes is 38, with the oldest participant being 78 years while the youngest is an 18-year-old. A majority of the participants are male while women will constitute 34 percent of the total number of athletes. This year the IronMan 70.3 Colombo is encouraging women to take part in this event as we intend to promote more female athletes for the World Championship to be held in Nice, France. Rajan Thananayagam, the Event Director stated.

The 'So Sri Lanka' IronMan 70.3 Colombo will help a total of 65 athletes qualify for the 2019 IronMan 70.3 World

Championship to be held in France in September. Among the total 40 are slots that will be open for men while the Colombo event organisers have successfully managed to gain 25 slots exclusively for women for the World Championship.

"It's a great achievement for us, and it shows that the world is ready to treat us with great respect. In addition to this we are organising an 'In Conversation' with IronMan great Julie Moss in Colombo next Thursday, with the intention of inspiring and encouraging more women to get involved in endurance sports," former national swimmer Julian Boaling, a Director of ProAm Serendib, stated.

The race next Sunday will begin with a single-loop, 1.9 kilometre swim starting at the beach adjoining Galle Face Green, followed by a flat and speedy 90 kilometre bike course and a 21.1 kilometre run. The triathlon will offer scenic views before coming to an end in front of Galle Face Green. The bike course will run through Janadhipathi Mawatha, Sir Baron Jayatilaka Mawatha, York Street and BOC Mawatha while the run course will be extended up to Koliupitiya, providing the athletes more interaction with the spectators.

The 'So Sri Lanka' IronMan 70.3 Colombo Expo will begin on Thursday and will continue until Sunday in Colombo. Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau will be the title sponsor of the 'So Sri Lanka' IronMan 70.3 Colombo. Partner organisations include Shangri-La Colombo, MAS, SriLankan Airlines, Ceylinco, MTV/MBC Group, Hayleys Tours, Advantia, Asiri, Adidas, Wijaya Group, SIS, Kantra LMRB, Emerging Media, Rotaract, Gravity, Bernard's, Rainbow, Spinners and 3301.

The first edition held in Colombo last year attracted over 800 athletes from over 60 countries.

The world renowned triathlon franchise is one of the most recognised brands in the world, attracting discerning affluent travellers from across the globe. The profile of the average participant is that 90% of them are professionals in numerous fields such as legal, retail, education, marketing, technology, medical, and financial. Last year, over 70% of the foreign athletes who participated in the event were first time visitors to the country and 40% extended their visit and explored Sri Lanka as tourists.

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ComBank enables online payment of Ports Authority charges

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has added the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) to its Online Banking platform, enabling customers to pay their Ports Authority charges in respect to their shipping requirements without any further delay. At a 1,960 days of the year, the online payment option, customers stand to save in their 14 digit invoice number issued by SLPA on Commercial Bank's Online payment portal to be settled of the amount due. Once the payment is successfully completed, an online receipt will be issued. This facility is available to both personal and corporate customers. The Bank has also set up a dedicated client support desk that is accessible 24 hours of the day for those who use the facility.



Featured here at the signing of the agreement between Commercial Bank and the SLPA are the Bank's Chief Operating Officer Mr. Sumath Hamsarunge (left), SLPA Managing Director Capt. Achala Hewastherana and representatives of the two organisations.

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MS Queen Mary

MS Queen Mary arrives in Colombo

LUXURY cruise ship MS Queen Mary 2 marked its maiden voyage to Colombo. Measuring 1132 feet long, MS Queen Mary 2 is one of the largest cruise ships to arrive at Colombo's shores. The luxury cruise ship arrived at Colombo East Terminal carrying more than 3,800 passengers and crew, and was welcomed by officials from the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau.

The mega ship's arrival also marked the first cruise ship to be welcomed to the Colombo Port for this year, and follows on a series of developments by Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (SLTPB) and its partners to grow the cruise tourism sector in Sri Lanka, and encourage more cruise liners to place Colombo on their itineraries. 47 passenger cruises arrived in Sri Lanka in 2018, while from January 2019 up to now, 12 passenger cruises have called to port. Sri Lanka, as a destination enriched with four natural harbors, has become a significant landmark for luxury passenger cruises to stop by.

The ship which arrived from Mormugao (Goa), India, was facilitated by Sri Lankan shipping line Shipping Agency Services, while Abercrombie Travel Agency, which provided the ground handling, ensured that the passengers were able to complete the necessary procedures swiftly and seamlessly. The cruise liner embarked its journey from New York City on 3 January and is scheduled to return to New York on 21 April this year, completing 108 nights over sea. SLTPB hosted an information desk onboard the ship, which greatly assisted the passengers in providing information on places they can visit and see during their tour. Some of the tourist attractions the passengers chose to see included Pinnawela elephant orphanage, Bentota, Hikkaduwa, Negombo, tea plantations, Temple of the Tooth and Colombo City for shopping.

The cruise liner has five restaurants, 12 bars and cafes, five pools, basketball courts, golf practice nets, tennis courts, gym, canyon ranch, salons. The liner also has many entertainment options including a Royal Court theatre, Empire casino, Queens Room ballroom, illuminations planetarium/cinema/classical music, G32 nightclub, Commodore Club observation lounge, children's club and more.



Considering Sri Lanka as their next holiday destination



Getting to know about Sri Lanka



Tourism Information Centre officers of Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (SLTPB) giving a detailed description



Interested visitors in conversation with the SLTPB staff on tourist attractions of Sri Lanka

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Sagala tours Colombo Port

PORTS, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka last week went on an inspection tour at the Colombo Port. The Minister visited the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), the Passenger Terminal, storage facilities, the kitchen, medical centre, the fire response unit and accommodation facilities for workers. He also exchanged views with staff members on developing Colombo as a clean, efficient and highly competitive port in the region.

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Japan assures Sri Lanka continued support for coastal and maritime security

JAPANESE MP and Special Advisor to the Japanese Prime Minister Kentaro Sonoura has assured Sri Lanka of his country's support for strengthening coastal and maritime security.

Sonoura, who is on a two-day visit to Sri Lanka, gave this assurance when he called on President Maithripala Sirisena at the President's official residence in Colombo Friday.

During the meeting, it was also proposed to sign a new co-operation agreement between Sri Lanka and Japan on Coastal and Maritime Security and the President instructed relevant officials to prepare necessary arrangements.

The discussions also focused on the Maritime Security and Coastal Surveillance con-



Japanese MP and Special Advisor to the Japanese Prime Minister Kentaro Sonoura with President Maithripala Sirisena

ference that will be held in Sri Lanka this year.

The Japanese Prime Minister's Special Advisor also agreed to gift a modern ship to Sri Lanka to provide coastal security training to sailors at the request of the President.

President Sirisena expressed his gratitude for the continuing support extended to Sri Lanka by Japan, especially for the de-mining process in war zones, and requested to continue the assistance for

implementation of these measures in several other areas.

The Special Advisor also met with other Sri Lankan leaders in order to promote bilateral relationships between the two countries.

Sonoura also participated in the closing ceremony of the oil spill incident management training program conducted under the project providing advisory services for improving oil spill management capabilities of the Sri Lanka Coast Guard.

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Advisory services for improving oil spill management capabilities of Sri Lanka Coast Guard

KENTARO Sonoura, M.P. and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan, visited Sri Lanka from 13 to 16 February. During his stay, he held meetings with President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Maithripala Sirisena and other Sri Lankan leaders in order to promote bilateral relationships between the two countries and also participated in the closing ceremony of oil spill incident management training program conducted under the project providing advisory services for improving oil spill management capabilities of Sri Lanka Coast Guard.

This was conducted under the Japanese grant aid and as a collaborative training between Japanese Coast Guard and the Sri Lankan Coast Guard under the Maritime Disaster Measure and Marine Environment Protection project. Under its sub component, advisory services for improving oil spill management capabilities of Sri Lanka Coast Guard comprised of three activities. Basic training for oil spill incident in the coastal sea areas was conducted successfully with 30m - class patrol vessels provided by Japan 2018 and equipment on the vessels.

Under this project Japan Coast Guard has provided short term experts on oil spill, equipment for oil spill combat training and neces-



sary cost for dispatch and activities of short term experts. After the training Sri Lankan Coast Guard personnel will be able to combat oil spill incidents in the coastal sea area and protect marine and coastal environment from pollution.

The closing ceremony of its first activity was marked on 15 February at the Colombo Port in the presence of Sonoura and other distinguished guests representing the Government of Japan, Japanese Coast Guard and Sri Lankan Coast Guard. The Government of Japan hopes these initiatives will further consolidate the 'Japan-Sri Lanka Comprehensive Partnership' in the areas such as maritime security and development cooperation including realisation of free and open Indo-Pacific.

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THE Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Sri Lanka held its first road show for the year at the Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) head office on 25 January. CILT Sri Lanka Chairperson Gayani de Alwis CMILT, Council members H.A. Premaratna FCILT, Dr. Priyangani Jayasundara CMILT, Chaminda Perera CMILT and CILT Secretary General Vasantha Dias attended the event.

The membership drive was organised at the request of General Manager Human Resources Jeeva Premasara and HIPG Senior Manager Commercial and Marketing Chandula Rambukwella coordinated the arrangements for the road show.

CILT Sri Lanka Chairperson, in her welcome address, explained the history of CILT and mentioned that CILT is the only chartered professional body in the country for professionals engaged in transport, logistics and supply chain, and its main aim is to promote continuing professional education in the sector to uplift the skills and competencies of transport and logistics professionals in diverse backgrounds and create value to the economy.

The Chairperson, during her address, further stressed that the CILT's role is both passenger and goods transport in all modes of transport, land transport, maritime, and aviation, and emphasised that HIPG plays a vital role to ensure the efficient and reliable movement of goods and passengers. The Chairperson invited all HIPG and Hambantota International Port Services (HIPS) professionals to come forward and work together with CILT SL to develop the trade. Chaminda Perera CMILT explained about the membership criteria and the procedures to the participants.

Sixty-five employees from HIPG took part in the road show to become CILT members. It was interesting to note young WILAT member Shakkya Perera, who is currently working as a Procurement Executive at HIPG, sharing her experience with WILAT and how the exposure with CILT and WILAT helped her in her career journey. At the request of CILT, HIPG also showed their keenness to set up the southern chapter for CILT.

It was a productive day for both CILT and HIPG, which paved the way for a new beginning to work together on initiatives that are of mutual benefit. The CILT team also was taken on a tour around the Hambantota port and the team thanked HIPG for their

CILT anchors Road Show at Hambantota International Port Group



Council member Chaminda Perera and CILT Chairperson Gayani de Alwis addressing the gathering



Young WILAT member Shakkya Perera sharing her experience with WILAT with the participants



CILT team at the HIPG viewing deck, view of the Hambantota Port at the background



CILT Team with HIPS CEO and HIPG GM

great hospitality. The HIPG is a public-private partnership between the Government of Sri Lanka and China Merchants Port Holdings, a world-renowned port operator with a significant presence in all aspects of the shipping industry. HIPG is the single largest port in Sri Lanka located 10 nautical miles from the global trade route. It is a subsidiary company of HIPS, which is a joint venture between HIPG and the Sri Lanka Port Authority (SLPA).

The Joint Venture Company is responsible for facilitating safety within the port. HIPG, HIPS and SLPA work together to ensure the efficient and reliable movement of goods and passengers integrating environmental, social and economic sustainability initiatives into all areas of port operations. HIPG invested in essential equipment for the Port of Hambantota which enhanced operational capabilities to another level by attracting

internal cargo volumes via Hambantota.

Further implementation of new customer services levels, Terminal operating systems (ETOS) and standard operating procedures are some of the reasons that enabled to double the RORO cargo volumes and handled 300 vessels in 2018. HIPG was also able to increase RORO cargo volume by 159% compared to 2017. Apart from core business as RORO, HIPG already commenced break bulk cargo

operations extending the handling capacity of the port to another level.

Further, hot layups also facilitated at berth for various reasons such as ship repairs along with many other different services required from Hambantota (Southern area) itself, which benefit the local community. HIPG is planning to commence Bunkering Operations during mid-year of 2019, which will result in further development of business operations at Port of Hambantota.

CILT is a leading global professional body associated with the logistics, transport and supply chain industry. The institute holds unparalleled international recognition and works towards achieving its objectives of promoting and encouraging the art and science of logistics and transport through its membership and its educational qualifications. CILT is celebrating its centenary year this year and has a global membership of over 34,000 in 35 countries across the globe. CILT provides a professional identity to those in the ever expanding logistics and transport sector. It is a strong, active and a unified professional association that is able to speak with authority on strategic issues affecting businesses and people in the industry and support their careers.



Participants from HIPG with the CILT team at the Road Show

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MV Beijing Bridge at the Jaya Container Terminal of Sri Lanka Ports Authority



SLPA Additional Managing Director Upali De Zoysa presenting the plaque to MV Beijing Bridge Master Capt. Rodie Barcoma. SLPA Director (Logistics and Marketing) Upul Jayatissa, SLPA Chief Operation Manager (CO) I.K. Gnanathilaka, SLPA Harbour Master Capt. Nirmal Silva, representatives of the ship's local agent Simatech Marine Lanka; Colombo agents for Feedertech, including Simatech Marine Lanka Chairman Saliya Senanayake, Executive Directors – Ananda Senanayake, Rohan Joseph and Assistant General Manager (Operations) Chandika Pinidiya are also seen

– Pix by Mahinda Thernakoon

MV Beijing Bridge under AGI Service makes maiden call at JCT

MV Beijing Bridge under its AGI Service made the maiden call at the Port of Colombo's Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) controlled Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) on 13 February.

In order to mark the vessel's maiden call at the Port a plaque exchange was also held between SLPA Additional Managing Director Upali De Zoysa and MV Beijing Bridge Captain Rodie Barcoma. Welcoming MV Beijing Bridge at Sri

Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), Upali De Zoysa stated that Sri Lanka Ports Authority being the land lord and the terminal operator is jointly promoting Colombo towards becoming the best container port in the region. "With all improvements and developments taken place at the port and the new developments taking place at present, with plans to commissioning of new terminals in near future, the port will cater in

an efficiently enhanced way with improved productivity for a speedier turn-around of vessels calling in," Zoysa said.

Saliya Senanayake – Chairman of Simatech Marine Lanka Ltd., Colombo agents for Feedertech Ltd., speaking at the occasion thanked Sri Lanka Ports Authority for welcoming the ship at the port of Colombo with a pleasing operational service. "We are certainly pleased to see the ongoing

developments at all terminals of the Port of Colombo and especially the JCT that has been performing very well with increased productivity and adding more capacity," he said. Simatech Marine Lanka Ltd. acts the vessel's local agent.

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ing the ship's local agent Simatech Marine Lanka Ltd.; Colombo agents for Feedertech Ltd., Executive Directors – Ananda Senanayake, Rohan Joseph and Assistant General Manager (Operations) Chandika Pinidiya were also present at the occasion.

The port rotation of the vessel under AGI service will be Colombo, Port Klang, Singapore, Laem Chabang, Colombo, Jebel Ali, Karachi and Mundra.

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Overnight pirith ceremony and alms at Hambantota Port

A pirith ceremony was held recently at the administrative building of the Hambantota International Port (HIP). 20 Buddhist monks from 19 temples within the port's locality were in attendance at the ceremony, while children from the Sri Seeliwimala Samudraramaya, Daham school, staff of Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) and Hambantota International Port Services (HIPS), other local employees attached to the Port, officials from Government institutes and private companies as well as villagers from the surrounding area participated in the overnight event. The pirith ceremony was organised by HIP to invoke blessings upon the port, its operations and employees, and was followed by a heel dhane (breakfast alms) the next day.



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සාමාන්‍ය භාණ්ඩ ප්‍රවාහන නැව් පැමිණිය හැකි ආකාරයට ඉදිරි වසර තුන තුළදී කන්කසන්තුරය වරාය නවීකරණය කරන බව වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු, දූෂණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය සාගර රත්නායක මහතා සඳහන් කරයි.

මෙම වැඩපිළිවෙළ යටතේ අපනයන හා ආනයන කටයුතු දෙකම ශක්තිමත් වන බවත්, ඊට සාපේක්ෂව උතුරු පළාත් තුළ රැකියා විශාල ප්‍රමාණයක් ඇතිවන බවත් අමාත්‍යවරයා පෙන්වා දෙයි.

මෙම වැඩපිළිවෙළ යටතේ කන්කසන්තුර

වරායේ දියකඩනය සම්පූර්ණයෙන් අලුතින් ඉදිකිරීමටත්, භාණ්ඩ ප්‍රවාහන නැව් ගමන් කළ හැකි ආකාරයට දූෂණ පවතින ගැඹුර මීටර් 08කින් වැඩි කිරීමටත් සැලසුම් කර තිබේ.

මීට අමතරව අත්කර 15ක් පුරා පවතින වරාය ආශ්‍රිත ප්‍රදේශය අත්කර 50ක් දක්වා පුළුල් කිරීමටද සැලසුම් කර ඇත.

ඉන්දීය ආධාර මත මෙම කටයුතු සිදුකිරීමට සැලසුම් කර තිබෙන අතර අදාළ කටයුතු සඳහා වොලර් මිලියන 45.27ක මුදලක් ආයෝජනය කිරීමට නියමිතය.

කන්කසන්තුරය වරාය මේ වනවිට සීමිත වැඩකටයුතු වෙනුවෙන් මෙහෙයුම් ක්‍රියාත්මක කෙරේ.

MS Queen Mary arrives in Colombo

Luxury cruise ship MS Queen Mary 2 marked its maiden voyage to Colombo. Measuring 1132 feet long, MS Queen Mary 2 is one of the largest cruise ship to arrive at Colombo's shores. The luxury cruise ship arrived at Colombo East Terminal carrying more than 3,800 passengers and crew and was welcomed by officials from the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (SLTPB).

The mega ship's arrival also marked the first cruise ship to be welcomed to the Colombo Port for this year and follows on a series of developments by the SLTPB and its partners to grow the cruise tourism sector in Sri Lanka and encourage more cruise liners to place Colombo on their itineraries.

Forty seven passenger cruises arrived in Sri Lanka in 2018, while from January 2019 up to now, 12 passenger cruises have called to port. Sri Lanka, as a destination enriched with four natural harbours, has become a significant landmark for luxury passenger cruises to stop by.

The ship which arrived from Mormugao (Goa) India was facilitated by Sri Lankan



Tourism Information Centre officers of Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau give a detailed description

shipping line, Shipping Agency Services, while Abercrombie Travel Agency, which provided the ground handling, ensured that the passengers were able to complete the necessary procedures swiftly and seamlessly.

The cruise liner embarked its journey from New York City on January 3 and is scheduled to return to New York on April 21, this year, completing 108 nights in the sea.

The SLTPB hosted an information desk onboard the ship, which greatly assisted the passengers in providing information of places they can visit and see during their tour. Some of the tourist attractions the passengers



MS Queen Mary

chose to see includes Pinnawala elephant orphanage, Bentota, Hikkaduwa, Negombo, tea plantations, Temple of the Tooth and Colombo city round for shopping.

The cruise liner has five restaurants, 12 bars and cafes, five pools, basketball courts, golf practice nets, tennis courts, gym, canyon ranch, salons. The liner also has many entertainment options including a Royal Court theatre, Empire casino, Queens Room ballroom, Illuminations planetarium/cinema/classical music, G32 nightclub, Commodore Club observation lounge, children's club and more.

රේගුවට අලුත් තාක්ෂණය



(සායන උද්‍යානගි)

ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගුව වෙත නව තාක්ෂණික අංශෝද්‍යාන හඳුන්වාදීමට මුදල් හා ජනමාධ්‍ය අමාත්‍යාංශය පියවර ගෙන සිටී.

ඒ අනුව බහාරම් ප්‍රවාහනය හා අධීක්ෂණය සඳහා සහ ආරක්ෂක කටයුතු වෙනුවෙන් නවීන තාක්ෂණික අංශෝද්‍යාන හඳුන්වාදීමට නියමිතය.

ආනයනය කරනු ලබන බහාරම් 1150 සිට 1450ක් පමණ ප්‍රමාණයක් හා අපනයනය කරනු ලබන බහාරම් 350ක් 450ක් අතර ප්‍රමාණයක් දිනකදී නිෂ්පාදනය කරන අතර ඒවායේ ආරක්ෂාව වෙනුවෙන් අනුගමනය කරන ක්‍රමවේදයන් නවීන තාක්ෂණය අනුව වෙනස් කළ යුතුයැයි මුදල් හා ජනමාධ්‍ය අමාත්‍යාංශය පවසයි.

බහාරම් ප්‍රවාහනය හා අධීක්ෂණය කාර්යයේදී අඩුණ්ඩුව අධීක්ෂණය කළ හැකි බහාරම් පවතින ස්ථානයන් පිළිබඳ නිරීක්ෂණය කළ හැකි තාක්ෂණික ක්‍රමවේද හඳුන්වාදීමට නියමිත බව ද එම අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ප්‍රකාශනයෙන් පැවසීය.

මෙම කටයුතු වෙනුවෙන් සුදුසු සැලසුම්කරුවකු තෝරාගැනීම සඳහා ප්‍රසම්පාදන කටයුතු ආරම්භ කිරීමට මුදල් හා ජනමාධ්‍ය අමාත්‍ය මංගල සමරවීර මහතා ඉදිරිපත් කළ යෝජනාවකට අමාත්‍ය මණ්ඩල අනුමැතිය ද නිමිති තිබේ.



කොළඹට සේන්ද්‍ර වූ නැව් රජා

ගමනාන්තයක් ලෙස ශ්‍රී ලංකාව, සුබෝපහෝගී මගී තොකා තැටිත්වමේ වැදගත් සංවිධානයක් වී තිබේ. කෲස් ලයිනර් අව-නගල පහක්, බාර්ස්

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ස්වභාවික වරායක් හතරකින් යුක්ත වන

සහ කැලේ, ගොල්ලු පුහුණුව දූල්, ගරීර සුවතා මධ්‍යස්ථාන (ජීම්) , රූපලාවණ්‍යාගාර පහක්, කැසිනෝ හල , ක්වින්ස් කාමර ශාලාව, ආදී අධි සුබෝපහෝගී අංශ බෝහෝමයක් මෙම තොකාවෙහි අන්තර්ගත වී ඇත.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා ගමනාගමන මණ්ඩලය (SLTPB) විසින් තොකාවේ ගමන් ගන්නා මගීන් සඳහා පිත්තවල අලී අනාර්ථාගාරය, බෙන්තොට, හීන්කඩුව, මිගමුව, තේ වගාවන්, දළඳු මාලිගාව සහ කොළඹ නගරය සාප්පු සවාරි සඳහා තෝරාගත් සංචාරක ආකර්ෂණීය ස්ථානතොරතුරු ලබා දී ඇති අතර එමගින් සංචාරකයින්ට මගපෙන්වීම් සඳහා විශාල දයකත්වයක් සපයනු ලබයි.

කන්කසන්තුරේ සහ ද. ඉන්දියා වරායන් අතර යළි

මගී - කාණ්ඩ ප්‍රවාහන සේවා අරඹයි

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වත්මන් ආණ්ඩුව උතුරේ සිදු කරන කඩිනම් සංවර්ධනය යටතේ කන්කසන්තුරේ හා තලෙයිමන්නාරමේ සිට දකුණු ඉන්දියාවේ ප්‍රධාන වරායවල් දක්වා මගී සහ බඩු භාණ්ඩ ප්‍රවාහන සේවාවන් ආරම්භ කිරීමේ මූලික කාර්යන් ආරම්භ වී ඇත.

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කන්කසන්තුරේ සහ ද. ඉන්දියා....

කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය තවකරණ කටයුතු සඳහා දැනටමත් මූල්‍යමය ඇතැතලෙමන්තාරම දැනට ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කිරීමේ සැලසුම් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය මගින් නොබෝ දිනෙකින් සකස් කිරීමට නියමිතය. මේ කාර්යයන් සඳහා ඉන්දීය සහන ණය යෝජනා ක්‍රමය යටතේ අමෙරිකානු ඩොලර් මිලියන 45.27ක යුනිපාර්සල් ලැබෙනු ඇත.

මේ ප්‍රවාහන තාවක සේවාවන් ආරම්භයත් සමඟ, ඉන්දීය හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා දුම්රිය සේවාවන් අතර ඒකාබද්ධ මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු සිදු කිරීමේ හැකියාව පිළිබඳව සොයා බැලීමට ද ප්‍රවාහන අමාත්‍යාංශය පියවර ගනු ඇත.

සුඩා සමයට පෙර මේ අයුරින් ඒකාබද්ධ දුම්රිය සේවාවන් පැවති අතර, කොළඹ සොටුවේ සහ වෙත්තයි නුවර අතර එක් ප්‍රවේශ පත්‍රයකින් ගමන් කිරීමේ පහසුකම් දෙරටේම මගීන් වෙත සලසා තිබිණි.

මෙම සේවාවන් ආරම්භ කිරීමත් සමඟ අඩු වියදමින් දැඩිව වත්දා ගමන් සඳහා සහනාධිපිම අවස්ථාව ද ශ්‍රී ලාංකේය බොද්ධ ජනතාවට උදව්වු ඇත. කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය තවකරණයේදී දැනට ඇති දැවය පුර්ණ ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණයකට ලක් කෙරේ. එහිදී මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු සඳහා මිටර් 167ක් දිගැති, මිටර් 22 ක් පළලැති තව දැවයක් ද ඉදි කෙරෙන්නු ඇත. දිසාකඩනය ද ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කිරීමට නියමිතය. කන්කසන්තුරේ පැරණි සිමෙන්ති කම්හල් පරිශ්‍රයේ තව කර්මාන්ත කලාපයක් ද වරාය තවකරණයට සමගාමීව ඉදිකිරීමට නියමිතය.

කන්කසන්තුරේ ප්‍රදේශය සංචාරක කලාපයක් ලෙස ද සංවර්ධනය කරලීමේ සැලසුම් සංචාරක අමාත්‍යාංශය සකස් කරනු ඇතැතලෙමන්තාරමේ දැවය ආශ්‍රිතව ද තව සංචාරක හෝටල් හා ආපනශාලා ගණනාවක්ද, හාණ්ඩ ගබඩා හා ගුදමි ද ඉදිකිරීමේ සැලසුම් සකස්වෙමින් පවතී.



මගී සංචාරක නෞකාව ගාල්ලට සේන්ද්‍ර වෙයි

ඇමරිකා එක්සත් ජනපදයේ බහමාස් වලට අයත් විශාල මගී සංචාරක නෞකාවක් ගාල්ලට පැමිණ තිබේ. නේවාසිකව ජීවත් වෙමින් සංචාරය කිරීමට ගැනියාව ඇති මෙම තැව් මහල් කිහිපයකින් සමන්විත වන අතර කාමර 163ක් පමණ පුක්කවේ.

සියලු කාමර සංචාරකයන් ගෙන් පිරී ඇති අතර ඔවුන් ගාල්ල නගරයේ සංචාරය කිරීම වේ. කොළඹට පිටත්ව යාමට නියමිත අතර දින තුනක කාලයක් ගතකොට ඉන්දියාවේ කෝටිං වරායට ගමන් කෙරේ. මෙම තැව් ගාලු වරායෙන් පිටත තැංගුරමිලා තිබේ.

සටහන සහ ඡායාරූප - කුමාර උදයරත්න යක්කලමුල්ල විශේෂ

KKS, Talaimannar to open for travel, goods transport to india

Transportation of goods and passengers from Kanke-santhurai harbour (KKS) and Talaimannar to major ports in South India will begin soon.

The preliminary construction and other work to facilitate goods and passenger transport services linking KKS and the Talaimannar pier with major South Indian ports has begun, the government said.

The renovation of KKS harbour is being carried out now and under this move KKS harbour and jetty will be renovated by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA). With the commencement of the proposed passenger and cargo transportation service, the Transport Ministry is looking into the possibilities of a train service between the two countries.

There had been a similar type of service between the two countries prior to the three decade conflict where passengers were able to travel from Colombo Fort to Chennai with a single ticket.

With the commencement of this train service between the two countries Sri Lankan passengers will be able to pilgrim in Dambadiya at a low cost. Under the KKS harbour related construc-

tions, the KKS jetty will be fully renovated. Besides, a new jetty of 167 metre in length and 22 metres in width will be constructed for commercial purposes. It has been planned to renovate the water breaker of the KKS harbour.

US\$ 45.27 million, received as an Indian soft loan will be utilized for the KKS harbour development activities.

In line with the KKS harbour development project, an industrial zone and a tourist zone will also be established centralizing the old KKS cement factory. The tourism Ministry will work for establishing the tourist zone.

New tourist hotels, restaurants, tourist attraction and warehouses will be constructed around Talaimannar harbour.

France to help Sri Lankan fisheries sector: Ambassador visits port of Galle

SRI Lanka's fisheries sector provides employment for about 600,000 people (nearly 10% of the total labour force and a quarter of the agricultural sector's employees). It forms an essential pillar to the country's food security by supplying more than 60% of the animal proteins consumed by the population. Besides, it is also a more and more significant source of revenues in foreign currencies for Sri Lanka.

According to the Sri Lankan Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development, post-harvest losses (the deterioration of the product occurring between the catch of the fishes and their sale to consumers) reach 40%. In order to reduce these losses, French Development Agency (AFD) is willing to finance a program to rehabilitate existing fishing harbours and to enhance their management as well as that of aquatic resources.

The feasibility study of this program has been launched on 15 February during Galle's fishery harbour visit by Ambassador of France to Sri Lanka and the Maldives Eric Lavertu, AFD Country Director Martin Parent and Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Secretary Ruwanchandra.

The harbours of Galle, Beruwala, Puranawella and Kudawella, located in South-Western Sri Lanka, are targeted by this program. This first AFD intervention in the fisheries sector will mainly aim at improving the quality of products for export, without increasing the fishing effort. It will primarily focus on the improvement of operating methods and equipment between the landing and the first sale of the catches,



Galle District Secretary S. Vidanapathirana, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Secretary Ruwanchandra, DG Technical Monty Ranatunga, AFD Country Director Martin Parent, French Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives Eric Lavertu, CFHC GM Percy Samarasinghe, Dr. Sisira Haputhanthri (NARA), Jean-Pierre Silva (COFREPECHE), officials of the Provincial Council and Galle Municipal Council



AFD Country Director Martin Parent, French Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives Eric Lavertu, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Secretary Ruwanchandra

within the port area. The dynamic generated on the export value chain is expected to have a knock-on effect on the products intended for the national market. Besides, the full success of this project requires an effort from the private sector

to modernise the fleet and improve the management of catches on board.

The expected impacts of the program are: Sustainable development and growth of employment and income in the fisheries sector; increase of Sri

Lanka's foreign currency income (thereby contributing to a healthier trade balance); improvement of products' quality and strengthening of food security; and promotion of aquatic resources sustainable management.

To reach the project objective, the following actions have been identified: (i) invest in two to four 'green' fishery harbours, including infrastructure and equipment rehabilitation, ports reorganisation; energy consumption reduction, and enhancement of on-site waste management; (ii) improve harbours operation from a technical, monitoring, financial and regulatory perspective; and strengthening of environmental impacts management; (iii) support the sustainable management of aquatic resources through a better monitoring of the marine population and by improving the products' traceability. This program represents a first investment estimated at euros 120 million.

The feasibility study, which is funded through a EUR 650,000 grant, will be carried out by a consortium led by COFREPECHE. This nine-month study will confirm the beneficiary harbours, the program's cost, its structuration and the associated work schedule.

This visit of Galle fishery harbour on 15 February marked the launch of the consultant's first mission, which consists in the technical audit and condition assessment of existing infrastructure and equipment. During the next five months, the consultant will mobilise port civil engineers, technicians and divers, in order to perform detailed inspection of breakwaters, quays, jetties, auction halls and all existing equipment in the fishery harbours of Galle, Beruwala, Puranawella and Kudawella. Through this first mission, an accurate diagnosis of existing assets' condition, of damages caused by the 2004 tsunami, and an adequate rehabilitation and maintenance plan will be delivered to ensure robust and sustainable foundations for the future equipment financed by AFD.

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Govt. to resume shipping links between Kankasanthurai and Talaimannar

- **Move to boost exchange goods and passengers with South Indian ports**
- **Plans to build new jetty for commercial purposes at KKS**
- **Tourism to be developed at both KKS and Talaimannar**

WORK has started on re-establishing transportation of goods and people from Kankasanthurai (KKS) and Talaimannar to ports in South India, the Prime Minister's Office said yesterday.

Upgrading KKS Harbour has already started with work being observed by Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe during a recent visit. Plans to upgrade the jetty at Talaimannar has already been made and work on it will be started soon by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement.

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"Once transport by sea is re-established, efforts will be made to link passenger and goods services with rail services in South India. This step will be taken by the Transport Ministry. Before the war, such links existed with a passenger able to cross between the two countries with one ticket," the statement said.

With the resumption of these services, it would be possible for Buddhists to undertake pilgrimages to India at lower cost.

The Government has already started implementation of a \$45.27 million development project for the KKS Harbour. In addition to the general upgrade, a new 167m jetty will also be constructed for commercial purposes. A new breakwater will also be built under the project. The funds for the project have been obtained under preferential basis from the Indian Government.

The KKS cement factory also is to be reconstructed under this effort. The SLPA has already begun initial work on a 15-acre area within the KKS harbour premises, and it is expected to be expanded to a 50-acre area in the next phase. Under the mixed development projects, there are plans to establish tourist hotels and create a tourism zone. Similar plans are afoot for Talaimannar as well to develop tourism in the region.

කන්කසන්තුරේ, තලෙයිමන්තාරමේ සිට දකුණු ඉන්දීය වරායන්ට භාණ්ඩ ප්‍රවාහන සේවාවන් ඇරඹීමට පියවර

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කන්කසන්තුරේ හා තලෙයිමන්තාරමේ සිට දකුණු ඉන්දීයාවේ ප්‍රධාන වරායන් දක්වා මගී සහ බඩු භාණ්ඩ ප්‍රවාහන සේවාවන් ඇරඹීමේ මූලික කාර්යයන් දැන් ආරම්භ වී ඇතැයි අගමැති කාර්යාලය පවසයි.

කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය නවීකරණ කටයුතු දැනටමත් ආරම්භ කර ඇති අතර, තලෙයිමන්තාරම ජැටිය ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කිරීමේ සැලසුම් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය මගින් නොබෝ දිනකින් සකස් කිරීමට නියමිත බව ද එම කාර්යාලය සඳහන් කරයි.

මගී ප්‍රවාහන නාවික සේවාවන් ආරම්භයත් සමඟ, ඉන්දිය හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා දුම්රිය සේවාවන් අතර ඒකාබද්ධව මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු සිදු කිරීමේ හැකියාව පිළිබඳව සොයා බැලීමට ද ප්‍රවාහන අමාත්‍යාංශය පියවර ගනු ඇත. යුද සමයට පෙරාතුව ද මේ අයුරින් ඒකාබද්ධ දුම්රිය සේවාවන් පැවති අතර, කොළඹ කොටුවේ සහ වෙන්නායි තුවර අතර එක් ප්‍රවේශ පත්‍රයකින් ගමන් කිරීමේ පහසුකම් දෙරටේම මගීන් වෙත සලසා තිබිණි.

මෙම සේවාවන් ආරම්භ කිරීමත් සමඟ අඩු වියදමින් දඹදිව වන්දනා ගමන් සඳහා සහභාගී වීමේ අවස්ථාව ද ශ්‍රී ලාංකේය බෞද්ධ ජනතාවට උදාවනු ඇත.

කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය නවීකරණයේදී දැනට ඇති ජැටිය පූර්ණ ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණයකට ලක් කෙරෙන අතර, වාණිජ මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු සඳහා මීටර් 167 ක් දිගැති, මීටර් 22 ක් පළලැති නව ජැටියක් ද ඉදිකෙරෙණු ඇත. දියකඩනය ද ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කිරීමට නියමිතය. මේ කාර්යයන් සඳහා ඉන්දීය සහන ණය යෝජනා ක්‍රමය යටතේ ඇමරිකානු ඩොලර් මිලියන 45.27 ක ප්‍රතිපාදන ලැබෙනු ඇත.

කන්කසන්තුරේ පැරණි සීමෙන්ති කම්හල් පරිශ්‍රයේ නව කර්මාන්ත ආලාපයක් ද වරාය නවීකරණයට සමගාමීව ඉදිකිරීමට නියමිතය. කන්කසන්තුරේ ප්‍රදේශය සංචාරක කලාපයක් ලෙස ද සංවර්ධනය කරලීමේ සැලසුම් සංචාරක අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් සකස් කරනු ඇතැයි ද අගමැති කාර්යාලය තවදුරටත් ප්‍රකාශ කරයි.

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DR. PARAKRAMA DISSANAYAKE MEETS UK MARITIME MINISTER

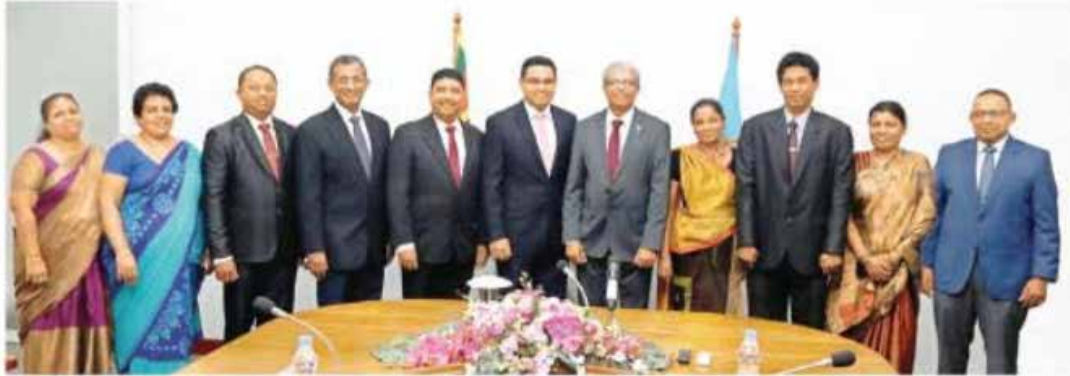


Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, the first non-British International President of The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, UK, founded in 1911, Royal Charter conferred in 1920, is seen here with UK Maritime Minister Nusrat Shani M.P., at the Chartered Shipbrokers Annual Awards Ceremony in London recently.

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ලංකාවට ගෙන්වන කිරිපිටි වරායේදී දැඩි පරීක්ෂාවට

ශ්‍රී ලංකාවට ආනයනය කරන සියලුම කිරි පිටි වර්ග සෞඛ්‍ය දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රමිති කාර්යාංශය මගින් වරායේදී දැඩි පරීක්ෂණයන්ට භාජනය කරන බවත් එම කිරිපිටි වෙළෙඳපොළට නිකුත් කිරීමට අවසර දෙන්නේ ඒවා ජාත්‍යන්තර ප්‍රමිතියට අනුකූල බව තහවුරු වූ පසුව බවත් සෞඛ්‍ය අමාත්‍යාංශයේ පරිසර හා ආහාර සංරක්ෂණය පිළිබඳ නියෝජ්‍ය අධ්‍යක්ෂ ජනරාල් විශේෂඥ වෛද්‍ය ලක්ෂ්මන් ගමිලත් මහතා අවධාරණය කරයි. ඊයේ (19) රජයේ ප්‍රවෘත්ති දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ පැවැති මාධ්‍ය හමුවකදී අදහස් දක්වමින් ඒ මහතා වැඩිදුරටත් පැවසුවේ මෙරටට ගෙන්වන කිරිපිටිවල මේදය හැර වෙනත් කිසිදු ද්‍රව්‍යයක් අඩංගු නොවන බව සහතික කළ හැකි බවයි.



වරාය ගාස්තු අත්තර්ජාලය ඔස්සේ ගෙවීමට කොමර්ෂල් බැංකුවෙන් ප්‍රවේශය

කොමර්ෂල් බැංකුව විසින් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සිය අන්තර්ජාල බැංකුකරණ පද්ධතියට එක්කරගෙන තිබෙන අතර මේ නිසා සතියේ දින හතේම පැය විසිහතර පුරා වසරේ දින 365 තුළම ඕනෑම තැනක සිට නාවික අවශ්‍යතාවන්ට අදාළ වරාය ගාස්තු ගෙවීමේ හැකියාව ලැබී තිබේ. මෙම අන්තර්ජාල ගෙවීමේ විකල්පය ඉතාමත් සරලව ගනුදෙනුකරුවන්ට භාවිත කළ හැකි අතර එහිදී කළ යුත්තේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය විසින්

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ලබාදීම සඳහා බැංකුව පැය 24 පුරාම ක්‍රියාත්මක කරන පාරිභෝගික සේවා ඇමතුම් ඒකකයක්ද ආරම්භ කර තිබේ. සේයාරුවෙන් දැක්වෙන්නේ මෙම ගිවිසුමට කොමර්ෂල් බැංකුව වෙනුවෙන් එහි ප්‍රධාන මෙහෙයුම් නිලධාරී, සහන් මනසුංග මහතා (වමේ සිට හය වැන්නා) සහ ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ කළමනාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ, කැල්ටන් අතුල සේවා විකාරණ මහතා අස්සන් තැබූ ආකාරයයි. මෙම අවස්ථාවට ආයතන දෙකේ නිලධාරීන්ද සහභාගි විය.

Newspaper – Ceylon Today Date – 20-02-2019

The Iranian naval ships Bushehr, Lavan and Bayandore arrived at the Port of Colombo on a training and goodwill visit on 15 February.

Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Zarei Amirani and Sri Lanka Navy welcomed the trio of ships in compliance with Naval tradi-

Three Iranian Naval ships leave C'mbo

tion on their arrival at the harbour premises. The Commanding Officers of the ships called on Commander Western Naval Area,

Rear Admiral Nishantha Ulagetenne and held cordial discussions. Commander of the Iranian 51st Task Force, Captain Reza

Sadaeehi thanked the Sri Lanka Navy for their hospitality and collaboration and called for further cooperation between the two Navies.

Addressing the gathering, Ambassador Amirani said drug smuggling was a common enemy and expressed Iran's readiness to provide assistance to fight the menace.

On completion of their four-day official tour, the ships set sail from the Colombo harbour on 18 February.

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SLPA launches news website



Minister Sagala Ratnayaka launches the SLPA news website, while Ministry Secretary Parakrama Dissanayake looks on. *Picture by Wimal Karunathilaka*

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) launched a news website yesterday under the patronage of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka.

Minister Ratnayake while launching the website www.news.slpa.lk said people, especially stakeholders, students, undergraduates and researchers who study ports and port-related fields can utilise the website as a news source.

He added that the website has details of port-related achievements and devel-

opments and their history as well. In addition to the SLPA official website www.slpa.lk, the new website has been launched to disseminate news regarding the Colombo Port and other ports in Sri Lanka, with the objectives of promoting them locally and internationally.

“The website will be an ideal platform for researchers and students both in schools and universities.

Besides, the website makes the local and international community aware of current port-related activities and the developments that took place over decades,” he said.

Newspaper – The Island Date – 22-02-2019

Hat-trick for team SAGT at Global Ports Forum in Dubai

South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) enhanced its Portfolio of Awards by winning the title of "Best Terminal in the Indian Sub-Continent Region" presented by the Singapore based Global Ports Forum for the third consecutive year. SAGT also won a second award as the "Best Transshipment Hub Port Terminal of the year". The awards ceremony was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dubai under the patronage of Chief Guest, Mohammed Sharaf, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Co-operation for Economic & Trade Affairs of UAE.

Speaking of this latest industry recognition, Romesh David, SAGT's



SAGT General Manager Operations Upul Jinadasa being presented the award by Mohammed Sharaf, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Co-operation for Economic & Trade Affairs of UAE in the presence of Thiommas Ng, chairman of The Global Ports Forum.

CEO said "SAGT set its sights on a new horizon of excellence in Dec 2018, surpassing its highest throughput of 2 Million TEUs in a calendar year. These global awards are a testimony to customer support, teamwork and the close collaboration of diverse stakeholders working towards providing the best outcome in all our activities". He acknowledged the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for its commitment to enhance marine services in the Port of Colombo and the positive role that the other terminals, JCT and CICT, play in the continued growth of throughput over Colombo.

Receiving the awards, Upul Jinadasa, General Manager –

Operations, said "the GPF hat-trick for team SAGT is an endorsement of the consistency of service offered to our customers". He recalled his pledge to aspire to the 2019 award for the Port of Colombo, when accepting the same award in 2018. Dedicating the award to SAGT's customers and the team at the Terminal, he added that "Team SAGT's commitment to excellence is a cornerstone of our continued success". He went on to thank SAGT's customers, service partners and stakeholders for their integral contribution to operational efficiencies that collectively improves productivity across the supply-chain.

■ Believes SLPA master plan will lay a robust foundation for ports and maritime sector development till 2050
 ■ Ministry still undecided on East Container Terminal development, West Container Terminal to get a LNG plant
 ■ Terminals at Colombo port will be developed based on demand and capital involved
 ■ Minister says India's level of involvement in Sri Lanka's ports industry still being discussed
 ■ Intends to fast-track Kankesanthurai port development, appoint consultants by July

By CHARUMINI DE SILVA

PORTS, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka yesterday assured that all maritime development plans will be accelerated, while outlining some of the key projects in progress.

"I assure that no plans of the ports and shipping sector will be delayed. I will take the right decisions and move forward. It is imperative that we move ahead with the development of the port of Colombo, otherwise we will lose out on business and we don't want that to happen. We have already delayed too much, so I don't want to be stuck in that situation any longer," he told journalists, meeting the press for the first time after assuming duties at the Ministry.

He believes that the SLPA master plan supported by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) would lay a robust foundation for the ports and maritime sector's development until 2050.

"We had a lengthy meet-

Sagala assures to fast track port development plans



Port, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka – Pic by Upul Abayasekera

ing with the ADB officials on Wednesday regarding the SLPA master plan, and its proposals for all the ports in the country. It is a comprehensive program that will serve as a roadmap for the sector's growth. These studies have been conducted technically by specialists who have worked on it and proposed to us a few models that could be implemented till 2050. We are still having discussions with the ADB, and soon we will review and execute plans accordingly," the Minister said.

Underscoring some of the key developments in progress, Ratnayaka emphasised that they were also in the process of deciding the course of action on the much-talked-about East Container Terminal (ECT) in the port of Colombo.

"I have requested the Ministry Secretary and the SLPA to present their observations on the matter. They will have to evaluate if it is financially viable for the

SLPA to invest in the ECT project alone, or if it should require a partnership with an external party. Based on their recommendation, I will discuss the matter with the President, Prime Minister and the Cabinet," he added.

He also said that they were conducting a technical evaluation to further expand CICT without distracting the developments of the West Container Terminal of the Colombo port, where they hope to set up an LNG plant.

"We will build all these terminals based on the demand we have as well as on the capital involved to develop them," he pointed out.

When asked about India's involvement on Sri Lanka's port industry, the Minister said the level of their involvement is still being discussed.

"The Indian Government has shown keen interest in Sri Lanka's shipping industry and in assisting us. They (Indian Government) don't want to go into any major

Ports Ministry returns Oluvil port to Fisheries Ministry

AFTER much evaluation, the Ports and Shipping Ministry yesterday announced that they have decided to transfer the Oluvil port in the Eastern province back to the Fisheries Ministry to develop it as a fisheries harbour.

"At a lengthy discussion we had with Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Sri Lanka Ports Authority master plan, we decided on

Oluvil port. We realised that it was difficult to be used for commercial operations and is only useful for fisheries," Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka told journalists in Colombo. The Minister said that they have decided to hand it over to the Fisheries Ministry and the formalities to do so will be fast-tracked.

stake anywhere, but they want to be involved. What that involvement has to now be finalised. The two Prime Ministers have discussed at a very high level, but we have to finalise those. I am still not aware of any final agreement," Ratnayaka stressed.

In terms of Kankesanthurai port development project, which is being developed with a \$44 million credit line from India, the Minister said it will be developed into three piers where two will be for commercial purposes and the other for Sri Lanka Navy.

He said the Ministry intends to fast-track the Kankesanthurai port development project and appoint consultants by July.

In addition, Ratnayaka also highlighted that ports of Trincomalee and Galle will be developed to have night navigation before the end of this year.

"New infrastructure and radar systems will soon be set up to make night navigation possible at Trincomalee harbour, with the financial assistance of one billion yen from Japan, which will be completed by the first half of this year. The SLPA will invest its own funding to install night navigation at the Galle harbour by August," he said.

Ratnayaka said he was yet to study and review the Hambantota port development activities, which involves a joint venture agreement with China.

The Minister also launched a maritime news website initiated by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) (news.slpa.lk) to disseminate up-to-date information on the ports and shipping sector, in a move to strengthen Sri Lanka's image in the global maritime sector.

Newspaper – The Island Date – 22-02-2019

SLPA launches news website on Sri Lanka port sector



Minister Sagala Ratnayake launches the news website on Sri Lanka port sector at the Trade and Shipping Ministry on Thursday. Pic Nishiendra Silva

Sri Lanka Ports Authority in collaboration with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development launched its dedicated news website news.slpa.lk on Thursday.

The launch took place at a function held at the auditorium of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, with the initiative of Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development - Sagala Ratnayaka. Secretary to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development - Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake.

The new website fulfills the timely requirement of correct and accurate dissemination of news, features and news related articles of the maritime port sector of Sri Lanka.

The information will include all maritime port related projects launched by the government of Sri Lanka in the local port sector; its new developments, global achievements etc.

Thus information will be shared through the new web platform for easy reference of professionals in and outside the country.

ADB-SUPPORTED MASTER PLAN TO STEER PORT DEVELOPMENT UNTIL 2050

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Ports Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said a master plan supported by the Asian Development Plan (ADB) would lay a robust foundation for the ports and maritime sector's development until 2050.

"We had a lengthy meeting yesterday on the master plan and its proposals for every port in the country. It is a comprehensive programme that will serve as a roadmap for the sector's growth," Ratnayaka said addressing a press conference at the Ministry of Ports and Shipping yesterday.

The press conference followed the launching ceremony of a maritime news website started by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (news.slpa.lk) to disseminate up-to-date information on the ports and



Minister Sagala Ratnayaka
Picture by Wimal Karunathilaka

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He added the ministry came to the realization that it was the ideal plan for the Oluvil harbour which had meager prospects as a commercial port.

"We are also in the process of deciding our course of action on the much-talked-about East Container Terminal (ECT) project. I have requested the Ministry Secretary and the SLPA to present their observations on the matter.

They will have to evaluate if it is financially viable for the SLPA to invest in the ECT project or it should partner up with an external party. Based on their recommendation, I will discuss the matter with the President, the Prime Minister and the Cabinet," the Minister explained. **To page v**

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Commenting on India's involvement on the Kankesanthurai port development project, Ratnayaka said the matter was still under discussion. "India will definitely support us on the ports and maritime sector. But, the level of their involvement is still being discussed. I think the Prime Ministers of India and Sri Lanka have discussed the matter at a very high level. I am still not aware of any final agreement."

He also added that Trincomalee and Galle harbours will have night navigation before the end of 2019.

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Newspaper – Daily News Date – 22-02-2019

SLPA WINS GPF PORTS AUTHORITY OF THE YEAR AWARD



Upul Jayatissa – Director (Logistics, Marketing & Business Development) and State Agency Chief Manager (Communication and Public Relations) of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) receives the Ports Authority of the Year 2018 Award on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) from Muhammad Shorif, Assistant Foreign Minister for Economic and Trade of UAE & former Group CEO, Dubai Ports World at the GPF awards ceremony

Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) won the Ports Authority of the Year 2018 Award by the Global Ports Forum (GPF) for the second consecutive year at the GPF Awards ceremony of 2018 followed by the conference forum held at the Hyatt Regency Dubai Deira, in the United Arab Emirates.

The Global Ports Forum Awards 2018 aims to recognize the most valuable contribution made by organizations and professionals in different areas of Ports and Terminals industry and acknowledge their

roles and achievements in different categories.

These Awards are awarded based on the economic, social and environmental recognition of the important achievements made by organizations and professionals across the industry of ports and maritime in the last year. The prestigious panel of judges, comprising of Global Ports Customers and Senior Port Experts from the Global Ports Council had duly identified and selected Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) as the most deserving winner

for the category of The GPF Award for "The GPF Award for "Port Authority of the Year 2018".

In a special message, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Fisheries Development Sagula Ratnayaka congratulated and conveyed warm regards and wishes for Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) on the achievement.

From the competitive global port city of Singapore, the entrepreneurial decision was taken in 2008 to found and launch the Global Ports Forum (GPF). The awards ceremony is

organized annually by the GPF, in continuation of the commitment of improving global ports and furthering the interests of ports globally through collaborations among members of the port ecosystem.

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Newspaper – Daily News Date – 22-02-2019

SAGT, VOTED 'BEST TERMINAL IN THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT REGION' AGAIN



SAGT General Manager Operations, Upul Jinadasa being presented the award by His Excellency Mohammed Sharaf, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Co-operation for Economic & Trade Affairs of UAE in the presence of Mr. Thomas Ng, Chairman of The Global Ports Forum.

South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) enhanced its Portfolio of Awards by winning the title of "Best Terminal in the Indian Sub-Continent Region" presented by the Singapore based Global Ports Forum for the third consecutive year.

SAGT also won a second award as the "Best Transshipment Hub Port Terminal of the year".

The awards ceremony was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dubai under the patronage of Chief Guest, Mohammed Sharaf, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Co-operation for Economic and Trade Affairs of UAE.

Speaking of this latest industry recognition, Romesh David, SAGT's CEO said "SAGT set its sights on a new horizon of excellence in Dec 2018, surpassing its highest throughput of 2 Million TEUs in a calendar year".

He acknowledged the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for its commitment to enhance marine services in the

Port of Colombo and the positive role that the other terminals, JCT and CICT, play in the continued growth of throughput over Colombo.

Receiving the awards, Upul Jinadasa, General Manager, Operations, said "the GPF hat-trick for team SAGT is an endorsement of the consistency of service offered to our customers".

He recalled his pledge to aspire to the 2019 award for the Port of Colombo, when accepting the same award in 2018. Dedicating the award to SAGT's Customers and the Team at the Terminal, he added that "Team SAGT's commitment to excellence is a cornerstone of our continued success".

South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) the first private container terminal in Sri Lanka (with approximately 60% of Sri Lankan shareholding) and commenced operations in 1999, launching the Port of Colombo as global trade's preeminent gateway hub to South Asia.

SL yet to decide on liberalising shipping

The Government has not yet decided on a Budget proposal to liberalise the shipping sector by removing foreign ownership limits on ship agency and freight forwarding businesses, Minister of Ports and

Shipping, Sagala Ratnayaka said. "Liberalisation is good, as it will improve competition, but I have to be convinced it won't harm the local industry," he told a news conference where a new ports website, www.news.slpa.lk, was activated.

"I'm responsible for ensuring the people of Sri Lanka get the best deal," Ratnayaka said.



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He said that Government decisions might change from time to time, and that it was important to keep up with the times.

"Sometimes I have to think in a very liberal way, and at other times in a more balanced manner."

The Government's last budget proposed the removal of a 40 per cent foreign ownership limit on ship agency and freight forwarding companies.

The move has been opposed by companies, including conglomerates, with local ship agency businesses as well as locally freight forwarding firms. (*economynext*)

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ගාලුමුවදොර ක්‍රීඩා පිටිය ආසන්න මුහුදු තීරයේ කිලෝමීටර් 1.9ක පිහිනුම් තරග වටයකින් මේ ඉසව්ව ඇරඹෙන අතර තැනිතලා භූමියේ වෙගවත් කිලෝමීටර් 90ක පාපැදි ධාවන තරගයක් සහ කිලෝමීටර් 21.1ක ධාවන තරගයකින් අයන්මැන් 70.3 තුන්ප්‍රයාම තරගාවලිය සමන්විත වෙයි.

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එකවර නැව් තුනක් ඇතුළු කළ හැකි ආකාරයට කොළඹ නැගෙනහිර වරාය පර්යන්තය සංවර්ධනය කරන බව වරාය, නාවික කටයුතු හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය සාගල රත්නායක මහතා සඳහන් කළේය.

නැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තයට මේ වනවිට එකවර ඇතුළත් කළ හැක්කේ එක් නැවක් පමණක් බවත්, බහුල මෙහෙයුම් වැඩි කිරීමට කොළඹ වරාය සංවර්ධනය කරන බවත් ඔහු පවසා සිටියේය.

ඔබවිල් වාණිජ වරායක් ලෙස දියුණු කිරීමට නොහැකි නිසා ධීවර වරායක් ලෙස එය දියුණු කිරීමට අවධානය යොමු වී තිබෙන බවද ඒ මහතා සඳහන් කළේය.

වරාය අධිකාරිය සකස් කළ පුවත් වෙඩි අඩවිය ජනගත කිරීමේ අවස්ථාවට ඊයේ (21දා) දින සහකාගි වෙමින් මේ බව කී අමාත්‍යවරයා වැඩිදුරටත් සඳහන් කළේ,



දැනවිල් කාලයට පමණක් මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු සිදුකරන ගාල්ල වරාය රාත්‍රී කාලයේදී මෙහෙයුම් කළහැකි ආකාරයට දියුණු කරන බවයි. මීට අමතරව ජපන් ආධාර මත ක්‍රියාත්මක වරායද රාත්‍රී කාලයේ මෙහෙයුම් කළ හැකි ලෙස සංවර්ධනය කරන බවද හෙතෙම පවසා සිටියේය.

අද ජනගත කරනු ලැබුවේ news.slpa.lk පුවත් වෙඩි අඩවියයි.

ග්ලෝබල් පෝර්ට් ෆෝරම් 2019 වරාය දැඩිකාර් සම්මානය ශ්‍රී ලංකාවට

2019 වසරේ වරාය අධිකාරී සම්මානය මෙවරත් දිනා ගැනීමට ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සමත් වී ඇත.

ඩුබායිහි හයාට් රිජන්සි හෝටල් පරිශ්‍රයේ පැවැති ග්ලෝබල් පෝර්ට් ෆෝරම් සම්මාන උළෙලේදී ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියට හිමි වූ එම සම්මානය වරාය අධිකාරියේ අධ්‍යක්ෂ උපුල් ජයතිස්ස (සේවා සැපයුම්), ප්‍රධාන කළමනාකරු නළුන් අපොන්සු (සන්නිවේදන හා මහජන සම්බන්ධතා) යන මහත්වරුන් ලබාගත් අතර එක්සත් අරාබි එමීර් රාජ්‍යයේ සහකාර විදේශ අමාත්‍ය (ආර්ථික හා වෙළෙඳ කටයුතු) සහ ඩුබායි වරාය සමූහයේ හිටපු ප්‍රධාන විධායක නිලධාරී මොහොමඩ් ෂරාෆ් යන මහත්වරුන්ගේ අතින් මෙම සම්මානය පිරිනැමිණි.

2018 වසරේදීත් සම්මානය හිමිකර ගත්තේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියයි.

2005 වසරේ සිංගප්පූරුවේ කොස්මොපොලිටන් ග්ලෝබල් පෝර්ට් හිදී ව්‍යාපාරික අරමුණු මුල්කරගනිමින්



ග්ලෝබල් පෝර්ට් ෆෝරම් සම්මාන උළෙල ආරම්භ කෙරිණි. ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියට දෙවැනි වතාවටත් මෙම සම්මානය හිමිවීමත් සමඟ වරාය, නාවික සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමැති සාගල රත්නායක මහතාද සුබපැතුම් එක්කර ඇත. ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ අධ්‍යක්ෂ (සේවා සැපයුම්) උපුල් ජයතිස්ස මහතා

සහ ප්‍රධාන කළමනාකරු (සන්නිවේදන හා මහජන සම්බන්ධතා) නළුන් අපොන්සු මහතා විසින් එක්සත් අරාබි එමීර් රාජ්‍යයේ සහකාර විදේශ අමාත්‍ය (ආර්ථික හා වෙළෙඳ) ඩුබායි වරාය සමූහයේ හිටපු ප්‍රධාන විධායක නිලධාරී මොහොමඩ් ෂරාෆ් මැතිතුමාගේ සුරතීන් සම්මානය ලබා ගත් මොහොත.

වරායේ 2050 සැලැස්මට ආසියානු සංවර්ධන බැංකුවේ සහාය

වරාය අධිකාරියේ 2050 දක්වා සකස් කර ඇති ජාතික සැලැස්ම පිළිබඳ මූලික අධ්‍යයනය කිරීමෙන් අනතුරුව ආසියානු සංවර්ධන බැංකුව කොළඹ වරායේ සංවර්ධන කටයුතු සඳහා පැතිකඩ කිහිපයක් ඔස්සේ සහාය දීමට කැමැත්ත පළ කර ඇති බව වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය සාගල රත්නායක මහතා රිසේ පැවසීය.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සහ වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය එක්ව නිර්මාණය කළ පුවත් වෙබ් අඩවිය එළිදැක්වීමට නිමිත්තෙන් පැවති විශේෂ මාධ්‍ය සාකච්ඡාවකදී අමාත්‍යවරයා මේ බව ප්‍රකාශ කළේය.

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බහාලු මෙහෙයුම් වැඩි කරමින් කොළඹ වරාය සංවර්ධනය කිරීම සඳහා කොළඹ දකුණු වරායේ සංවර්ධන කටයුතු සැලසුම් කරමින් පවතින බවත් දැනට එක් නෞකාවක් පමණක් පැමිණිය හැකි නැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තය ඉදිරියේදී එකවර නෞකා තුනක් පැමිණිය හැකි ආකාරයට දීර්ඝ කරන බවත් පැවසූ අමාත්‍යවරයා මෙසේද පැවසීය.

"කොළඹ බටහිර පර්යන්තය දියුණු කරමින් එල්. එන්. ඩී. පර්යන්තයක් ඇති කිරීමට අවශ්‍ය තොරතුරු සොයා බලනවා. ඔප්විල් වරාය වාණිජ වරායක් ලෙස දියුණු කිරීමට නොහැකියි. එය වඩාත් සුදුසු ධීවර වරායක් ලෙස දියුණු කිරීමට සහ ආර්ථික අමාත්‍යාංශය සමග එක්ව එම වරාය ආශ්‍රිතව ආර්ථික කලාපයක් බිහි කිරීමට සැලසුම් සකස් කරගෙන යනවා."

විදේශිකයන් සිටින විට ශ්‍රී ලංකාව විවෘත අධිකාරියකිනි. එහිදී අප්‍රේල් 2017 දී පැවැති ප්‍රධාන අමාත්‍යවරයාගේ ප්‍රකාශනයට අනුව, එමගින් අද්විතීයතාවයක් ඇති කර ගැනීමට අවස්ථාවක් ඇති බව පෙනේ. එමෙන්ම, එමගින් අද්විතීයතාවයක් ඇති කර ගැනීමට අවස්ථාවක් ඇති බව පෙනේ. එමෙන්ම, එමගින් අද්විතීයතාවයක් ඇති කර ගැනීමට අවස්ථාවක් ඇති බව පෙනේ.

වරාය ගැන තීරණ ගන්නේ රට-ජනතාව-සේවකයන් ගැන සිතායි

● ආමර්ති සාගල රත්නායක

වත්දිනා පෙරේරා සහ
තරුම් බෝපෙආරච්චි

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය සංවර්ධනය සම්බන්ධයෙන් ජීර්ණ ගැනීමේ දී එහි සේවකයන් රට හා ජනතාව මුලික කර ගනිමින් ඉතා වගකීමෙන් කටයුතු කිරීම තම මූලධර්මය බව වරාය නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමති සාගල රත්නායක මහතා පැවසීය.

ඇමතිවරයා මේ බව පැවසුවේ පෙරේරා (21) ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සහ වරාය, නාවික කටුක හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශය එක්ව ආරම්භ කළ news.slipalk වෙබ් අඩවිය පිළිබඳව ප්‍රචාරයක් දීමය.

අමාත්‍යාංශයේ නිල වෙබ් අඩවියට අමතරව ප්‍රචාරය වෙබ් අඩවියක් ලෙස සාමාන්‍ය ජනතාවට තොරතුරු දැන ගැනීමට මෙය විවෘත විය. මෙසේ ජනගහන කෙරුණු වෙබ් අඩවියෙන් වරාය හා සමුද්‍රීය ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ ප්‍රවෘත්ති, විශේෂයෙන් සහ වරාය ආශ්‍රිත ලිපි ප්‍රවෘත්ති වටහාගත කළ හැකි බව, විශ්වාසනීය අයුරින් ලබා දීමට පියවර ගත්තේය.

එහි දී වැඩිදුරටත් අදහස් දක්ව ඇමතිවරයා මෙසේ ද කීය.

අවස්ථාව සහ ස්ථාන අනුව සංවර්ධන ක්‍රියාදාමයට ගන්නා ජීර්ණ වෙනස් විය යුතුය. නමුත් මෙම මූලධර්මය වෙනස් නොකර මධ්‍යස්ථව ක්‍රියා කරනවා, ලෝකය සමඟ ගමන් කිරීමේ දී සංවර්ධනය ආපසු හැරවිය නොහැකියි. ප්‍රමාදය සංවර්ධනය කඩා වැටීමට හේතුවේ.

ආණ්ඩුව ආරම්භ කර ඇති සියලු වරාය ව්‍යාපෘති, නව සංවර්ධන කටයුතු, ජනතා නාවික හා සමුද්‍රීය දර්ශනවලට පොළඹ වරාය සහ අනෙකුත් වරායන් ස්ථානගත කිරීම, පොළඹ වරාය ලැබූ යෝජිත ජයග්‍රහණ සම්බන්ධ සංවර්ධන ප්‍රවෘත්ති ආදිය පිළිබඳව රටේ සහ ඉන් විවිධ සිටින වරාය හා සමුද්‍රීය ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ වෘත්තීයයන්ට අවසා දැනුම ලබාගැනීම පහසු කිරීමට වේදිකාවක් නිර්මාණය කිරීම මේ news.slipalk වෙබ් අඩවියේ මූලික පරමාර්ථයයි. එම ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ සංවර්ධන ප්‍රවර්ධ, තොරතුරු හුවමාරු කර ගැනීම, දැනුම කළමනාකරණයට උත්ප්‍රේරකයක් ලෙස මේ වෙබ් අඩවිය ක්‍රියාත්මක වෙනවා.

වරාය අධිකාරිය සංවර්ධනය කිරීමේ ජාතික සැලසුම සම්බන්ධයෙන් අදාළ සියලු අංශ ප්‍රධානීන් සමඟ සාකච්ඡා

කළා, එහි දී කැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තය සතු පොළඹ වරායේ එක් කොටසක් පමණකි. මුළු වරාය සංවර්ධනයට ආසියානු සංවර්ධන බැංකුව සමඟ එක්ව ක්‍රියාත්මක වීමට නියමිතයි. සංවර්ධන සැලසුම අනුව 2050 දක්වා වරායේ ඉදිරි කටයුතු ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීම සම්බන්ධයෙන් දීර්ඝ ලෙස සාකච්ඡා සිදු කළා. ඒ අනුව අදාළ සංවර්ධන ක්‍රියාදාමය සම්බන්ධයෙන් මුලිකව යෝජනා කිරීමෙන් ඉදිරිපත් වුණා. 2050 වන විට පවතින තත්ත්ව හා ඉල්ලුම අනුව සැලසුම් ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීමේ, එම ප්‍රමාණයට වඩා ඉල්ලුමක් ආවෙන් ක්‍රියාත්මක වීම සම්බන්ධයෙන් එහි දී විවිධ ආකාරයේ සංවර්ධන ක්‍රමවේද ඉදිරිපත් වුණා.

පොළඹ වරායේ දැකුණු ප්‍රධාන පර්යන්තය තුනක් දක්වමින් ක්‍රියාත්මකයි. කැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තයේ කටයුත්තන් කොටසක් පමණකි. සංවර්ධනය කර තිබෙන්නේ, එක් කැටික් කැටිත්වීමට එහි සංවර්ධනය වී තිබුණත් තවත් කැටි දෙකක් එකවර කැටිත්වීමට ගැනීම ලෙස සංවර්ධනය කෙරෙනවා.

පොළඹ දුම්රු වරායේ සංවර්ධන කටයුතු තවම ආරම්භ කර නැ. බටහිර පර්යන්තයට හානියක් නොවන පරිදි දකුණු වරාය භාග්‍යේනික වශයෙන් කටයුතු සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට කැපී ආකාරය සොයා බලනවා. බටහිර සහ බටහිර පර්යන්තය කෙළවර කොටස ද වෙන් වශයෙන් සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට ප්‍රමාදායෝගිකව වෙනවා. මේ සඳහා ප්‍රාග්ධනය යෙදීමට කැපී ආකාරය ගැන ද අප සාකච්ඡා කරමින් සිටිනවා. මේ සංවර්ධන ක්‍රියාදාමය සම්බන්ධ වාර්තාව ඉදිරිපත්වීමෙන් පසු ජනාධිපති, අගමැති සහ කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලය වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කර තීරණය කිරීමට කටයුතු කරනවා.

වරාය අමාත්‍යාංශය සතු මෙවලම් වරාය වාණිජ ආකාරයෙන් දියුණු කිරීම අඩුරුයි. එය ධීවර වරායක් ලෙස දියුණු කිරීමට ධීවර අමාත්‍යාංශයට ලබාදීමට තීරණය කළා. කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය සංවර්ධනයට ඉන්දීය රජය සැලසුම් කළ 47ක් ලබාදීමට නියමිතයි. එහි වාණිජ සහ නාවික කටයුතු සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට, ඊට සමගාමීව එම වරාය ආශ්‍රිතව කර්මාන්ත ප්‍රදායක් ස්ථාපිත කිරීමටත් තීරණය කර තිබෙනවා. ක්‍රියාත්මක වරාය සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට ජපානයෙන් යෙත් මිලියනයක් (රුපියල් බිලියන එකකොටසට ආසන්න ප්‍රමාණයක්) ආධාර ලෙස ලබාදීමට යෝජනා කළා. එය රාශි කාලයේ දී ක්‍රියාත්මක වරායක් ලෙස සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට තීරණය කර තිබෙනවා. හානු වරාය ද එවැනිම රාශි ක්‍රියාත්මක වරායක් ලෙස සංවර්ධනය කෙරෙනවා. තමයිමතොට වරාය සම්බන්ධයෙන් මේ වන විට ක්‍රියාත්මක වීම ගැන සාකච්ඡා සොයා බැලීමට පියවර ගන්නවා.

මේ අනුව මෙරට වරාය සහ නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රය ප්‍රතිපත්තිමය ලිපිල් කිරීමක් සිදු කර තරගකාරීත්වයට මුහුණ දීමට ගැනී වන ලෙස සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට යෝජනා වී තිබෙනවා. මේ සම්බන්ධයෙන් වන යෝජනා ජනාධිපති සහ අගමැති සමඟ සාකච්ඡා කර කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලයට ඉදිරිපත් කිරීමෙන් පසුව තීරණය කරනවා. කෙසේ වුවත් මේ සම්බන්ධ තීන්දු තීරණගැනීමේ දී වරාය සේවකයන් රට සහ ජනතාව මුලික කරගෙන කටයුතු කරන බව ඉතා වගකීමෙන් කීව යුතුමයි.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සඳහා වූ ප්‍රධාන වෙබ් අඩවියට අමතරව මේ වෙබ් අඩවිය අතිරේක වෙබ් අඩවියක් ලෙස සංවර්ධනය කර පවත්වාගෙන යෑමට තීරණය කර තිබෙනවා. මෙයින් පාසල් සහ විශ්වවිද්‍යාල දරුවන්ට මෙරට නාවික සහ වරාය කටයුතු සම්බන්ධයෙන්



news.slipalk වෙබ් අඩවිය ඇමති සාගල රත්නායක මහතා අතින් ඔවුන් දුටු අයුරු.

යන්) ආධාර ලෙස ලබාදීමට යෝජනා කළා. එය රාශි කාලයේ දී ක්‍රියාත්මක වරායක් ලෙස සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට තීරණය කර තිබෙනවා. හානු වරාය ද එවැනිම රාශි ක්‍රියාත්මක වරායක් ලෙස සංවර්ධනය කෙරෙනවා. තමයිමතොට වරාය සම්බන්ධයෙන් මේ වන විට ක්‍රියාත්මක වීම ගැන සාකච්ඡා සොයා බැලීමට පියවර ගන්නවා.

මේ අනුව මෙරට වරාය සහ නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රය ප්‍රතිපත්තිමය ලිපිල් කිරීමක් සිදු කර තරගකාරීත්වයට මුහුණ දීමට ගැනී වන ලෙස සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට යෝජනා වී තිබෙනවා. මේ සම්බන්ධයෙන් වන යෝජනා ජනාධිපති සහ අගමැති සමඟ සාකච්ඡා කර කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලයට ඉදිරිපත් කිරීමෙන් පසුව තීරණය කරනවා. කෙසේ වුවත් මේ සම්බන්ධ තීන්දු තීරණගැනීමේ දී වරාය සේවකයන් රට සහ ජනතාව මුලික කරගෙන කටයුතු කරන බව ඉතා වගකීමෙන් කීව යුතුමයි.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සඳහා වූ ප්‍රධාන වෙබ් අඩවියට අමතරව මේ වෙබ් අඩවිය අතිරේක වෙබ් අඩවියක් ලෙස සංවර්ධනය කර පවත්වාගෙන යෑමට තීරණය කර තිබෙනවා. මෙයින් පාසල් සහ විශ්වවිද්‍යාල දරුවන්ට මෙරට නාවික සහ වරාය කටයුතු සම්බන්ධයෙන්

යෙන් තොරතුරු ලබාගැනීමටත්, විවිධ පර්යේෂණ සඳහා කරුණු ලබාගැනීමටත්, සාමාන්‍ය ජනතාවට මෙරට වරාය අධිකාරිය හා අමාත්‍යාංශයෙන් සිදු වන සේවා සම්බන්ධයෙන් දැනුවත් වීමටත් මේ වෙබ් අඩවියෙන් කැපීපත්ව ලැබෙනවා. ඒ අනුව ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය හා නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රය පිළිබඳ තොරතුරු ජාත්‍යන්තරයට සහ රටේ ජනතාවට දැනගැනීමට මේ වෙබ් අඩවියෙන් කැපීපත්ව ලැබෙනවා. විශේෂයෙන් ජාත්‍යන්තර වෙළෙඳුම් ප්‍රවර්ධනය කිරීමේ කටයුතු, සංවර්ධනයට වරායෙන් ලැබෙන දායකත්වය, ඒ අනුව ලබා ගැනී ජයග්‍රහණ රටේ ජනතාවට දැනගැනීමට කැපීපත්ව තිබෙනවා. වරාය හා නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ ඉතිහාසය, සංවර්ධනය සහ අනාගත සැලසුම් සම්බන්ධ තොරතුරු සියල්ල මේ වෙබ් අඩවියෙන් ලබාගැනීමේ කැපීපත්ව තිබෙනවා.

වරාය, නාවික සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ දේශීය ආවර්ජ පරාක්‍රම දිසානාඪ මහතා ද මෙහි දී අදහස් දක් විය. ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සහායක සේවකයන් රත්නායක, කළමනාකරණ සැලසුම් සම්බන්ධ තොරතුරු සියල්ල මේ වෙබ් අඩවියෙන් ලබාගැනීමේ කැපීපත්ව තිබෙනවා.

ආකාරය - මිමුල් කරුණාතිලක

ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක එයිටිකන් ස්පෝස් නි.සභාපති සහ කළමනාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ

මුද්ධි කරුණාරත්න

ප්‍රධාන පෙළේ වෘත්තීයවේදියකු වන ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක එයිටිකන් ස්පෝස් සමාගමේ නියෝජ්‍ය සභාපති සහ කළමනාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ ලෙස පත්කර ඇත. වසර 17ක් තරම් දීර්ඝ කාලයක් එම මුද් දැරූ රාජන් බ්‍රිටෝ එම තනතුරෙන් විශ්‍රාම ගැනීමත් සමග මෙම තට පත්වීම සිදු විය.

කෙසේ වෙතත් ඔහු තවදුරටත් විධායක නොවන අධ්‍යක්ෂවරයෙකු ලෙස එයිටිකන් ස්පෝස් සමාගමේ අධ්‍යක්ෂ මණ්ඩලයේ කටයුතු කරනු ඇත. 2000 වසරේ අප්‍රේල් මස අධ්‍යක්ෂ මණ්ඩලයට එක්වූ බ්‍රිටෝ 2002 ජනවාරි මස නියෝජ්‍ය සභාපති සහ කළමනාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ මුද්‍රයට පත් කෙරුණි. දිසානායක මහතා වරාය සහ නාවික කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම් මුද්‍රයෙන් මාර්තු 14 වැනිදා අල්ලා අස්වීමට නියමිතය.

2015 වසරේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති මුද්‍රය භාර ගැනීමට ප්‍රථම දිසානායක මහතා එයිටිකන් ස්පෝස් මැරටයිම් ඇන්ඩ් ලොජිස්ටික්ස් සමාගමේ සභාපති සහ ප්‍රධාන විධායක නිලධාරී වශයෙන් කටයුතු කළේය. 2009දී ඔහු ප්‍රධාන අධ්‍යක්ෂ මණ්ඩලයට පත් කර තිබේ.



ග්ලෝබල් සෝරි ෆෝරම් 2019 වසරේ වරාය අධිකාරිය සම්මානය' ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියට

ග්ලෝබල් සෝරි ෆෝරම් විසින් සස් වැනි වරට පවත්වන ලද සම්මාන උළෙලේ 2019 වසරේ වරාය අධිකාරිය සම්මානය දිනා ගැනීමට ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සමත් විය. පසුගිය දින වලදී පැවැති මෙම සම්මාන උළෙලේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය නිකුත් කරමින් අධිකාරිය (සේවා සැපයුම්) උපුල් ජයතිස්ස මහතා සහ ප්‍රධාන කළමනාකරු (සන්නිවේදන හා මහජන සම්බන්ධතා) නලින් අපොන්සු මහතා විසින් එක්සත් අරාබි එමීර් රාජ්‍යයේ සහකාර විදේශ අමාත්‍ය (ආර්ථික හා වෙළෙඳ කටයුතු) සහ වූබායි වරාය සමූහයේ නිවස ප්‍රධාන විධායක නිලධාරී මොහොමඩ් හරාෆ් මහතාගේ සුරතීන් මෙම සම්මානය ලබා ගන්නා ලදී.

මෙවර සම්මාන උළෙලේ දී ප්‍රශස්ත දායකත්වය හා වෘත්තීයය ස්වභාවයෙන් යුතුව කටයුතු කරනා වෙසෙස් ප්‍රදේශයෙන්ම වරාය සහ පර්යන්ත පිළිබඳ සහ ඒවායේ සාර්වකන්‍යය හා කර ගැනීම පිළිබඳ අවධානය හා අනුප්‍රේම ලත් කරමින් ක්ෂේත්‍ර ගණයෙන් යටතේ මෙම සම්මානය පිරිනැමීම සිදු කෙරිණි.

වසරේ වරාය අධිකාරිය සම්මානයට ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය පසුගිය වසරේදී ද පාත්‍ර වූ අතර, අවසන්ව 2019 වසරේදීත් එය හමු කර ගැනීමට හැකි වීම ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සතු විශිෂ්ටත්වය හෙළි කිරීමකි.



2019 වසරේ වරාය අධිකාරිය සම්මානය ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය විසින් දිනාගත් මොහොත, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ අධ්‍යක්ෂ (සේවා සැපයුම්) උපුල් ජයතිස්ස මහතා සහ ප්‍රධාන කළමනාකරු (සන්නිවේදන හා මහජන සම්බන්ධතා) නලින් අපොන්සු මහතා විසින් එක්සත් අරාබි එමීර් රාජ්‍යයේ සහකාර විදේශ අමාත්‍ය (ආර්ථික හා වෙළෙඳ) වූබායි වරාය සමූහයේ නිවස ප්‍රධාන විධායක නිලධාරී මොහොමඩ් හරාෆ් මහතාගේ සුරතීන් සම්මානය ලබා ගත් මොහොත

වරාය අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම් ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම යළිත් පෞද්ගලික අංශයේ මුළු ප්‍රවෘත්ති

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වරාය සහ නාවික හා දකුණු සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස කටයුතු කරන නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ ප්‍රවීණයකු වන ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා යළිත් පෞද්ගලික අංශයට එක් වීමට නියමිතය. ඒ අනුව හෙතෙම ලබන මාර්තු මස 31 වැනිදා සිට එයීටිකන් ස්පෝන්සර් සමාගමේ උපසහා-පති සහ කළමනාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ ලෙස කට-යුතු කරනු ඇත.



2016 වසරේ සිට ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරයේ සහාපති ධුරය දැරූ ආචාර්ය පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක මහතා ඊට පෙරද එයීටිකන් ස්පෝන්සර් සමාගමට අනුබද්ධ එයීටිකන් ස්පෝන්සර් මැරිටයිම් ඇන්ඩ් ලොජිස්ටික්ස් සමාගමේ සහාපති සහ කළමනාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ ලෙස කටයුතු කළේය.

Newspaper – Ceylon FT Date – 24-02-2019

SLPA wins the 'Ports Authority of the Year 2019'

Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) won the Ports Authority of the Year 2019 Award by the Global Ports Forum (GPF) for the second consecutive year, a media release announced.

The ceremony took place at Hyatt Regency Dubai Deira, in United Arab Emirates (UAE) on 20 February 2019, followed by a conference.

SLPA Director (Logistics, Marketing & Business Development) Upul Jayatilaka and Chief Manager (Communication and Public Relations) Nalin Agnew received the award on behalf of SLPA from UAE Assistant Foreign Minister for Economic and Trade and Dubai Ports World's former Group CEO, Mohammed Sheral who also attended as the Guest of Honor at the event.

The Global Ports Forum Awards 2019 was aimed to recognise the most valuable contribution made by organisations and professionals in different areas of ports and terminals industry and acknowledge their roles and achievements in different categories. Three Awards are awarded based on the nominations received and also in recognition of the important contributions and achievements made by organisations and professionals across the industry of ports and terminals last year. The Panel of Judges comprised of Global Ports Containers and Senior Port Experts from the Global Ports Council.

In a special message, Sri Lanka Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayaka congratulated and conveyed warm regards and wishes for SLPA on the achievement.

According to the release, from the Cosmopolitan Global Port City of Singapore, the entrepreneurial decision was taken in 2006 to find and launch the GPF. The awards ceremony is organised annually by GPF, in continuation of the commitment of improving global ports and furthering the interests of ports globally through collaborations among members of the port ecosystem.

The Port of Colombo is ranked as world's number one container growth port among the top 30 container ports

for 2018, in container handling. Port of Colombo has recorded a 13.5 per cent growth for 2018 over the same period last year reaching 22nd from the position of 23rd amongst global container ports, according to Alphaliner Monthly. This is the first time in history the Port of Colombo reaches the top of global maritime ranking. With this growth, Port of Colombo has kept ahead many other Asian Ports, Major European Ports and India.

Further according to the release, the Drury Port Connectivity Index ranked the Port of Colombo as the 12th Best Connectivity Port in the world in 2017. According to the rankings the Port of Colombo also became the top best connectivity port in South Asia.

The relationship between the Management and SLPA trade unions, collaborative support by all parties and stakeholders engaged in the port operations process has effectively contributed for the increase of productivity at SLPA. Consequently, the Port of Colombo for the first time has recorded seven million container operations in 2018 with joint marketing strategies by the three terminals, the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT) and Colombo International Container Terminal (CIT).

The JCT under SLPA, SAGT and CIT last year, reached into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to operate collectively to promote the Port of Colombo. Under the new collective agreement, it was expected to minimise the waiting time of all container vessels outside the port waters by allowing operations of vessels at the immediately available terminals. Further, through this agreement, terminals are able to promote the Port of Colombo collectively and collaboratively in the arena of international maritime business.

SLPA at present has prepared a 'three year development plan' to expedite the port sector development process in the country to further increase container volumes. These developments are aimed at making Sri Lanka the Maritime Centre in Asia, the release concluded.



SLPA Director (Logistics, Marketing & Business Development) Upul Jayatilaka and Chief Manager (Communication and Public Relations) Nalin Agnew receive the Ports Authority of the Year 2019 Award from UAE Assistant Foreign Minister for Economic and Trade and former Group CEO Dubai Ports World, Mohammed Sheral, at the GPF Awards ceremony 2019 in Dubai.

Newspaper – Sunday Morning Date – 24-02-2019

SLPA named GPF Ports Authority of the Year 2019

Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) won the Ports Authority of the Year 2019 Award for the second consecutive year at the Global Port Forum (GPF) Awards 2019 followed by the conference held at the Hyatt Regency in Deira, Dubai on 20 February, 2019. SLPA Director – Logistics, Marketing, and Business Development Upul Jayatissa and Chief Manager – Communication and Public Relations Nalin Aponso received the award on behalf of the SLPA from Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Economics and Trade of the UAE and former Dubai Ports World Group CEO Mohammed Sharaf, who attended as the Guest of Honour at the event.

The GPF Awards 2019 aims to recognise the most valuable contribution made by organisations and professionals in different areas of the ports and terminals industry and to acknowledge their roles and achievements in different categories. The awards ceremony



SLPA Director – Logistics, Marketing, and Business Development Upul Jayatissa and Chief Manager – Communication and Public Relations Nalin Aponso receives the Port Authority of the Year 2019 award on behalf of the SLPA from Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Economics and Trade of the UAE Mohammed Sharaf

is organised annually by the GPF to continue efforts of commitment to improve global ports as well as to further the interests of ports globally through collaborations among members of the port ecosystem. These awards are awarded based on the nominations received. The prestigious panel of judges, comprising of global ports customers and senior port

experts from the Global Ports Council, duly shortlisted and selected SLPA as the most deserving winner for the category of "Port Authority of the Year 2019".

In a special message, Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Southern Development of Sri Lanka Sagala Ratnayaka congratulated the SLPA on the achievement.

The Port of Colombo is ranked the world's No. 1 container growth port among the top 30 container ports for the year of 2018. In container handling, the Port of Colombo has recorded a 13.5% growth for 2018 over the same period last year, reaching 22nd from the position of 23rd amongst global container ports, according to Alphaliner Monthly. It is also a significant achievement as it is the first time in history that the Port of Colombo reached the top on a global maritime ranking. With this growth, the Port of Colombo leapt ahead many other Asian ports as well as major European and Dubai ports too.

The relationship between the management and SLPA trade unions, and collaborative support by all parties and stakeholders engaged in the port operations process, has effectively contributed to the increase of productivity at SLPA. The Port of Colombo has recorded seven million container operations for the first time in the last year with joint marketing strategies by the three terminals: JCT, SAGT, and CICT.

SLPA, at present, has prepared the Three-Year Development Plan to expedite the port sector development process in the country to further increase container volumes. These developments are aimed at making Sri Lanka the Maritime Centre in Asia.

Top post for Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake at Aitken Spence

Leading shipping professional Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake will take over duties as Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of Aitken Spence PLC mid next month.

"I would like to thank the Chairman of Aitken Spence PLC for the confidence reposed on me to steer the entity," Dr. Dissanayake said. In a brief conversation over the phone with the *Sunday Observer* Dr. Dissanayake said he will help the company to scale greater heights.

Currently Dr. Dissanayake is the Secretary to the Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development and before that the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA). Prior to this appointment at Aitken Spence PLC he was the Chairman and CEO of Aitken Spence Maritime and Logistics and a Director of its main Board.

Dr. Dissanayake succeeds Rajan Brito who will be retiring next month following a 17-year stint. However, Brito will continue to serve on the Aitken Spence Board as a Non-Executive Director. Brito joined the Board in April 2000 and was appointed Deputy Chairman and Managing Director in January 2002. Dissanayake will step down as Secretary, Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development on March 14.



Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake

Dr. Dissanayake previously served the SLPA as its Chairman and CEO from 2002 to 2004 and was also a former Chairman of the State owned Jaya Container Terminals Ltd. and Sri Lanka Port Management Consultancy Services Ltd.

SLPA handles an annual throughput of around seven million TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) and during Dr. Dissanayake's previous tenure it was ranked the most profitable public sector organisation in Sri Lanka by Dunn Bradstreet Corp UK.

Aitken Spence Maritime is the first Sri Lankan Company to venture in to port efficiency management in

the African Continent and the first Sri Lankan company to pursue a public-private partnership in South Pacific Islands on ports.

Dr. Dissanayake was also a Board Director of Fiji Ports Corporation, Fiji Ports Terminal and the Urban Development Authority of Sri Lanka. He served on the UN/UNCTAD Panel as an expert on Ports and Shipping and is a Past Chairman of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (Sri Lanka Branch), Past Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (Sri Lanka Branch) and a Past Chairman of the Central Advisory Council of Sri Lanka Transport Board. He is also a Past Chairman of Ceylon Chamber of Commerce-Steering Committee on Ports, Shipping, Aviation and Logistics.

Dr. Dissanayake is the first non-British International President of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers UK. Since the appointment of the Institute's first president Sir Thomas Lain Devin Devitt in 1913, all presidents have been British nationals.

Dr. Dissanayake who obtained his MBA/PhD is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Marketing UK. He is the first Sri Lankan to have obtained the highest qualification in shipping - Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Shipbrokers, UK.

ADB-backed master plan to boost port development

Oluvil Harbour to Fisheries Ministry - *Sagala*

By
Lalin Fernandopulle

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) held discussions last week on expediting work on the National Port Master Plan to develop the port and shipping sector, for which the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has proposed several models following a study conducted by the bank, Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayake told the media at the launch of the SLPA news website in Colombo last week.

He said SLPA has taken steps to fast track work on the Master Plan which was a timely need to meet the growing demands in the port sector.

The ADB study on the port sector focused on meeting the supply and

demand of the ports in Sri Lanka up to 2050. "Currently, we are developing three terminals, the JCT (Jaya Container Terminal), SAGT (South Asia Gateway Terminals) and the CICT (Colombo International Container Terminal) of the Colombo South Port, but there are no plans as yet with regard to the North port which will be looked into by the SLPA soon," the Minister said, adding that the East Container Terminal of the Colombo Port will also be developed after technical evaluations have been completed to ensure there will be no harm to the West terminal.

Plans to develop the North Port were also on the agenda at the discussions according to the minister, who said certain sections of the Port have already been developed.

"We hope to develop capacity to berth three ships in the port which cur-

rently could only accommodate one. I have requested for views from experts on this and when we get them we will go ahead with plans to develop the port," the minister said.

The Oluvil port will be developed for fisheries and the Kankesanthurai (KKS) port will be developed under a US\$ 44 million credit line from India. The KKS port will comprise two terminals for naval and port related activities and an industrial zone.

The SLPA has received one billion Yen from Japan to commence night navigation in the Trincomalee port.

"I will be visiting the Hambantota Port shortly and decide what has to be done to develop it," Minister Ratnayake said. Responding to what progress has been made on liberalising the port sector, the minister said there is a lot happening with regard to liberalising the

sector which will help to improve competitiveness. However, he said the move has to be reviewed properly to ensure there are no negative repercussions on the sector.

On the delays to develop the East Container Terminal and facilities at the Colombo Port in keeping with the ports in the region and elsewhere, Secretary to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake said the Colombo Port was ranked the world's fastest growing port last year ahead of the port of Singapore. Transshipment which accounts for around 80 percent of the Colombo Port's operations increased by 19.3 percent and transshipment by JCT grew by 20.3 percent last year.

"All these show that the SLPA had plans and the right level of efficiency," Dr. Dissanayake said.



Minister Ratnayake at the launch of the SLPA website

SAGT wins awards at Global Ports Forum

'Best terminal in Indian Sub-Continent'

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By CHANDANA DE SILVA

SLPA optimistic of 10% growth in 2019

PORTS, Shipping and Southern Development Ministry Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake last week expressed confidence that Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) would be able to post a double-digit growth in TCU this year.

"SLPA is looking at a double-digit growth of 10% this year. We have the capacity but it needs to be pushed

by efficiency and productivity. Currently, we are at the borderline of our capacity and we have to replace our equipment with new ones, which we are in the process of doing now," he told reporters in Colombo yesterday.

In moving forward, Dr. Dissanayake noted it was important to understand the dynamics and act accordingly to changes taking place within the shipping lines and the shipping industry, which should be strategically addressed in time.

The Ministry Secretary also said the Port of Colombo was ranked the world's fastest growing port in 2018, followed by Singapore. "This achievement was not by accident. It

was possible because SLPA had plans in place. Port of Colombo had the right level of efficiency," he stressed. Noting that around 80% of the operations of the Port of Colombo are transshipments, Dr. Dissanayake asserted that the Port of Colombo had a growth of 10.3%, while State-run JCT's transshipment growth was 10.7%.



SLPA last week launched a maritime news website (news.sipa.lk) to disseminate up-to-date information on the ports and shipping sector – a move that would strengthen Sri Lanka's image in the global maritime sector. Here Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayake inaugurates the web site along with Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake. - Pic by Upul Abayasekara

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2nd - Pierre Lafayehney - United Kingdom
3rd - Mats Albert - United States

Solo Female



1st - Ling Er Choo - Singapore
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3rd - Inge Prasetyo - Indonesia

Male Relay



1st - Team Sri Lanka Navy
2nd - Team Foundation of Goodness - Sri Lanka
3rd - Team Lekha Tri - UAE

So Sri Lanka IRONMAN 70.3 Colombo concludes on high note

40 Sri Lanka IRONMAN 70.3 Colombo commenced at 4.15 a.m. yesterday with the participation of 725 triathletes. The race began with a 1.9 km swim in Galle Face, followed by a 90 km three-loop through the Colombo Port, Colombo Port Area and Marine Drive, and finished with a two-loop half marathon through the Colombo Port that ended at Galle Face Green. It was organised by Pro-Am Serendib, and the title sponsor of the event was Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau. Partner organisations included Shangri-La Colombo, MAS, Sri Lanka Airlines, Ceylon, MTV-Mix Group, Skyways Tours, Adventure, Asiri, Daily Mirror, Daily FT, Sunday Times, Lankadeepa, Ada, Tamil Mirror and H. S.S. Kantra LMBR, Emerging Media, Rotaract, Strategy, Booda, Red Bull, Inspire X, Bernard's, Rainbow Spinners, the Trustland Club Colombo and 284.

The flat and fast course through the bustling city of Colombo was enjoyed by both the participants and spectators, with the race concluding at 3 p.m. - *Pix by Ranan Walpola*

So Sri Lanka Ironman 70.3 Colombo - Male solo results

| Place | Name (Bib) | Official Time | Country | Category |
|-------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------|
| 1 | Tim BALLENTINE (198) | 04:10:13 | Australia | 30-34 |
| 2 | Pierre LAFAYEHNEY (488) | 04:20:22 | United Kingdom | 35-39 |
| 3 | Mats ALBERT (153) | 04:27:12 | United States | 25-29 |

So Sri Lanka Ironman 70.3 Colombo - Female solo results

| Place | Name (Bib) | Official Time | Country | Category |
|-------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | Ling Er CHOO (11) | 04:41:39 | Singapore | 30-34 |
| 2 | Kimberly MCKINNEY (181) | 04:42:23 | Australia | 30-34 |
| 3 | Inge PRASETYO (6) | 04:52:52 | Indonesia | 35-39 |

So Sri Lanka Ironman 70.3 Colombo - Male relay results

| Place | Name (Bib) | Official Time | Country | Category |
|-------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | Team SRI LANKA NAVY | 09:01:14 | Sri Lanka | Relay |
| 2 | Team Foundation of Goodness | 09:26:25 | Sri Lanka | Relay |
| 3 | Team Lekha Tri | 09:33:43 | UAE | Relay |

So Sri Lanka Ironman 70.3 Colombo - Top Sri Lankan male results

| Place | Name (Bib) | Official Time | Country | Category |
|-------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | Adwin DORANDEGAMA (485) | 04:43:18 | Sri Lanka | 18-23 |
| 2 | Avin PERERA (1671) | 04:43:12 | Sri Lanka | 30-34 |
| 3 | Sampath PANDARA (320) | 04:54:14 | Sri Lanka | 18-23 |

Overall winners of So Sri Lanka IRONMAN 70.3 Colombo Ling Er Choo - Singapore (4th from left) and Olivier Godard - Luxembourg (5th from left) at the awards ceremony at Shangri-La Colombo yesterday.

Also pictured (from left): Pro-Am Serendib Director Yvonne Weiridge, Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau Managing Director, Johanne Jayaratne, Sri Lanka Airlines CO Vapula Gunatilleke, So Sri Lanka IRONMAN 70.3 Colombo Race Director Rajen Thennayagam, and Pro-Am Serendib Director Desabathir, Julian Bolling.






















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Hat-trick for team SAGT at Global Ports Forum in Dubai

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The awards ceremony was held at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dubai under the patronage of chief guest Mohammed Sharaf, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation for Economic and Trade Affairs of UAE.

Speaking of this latest industry recognition, SAGT CEO Romesh David said, "SAGT set its sights on a new horizon of excellence in December 2018, surpassing its highest throughput of two million TEUs in a calendar year. These global awards are a testimony to customer support, teamwork and the close collaboration of diverse stakeholders working towards providing the best outcome in all our activities."

He acknowledged the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for its commitment to enhance marine services in the Port of Colombo and the positive role that the other terminals, JCT and CICT, play in the continued growth of throughput over Colombo.

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hat-trick for team SAGT is an endorsement of the consistency of service offered to our customers."

He recalled his pledge to aspire to the 2019 award for the Port of Colombo, when accepting the same award in 2018. Dedicating the award to SAGT's customers and the team at the terminal, he added, "Team SAGT's commitment to excellence is a cornerstone of our continued success."

He went on to thank SAGT's customers, service partners and stakeholders for their integral contribution to operational efficiencies that collectively improves productivity across the supply-chain.

SAGT, the first private container terminal in Sri Lanka, (with approximately 60 percent of Sri Lankan shareholding) 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.

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business development.

Karunaratne holds two Charters and she currently serves as Chairperson of the Women in Logistics and Transport Sri Lanka (WILAT SL) and serves on the council of parent body, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Sri Lanka (CILTS).

She is a strong proponent for gender empowerment and family-work-life balance and serves as a mentor for emerging women leaders in the industry. She launched the HeForShe

awards in partnership with UN Women and has successfully implemented programmes to position women in logistics and transport as an integral contributor to the economy.

Karunaratne holds a Master's Degree in Business Studies from the University of Colombo (SL) and she is a Fellow of the CIMA (UK), a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) and a Chartered Member of Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CIMILT).

She is certified by the Central



South Asia Gateway Terminals Commercial and Marketing Manager Dhashma Karunaratne

Bank of Sri Lanka as a treasury and forex dealer and is an Affiliate Member of the Institute of Personnel Management (HR).

Karunaratne has spoken on youth development and women empowerment at various fora, such as the SAARC Business Leaders' Conclave, Asia Women's Rugby 7s Captains Forum, University of Moratuwa and WILAT Ignite. She volunteers for community work at the Centre of Hope and serves as a governing body member at People's Church, Colombo.

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CILT holds road show at HIPG



Participants from HIPG with CILT team at road show



CILT team with HIPG CEO and HIPG GM

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Sri Lanka held its first road show for the year 2019, at Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) head office, recently.

CILT, Sri Lanka Chairperson Gayani de Alwis CMILT, Council Member H.A. Premaratna FCILT, Dr. Priyanga Jayasundara CMILT, Chaminda Perera CMILT and CILT Secretary General Vasantha Dias attended the event.

The membership drive was organised at the request of Human Resources General Manager Jeevan Premasara and HIPG Commercial and Marketing Senior Manager Chandula Rambakwella coordinated the arrangements for the road show.

de Alwis in her welcome address explained the history of the CILT and mentioned that the CILT is the only chartered professional body in the country for professionals engaged in transport, logistics and supply chain and its main aim is to promote continuing professional education in the sector to uplift the skills and competencies of transport and logistics professionals in diverse backgrounds and create value to the economy.

de Alwis during her address further stressed that the CILT's role is both passenger and goods transport in all modes of transport, land transport, maritime, aviation and emphasized that HIPG plays a vital role to ensure the efficient and reliable movement of goods and passengers. de Alwis invited all HIPG and HIPS

professionals to come forward and work together with the CILT SL to develop the trade.

Perera explained about the membership criteria and the procedures to the participants.

Sixty five employees from HIPG took part in the road show to become CILT members. It was interesting to note young WILAT member, Shakkya Perera, who is currently working as a Procurement Executive at HIPG, sharing her experience with WILAT and how the exposure with the CILT and WILAT helped her in her career journey.

At the request of the CILT, HIPG also showed their keenness to set up the southern chapter for the CILT. It was a productive day for both the CILT and HIPG, which paved the way for a new beginning to work together on initiatives that are of mutual benefit. The CILT team also was taken on a tour around the Hambantota port and the team thanked HIPG for its great hospitality.

HIPG is a public-private partnership between the Government of Sri Lanka and China Merchants Port Holdings, a world-renowned port operator with a significant presence in all aspects of the shipping industry. HIPG is the single largest port in Sri Lanka located 10 nautical miles from the global trade route. It is a subsidiary company of Hambantota International Port Services (HIPS), which is a joint venture between HIPG and the Sri Lanka Port Authority (SLPA).

The joint venture company is responsible for

facilitating safety within the port. HIPG, HIPS and the SLPA work together to ensure the efficient and reliable movement of goods and passengers integrating environmental, social and economic sustainability initiatives into all areas of port operations.

HIPG invested in essential equipment for Port of Hambantota, which enhanced operational capabilities to another level by attracting internal cargo volumes to the Hambantota port. Further, implementation of new customer services levels, terminal operating systems (TOS) and standard operating procedures are some of the reasons that enabled to double the KORO cargo volumes and handled 360 vessels in 2018.

HIPG was also able to increase KORO cargo volume by 159 percent compared to 2017. Apart from the core business as KORO, HIPG already commenced break bulk cargo operations extending the handling capacity of the port to another level.

Further, hot lay-ups also facilitated at berth for various reasons such as ship repairs along with many other different services required from Hambantota (Southern area) itself, which benefit the local community. HIPG is planning to commence bunkering operations during mid-year of 2019, which will result in further development of business operations at Port of Hambantota.

CILT is a leading global professional body associated with the logistics, transport and supply chain industry.

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Sri Lanka Ports Authority wins GPF Ports Authority of the Year 2019 award

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) won the Ports Authority of the Year 2019 Award from the Global Ports Forum (GPF) for the second consecutive year, at the GPF awards ceremony 2019, followed by the conference forum held at Hyatt Regency Dubai Deira, in the United Arab Emirates, on February 20 2019.

Director Logistics, Marketing and Business Development Upul Jayatissa and Chief Manager Communication and Public Relations Nalin Agonsa received the award on behalf of the SLPA from UAE Economics and Trade Assistant Foreign Minister and former Dubai Ports World Group CEO Mohammed Sharaf, who attended as the guest of honour at the event.

Global Port Forum Awards 2019 aims to recognize the most valuable contribution made by organisations and professionals in different areas of the ports and terminals industry and

acknowledge their roles and achievements in different categories. These awards are awarded based on the nominations received and also in recognition of the important contributions and achievements made by organizations and professionals across the industry of ports and maritime last year.

The prestigious panel of judges, comprising of global ports customers and senior port experts from the Global Ports Council had duly deliberated and selected the SLPA as the most deserving winner for the category of The GPF Award for 'The GPF Award for Port Authority of the Year 2019'.

In a special message, Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Rathnayaka congratulated and conveyed warm regards and wishes for the SLPA on the achievement.

From the cosmopolitan global port city of Singapore, the entrepreneurial decision was taken in 2008 to found

and launch the GPF. The awards ceremony is organized annually by the GPF, in continuation of the commitment of improving global ports and furthering the interests of ports globally through collaborations among the members of the port ecosystem.

The Port of Colombo is ranked as world's No. 01 container growth port among the top 30 container ports for the year of 2018. In container handling, the Port of Colombo has recorded a 13.5 percent growth for the 2018 over the same period last year reaching 22nd from the position of 23rd amongst global container ports, according to Alphaliner Monthly.

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, the Port of Colombo has leapt ahead many other Asian ports, major European ports and Dubai as well.



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ICT DRIVE TO MAKE COLOMBO HARBOUR 'SMART PORT'

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Colombo Harbour.
Picture by Vipula Amarasinghe

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මෙහිදී වැඩිදුරටත් අදහස් දක්වූ අමාත්‍යවරයා පවසා සිටියේ ආසියානු සංවර්ධන බැංකුවේ සහය ඇතිව ක්‍රියාත්මක වරාය අධිකාරිය මගින් මෙහෙයවන වරාය සංවර්ධන ව්‍යාපෘතිය යටතේ මේ සඳහා රුපියල් මිලියන 929 ක මුදලක් වෙන්කර ඇති බවයි. තවද කොළඹ වරාය ස්වයංක්‍රීය පද්ධතිවලින් ක්‍රියාත්මක වන සුභරූ

වරායක් බවට පරිවර්තනය කිරීම කාලීන අවශ්‍යතාවක් බවද පැවසීය.

ඒ අනුව අමාත්‍යවරයා කියා සිටියේ කොළඹ වරාය නව තාක්ෂණික ක්‍රමවේද භාවිතා කරමින් ස්වයංක්‍රීය පද්ධතිවලින් යුක්ත සුභරූ වරායක් බවට පත් කිරීම මගින් පාරිභෝගික කළමනාකරණය සහ සේවා සැපයීමේ ක්‍රියාවලියේදී කොළඹ වරාය සහයෝගයෙන් හා සාමූහිකත්වයෙන් වර්ධනය වනු ඇති බවයි.

වේගයෙන් දියුණුවන තාක්ෂණය සමග ස්වයංක්‍රීය පද්ධතිවලින් ක්‍රියාත්මක සුභරූ වරායක අවශ්‍යතාව අත්‍යවශ්‍ය සාධකයක් බවට ඉස්මතු වෙමින් පවතී. ඒ අනුව මෙම ව්‍යාපෘතිය මගින් ඒ සඳහා අවශ්‍ය මූලික අවිනාශය සකසනු ඇත.

මෙම ව්‍යාපෘතිය යටතේ පර්යන්ත මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු සහ නැව්බදු මෙහෙයවීම් කිසිදු සර්විතයකින් තොරව පවත්වාගෙන යාමට අවශ්‍ය තොරතුරු තාක්ෂණික පහසුකම් සහ තොරතුරු පද්ධතින් තව්කරණය කෙරෙනු ඇත. මෙම ව්‍යාපෘතියේ ඉදිරි මාස 12 ක් 18 ක් අතර කාල සීමාව තුළ සම්පූර්ණ කිරීමට බලාපොරොත්තු වන බව අමාත්‍යවරයා පැවසීය.

මෙම ව්‍යාපෘතිය යටතේ කොළඹ වරාය තුළ දොරටු ස්වයංක්‍රීයකරණ පද්ධතියක්, අංගන ස්වයංක්‍රීය කරණ පද්ධතියක්, පර්යන්ත ස්වයංක්‍රීයකරණ පද්ධතියක් DGPS පද්ධතියක් සහ තවත් ස්වයංක්‍රීය පද්ධති රාශියක් ස්ථාපනය කරනු ඇත.

පුවත්පත - ලංකාදීප

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ගැලෝබල් සෝර්ට් ෆෝරම් සම්මානය වරාය අධිකාරියට

(මහින්ද හිමසංක)

ගෝලීය වරාය සැසිය මගින් සංවිධානය කරන ගැලෝබල් සෝර්ට් ෆෝරම් "2019 සම්මානය දිනාගැනීමට ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සමත් වී ඇත.

දිවයින හි නගර විපක්ෂී හෝටල් පරිශ්‍රයේ දී ඉකුත්දින පැවැති සම්මාන උළෙලේ දී එක්සත් ආරාමී එම්ඒ රාජ්‍යයේ සහකාර විදේශ අමාත්‍ය සහ දිවයින වරාය සමූහයේ ප්‍රධාන විධායක නිලධාරී මොහොමඩ් ෂරාෆ් මහතා වෙතින් වරාය අධිකාරියේ අධ්‍යක්ෂ (සේවා සැපයුම්) උපුල් ජයසිංහ හා ප්‍රධාන කළමනාකරු (සන්නිවේදන මහජන සම්බන්ධතා) නලින් අපොත්තු යන මහත්වරු එම සම්මානය ලබා

ගත්හ.

මෙම සම්මානය ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය පිට පිට දෙවන වරටත් දිනාගැනීම විශේෂත්වයකි. ලෝක වරාය සැසිය මගින් වාර්ෂිකව මෙම සම්මාන උළෙල සංවිධානය කරනු ලබයි.

මේ වන විට ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය මගින් තුන් අවුරුදු සංවර්ධන සැලැස්මක් සකස්කර ඇති අතර එමගින් ඉදිරි කාලයේ දී සංවර්ධන කටයුතු වඩාත් වේගවත්ව ඉදිරියට ගෙනයාමටත් ඒ තුළින් බහාලු මෙහෙයුම් කවිදුරටත් ඉහළ නංවමින් කොළඹ වරාය ආසියාවේ හේන්රිස් වරාය බවට පත් කිරීමට අපේක්ෂිත බව ද වරාය අධිකාරිය පවසයි.



විශ්වස් ආරාමී එම්ඒ රාජ්‍යයේ සහකාර විදේශ අමාත්‍ය දිවයින වරාය සමූහයේ නිල ප්‍රධාන විධායක නිලධාරී මොහොමඩ් ෂරාෆ් මහතා වෙතින් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ අධ්‍යක්ෂ (සේවා සැපයුම්) උපුල් ජයසිංහ හා ප්‍රධාන කළමනාකරු (සන්නිවේදන හා මහජන සම්බන්ධතා) නලින් අපොත්තු යන මහත්වරු සම්මානය ලබාගත් අයුරු.

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MINISTER URGES QUALITY TRAINING FOR PROSPECTIVE SEAFARERS



On the invitation of Capt. Ajith Peiris, the Executive Chairman of Ceyline Group and Chairman/President of CINEC Campus, Minister of Ports and Maritime Affairs Sagala Ratnayaka visited the campus premises on February 6, 2019.

Addressing the audience, the Minister emphasized the importance of quality training for prospective seafarers and other professionals that would pave the way for Sri Lankan youth to secure productive employment opportunities both in Sri Lanka and abroad. He pledged the government's support for this worthy cause.

Having been received by Capt. Ajith Peiris, the Minister was accorded a ceremonial Officer Cadet Guard of honour and received the salute of an impressive march past. Ratnayaka was then conducted on a guided tour of the campus visiting Engineering/Electrical work shops, ship and aircraft in campus, simulators of navigational bridge and ship handling, engine room, fire-fighting and high voltage.

The Minister had a brief discussion with the directors and senior management of CINEC at the boardroom and then followed to the auditorium for the Minister's formal address to the directors, senior management and staff, officer cadets and trainee seafarers. Here Capt. Peiris gave a brief account of the CINEC journey of almost three decades and its contribution to higher education and diversified industries, locally and globally.



Vignettes of the event

ත්‍රිකුණාමලය-කන්කසන්තුරේ ගාල්ල වරාය කඩිනම් කටයුතු සංවර්ධනයට

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කොළඹ වරායේ නැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තය සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට සමගාමීව ත්‍රිකුණාමලය, කන්කසන්තුරේ හා ගාල්ල වරායන් අත්කර ජාතික වාණිජ කටයුතුවලට යොදා ගැනීමට හැකි වරායන් ලෙස සංවර්ධනය කිරීමේ කටයුතු කඩිනම් කිරීමට ආණ්ඩුව තීරණය කර ඇත.

මේ අනුව කෙටි, මධ්‍යම සහ දිගු කාලීනව මෙම වරායන් මෙරට අනාගත ආයෝජනයේ දැවැන්ත කර්මාන්ත සඳහා යොදා ගැනීමට හැකි ලෙස සංවර්ධනය කිරීමේ සැලසුම් ක්‍රියාවට නැංවීමට යෝජිතය.

එම සැලසුම් සහගත වැඩපිළිවෙළ සකසා ජනාධිපති හා අගමැති දැනුවත් කරමින් කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලයේ අනුමැතිය ලබා ගැනීමට කටයුතු කරන බව වරාය, තාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමැති සාගල රත්නායක මහතා පැවසීය.

වරාය සංවර්ධනයට යෝජිත ක්‍රමවේදය අනුව රුපියල් බිලියන එකහමාරකට (යෙත් මිලියනයකට) ආසන්න ජපාන රජයේ ආධාර යටතේ ත්‍රිකුණාමල වරාය වාණිජ හා තාවික කටයුතු සඳහා සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට ආණ්ඩුව තීරණය කර ඇත.

මීට සමගාමීව කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය ඉන්දීය රජයෙන් ලබා දෙන ඩොලර් මිලියන 47ක මුදලක් වැය කර රාත්‍රියේ ද වාණිජ කටයුතුවල යෙදිය හැකි වරායක් ලෙස සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට තීරණය කර ඇති බව සාගල රත්නායක මහතා සඳහන් කළේ ය.

ගාල්ල වරාය ද රාත්‍රියේ ක්‍රියාත්මක වීමට හැකි වන පරිදි සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට යෝජිතය.

යෝජිත දැවැන්ත සංවර්ධන ක්‍රියාදාමය සැකසෙන ආකාරය පිළිබඳ යෝජනා හා අදහස් සම්බන්ධ - යෙත් අදාළ පාර්ශ්වය සමඟ සාකච්ඡා කර තීරණය කෙරෙන බවද විශේෂයෙන් කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය සංවර්ධනයේ දී කර්මාන්ත අමාත්‍යාංශය සමඟ එක්ව වරාය අවට ප්‍රදේශය කර්මාන්ත පුරයක් ලෙස සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට ද තීරණය කර ඇත.

ලෝක තරගකාරීත්වයට මුහුණ දීම සඳහා මෙරට තාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රය පිළිබඳ ප්‍රතිපත්තිය ලිහිල් කිරීමක් සිදු කළ යුතු බවට යෝජනා ඉදිරිපත්ව තිබෙන අතර ඒ සම්බන්ධයෙන් තිසි සොයා බැලීමක් සිදු කිරීමෙන් පසු තීන්දුවක් ගන්නා බව සාගල රත්නායක මහතා පැවසීය. පෙරේද (25) එම අමාත්‍යාංශයේ පැවැති විශේෂ හමුවේදී ඇමැතිවරයා එම අදහස් පළ කෙළේ ය.

මාස 18කින් කොළඹ වරාය සුහුරු වරායක් අතරට අමාත්‍ය සාගල රත්නායක

[දිනක මලින්ද හේරත්]

ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ කාර්යබහුලම වරාය වන කොළඹ වරාය නව තොරතුරු තාක්ෂණය භාවිත කරමින් ස්වයංක්‍රීය පද්ධතිවලින් ක්‍රියාත්මක, සුහුරු වරායක් (Smart port) බවට පත් කිරීමට අවශ්‍ය කටයුතු සිදු කරමින් පවතින බව වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය සාගල රත්නායක මහතා පෙරේදා (25) පැවසීය.

ආසියානු සංවර්ධන බැංකුවේ සහාය ඇතිව ක්‍රියාත්මක වරාය අධිකාරිය මගින් මෙහෙයවන වරාය සංවර්ධන ව්‍යාපෘතිය යටතේ මේ සඳහා රුපියල් මිලියන 929ක මුදලක් වෙන් කර තිබේ. නව තාක්ෂණික ක්‍රමවේද භාවිත කරමින් ස්වයංක්‍රීය පද්ධතිවලින් යුක්ත සුහුරු

වරායක් බවට පත්කිරීම මගින් පාරිභෝගික කළමනාකරණය සහ සේවා සැපයීමේ ක්‍රියාවලියේදී කොළඹ වරාය සහයෝගයෙන් හා සාමූහිකත්වයෙන් වර්ධනය වනු ඇති බවද අමාත්‍යවරයා කියා සිටියේය.

මෙම ව්‍යාපෘතිය යටතේ පර්යන්ත මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු සහ නැව් බඩු මෙහෙයවීම් කිසිදු සට්ට්‍රණයකින් තොරව පවත්වාගෙන යාමට අවශ්‍ය තොරතුරු, තාක්ෂණික පහසුකම් සහ තොරතුරු පද්ධතීන් නවීකරණය කරන අතර මෙය ඉදිරි මාස 12ත් 18ත් අතර කාලසීමාව තුළ සම්පූර්ණ කිරීමට නියමිතය.



කොළඹ වරාය SMART ජාලය රැහියල් මිලියන 929ක්

ශ්‍රීමත් පතිරත් ජයසූරිය

කොළඹ වරායේ පර්යන්ත කළමනාකරණය සහ නැව් බඩු මෙහෙයවීම් ස්වයංක්‍රීයකරණය කිරීම වෙනුවෙන් රුපියල් මිලියන 929ක මුදලක් වරාය සංවර්ධන ව්‍යාපෘතිය යටතේ රජය විසින් වෙන් කර ඇතැයි වරාය භාවිත කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය භාග්‍යල රත්නායක මහතා පවසයි.

ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ කාර්ය බහුලම වරාය

වන කොළඹ වරාය නව තොරතුරු තාක්ෂණය භාවිත කරමින් ස්වයංක්‍රීය පද්ධතිවලින් ක්‍රියාත්මක සුහුරු වරායක් (Smart Port) බවට පත් කිරීමට අවශ්‍ය කටයුතු මේ වන විට සිදු කරමින් පවතින බවද අමාත්‍යවරයා පැවසුවේය.

ඒ අනුව කොළඹ වරාය නව තාක්ෂණික ක්‍රමවේද භාවිත කරමින් ස්වයංක්‍රීය පද්ධතිවලින් යුක්ත සුහුරු වරායක් බවට පත් කිරීම මගින් පාරිභෝගික කළමනාකරණය

සහ සේවා සැපයීමේ ක්‍රියාවලියේදී කොළඹ වරාය සහයෝගයෙන් හා සාමූහිකත්වයෙන් වර්ධනය වනු ඇති බව ඔහු කීය.

මෙම ව්‍යාපෘතිය යටතේ කොළඹ වරාය තුළ දොරටු ස්වයංක්‍රීයකරණ පද්ධතියක්, අංගණ ස්වයංක්‍රීයකරණ පද්ධතියක්, පර්යන්ත ස්වයංක්‍රීයකරණ පද්ධතියක් DGPS පද්ධතියක් සහ නවත් ස්වයංක්‍රීය පද්ධති රාශියක් ස්ථාපනය වනු ඇත.



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