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From left: CICT Operations General Manager Kumar Siriwardane, SLPA Additional Managing Director Upali De Zoysa, SLPA Harbour Master Capt. Nirmal Silva, representatives of the ship's local agent Hemas Maritime Ltd., Chairman Imtiaz Esufally, Mv. Ever Gifted Master Capt. Puri Gaurav, Hemas Maritime Executive Director Preethilal Fernando, CICT Marketing and Commercial Head Catriona Jayasundera, Hemas Maritime General Manager Mushin Kitchilan





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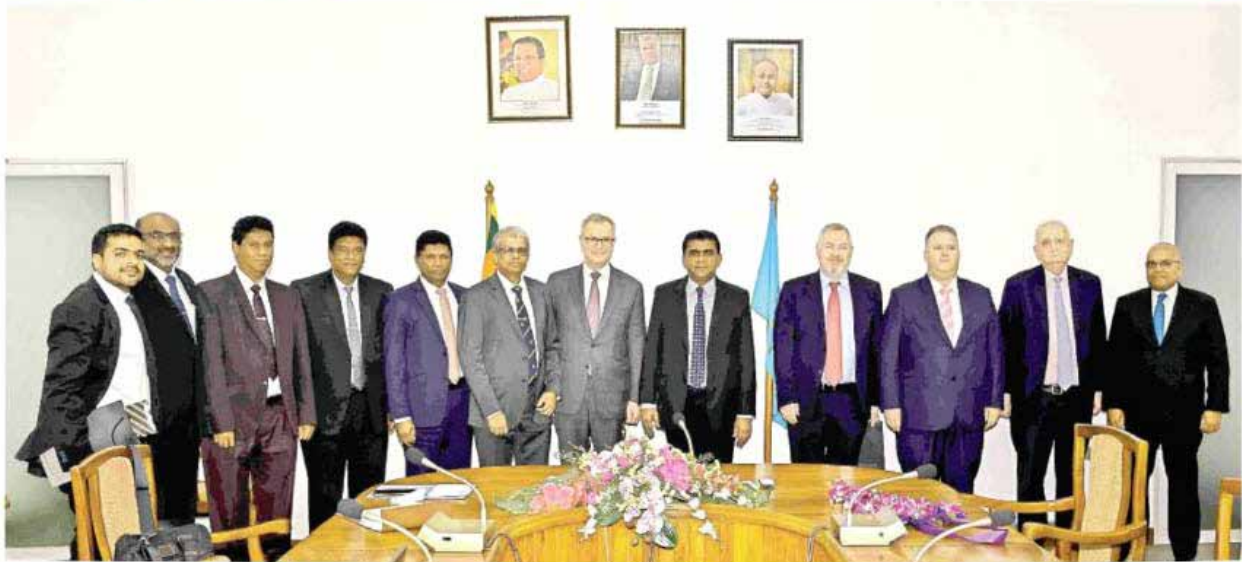
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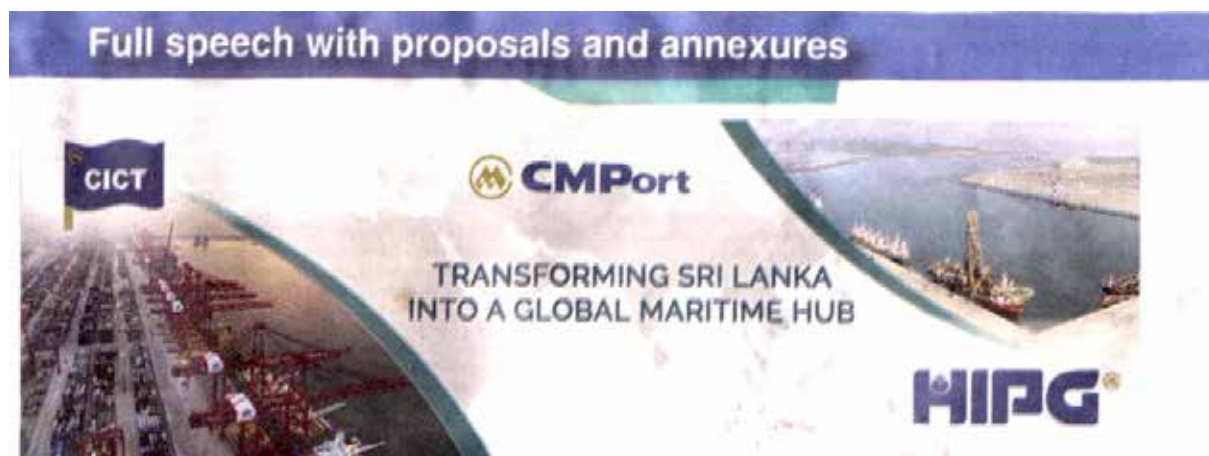
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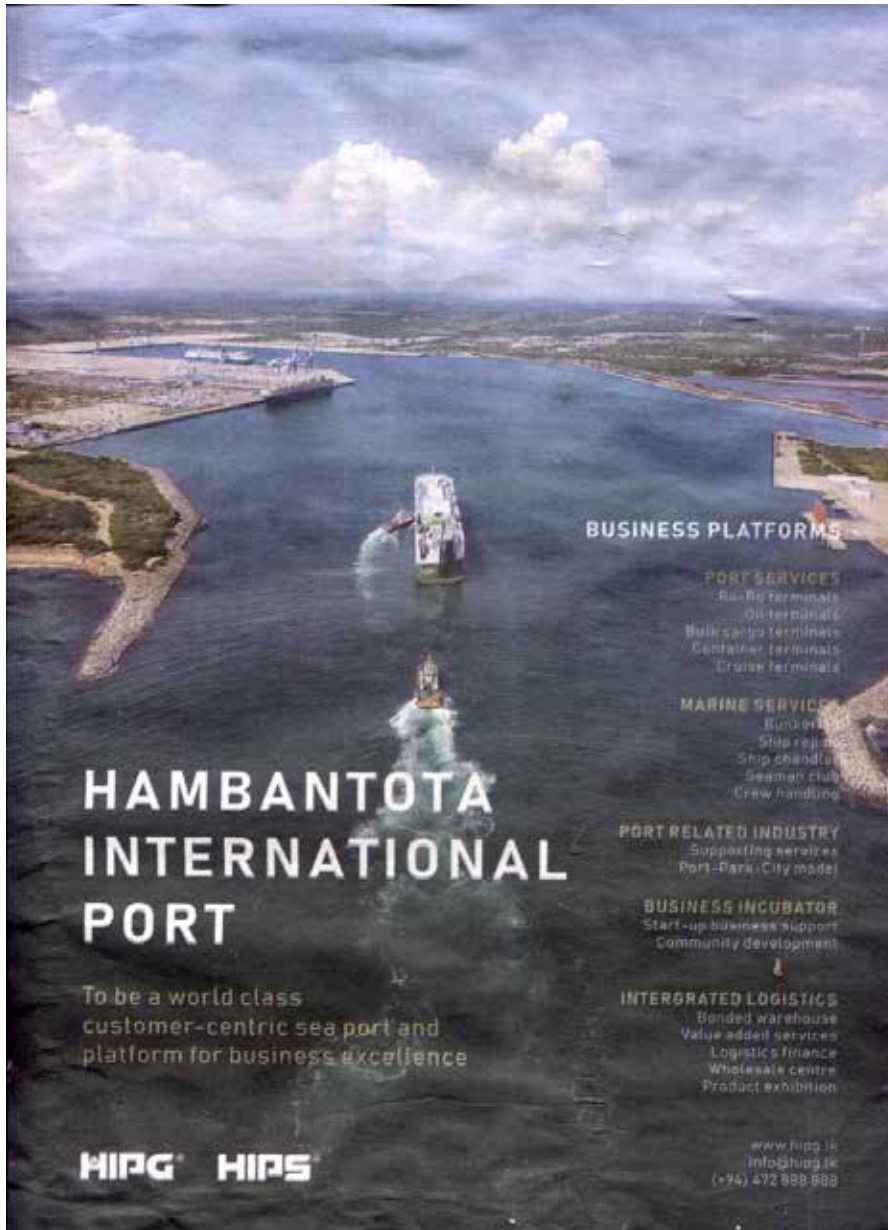
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# CABINET APPROVES US\$ 01 B FDI FOR MAGAMPURA PORT

## For oil refinery to attract ships

BY METHMALIE DISSANAYAKE

Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayaka, yesterday (6) said in Parliament that Cabinet had approved a large scale Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to the tune of USD one billion for an oil refinery at the Magampura Mahinda Rajapaksa Port on the same day.

The Minister, participating in the debate on the Appropriation Bill 2019, said the former Government did not

have a plan to attract ships to said Port although they built it by obtaining large loans. But when the current Government came up with a plan to attract ships, it was disrupted by politically motivated protests, he added.

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significant progress by now around that area and many new jobs could have been created as well," he noted.





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## Cabinet okays new FDI oil refinery at H'tota

By SAMAN INDIRAJITHI

The Cabinet, yesterday, approved a USD 1 billion oil refinery project at Hambantota, Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayake said. Joining in the budget debate in Parliament yesterday, he said the

proposed industrial zone adjacent to the Hambantota Port had been delayed due to politically motivated protests.

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## BETTER THE BALANCE, BETTER THE WORLD

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# Bangladesh Naval Ship departs

Bangladesh Naval Ship (BNS) Dhaleshwari, which arrived in the island on a goodwill visit on 3 March, departed

the Colombo harbour on 6 March after the successful completion of her four-day official visit.





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## Final workshop on National Port Master Plan concludes



Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayaka speaking at the occasion

The final workshop on the National Port Master Plan (NPMP), organised by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), was held on Thursday (7) at Hotel Kingsbury, Colombo with a large gathering of local and foreign professionals, a media release stated. Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayaka attended as the Chief Guest of the event.

The National Port Master Plan (NPMP) is a technical assistance project financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) through the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, the release added.

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The project is driven with the objectives of guiding the port sector to strengthen its capacity and competitiveness in the global market, to ensure that the port infrastructure is developed and operated in an optimum manner in line with long-term planning up to 2050, and to identify short-term priority projects for the Port of Colombo and Port of Trincomalee.

Speaking at the occasion, Minister Ratnayaka stated that since the port has reached capacity, the pressure is on, and promised that catching up on many delays that have taken place in decision-making over the last few years with regard to the port sector will take place immediately. "The Port Master Plan done by the ADB has laid out the path to get about doing it with a vision and mission. Therefore, we have got to make the decisions and move forward," the Minister said.

ADB Country Director, Sri Widawati said that owing to its strategic location, Sri Lanka was playing a substantial role as a regional transport hub. "As maritime transportation is fundamental infrastructure of an island nation, it is very important to keep strengthening port capacity and

competitiveness, and maintain this role in the region. ADB has worked closely with the Government of Sri Lanka for more than five decades and transport has always been the largest sector in ADB operation in Sri Lanka," she said.

In the past, ADB supported the development of the Port of Colombo with its Colombo Port Expansion Project (CPEP) as the largest investment project of the ADB approved for 2007. The project intended to improve container handling capacity and was developed on a Public-Private Partnership basis when ADB supported the development of breakwater and other harbour infrastructure that could cater three terminals. "We are so pleased to see that, at present, the Port of Colombo is performing very well," she said.

Further speaking, Widawati stated that beyond the Port of Colombo, Sri Lanka could and should have the most competitive and preferred ports and shipping destinations in the region.

Preparation of the National Port Master Plan (NPMP) is one objective of realising this timely requirement to guide the national port sector with long-term planning horizons.

Meeting a request by the Government in August 2016, the ADB approved a Technical Assistance grant to the tune of US\$ 1.5 million, financed by the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction for the development of National Port Master Plan of Sri Lanka. Accordingly, the plan ensures that the port infrastructure is developed and operated in an optimum manner in co-existence in urban areas, in line with the long-term planning of the country.

The two phases of this master plan will look into policy directions and individual

port developmental plans. The national policy directives will cover nationwide issues in this regard and the Ports of Colombo and Trincomalee have been selected for individual ports. The plan has also been prepared in harmony, synchronising with the other plans and studies, especially the economic corridors that were prepared under the ADB assistance.

"The study has initiated a comprehensive development plan for the Colombo and Trincomalee economic corridor and seeks to address regional imbalances in the country through regional development, and by extending the string of western regions to the other end of the corridor and also along the corridor," added Widawati.

The presentation on the NPMP at the final workshop was conducted by the Senior Manager at MTRB for Netherlands and NPMP Project Manager, Willem Stenebroek.

Following the final stakeholders' workshop held on 07 March, the final report is expected to be handed over to the Government by end-March this year.

The workshop also included a panel discussion supported by a Q&A session.

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Secretary, Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake; SLPA Chairman, Kavan Ratnayaka; SLPA Vice Chairman, Dr. Emerick Fernando; SLPA MD, Capt. Athula Hewawitharana; SLPA Additional MD, Upali De Zoysa; Transport, Port and Shipping Expert, Kaoru Kasahara; Directors, Divisional Heads and Higher Executive Staff Members of SLPA and a number of key officials from related Government institutions also attended the event, the release concluded.

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# Change on the rise for maritime industry

Marvellous developments have eliminated barriers to entry for women in so-called traditionally male dominated jobs in industries

—By—  
Chandani Jayatilake

**W**omen companies have women on their boards and invest in women-friendly workplaces, they financially outperform those without female leadership. They also see lower rates of absenteeism and less staff turnover. Their companies develop better reputations, attract better talent, and increase innovation, and all that leads to a positive cycle of increasing returns, says Chaitrin. Women in Leadership and Transition (WILAT) Sri Lanka, Chaitrin's

Kennecott, also the Commercial and Marketing Manager at South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) was recently adjudged as the Most Inspiring Woman in Ports, 2018 and received her award at the Global Ports Forum at Singapore held at Dubai's Meydan Racecourse, March 4.

In an interview with the *Business Observer*, Ramaratne says, she is inspired once again to go forth. "This award was made possible by the many defeats I endured. Yet victory for women is determined by not being defeated. We need to rise above it all and be resilient."

**Q:** What does this achievement mean to you?

3. Their sacrifices and hard work pay off, and I dedicate this award to all the hard-working women who sacrifice immensely each day to balance career responsibilities and their family. And I must say, my mother tops them all; she sacrificed much for me, and I believed in me from the day God called me to be a nurse.

**Q:** Tell us about how women's role in the machine industry has changed since you joined it?

**A:** Marvellous developments have differentiated women in entry for women in so-called traditionally male dominated jobs, in industries, in a world where a tractor operator lifts two to four Containers simultaneously, remotely from a joystick, sitting in a control room a few kilometers away from the unit, and a store keeper scans Stock Units a few inches above ground level through a screen: the possibilities are endless.

**Q:** If more women are to join the industry today, what qualifications—professionally and personally—should they develop to meet the future challenges of the industry?

**A:** You need to be an expert in the business. The differentiation is in the detail, whether it is customer engagement, formulating contracts or extending marketing programs. Understanding of self is a critical success factor, emotional and cultural intelligence has assisted me much, just as my professional and educational qualifications have. My belief that a degree is only an entry qualification. Continuous professional development is key, there's a positive co-relation between success and a person's emotional state.

If I may speak a little about my career just for that day, I got a Management Accountant by profession, and I have made every effort to broaden my knowledge. It didn't come easily. It's an investment made with no return. As a little girl I wanted to be a doctor, as in my personal mind the



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was the best profession, a talented girl should support it. However, with time I realized their choice for me, wasn't in line with my talents and my passion. I switched on a different course for

myself. I studied for CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants), and my parents and business firm together funded it. I completed my CIMA and then decided to study Finance (Investment

Thankful, I got married and shortly thereafter enrolled for my Masters at the University of Colorado, where I had my first baby. I qualified as a *Fellow Dealer*, my latest achievement was becoming a chartered member of CDE, this was when I lost my maternity leave for my second baby, just a year ago. I have always wanted growth, continuous professional development, no matter the odds. This has enabled me to broaden my horizons.

**Q:** How do you see the industry's requirements in the future?

**A:** Cost leadership will be the way forward. With the introduction of low sulphur fuel in compliance with the IMO 2020, costs will further rise. For an industry that is already in the red, cost leadership will be the

Shipping boxes will arrive only on Wednesdays and Thursdays only on the Upper Large Container Vessels. Big ships are born to stay.

Around 14,000 – 20,000 plus size vessels will operate on the East to West trade route and 4,000-10,000 TEU vessels will be the adaptable, flexible workhorses that feed in and out from the Upper Large Container Vessels (ULCVs). The Hub and Spoke model will continue to prove its preference, by shipping boxes. With more and bigger ships being deployed to the East Coast, the ULCVs will be the ones that will be used for the bulk and spoke transshipment model in the big ship, while, with

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**Q:** What are the benefits for offshore or shipping companies that hire more women?

**A:** Recent research tells us just as much: bringing important skills to a workplace, an equal proportion of women would introduce different, (and just as effective) skills, which when pushed together at an organization, would lay a target in creativity, innovation and growth.

leadership. They also see lower rates of absenteeism and less staff turnover. These companies develop better innovations, attract better talent, and

**Q:** How can we encourage female participation in the Maritime industry?

**A:** Involving business is its natural role. Based on our research, it is important to understand that diversity is good for business. The research findings are very clear. As per McKinsey's, Companies in the top quartile for gender diversity are 25 percent more likely to have financial returns above their respective national industry medians. On the other hand we need to create awareness among potential new entrants to the workbench. Addressing the responsibilities in the Logistics and Transportation industry is a multi-pronged approach of campaigns such as rallies, flower installations, events and exercises.

Q: What is the benchmark for evaluating the sector as a whole and

A) Awareness and lack of essential resources. WELAT understood this well in advance and emphasized and launched 'Spide', a marketing campaign that is well accepted. Today,

**Q:** What resources are there for female employees to advance their careers in the Maritime and Logistics industry?

A: My employer, SAIT is currently pursuing a gender diversity strategy. The company is well aware that a diverse composition will have

SGT nurtures a strong interrelationship with several associations, such as a workable competitive advantage. SGT has been supporting the COMEX, Women in Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA), and Women in Logistics and Transportation (WOLAT).

logistics and security opportunities across all functional areas. The company's close engagement with academic and other tertiary-level educational institutions has produced some stellar success stories in regards to mentoring graduates to a career in the maritime, transport and logistics sector. The company takes on interns far more in number than it can integrate into its mainstream workforce, but this is by design, to facilitate a greater opportunity for many for a hands-on learning experience and subsequently enabling young talent to shape their future whilst in the diverse areas of the broader supply chain and logistics industry.

In 2017 SAGT partnered with the UN Women 'VitalVoices' program launched by WILPF in Sri Lanka, the company signed up to demonstrate leadership on gender equality and

Being the broadest pool of talent to our employers.

Most new corporate responsibility and sustainability commitments, Model Initiative within new companies that reflects the sector, we would like for our employees, fellow citizens and families.

the High-Level Advisory Group of IPEC's Science in Work program, launched in partnership with the Government of Australia, aimed at

providing full Laotian lawlessness with strategies and tools to create more and better private-sector employment and business opportunities for women, UNCT is committed to make a significant change in the female representation in the Terminal Operations Board.

**Q:** I assume the best way for women to support each other is to join organizations like WILPF. What can men do to help?

**A:** Effective inclusion and diversity strategies require strong, passionate leadership. Like any other strategy, this too requires careful monitoring and realignment. WILPF, in partnership with UN Women launched an impactful *30for30* program. As per UN Women lead complete 30 percent of the employed labour force, and 95% of the 25% of the world's largest economies.

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tion are men. The achievement of gender equality requires an inclusive approach that recognizes the crucial role of men and boys in partners for women's empowerment. As we believe that men are poised well to simplify their women colleagues' achievement.

Therefore we formed CEOs to work together through the National Minority Association of Engineers, Scientists, Technicians and Mathematicians (NMAST). NMAST is the support of 30 CEOs from leading companies in Aviation and Transport, mainly Airbus Space, GE, EADS, Boeing, Honeywell, Thales, JRC, Indra, Safran, Sagem, SPPS and Univesis. By joining our CEO associations from three airlines, we are ensuring and guaranteeing our common empowerment in these respective organizations, we are also ensuring the support of our CEOs. Our CEOs have signed up as an expression of support for advancing equality between women and men.

**Q:** What will be the game changer for women professionals?

**A:** As you may know, in Latin America, representation in the labour force was 34.6% in 2017, however in just the latest numbers released by the department of Census and Statistics, in Q3 2018, this has dropped to 33% so it is imperative that we as a country, address this in a strategic manner, on an urgent basis.

For the United States to achieve the article's long goal of becoming a regional hegemon by the 2020s, we must embrace diversity. Embracing women represents a major challenge in the workplace in the coming decades. It is indeed a moral imperative, and makes good economic sense.

For any female entering Logistics and Transportation, it's a Time to Go, as there are many unexplored territories to explore.

If they are bold enough to explore those opportunities, and pave out a niche for themselves, they will simply love it.

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Port sector decision-making process

## Pressure to overcome delays - Ports Ministry

Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said the ministry would examine would delays in decision-making in the ports sector in the past few years, as the first step in correcting its course.

“Colombo Port has reached its full capacity and the growth, quite naturally, will taper off. The pressure is now on to catch up on various delays on the decision-making front in the recent past,” Ratnayaka told an event at the Kingsbury Hotel Colombo last week to familiarise industry stakeholders with the Asian Development Bank-supported national port master plan. “This examination is not aimed at penalising anyone.



We need to avoid the recurrence of these issues and fast-track our work,” Ratnayaka said, adding that it would be a ‘case study’ on what not to do.

“Such problems are not unique to the ports and shipping sector. When I was the Deputy Minister of Power and Energy years ago, the ministry confronted similar problems. That is why it’s important to

get to the bottom of these delays and resolve the root causes,” the Minister explained.

“The Sri Lanka Ports Authority, as I understand, has been closely involved with the Asian Development Bank on the formulation of the national port master plan which has already been presented to the Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe. Therefore, we cannot have second thoughts about it at this point. We need to finalise this and proceed with our work, with a vision and a mission.” The national port development master plan, the Minister said, would lay a robust foundation for the ports and maritime sector’s development until 2050.

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ඒ මහතා මේ බව පවසා සිටියේ, පෙරේදා (09දා) පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේදී යාපනය දිස්ත්‍රික් ඊ.පී. ඩී.පී. පක්ෂ මන්ත්‍රී ඩග්ලස් දේවානන්ද මහතා නැගූ ප්‍රශ්නයට පිළිතුරු දෙමිනි.

සාම්පූර්ණ සහ පුනරුත්ථාපිත ප්‍රදීපාගාර දෙකේ ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණ කටයුතු අවසන් අදියරේ පවතින බවත්, ජේදුරුතුඩුව, කොඩිලායි, තන්කසන්තුරේ ප්‍රදීපාගාර මෙම වසර තුළ ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කර අවසන්වන බවත් ඒ මහතා සඳහන් කළේය.

මුලතිව් ප්‍රදීපාගාරය යුද්ධය නිසා සම්පූර්ණයෙන්ම විනාශ වී ඇති බැවින් එය ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කිරීමට විශාල මුදලක් අවශ්‍ය වන බවද අමාත්‍යවරයා පවසා සිටියේය.



## වරාය සැලැස්ම ගැන අවසන් වැඩමුච්ච

වරාය, නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අධිකාරිය හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය එක්ව සංවිධානය කළ ජාතික වරාය සැලැස්ම (National port Master plan) පිළිබඳ අවසන් වැඩමුච්ච පසුගියදා (07) කිංග්ස්බරි හෝටල් පරිශ්‍රයේදී පැවැත්විණි.

දේශීය හා විදේශීය වෘත්තීයයන් රැසකගේ සහභාගිත්වයෙන් පැවැති මේ අවස්ථාවට ප්‍රධාන අමුත්තා ලෙසින් සහභාගි වූ වරාය, නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමැති සාගල් රත්නායක මහතා අදහස් දක්වමින්, කොළඹ වරාය මේ වන විට උපරිම ධාරිතාවය කරා පැමිණ ඇති හෙයින් පසුගිය වසර කිහිපය තුළ සිදු වූ තීරණ ගැනීමේ ප්‍රමුඛයන් මහරජා ගැනීමට වහාම ක්‍රියාත්මක විය යුතු බවත්, ආසියානු සංවර්ධන බැංකුව විසින් සිදු කරන ලද වරාය සැලැස්ම, දක්ෂ සහ මෙහෙයවීම සමග එය ඉටු කිරීමට මාර්ගය සකස් කර ඇති බවත්, ඒ තුළින් නිසි තීරණ ගෙන ඉදිරියට යා යුතු බවත් පැවසීය.

ආසියානු සංවර්ධන බැංකුවේ දේශීය අධ්‍යක්ෂ ශ්‍රී විඩෝවර්ති මහත්මිය අදහස් දක්වමින් පවසා සිටියේ ශ්‍රී ලංකාව සතු විශේෂ උපාය මාර්ගික පිහිටීමේ ශක්තියට සමග ශ්‍රී ලංකාව කලාපීය සමූහීය ප්‍රවාහන කේන්ද්‍රයක් ලෙස සැලකිය යුතු කාර්ය භාරයක් ඉටුකරමින් සිටින බවයි. එමෙන්ම වරාය ධාරිතාව සහ නරභාරකර්මය පවත්වාගෙන යාමත් කලාපය තුළ මේ කුමනවාටත් වාගෙන යාමත් අතර, එහි දී මූලික යටිතල පහසුකම් සංවර්ධනය නවදුරටත් ශක්තිමත් කිරීම ද ඉතා වැදගත් බවත්, ආසියානු සංවර්ධන බැංකුව විසින් දශක පහකට වැඩි කාලයක් ශ්‍රී ලංකාව සමග ඉතා සමීපව කට-



වමේ සිට ආසියානු සංවර්ධන බැංකුවේ ජාතික අධ්‍යක්ෂ ශ්‍රී විඩෝවර්ති, වරාය, නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම් ආචාර්ය සරාසුම දිසානායක, වරාය, නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමැති සාගල් රත්නායක, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සභාපති නාවික රත්නායක මහත්ම මහත්මිය මෙහි වෙති.

යුතු කර ඇති බවත් පැවසීය. තව ද කොළඹ වරායේ වත්මන් තත්ත්වය පිළිබඳව තම ආයතනය බෙහෙවින් තෘප්තිමත් බව අය පැවසීය. 2007 වර්ෂය සඳහා අනුමත කරන ලද ආසියානු සංවර්ධන බැංකුවේ විශාලතම ආයෝජන ව්‍යාපෘතිය ලෙස කොළඹ වරාය පුළුල් කිරීමේ ව්‍යාපෘතිය (CPEP) පර්යන්ත තුනකින් සමන්විත ව දියතවන පහසුකම් ඇතුළුව පුළුල් යටිතල පහසුකම් සංවර්ධනයට දායකත්වය ලබා දෙන ලදී.

කලාපයේ වඩාත් නරභාරකර්ම සහ වඩාත් කාර්යක්ෂම වරායක් ලෙස කටයුතු කිරීමට සහ ගමනේ දී වරාය ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ තීරසර අභාගතයක් ස්ථාපිත කිරීම සඳහා වූ ජාතික වරාය සැලැස්ම තුළ දිගු කාලීන සැලැස්මකරණ සීමාවක් ගෙන් ජාතික වරාය අංශයට මග පෙන්වීම සඳහා වූ කාලෝචිත අවශ්‍ය-

තාව සාක්ෂාත් කර ගැනීම මෙහි එක් අරමුණකි.

2016 අගෝස්තු මස ශ්‍රී ලංකා රජය විසින් ශ්‍රී ලංකා ජාතික වරාය ජාතික සැලැස්ම සංවර්ධනය කිරීම සඳහා ජපන් අරමුදල විසින් ලබා දුන් මිලියන 15ක් වන තාක්ෂණික ආධාර ප්‍රදාන අනුමත කරන ලදී. ඒ අනුව වරාය යටිතල ව්‍යුහය නාගරික ප්‍රදේශයක් හි සංවර්ධනය කිරීම සහ ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීම යනාදිය තුළ දීර්ඝ කාලීන සැලැස්මකරණයට අනුකූලව මෙම ප්‍රතිපත්ති සැලැස්මේ අදියර දෙක සඳහා ම ප්‍රතිපත්තියම මග පෙන්වීමක් ස්ථාපිත කිරීමට යෝජිතය.

විශේෂයෙන් ආර්ථික සහයෝගීතාවය සමග සිදුවන මේ වර්ධන ක්‍රියාවලිය තුළ කොළඹ වරාය සහ ත්‍රිකුණාමලය වරාය,

ඒකල වරායයන් වශයෙන් ආර්ථික සම්බන්ධීකරණ සැලැස්ම සඳහා පුළුල් සංවර්ධන සැලැස්මක් දියත් කර ඇත. කලාපීය අස-මතුලිතතාවයන් විසඳීම සඳහාත්, ආර්ථික උපායන දෙරටු විවර කර ගැනීමටත්, මනා සුසංගතතාවයකින් යුතුව මේ කටයුතු සිදු කිරීමටත්, අපේක්ෂිත බැව් ආසියානු සංවර්ධන මූල්‍යායතනයේ දේශීය අධ්‍යක්ෂක ශ්‍රී විඩෝවර්ති මහත්මිය වැඩිදුරටත් සඳහන් කළාය.

තෙදරලත්තයේ MTBS ආයතනයේ රොෂ්ටි කළමනාකරු විලියම් ස්ලෝන්ඩේ-බෲන් මහතා විසින් ජාතික වරාය සැලැස්ම පිළිබඳ අවසන් වැඩමුච්චට අදාළ ඉදිරිපත් කිරීම් සිදුකළ අතර, මාර්තු මස අවසන් වන විට මෙහි අවසන් වාර්තාව ශ්‍රී ලංකා රජයට භාරදීමට නියමිත ය.

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## Final workshop on National Port Master Plan

■ Goal is a promising and efficiently sustainable future for SL commercial port sector

THE final workshop on National Port Master Plan (NPMP) organised together with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) was held last week at Hotel Kingsbury, Colombo with a large gathering of local and foreign professionals.

Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka attended as the Chief Guest of the event.

NPMP is a technical assistance project financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) through the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction.

The project is driven with the objectives of guiding the port sector to strengthen its capacity and competitiveness in the global market, to ensure that the port infrastructure is developed and operated in an optimum manner in line with long term planning up to 2030 and identify short term priority projects for the Port of Colombo and Port of Trincomalee.

Speaking at the occasion Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka stated that since the port has reached its capacity the pressure is on and catching up on many delays that have taken place, in decision making over the last few years with regard to port sector will take place immediately. "The Port Master Plan due by the ADB has laid out the path to get about doing it with a vision and mission. Therefore, we have got to make the decisions and move forward," the Minister said.

Expressing views at the event, Asian Development Bank (ADB) Country Director Sri Widawati said that owing to its strategic location Sri Lanka was playing a substantial role as a regional transport hub. "As maritime transportation is fundamental infrastructure of an island nation, it is very important to keep strengthening the port capacity and competitiveness, and maintain this role in the region. ADB has worked closely with the government of Sri Lanka for more than five decades and transport has always been the largest sector in ADB operation in Sri Lanka," she said.

During the past, the ADB supported the development of



From left: ADB Country Director Sri Widawati, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka and SLPA Chairman Kavan Ratnayaka at the Head Table

### SAGALA SAYS WILL EXAMINE PAST DELAYS IN DECISION-MAKING; PRESSURE IS NOW ON TO SPEED UP

PORTS, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said the Ministry would examine delays in decision-making in the ports sector in the past few years, as the first step in correcting its course.

"Colombo Port has reached its full capacity and the growth, quite naturally will taper off. The pressure is now on to catch up on various delays on the decision-making front in the recent past," Ratnayaka said, addressing an event at the Kingsbury Hotel Colombo last week to familiarise industry stakeholders with the Asian Development Bank-supported national port master plan.

"This examination is not aimed at punishing anyone. We need to avoid the recurrence of these issues and fast-track our work," Ratnayaka said, adding that it would be a 'case study on what not to do'.

"Such problems are not unique to the ports and shipping sector. When I was the Deputy Minister of Power and Energy years ago, the Ministry confronted similar problems. That is why it's important to get to the bottom

of the Port of Colombo with its Colombo Port Expansion Project (CPEP) as the largest investment project of the ADB approved in 2007. The project intended to improve container handling capacity and was developed on the PPP basis when ADB supported the development of levelling water and other harbour infrastructure that could cater three terminals. "We are so pleased to see that at present, the Port of Colombo is performing very well," she said.

Further speaking, Widawati stated that beyond the Port of Colombo, Sri Lanka could and should have the most competitive and preferred ports and shipping destinations in the region.

Preparation of the National



Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka

of these delays and resolve the root causes," the Minister explained. "The Sri Lanka Ports Authority, as I understand, has been closely involved with the Asian Development Bank on the formulation of the national port master plan which has already been presented to the Prime Minister. Therefore, we cannot have second thoughts about it at this point. We need to finalise this and proceed with our work, with a vision and a mission."

The national port development master plan, the Minister said, would lay a robust foundation for the ports and maritime sector's development until 2030.

Port Master Plan (NPMP) is one objective of realising this timely requirement to guide the national port sector with long term planning horizons. Meeting a request by the Government in August 2016, the ADB approved a Technical Assistance grant in the amount of \$ 1.5 million financed by the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction for the development of National Port Master Plan of Sri Lanka.

Accordingly, the plan ensures that the port infrastructure is developed and operated in an optimum manner in co-existence in urban areas in line with the long term planning of the country. The two phases of this master plan will look into policy directions and individual port develop-



MTBS for Netherlands Senior Manager and NPMP Project Manager William Slendeboom conducting the presentation on NPMP

mental plans. The national policy directives will cover nationwide issues in this regard and the Ports of Colombo and Trincomalee have been selected for individual ports. The plan has also been prepared in harmony, synchronising with the other plans and studies and especially the economic corridors that were prepared under the ADB assistance.

"The study has initiated a comprehensive development plan for the Colombo and Trincomalee economic corridor and seeks to address regional imbalances in the country through regional development and by extending the string of western regions to the other end of the corridor" adding to her statement, Widawati said.

The presentation on the National Port Master Plan (NPMP) at the final workshop was conducted by MTBS for Netherlands Senior Manager and NPMP Project Manager William Slendeboom.

Following the final stakeholders' workshop held on Thursday (7) the final report is expected to be handed over to the Government of Sri Lanka by mid March this year.

The workshop also included a panel discussion supported by a Q&A session.

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Chairman Kavan Ratnayaka, SLPA Vice Chairman Dr. Emerick Fernando, SLPA Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewawitharana, SLPA Additional Managing Director Upali De Zorzo, Chairman, Transport, Port and Shipping Expert Kaoru Kashiwara, directors, divisional heads and higher executive staff members of SLPA, a number of key officials from related government institutions also attended the event.



Part of the audience at the final workshop on NPMP





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අමාත්‍යවරයා මේ බව පැවැසුවේ පසුගියදා කොළඹදී පැවැති වරාය, නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අධිකාරිය හා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය එක්ව සංවර්ධනය කළ ජාතික වරාය සැලැස්ම පිළිබඳ අවසන් වැඩිමුළුවට සහභාගි වෙමිනි.

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ලංකාව සතු විශේෂ උපාය මාර්ගික පිහිටීමේ කෙසෙයට සම්මත ශ්‍රී ලංකාව කලාපීය සමුද්‍රීය ප්‍රවාහන කේන්ද්‍රයක් ලෙස සැලකිය යුතු කාර්යභාරයක් ඉටුකරමින් සිටින බව හා කොළඹ වරායේ වත්මන් තත්ත්වය පිළිබඳව තම ආයතනය බෙහෙවින්

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2016 අගෝස්තු මස ශ්‍රී ලංකා රජය විසින් ශ්‍රී ලංකා ජාතික වරාය සැලැස්ම සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට ජපන් අරමුදල විසින් ලබා දුන් මිලියන 15ක් වන තාක්ෂණික ආධාර ප්‍රදාන අනුමත කරන ලදී. ඒ අනුව වරාය යටිතල ව්‍යුහය නාගරික ප්‍රදේශයන්හි සංවර්ධනය කිරීම සහ ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීම යන රට තුළ දීර්ඝ කාලීන සැලසුම්කරණයට අනුකූලව මෙම ප්‍රතිපත්ති සැලැස්මේ අදියර දෙක සඳහාම ප්‍රතිපත්තිමය මතභේදවලින් ස්ථාපිත කිරීමට කෙටිපාදය.

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**ඇමැති සාගල රත්නායක**

අර්ථ අලභයකරින්, කුලාන් ප්‍රබන්ධ

පුද්ගල නිසා විනාශවූ හා දිරාපත්වූ උතුරු නැගෙනහිර ප්‍රදීපාගාර හයක් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය මගින් ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කරන බව වරාය, නාවික සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමැති සාගල රත්නායක මහතා පෙරේදා (09) පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේදී ප්‍රකාශ කළේය.

සාම්පූර්ණ සහ පුනරුත්ථාපිත ප්‍රදීපාගාර දෙකේ ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණ කටයුතු අවසන් අදියරේ පවතින බව පැවසූ ඇමැතිවරයා ශ්‍රේද්‍රැතුච්චි, කොතිලායි, කන්කසන්තුරේ ප්‍රදීපාගාර බෙම ආරක්ෂා ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කර අවසන් වන බව ද කීය. මූලිකී ප්‍රදීපාගාරය පුද්ගල නිසා සම්පූර්ණයෙන්ම විනාශවී ඇතැයි කී ඇමැතිවරයා එය ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කිරීමට විශාල මුදලක් අවශ්‍ය වන බව ද කීය.

සාපනය දිස්ත්‍රික් මත්වී (රිපීඩ්ට්) ඩිපාර්ට්මේන්ට්ටු මගින් ඇසු ප්‍රශ්නයට පිළිතුරු දෙමින් සාගල රත්නායක මහතා මේ බව කීවේය.

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## Ports Ministry-SLPA hold final workshop on NPMP

The final workshop on National Port Master Plan (NPMP), organised together with the Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Ministry and Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), was held recently, at The Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo, with a large gathering of local and foreign professionals.

Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka attended as the chief guest of the event.

The NPMP is a technical assistance project financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) through the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction.

The project is driven with the objectives of guiding the port sector to strengthen its capacity and competitiveness in the global market, to ensure that the port infrastructure is developed and operated in an optimum manner in line with long-term planning up to 2050 and identify short-term priority projects for the Port of Colombo and Port of Trincomalee.

Speaking at the occasion, Ratnayaka stated that since the port has reached its capacity, the pressure is on and catching-up on many delays that have taken place, in decision-making over the last few years with regard to port sector will take place immediately.

"The Port Master Plan done by ADB has laid out the path to get about doing it with a vision and mission. Therefore, we have got to make the decisions and move forward," the minister said.

Expressing views at the event,



From Left: Asian Development Bank Country Director Sri Widowati, Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Ministry Secretary Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka and Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Kavan Ratnayaka

ADB Country Director Sri Widowati said that owing to its strategic location Sri Lanka was playing a substantial role as a regional transport hub.

"As maritime transportation is fundamental infrastructure of an island nation, it is very important to keep strengthening the port capacity and competitiveness and maintain this role in the region. ADB has worked closely with the government of Sri Lanka for more than five decades and transport has always been the largest sector in ADB operation in Sri Lanka," she said.

During the past, ADB supported the development of the Port of Colombo with its Colombo Port Expansion Project as the largest investment project of ADB approved for 2007. The project intended to improve the container handling capacity and was developed on the PPP basis when ADB



MTBS Netherland Senior Manager and NPMP Project Manager William Slendebroek conducts NPMP presentation

supported the development of breakwater and other harbour infrastructure that could cater three terminals.

"We are so pleased to see that at present, the Port of Colombo is performing very well," she said.

Further speaking, Widowati stated that beyond the Port of Colombo, Sri Lanka could and should have the most competitive and preferred ports and shipping destinations in the region.

Preparation of the NPMP is one objective of realizing this timely requirement to guide the national port sector with long-term planning horizons. Meeting a request by the government in August 2016, ADB approved a Technical Assistance grant in the amount of US \$ 1.5 million financed by the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction for the development of NPMP of Sri Lanka.

Accordingly, the plan ensures that

the port infrastructure is developed and operated in an optimum manner in co-existence in urban areas in line with the long-term planning of the country. The two phases of this master plan will look into policy directions and individual port developmental plans. The national policy directives will cover nationwide issues in this regard and the Ports of Colombo and Trincomalee have been selected for individual ports.

The plan has also been prepared in harmony, synchronizing with the other plans and studies and especially the economic corridors that were prepared under ADB assistance.

"The study has initiated a comprehensive development plan for the Colombo and Trincomalee economic corridor and seeks to address regional imbalances in the country through regional development and by extending the string of western regions to the other end of the corridor and also along the corridor," Widowati said.

The presentation on the NPMP at the final workshop was conducted by MTBS Netherland Senior Manager and NPMP Project Manager William Slendebroek.

Following the final stakeholders' workshop, the final report is expected to be handed over to the government of Sri Lanka by end-March this year.

The workshop also included a panel discussion supported by a Q&A session.



By NILANTHA ILANGAMUNA

IT is a remarkable story. They have earned exceptional life experience to narrate their pre-emptive journey at this early age. The path they walk is an inspiration for female empowerment and gender balance, which is one of the most important goals for a sustainable society.

"Why don't we go up and talk? Then we can prevent noises in the surroundings and you can see where we work. Are you afraid? It is just a few hundred feet above the ground," one of the operators suggested, breaking the stereotype tradition embedded in society throughout history.

Her energetic and confident voice showed her enthusiasm for this exciting duty in the workplace. Listening to them at where they work was the best option as it could give us the real life experience of what they do.

Following her suggestion, we started climbing up through the yellow ladder made of thick iron bars. It took us a few minutes to reach an operational room of a rubber tyred gantry crane also known as transtainer.

The edge of the crane enabled our eyes to catch the beauty of the surrounding area in the Colombo Port. Fear of heights suddenly disappeared as the eyes caught the blue waves decorating the Indian Ocean and slight winds countered the heated air.

Finally, we started to listen to them and their stories. This is the very first opportunity I had with women crane operators employed at the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, the institute awarded as the 'Ports Authority of the Year' recently. Four out of 10 in the team who are working as crane operators at Colombo Port joined the discussion.

Formed as an authority in 1979 and with a rich history, the Sri Lanka Ports Authority is one of the largest State institutes enriching the nation and it is counting down days for its 40th anniversary this year. Port of Colombo is ranked as the highest container growth project in the world and it handled over seven million containers last year.

Dilki Poojani joined the Sri Lanka Ports Authority three years ago when she was 19 years old. She is the youngest crane operator at Colombo Port and might probably be the youngest crane operator in Asia. The young blood is breaking ground by writing the new chapter of history of this busy port.

"I never thought that I could get an opportunity to join the most efficient State institute in the country. My father always encouraged me and taught me how to stay strong under any circumstances."

## The remarkable female crane operators at Port of Colombo



Dilki Poojani

Poojani said, looking at the horizon of the Indian Ocean through the glass window of her operational cubicle on a rubber tyred gantry crane.

There are three types of gantry cranes deployed in Colombo Port. She and her colleagues are well equipped with knowledge and experience in handling them without hesitation. Her achievement is the result of a long journey of women who struggled for equality, fraternity and dignity by overcoming challenges in a male-dominated society.

If one knows the fate of a woman in Indian society subsequent to the death of her beloved husband, nothing more is needed to understand the horrendous depravity women go through. Known as sati or suttee, it is an obsolete funeral custom where a widow immolates herself on her husband's pyre or takes her own life in another fashion shortly after her husband's death and was a well-practised custom in our Eastern history. The situation in the West was not different from the East. Women were treated as substitutes and most of them were subjected to men.

Long-rooted brutal suppression against women led to the global struggle against the systems and traditions. Women gathered, discussed and demanded different treatment by standing against the violations of their basic rights. That was the collective effort of constructive struggle.

During this long journey, many people sacrificed their lives for the freedom of others. Immense contributions of Lucretia Mott, Carrie Chapman Catt, Olympe de Gouges, Louise Zietz, Clara Zetkin, Therosa Malkiel, Emily Murphy, Rosa Luxemburg, Mary Dennett, and Rosa Parks were some of the exemplary journeys of this long struggle.

In one of her speeches, late Clara Zetkin, advocate for women's rights pointed to the essential part of this struggle: "Women are subjugated



Harshani

by men and they will continue to be in that position as long as they are not economically independent. The quintessential prerequisite for their economic independence is work. If one wants to transform women into free human beings and into equal members of society just like men, then there is no necessity to abolish or limit women's work."

Struggle for women rights in Sri Lanka also has a long history. This can be traced to the reign under Kariakari also known as Sesagodi and revolutionary lifestyle of Denna Isabella Koneswari also known as Lady Gajaman. These characters are roots of the emancipation of women and their struggle for equal rights in Sri Lanka. Every woman who fights for equality is empowered by the heritage developed by these pioneers.

Today women are standing tall and taking every responsibility by proving their efficiency, reliability and capability just like men and sometimes more. They are shattering rooted societal myths on male-dominated societies.

Poojani along with her colleagues, Sewwandi, Harshani and Udeshika, is representing the present stage of the long journey of women's struggle for freedom. All of them have their own story to narrate and are proud of themselves. This is not just an employment opportunity for them but represents a revolutionary milestone in the course of the emancipation of womanhood.

"It was challenging at the beginning as many of them thought women were weak and would not be able to do what men have been doing for decades. Especially in a place like the port, how can a woman handle sky scraping crane, they questioned. But we must first of all thank the higher officials for taking this revolutionary decision to recruit a group of the females as crane operators at Colombo Port," Poojani said.

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority took the decision to ensure gender

equality in the world place and then recruited a group of the female as crane operators. Therefore 25 females joined the training program, but only 10 out of 25 remained at the end of the training. Most of those who left gave up due to various reasons. Subsequently, 10 female crane operators who courageously faced the challenges were deployed in the Jaya Container Terminal in the Colombo Port.

"General target is to handle 25-30 containers per hour, so we are doing that," Poojani said, while levering a container.

According to Poojani, like any other field, the beginning was a mix of excitement of winning and fear of failing. Especially working as the gantry crane operator while many others were looking at you was indeed challenging.

"I am happy that I can proudly brag that we are an active part of enriching our country. When we learn that the Port has become one of the best ports on earth, we feel delighted by recalling our contribution," she said.

Like many others working in Colombo Port, for Poojani there is a long journey ahead. Every drop of sweat absorbed out of their hard labour is harboured and well-preserved by filling the golden pages of the history of Colombo Port.

Harshani, who hails from Colombo suburb, describing her experiences as a female crane operator says that what she is doing was beyond her dreams.

"I never dreamt of this job, as it was classified only for men. But when we were receiving the training, we slowly learned how to break the old myth of impossibilities. We were taught how to break the technical and ideological barriers established in this society," Harshani said.

"Many gentlemen here trained us, helped us, and immediately corrected us whenever we made mistakes. But in a very short period of time,

we as female gantry crane operators proved our capability and efficiency just like other male colleagues. We are safe and we are proud," she added.

The Colombo Port is one of the oldest ports in the world has witnessed many historical events. Located in a strategically valuable position, the port represents a significant space in the global maritime industry.

These female crane operators are writing the new pages of the rich history of Colombo Port as well as the maritime industry in the country.

Joining the discussion, Sewwandi and Udeshika shared their rich experience working as gantry crane operators. Both their fathers worked in the Colombo Port. Therefore the port is not a new place for them. But they never thought that they would one day be operating high rise cranes and handling containers weighing several tonnes.

"The gantry crane has already become an inevitable part of our life. It is, I believe, not an exaggeration to say that the home has become secondary to the gantry crane. Our world is here," they said.

In the wake of celebrating International Women's Day, these female gantry crane operators are showing the world how to change tradition for the betterment of mankind. They are integrated at the very inception of technology and innovation.

The world is changing not by those who are obeying and following the caged tradition but those who are thinking differently and acting differently with compassion and discipline. Their passion, courage, self-belief, commitment, tenacity and conviction towards their ambition make their life meaningful and make it possible for them to override barriers and be successful. It is indeed demonstrated by every step they take to move forward and every word they speak to share their hope.

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මෙම ව්‍යාපෘතියට අදාළ ඉඩම් අත්පත් කරගැනීම ඇතුළු මූලික කටයුතු අවසන් කරන ලෙස මෙහිදී නිලධාරීන්ට දැනුම් දුන් අග්‍රාමාත්‍යවරයා එම ව්‍යාපෘතිය සඳහා ඉන්දීය ආධාර මත ලැබුණු ඇමරිකානු

ඩොලර් මිලියන 45.27 මුදලක් ආයෝජනය කරන බවද පැවසුවේය.

කන්කසන්තුරේ වාණිජ වරායක් වශයෙන් දියුණු කිරීම් සඳහා අවශ්‍ය කටයුතු කිරීමට අවශ්‍ය කැඩිනම් අනුමැතියද උතුරු පළාත් සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යවරයා වශයෙන් අනුමැතිවරයා ලබාගෙන ඇත.

අමාත්‍ය සාගල රත්නායක මහතා මේ සම්බන්ධයෙන් කරුණු දක්වමින් ප්‍රකාශ කළේ තවත් වසර තුනක කාලයක් ඇතුළත කන්කසන්තුරේ වරායට සමාන නාණ්ඩු ප්‍රවාහන නැව් පැමිණිය හැකි ආකාරයට එය නවීකරණය කරන බවය. මේ යටතේ ආනයන සහ අපනයන යන දෙඅංශයම ශක්තිමත් වන බවත්, සෘජු සහ වක්‍ර රැකියා විශාල ප්‍රමාණයක් උතුරු පළාතේ නිර්මාණය වනු ඇති බවත් අමාත්‍යවරයා මෙහිදී ප්‍රකාශ කළේය.



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# Cabinet decisions

**Purchase of three gantry cranes to further expand the activities of the Jeya Container Terminal at the Ports Authority.**

A proposal submitted by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development to purchase three gantry cranes to further expedite the work of the said Terminal at the Ports Authority was approved by the Cabinet.



# නම්බන්කොට් වරාය වීන සමාගමකට විකිණීමෙන් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියට බිලියන 330ක පාඩුවක්

පහත් විදේශීයයන්

නම්බන්කොට් වරාය වීන සමාගමකට විකිණීම හරහා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියට බිලියන 330ක පාඩුවක් සිදුවී ඇති බවට ජනාධිපති පරීක්ෂණ කොමිෂන් සභාව

වෙත රියේ (13ආ) පැමිණිල්ලක් ලැබී තිබේ.

සත්‍ය ගවේෂකයෙක් සංවිධානයේ ලේකම් ඩී.ඩී.ආර්. ජේෂ්වරත්න මහතා විසින් එම පැමිණිල්ල කොමිෂන් සභාව වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කොට ඇත.

සිදුවී ඇතැයි සැලකෙන එම පාඩුව සම්බන්ධයෙන් වන සම්පූර්ණ වගකීම 2015 සිට 2018 ගත කාල සීමාව තුළ වරාය කටයුතු සම්බන්ධ විෂය භාර අමාත්‍යවරයන් වෙත පැවරෙන බව එම පැමිණිල්ල මගින් දක්වා තිබේ.

පුවත්පත - මව්බිම

දිනය - 2019-03-14



● කොළඹ විරාගවි ප්‍රෙමකර තුනක්

කොළඹ විරාගේ ප්‍රධානියා පරිගණකය සඳහා ගැන්වී ප්‍රෙමකර 3ක් මිලදී ගැනීමට කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලය තීරණය කර ඇත. විරාග අමාත්‍ය සාගල රත්නායක මහතා විසින් ඊට අදාළ යෝජනාව ඉදිරිපත් කර තිබිණි.

පුවත්පත - දිනමිණ දිනය - 2019-03-14



**ජය බිහඬු පරියන්තයේ  
ගැඹුරු තැංගුරම් පොළ  
ධාරිතාව වැඩි කිරීම සඳහා ග්‍රැන්ට්  
දොම්කර තුනක් මිලදී ගැනීම**

මේ සඳහා වූ තොරතුරු ඇමති මණ්ඩලය පත්කළ ප්‍රසම්පාදන කමිටුවේ නිර්දේශය මත සීමා සහිත ඉල්තඩ් කෙරෙහි හෙට් ඉන්ඩස්ට්‍රිස් සමාගම වෙත පැවරීමට කැබිනට් අනුමැතිය හිමි වී ඇත. මේ අනු-මැතිය අනුව ග්‍රැන්ට් දොම්කර තුනක් මිලදී ගැනීමේ ඉදිරි කටයුතු කාර්යයෙන් යාබද වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමති භාග්‍ය රත්නායක මහතා කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලයට ඉදිරිපත් කළ යෝජනාවට කැබි-නට් අනුමැතිය හිමි වී ඇත.





## වරාය හා නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ කටයුතු ගැන ඉක්මනින් තීරණ ගැනීම අත්‍යවශ්‍යයි

● වරාය නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමති සාගල රත්නායක

### විශ්ලේෂණ පෙළපත

වරාය හා නාවික ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ කටයුතු සම්බන්ධයෙන් පසුගිය වසරවලට වඩා ඉහළින්ම මේ වසරේදී තීරණ ගැනීම අත්‍යවශ්‍ය බව වරාය නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමති සාගල රත්නායක මහතා සඳහන් කළේය.

වරාය ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ කාර්යක්ෂම තීරණ අත්‍යවශ්‍යයෙන් ස්ථාපිත කිරීම සඳහා වූ ජාතික වරාය සැලැස්ම පිළිබඳ අවසන් වැඩසටහන රජයේ මැතිවරණයෙන් පසු අදාළ වූ සියලුම වැඩසටහන් සම්බන්ධයෙන් වාර්තාගත කොට ඇති බවද සඳහන් කළේය.

මේ අවසන් වැඩසටහන පසුගියදී කොළඹ නැවතුනු සේවයේදී දී ඇතිවැඩිම ඉහළ පෙළෙහිදී සිදු වූ සාකච්ඡා මගින් අත්‍යවශ්‍ය වූ සියලුම වැඩසටහන් සම්බන්ධයෙන් වාර්තාගත කොට ඇති බවද සඳහන් කළේය.

ඉදිරිපත් කළ අවස්ථාවේදී වරාය සංවර්ධන ක්ෂේත්‍රයේදී සිදු වූ සියලුම වැඩසටහන් සම්බන්ධයෙන් වාර්තාගත කොට ඇති බවද සඳහන් කළේය.

එම වැඩසටහනේ ප්‍රධාන අංශයක් ලෙස එක් වූ ඇමති සාගල රත්නායක මහතා සඳහන් කළේය.

කොළඹ වරාය මේ වන විට උපරිම ධාරිතාවට පත්ව ඇති බවත් පසුගිය වසර කිහිපයේදී සිදු වූ තීරණ ගැනීම මගින් කොළඹ වරායේ ධාරිතාව වැඩි කළ බවත් සඳහන් කළේය.

ඉතිහාසය සම්බන්ධයෙන් සඳහන් කළේය.

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## Ports Ministry in move to cancel ECT bidding process; India-Japan deal under consideration

By Namini Wijedasa

**T**he Ports and Shipping Ministry this week sought Cabinet permission to rescind a 2016 bidding process for the deep water East Container Terminal (ECT) after squandering months on what started out as an effort to seal a public private partnership for the facility's management.

Ports Minister Sagala Ratnayake presented the paper to the Cabinet this week, but notified ministers that he was withdrawing sections in the memorandum which also requested approval to buy container handling and gantry cranes for the ECT using Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) funds.

The ECT has been ready since mid-2015, when its first phase was completed with a commercial loan of US\$ 80mn from the Bank of Ceylon. This comprised a 440m quay berth, an 18-hectare container yard and other facilities.

However, its berths require container handling equipment—five ship-to-shore cranes and seven rubber tyred gantry cranes—to make them functional. Eight other rubber tyred gantry cranes were to have been transferred from another terminal to raise the total to 15.

It had been proposed that the cranes be purchased from SLPA's own funds, which are readily available. This would circumvent the need for a foreign loan and, thereby, foreign exchange losses that will severely impact the organisation's profit and loss account.

In the 2018 financial year alone,

the SLPA's financial loss was more than Rs 10bn, incurred on repaying the Asian Development Bank (ADB) loan for the breakwater and on yen loans taken as far back as 1985. The profit of Rs 8bn earned that year was notwithstanding these heavy liabilities.

It is learnt, however, that the administration is now considering a proposal for a Government-to-Government (G-to-G) deal floated by Japan and India for the management of the ECT. The idea is that they will fund the procurement of cranes—which must be bought from a Japanese supplier—and that the SLPA will take on the liability of resettlement of the loan. A new company will then be formed to manage the ECT, in which India and Japan will hold a 49 percent stake and the SLPA 51 percent.

This proposal is now reportedly under consideration in what is a continuation of a policy of dividing strategic projects in Sri Lanka among foreign players on geopolitical—not commercial—grounds. The negotiations on a G-to-G project will result in further delay of the ECT being put to use, amidst a dramatic slowdown in the growth of Colombo port this year owing to lack of capacity.

The port achieved overall growth of 15 percent in 2018 with transshipment increasing by 19 percent. But by last week, growth in the entire port of Colombo had slowed down to 3.5 percent, an insider said, blaming the lag on the failure to launch the ECT. The industry agrees there is a severe lack of capacity.

The ECT has been at the centre

of a political fiasco from the time it was completed. The previous Government had commissioned the equipment from M/s Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industries Co. Ltd (ZPMC). When the regime changed in January 2015, Arjuna Ranatunga, the new Ports Minister, cancelled the order alleging corruption (although no action was taken against the alleged perpetrators).

In June 2015, the Cabinet gave the green light for the SLPA to order anew four handling and 12 gantry cranes. Eight months later, in February 2016, the policy changed again. The Government invited expressions of interest (EOIs) for the development of ECT. A joint venture with an investor (SLPA holding 51 percent of equity) was envisaged. Bids closed in July that year.

Five consortia applied: Aitken Spence PLC with Port of Singapore Authority (PSA) and Shapoori Pallonji; China Merchant Holdings International (CMHI) with Evergreen, CMA CGM (shipping company) and Summit Shipping from Bangladesh; John Keells with APM Terminals, Maersk Lines and Container Corporation of India Ltd; Terminal Link with CMA CGM; and Hayleys with Westport Shipping Services LLC, Mitsui and Co, Mitsubishi and Co and NYK. Transnet (South Africa) and MST Terminals put in single bids, bringing the number of interested parties up to seven.

Not more than four committees evaluated the bids for the Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) concession and the ADB was hired as a consultant. But in December

2016, the process was abandoned after the Cabinet Committee on Economic Management (CCEM), which was headed by Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, introduced fresh conditions to the process that eliminated all seven parties vying for the project.

Minister Ranatunga then canvassed Cabinet approval to buy cranes so the SLPA could run the ECT. His successor, Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe, also sought permission to purchase the equipment, this time with the SLPA's own funds. But these didn't go through and a G-to-G is now being touted.

"The SLPA will have to buy the equipment from Japan," said a senior shipping official who did not wish to be named. "It will be more expensive and involve a loan. Even if it involves a grace period, the SLPA is still paying the yen loans taken for the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT)."

The official said a G-to-G loan at this point would be a "folly" as it will severely affect the SLPA's balance sheet. "Then people will clamour it's a loss-making organisation and to close it down," he reflected. "The same thing happened with Hambantota (port) until the management was able to transfer the loan onto the Treasury resulting in huge profits for the SLPA. If you want to kill the SLPA, G-to-G is the best prescription. The SLPA has the money."

Meanwhile, Cabinet granted approval this week for the SLPA to buy three ship-to-shore cranes from ZPMC in a move to increase the capacity of the JCT deep berth.



## Storming a male bastion

By  
Nilantha Ilangamuwa

**I**t is a remarkable story. They have earned exceptional life experience in a number of their professional journey at a young age.

"Why don't we go up and talk! Noise in the surrounding areas will not then disturb us and you can see where we work. Are you afraid? It is just a few hundred feet above the ground," one of the operators suggested.

Her energetic and confident voice showed her enthusiasm for her work. Listening to them at their work station was the best option as it authenticates what they are doing almost daily.

By following her suggestion, we climbed through the yellow ladder made out of thick iron bars. It took us a few minutes to reach an operational room of a rubber tyred gantry crane also known as a transtainer.

When on the crane our eyes caught the beauty of the surroundings of the Colombo Port. Our fear of heights disappeared as our eyes caught the blue coloured water decorating the Indian Ocean and sight which coarsening the horizon.

We began listening to them and their stories. We spoke to four of the ten women crane operators employed by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA). Formed in 1976, the SLPA is one of the largest state institutions enriching the nation and is pioneering steps for its betterment anniversary later this year.

The Port of Colombo ranks as the highest container growth project in the world. It handled over seven million containers last year.

Poojani leads from the essential areas



Poojani, Sewawandi, Harshani and Uthshika

of Sri Lanka and joined the SLPA three years ago when she was 30 years old. She is the youngest crane operator in the port and most probably the youngest in Asia.

"I never thought that I would get an opportunity to join the most efficient state institution in the country. My father always encouraged me and taught me how to stay strong under any circumstances," Poojani said looking at the horizon of the Indian Ocean through the glass window from her operational cabin on a transtainer.

There are three types of transtainers deployed in the Colombo Port. Poojani and her colleagues are well equipped with knowledge and experience in handling them without any hassle. Their achievement is the result of the long journey of women who struggled for equality, fraternity and dignity by overcoming challenges in a male-dominated society.

Poojani, Sewawandi, Harshani and Uthshika are pioneer day representatives of the long journey of women's struggle for freedom. They have their own stories to narrate and are proud of themselves. Working for the SLPA

is not just an employment opportunity for them but a revolutionary milestone in the course of the emancipation of women.

"It was challenging at the beginning as the men thought women were weak and will not be able to do what they had been doing for decades. Especially in a place like the port, how could a woman handle a sky-scraping crane, they questioned. We must think the high officials for taking this revolutionary decision to recruit a group of females as Crane Operators in the Colombo Port," Poojani said.

Ensuring gender equality in the work place the SLPA recruited a group of females as Crane Operators. Although 23 females joined the training program only 10 remained at the end. Those who left, gave up due to various reasons. The 10 who courageously faced the challenge, were deployed at the Java Container Terminal of the Colombo Port.

"The target is to handle 25-30 containers per hour and we are doing that," Poojani said while leveraging a container. "Like in any other field, the beginning was a sort of a mix of excitement



Poojani

of winning and fear of failing. Working with others looking at you was indeed challenging.

"I am happy and proud to say that we are an active part of enriching our country. When we learn that the Port has become one of the best in the world, we feel delighted by recalling our contribution," she said.

Like for the men working in the port, for Poojani and her colleagues too there is a long journey ahead. Every drop of sweat they shed will fill the golden pages of the history of the port.

Harshani hails from a Colombo suburb. She said that being a crane operator was way beyond her dreams.

"I never thought I'll do this job as it was classified for men. But, when we needed training, we learned how to break that old myth, that of the impossible. We were taught how to cope with technical and ideological barriers established in society," she said.

"The problems who valued us, corrected us whenever we made mistakes. In a very short period of time, we proved our capability and efficiency just like our male colleagues. We are safe and we are proud," she said.

Women are subjugated by men and they will continue to be in that position as long as they are not economically independent.

The quintessential prerequisite for their economic independence is work

— Clara Zetkin



Harshani climbing her crane

The Colombo Port as one of the oldest ports on Earth has witnessed many historical events. Located in a strategically valuable position, the Port represents a significant space in the global maritime industry.

Sewawandi and Uthshika then shared their experiences. Their fathers worked in the Colombo Port and so it wasn't a new place for them. However, they never thought that one day they will operate this high-rise crane and handle tons of weight containers.

"Life with the Gantry Crane has already become an inevitable part of our life. It is, I believe, not an exaggeration to say that home has become secondary to the Gantry Crane. Our world is here," they said. These females are showing

the world how to change traditions for the betterment of mankind.

The world is changed not by those who copy and follow caged traditions but by those who think and act differently with compassion and discipline.

Their passion, courage, self-belief, commitment, bravery, and conviction towards their ambition make their life meaningful, makes it possible for them to override barriers and be successful. It is indeed demonstrated by every step they take to move forward and every word they speak to share their hope.

Their young women stand tall, taking responsibility by proving their efficiency, reliability and capability just like men or even better.

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## CILT pays courtesy call to new SLPA Chairman

SENIOR officials of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Sri Lanka last week paid a courtesy call on the new Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Kavan Rathnayake. CILT Chairperson Gayani de Alwis, CMILT, International Vice President Romesh David, FCILT, Past Chairman Saliya Senanayake, FCILT Vice Chairmen Channaka de Alwis, CMILT and Gihan Jayasinghe, CMILT, Treasurer Upali Gunawardena, FCILT, and CILT Secretary General Vasantha Dias represented the CILT. SLPA Additional



Managing Director Upali de Zoya, CMILT, joined the meeting with the SLPA Chairman.

CILT Chair gave brief presentation on CILT and opportunities for joint collaborative work between the

two organisations were discussed.

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (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 logis-

tics and transport through its membership and its educational qualifications.

CILT is celebrating 'Centennial', this year with a global membership of over 35,000 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 body that is able to speak with authority on strategic issues affecting businesses and people in the industry and support their careers.

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වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ නව ලේකම් ලෙස ගිටපු නාවික හමුදාපති අද්මිරාල් සිරිමෙවන් රණසිංහ මහතා ඊයේ (18) සිය ධුරයේ වැඩ බාර ගත්තේය.

මෙම අවස්ථාවට එම අමාත්‍යාංශයේ අතිරේක ලේකම්, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ කළමනාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ කපිතාන් අතුල හේවාචිතාරණ ඇතුළු නිලධාරීන් සහ සේවක මහත්ම මහත්මීන් රැසක් සහභාගි වූහ.



## වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු සහ දෘෂ්ඨි ආවර්ධන සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ නව ලේකම් වැඩ භාරගනී

වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු සහ දෘෂ්ඨි ආවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශ නව ලේකම් හිටපු නාවික හමුදාපති අද්මිරාල් සිරිමෙවන් සරත්චන්ද්‍ර රණසිංහ මහතා රිසේ (18වන) එම් අමාත්‍යාංශයේදී නව තනතුරෙහි වැඩ භාරගත්තේය.





පුවත්පත - අද දිනය - 2019-03-19

## වරාය හා නාවික අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම් ධුරය අද්මිරාල් සිරිමෙවන් සරත්චන්ද්‍ර

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වරාය හා නාවික  
කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ  
සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ  
නව ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස  
අද්මිරාල් සිරිමෙවන්  
සරත්චන්ද්‍ර මහතා ඊයේ  
(18දා) වැඩ කාරකත්තේය.

ගිටිපු නාවික හමුදාපති  
සිරිමෙවන් සරත්චන්ද්‍ර



මහතා ලේකම් තනතුරට  
පත් කරනු ලැබුවේ  
පසුගිය 15 වැනිදා  
පරාක්‍රම දිසානායක  
මහතා අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම්  
තනතුරින් ඉවත් වීම  
නිසා ඇති වූ පුරප්පාඩුව  
වෙනුවෙනි.

එම අවස්ථාවට අදාළ  
අමාත්‍යාංශයේ අතිරේක  
ලේකම් (පාලන හා  
මුදල්) එච්.එම්.එල්.එස්  
සේරත්, අතිරේක ලේකම්  
(සංවර්ධන) කේ.එන්. කුමාරි  
සෝමරත්න, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය  
අධිකාරියේ කළමනාකරණ  
අධ්‍යක්ෂ කපිතාන් අතුල  
සේවාචාර්ය ධන මහත්මි  
මහත්මීන් ඇතුළු පිරිසක්  
සහභාගි වූහ.

අද්මිරාල් සිරිමෙවන්  
සරත්චන්ද්‍ර රණසිංහ  
මහතා මීට පෙර නාවික  
හමුදාපතිවරයා ලෙසද  
කටයුතු කළේය.



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## SLPA FETES RETIRED EMPLOYEES FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) employees retired recently have been awarded gold medals for their outstanding service in a ceremony held at the Mahapola Ports & Maritime Academy, last week.

Over 140 employees retired recently from SLPA have been awarded in this ceremony held under the patronage of Minister of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka.

Minister of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka, speaking at the event said that he was very happy about the commitment of those retiring employees toward the progress of the SLPA. "The employees are deserved to earn benefits for their services in the same way the country is expecting their service. We all should work for the benefits of the country," he said.

He further highlighted



**An employee is being awarded with a gold medal by Minister of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayaka, Kavan Ratnayaka Chairman of SLPA, Captain Athula Hewawitharana Managing Director, P. Ranathunga Director (Human Resources) and Nirmal Fonseka Chief Manager (Human Resources) are also present in the picture.**

the urgent requirement of implementing operations of the Eastern Container Terminal (ECT) as the capacity of the port has reached the highest level.

Speaking at the event Kavan Ratnayaka the Chairman of Sri Lanka

Ports Authority (SLPA) stated that the Port Authority was able to win many victories in the maritime industry in the world. The Port of Colombo was ranked as the highest container growth port in the world,

handling over 7 million containers in 2018.

"Those were great achievements of the employees," he said.

Further speaking, Kavan Ratnayaka the Chairman of SLPA said that he was happy to be in the award ceremony of the employees, who had played an exceptional role in the Sri Lanka Ports Authority. "I am delighted to extend my gratitude to those who dedicated themselves to the growth of the ports," he said.

Capt. Athula Hewawitharana Managing Director of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), Mr Agil Hewegeegana Director (Outer Port), P Ranathunga Director (Human Resources), Nirmal Fonseka Chief Manager (Human Resources), Dr Prasanna Lokuge Director (Information Systems), and several officers as well as employees of the SLPA were present at this event.



## අමෙරිකානු තානාපතිනිය හම්බන්තොට වරායේ නිල චාරිකාවක



ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ හා මාලදිවයිනේ අමෙ-  
රිකානු තානාපතිවරිය ඇලිනා  
ටෙප්ලිට්ස් මහත්මියගෙන් සමත්වන  
දූත පිරිසක් පසුගිය ද හම්බන්තොට  
වරායේ සංචාරයක නිරත විය. තානා-  
පතිනී ටෙප්ලිට්ස් මහත්මිය ඇතුළු  
නියෝජිතයන් තිදෙනෙකු මේ සංචාර-  
යට සහභාගි විය.

මේ සංචාරය, අමෙරිකානු රජය  
විසින් මෙරට ප්‍රධාන ආර්ථික සංවි-  
ර්ධන ව්‍යාපෘති දකබලා ගැනීමට  
සහ රාජ්‍ය හා පෞද්ගලික අංශයන්හි  
යෝජ්‍ය නිලධාරීන් හමුවී ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ  
ආයෝජන අවස්ථා පිළිබඳ සාකච්ඡා  
කිරීමටත් පවරාගත් දූත මෙහෙයක  
කොටසකි. තානාපතිනිය ඇතුළු දූත  
පිරිස, වරාය පරිපාලන ගොඩනැ-  
ගිල්ලේ දී, හම්බන්තොට ඉන්ටර්නූ-  
ෂනල් පෝර්ට් ගෘප් සමාගමේ ප්‍රධාන  
මෙහෙයුම් නිලධාරී කීස්ස වික්‍රමසිංහ  
මහතා හමුවීය. වරායේ වත්මන්  
සංවර්ධනය හා අනාගත සැලසුම්  
පිළිබඳ පැහැදිලි විග්‍රහයක් වික්‍රමසිංහ

මහතා විසින් තානාපතිවරිය හට  
ලබා දෙන ලදී. අමෙරිකානු තානාපති  
කාර්යාලයේ මහජන සම්බන්ධතා  
ප්‍රධානී ඩේවිඩ් මැක්ග්ටයර්, අමෙ-  
රිකානු යෝජ්‍ය ආරක්ෂක නිලධාරී  
කර්නල් ඩග්ලස් හේස් යන මහත්ව-  
රුන් සංචාරයට සහභාගි විය.

කීස්ස වික්‍රමසිංහ මහතා සමඟ  
හම්බන්තොට ඉන්ටර්නූෂනල් පෝර්ට්  
සර්විසස් සමාගමේ ආරක්ෂක ප්‍රධානී  
රියර් අද්මිරාල් ජයන්ත ද සිල්වා  
මහතා ද නියෝජිතයන් ත්‍රිත්වය හමු  
විය. අමෙරිකානු නියෝජිත පිරිස  
වරායේ පහසුකම් පිළිබඳ සාකච්ඡා  
කළ අතර, හම්බන්තොට ඉන්ටර්නූ-  
ෂනල් පෝර්ට් ගෘප් සමාගමේ ප්‍රධාන  
මෙහෙයුම් නිලධාරී කීස්ස වික්‍රමසිංහ  
මහතා වරායේ වත්මන් සංවර්ධනය  
හා අනාගත සැලසුම් පිළිබඳ පැහැදිලි  
විග්‍රහයක් තානාපතිවරියට ලබා දෙන  
ලදී.

අම්බලන්ගොඩ සමුහ  
ලුණම් සමුහ

## වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශ නව ලේකම් අද්මිරාල් සිරිමෙවන් සරත්චන්ද්‍ර වැඩ බාර ගනී

වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශ නව ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස අද්මිරාල් සිරිමෙවන් සරත්චන්ද්‍ර (අද්මිරාල්) (සිටිපු නාවික හමුදාවේ) පෙරේද (18) වැඩබාර ගත්තේය.

එම අමාත්‍යාංශ පරිශ්‍රයේ දී ඒ මහතා එදිනම සිය බුරුයේ නිල කටයුතු අරඹමින් ලිපි ලේඛනවල අත්සන් තබන ලදී. වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ අතිරේක ලේකම් (පාලන හා මුදල්) එච්.එම්.එල්.එස්.හේරත්, අතිරේක ලේකම් (සංවර්ධන) කේ.එන්.කුමාර් සෝමරත්න, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ කළමනාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ කපිතාන් අතුල හේවාචිතාරණ මහත්වරු ඇතුළු නිලධාරීන් සහ සේවක මහත්ම මහත්මීන් රැසක් මේ අවස්ථාවට සහභාගී වූහ.





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## METRO

### Three STS cranes for Jaya Container terminal



Three Ship-to-Shore (STS) cranes are to be purchased to increase the Deep Berth Capacity of the Jaya Container Terminal at the Colombo Port.

The project will be implemented by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority to increase the capacity of the Deep Berth Capacity of the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) and enhance the capacity to handle larger container vessels arriving at the Port of Colombo.

The proposal made by the Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka, to proceed with the future activities of the procurement procedure, was approved by the Cabinet. The infrastructure project, along with numerous others came to a grinding halt due to the political crisis last year. The project was set to enhance the depth capacity of the terminal and purchase additional machinery. Despite being approved by both former cabinets, the project was put on hold when the political landscape changed.

The initial cabinet proposal, submitted by former Minister of Ports and Shipping Mahinda Samarasinghe on October 5 and was approved on October 23, sought to award the contract to ACCESS NAVIS Joint Venture in accordance with the recommendations of the Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee (SCAPC) to improve the NAVIS Terminal Management System and the Unity Container Terminal (UCT) of the terminal.

පුවත්පත - දිවයින දිනය - 2019-03-21

## කොළඹ වරායට ගැන්වී දොඹකර තුනක්

**ගැන්වූ ධර්මසේන**

කොළඹ වරායේ ජයබහලු පර්යන්තය සඳහා ගැන්වූ දොඹකර තුනක් මිලදී ගැනීමට වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශය තීරණය කර ඇත.

වරායට පැමිණෙන අති විශාල බහලු නෞකාවන් මෙහෙයවීමේ හැකියාව වැඩිකර ගැනීම අරමුණු කරගෙන

ගැඹුරු නැංගුරම්පොල ධාරිතාව වැඩි කිරීමට මෙම දොඹකර තුනක් මිලදී ගැනීමට තීරණය කර ඇත. දොඹකර සපයා ගැනීමේ කොන්ත්‍රාත්තුව සීමාසහිත සැංගසි සමාගමට හෙව් ඉන්ඩස්ට්‍රියස් සමාගම වෙත පවරා තිබේ. මේ අනුව ප්‍රසම්පාදන ක්‍රියාවලියේ ඉදිරි කටයුතු කරගෙන යෑමට ඇමැති මණ්ඩලයද අනුමැතිය ලබාදී ඇත.

පුවත්පත - රැස දිනය - 2019-03-21

## කන්කසන්තුරය හා ඉන්දියාව අතර නැව් සේවාවක් ඇරඹීමට සාකච්ඡා

[රසුලු දිගුකාර හමුදා]

යාපනය, කන්කසන්තුරය හා ඉන්දියාව අතර නැව් සේවාවක් ආරම්භ කිරීමට රජය කර ඇති යෝජනාව සම්බන්ධයෙන් කරුණු සාකච්ඡා කිරීමක් පසුගියදා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ පෝෂ්ඨ නිලධාරීන්ගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් පැවැත්විණි.

අනුමානවරයාගේ යෝජනාවකට අනුව යාපනයේ කන්කසන්තුරේ වරායත් ඉන්දියාවත් අතර ආරම්භ වන නැව් සේවාව පළමුවෙන්ම ආරම්භ වන්නේ වාණිජ අරමුණු සාක්ෂාත් කර ගැනීම සඳහාය. ඒ අතර සංචාරක කර්මාන්තයේ ප්‍රවර්ධනය සඳහාත් දෙරට අතර මිශ්‍ර නොකා සේවයක් ඇරඹීමත් යන අපේක්ෂාවද මේ අනුව

ක්‍රියාත්මක වේ. මෙම නැව් සේවාව ආරම්භ කිරීම සඳහා මේ දිනවල කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය නවීකරණය කෙරෙමින් පවතින අතර ඒ සඳහා ප්‍රමාණවත් ඉඩම් නොමැති නිසා කන්කසන්තුරේ පැරණි සීමෙන් කිමිහල් භූමියෙන් අක්කර 18ක ඉඩම් කොටසක් ලබාගෙන තිබේ.





## හම්බන්තොට වරායේ...

හම්බන්තොට වරායේ නැග පියවීම සඳහා වරායේ කාර්මික කලාපය සහ තෙල් ටැංකි සංකීර්ණය තමන්ට හිතවත් වන සමාගමක් වෙත ලබාදීමට අග්‍රාමාත්‍ය ජෙනරාල් උපදේශක ආර්. පාක්කරුගම හා ඇමැති මිලික් සමරවික්‍රම යන අය කටයුතු කරමින් සිටින බවටත් ඒ සඳහා රජයේ ප්‍රබල පුද්ගලයෙකු මිලියන 100ක කොමිස් මුදලක් ලබා ගැනීමට කටයුතු කරමින් සිටින බවටත් ජනාධිපති පරීක්ෂණ කොමිෂන් සභාව වෙත පැමිණිල්ලක් ලැබී ඇතැයි එක් ආරංචි මාර්ග පවසයි.

2015 ජනවාරි 15 දින සිට 2018 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දින දක්වා කාලය තුළ රජයේ ආයතනවල සිට වුවා යැයි කියන වංචා දූෂණ සම්බන්ධයෙන් මිලියන විමර්ශන කටයුතු ආරම්භ කර ඇති පැමිණිලි 48ක් අතරින් මෙය ප්‍රබල පැමිණිල්ලක් බවද එම ආරංචි මාර්ග කියයි.

බනිත තෙල් සම්පත් සංවර්ධන හිටපු අමාත්‍ය අර්ජුන රණතුංග සහ බනිත තෙල් සංස්ථාවේ හිටපු සභාපති ධම්මික රණතුංග යන අය දිගුකාලීන ඉන්ධන මිලදී ගැනීමේ වෙන්දිර 3ක් අවලංගු කොට ස්ථානීය ඉන්ධන වෙන්දිර 3ක් ක්‍රියාත්මක කරමින් ඉන්ධන නැව් 23ක් මෙරටට ගෙන්වීම තුළින් මිලියන 700කට අධික මුදලක් පාඩු කිරීම සම්බන්ධයෙන්ද කොමිෂන් සභාව වෙත පැමිණිල්ලක් ලැබී ඇත.

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All participants with officials

By SHAMSEER JALEEL

SRI Lanka Rugby (SLR) together with South Asia Gateway Terminals Ltd. (SAGT), sponsor of Women's Rugby in Sri Lanka, celebrated International Women's day on 2 March.

Women have given a lot to sport and rugby over the years in Sri Lanka, and many more young girls are taking up the game. To mark this important day, SLR

## SAGT props up with Women's in Sri Lanka

and SAGT joined hands with the endorsement of Asia Rugby – the region's governing body – to conduct a 'Training and Education' program for young up and coming women rugby players.

Coaching staff such

as Asela Deshapriya, Amila Chathuranga, Rohitha Rajapaksa and Nilfer Ibrahim led the sessions attended by

more than 50 women. SLR President Lasitha Gunarathna, SLR Executive Director Rohan Gunarathna,

SLR Women's Rugby Executive Committee Member Thilangani Warakagoda and Vishmi Thenuwara from SAGT were also there to show their support towards the event which was coordinated by SLR women's development officer Thanuja Weerakkody.



Women at the sessions on 2 March



Participants getting a well-earned break



## SAGT WELCOMES SOREN SKOU CEO, A. P. MOLLER MAERSK

SAGT South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) team welcomed Soren Skou Chief Executive Officer A. P. Moller Maersk A/S on his inaugural visit to Sri Lanka.

Romesh David CEO, SAGT, accompanied Skou and Maersk Group representatives on the terminal visit, presenting the enhanced value proposition the Port of Colombo (PoC) offers the maritime industry beyond just the port's geographic advantage.

Skou, who heads Maersk Line, the largest container shipping company in the world, was very taken up with the existing port infrastructure, the expansion potential and more so with the warmth and hospitality of the people here.

During his visit he called on President, Maithripala Sirisena, the Prime Minister,

Ranil Wickremasinghe, the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayake. He also visited the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Maersk Lanka, Agents in Sri Lanka for Maersk Line and Krishan Balendra, Chairman, John Keells Holdings.

South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT), the first Public Private Partnership container terminal in Sri Lanka with approximately 60% Sri Lankan shareholding, commenced operations in 1999, launching the Port of Colombo as global trade's preeminent gateway hub in South Asia. SAGT is a Board of Investment flagship company whose shareholders include John Keells Holdings, Maersk/APM Terminals, Sri Lanka Ports Authority and Evergreen Marine Corporation.



**Soren Skou Chief Executive Officer A. P. Moller – Maersk A/Smarking his inaugural visit to South Asia Gateway Terminals, Port of Colombo**



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## New Ports and Shipping Minstry Secretary



**Former Navy Commander Admiral Sirimevan Ranasinghe assumed duties as the new Secretary to the Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development at the Ministry on Monday morning. Admiral Sirimevan Ranasinghe served as the Commander of Sri Lanka Navy from October 26, 2017 until his retirement on January 1, 2019.**

## Ship service between KKS and Karaikal discussed

Launching a ship service between Kankesanthurai (KKS) harbour and Karaikal in South India was discussed at the Ports Authority office in Colombo on Tuesday (19).

Deputy Minister Abdullah Maharoof chaired the discussion with other senior officials of the Ports Authority.

The KKS harbour has been expanded with Indian assistance to begin with the ship service between India and Sri Lanka.

During the discussion on Tuesday it was mentioned that the ship service would

allow greater interaction between the two countries in the areas of trade, tourism and pilgrimage.

Officials from the Customs, Immigration and Emigration, Police and Navy were also present at the Deputy Minister's discussion on exploring the possibilities of making the ship service between India and Sri Lanka a success.

Meanwhile India has also come forward to upgrade the Palaly Airport as an International Airport to expand the air travel services in the South Asian and Asian regions.

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## Aussie Navy ships depart Trincomalee Port



The Sri Lanka Navy bidding farewell to the departing Australian ships.

The Royal Australian Navy ships, HMAS Diamantina and HMAS Leeuwin left for their next port of call from Trincomalee on Wednesday. The Sri Lanka Navy had customary farewell to the departing ships at the Trincomalee port.

The two warships of the Royal Australian Navy arrived in Sri Lanka on March

11, to search for the sunken shipwreck of World War II in the seas around Batticaloa, and arrived at the Trincomalee harbour on Sunday, on a goodwill visit.

During their stay in the country, the crew members of two ships also took part in a friendly cricket encounter as well as hiking and diving events organised by the Sri Lanka Navy.



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## Asia's youngest female gantry crane operator at Colombo Port

BY NILANTRA LAMMUNA

This is a remarkable story that needs telling. The path these ladies walk, sets the precedent for female empowerment and gender balance in the local context, a most important goal for a sustainable society. They narrate their experiences on their journeys, a story much more than your average general scoop.

"Why don't we go up and speak so we avoid noise and you can get a better idea of your surroundings? Are you all right? Don't be - it's just a few hundred feet above the ground," said one of the operators.

Her energetic and confident voice displayed her enthusiasm for her work.

I believed that speaking to them at work would give me that insight into a typical day at the docks. Following her suggestion, we started climbing the yellow ladder made out of thick iron bars. It took us a few minutes to reach the operational room of a rubber-tyred gantry crane also known as a transloader.

From the edge of the crane, I was able to catch a glimpse of the beauty of the area surrounding the Colombo Port. My fear of heights magically disappeared as my eyes caught the blue waves of the Indian Ocean decorating the shore and felt the slight wind countering the heated air.

Amazed, I finally started listening to their stories. This was my first opportunity interviewing female crane operators employed at the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, the institution that clinched the award of Ports Authority of the Year recently. Four out of 10 in a team of crane operators in the Colombo Port joined the discussion.

Formed as an authority in 1979, in its rich history, the Sri Lanka Ports Authority is one of the largest state institutions which will be celebrating its 40th year of operation this year.

The Port of Colombo is ranked as the project to have the highest container growth in the world and handled over seven million containers last year.

### Paving the path to equality

Olga Posajani joined the Sri Lanka Ports Authority three years ago when she was 19 years old. She is

the youngest crane operator at the Colombo Port and most probably, the youngest in Asia. The youngest is breaking ground by going down in a new chapter in the history of this busy port.

"I never thought I'd get the opportunity to join the most efficient state institute in the country. My father always encouraged me and taught me to stay strong under any circumstances, preparing me for the good and bad in life," Posajani said while gazing at the horizon through the window in her operational cubical on the rubber-tyred gantry crane.

There are three types of gantry cranes deployed in the Colombo Port and Posajani and her colleagues are well equipped with knowledge and experience to handle all three types. Her achievement is the result of a long journey embarked on by women who struggled for equality, fraternity, and dignity by overcoming the challenges in this male-dominated society.

If one is aware of the fate of a widow in Indian society, they have understood the depravity women are subject to. "Sati" or "suttee" is an obsolete funeral custom where a widow immolates herself on her husband's pyre or takes her own life in another fashion shortly after her



It was challenging in the beginning as many believed that women were not able to do heavy work. For decades, especially in a port, they questioned how a woman could handle a skyscraper crane. But we must, first of all, thank the higher officials for making this revolutionary decision to recruit female crane operators in the Colombo Port.

Posajani



Female gantry crane operators at the Colombo Port

husband's death and was a custom practised in our eastern history. The situation in the West was not as extreme as the East, but women were not treated and not afforded equal rights.

The deep and long-rooted repression of women was leading to the global struggle against systems and traditions. Women gathered, discussed, and demanded equal treatment by standing against the axioms of their basic rights. That was the collective effort of the constitutive struggle.

Many sacrificed their lives for the freedom of others. The illustrious contributions of Lucile Mott, Carrie Chapman Catt, Olympe de Gouges, Louise Zietz, Clara Zetkin, Theresa Malkiel, Emily Murphy, Rosa Luxemburg, Mary Deveney, and Rosa Parks resulted in strides forward in the long journey of ensuring equality.

In one of her speeches, the late Clara Zetkin pointed out the essential part of her struggle: "Women are subjugated by men and they will continue to be in that position as long as they are not economically independent. The quintessential prerequisite for their economic independence is work. If one wants to transform women into free human beings and into equal members of society just like men, then there is no necessity to abolish or limit women's work."

The struggle for women's rights in Sri Lanka also has a long history. This can be traced back

to the present-day pioneers in women's struggle for freedom.

All of them have their own stories to narrate and are proud of what they have achieved. This is not a mere employment opportunity for them, but represents a revolutionary milestone in the course of the emancipation of women.

"It was challenging in the beginning as many thought that we, as women, were weak and would not be able to do what men were doing for decades. Especially in a port, they questioned how a woman could handle a skyscraper crane. But we must, first of all, thank the higher officials for making this revolutionary decision to recruit female crane operators in the Colombo Port," Posajani said.

### A new way of life

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority took the decision to work towards gender equality in the workplace. This led to the recruitment of 25 females who joined the training programme, out of which 10 remained till the end of the training.

Subsequently, these 10 females were deployed to the Jaya Container Terminal in the Colombo Port.

"The average target is to handle 25-30 containers per hour, which we do," Posajani said, while leveraging a container.

According to her, similar to any other field, in the beginning, she felt a mix of the excitement of winning and the fear of failing. She stated that working as the gantry crane operator while others looked on was indeed a challenge.

"I am happy that I can brag about playing an active part in enriching our country. When we learned that the Port was awarded as the best, we were delighted in recalling our contribution," she said, taking a deep breath.

Like many others working in the Colombo Port, Posajani has a long journey ahead of her. Every drop of sweat as a result of their hard labour is treasured and well-preserved in the golden pages of the history of the Colombo Port.

While describing her experiences as a female crane operator, Harshani, who hails from Colombo's suburbs, said that what

she was doing was beyond her dreams.

"I never dreamt of obtaining this job as it was classified only for men but when we were receiving the training, we slowly learnt that it was not so. We were taught to break the societal barriers in this society, and were well trained to handle all the aspects of the operations we needed to carry out," Harshani said.

"Many gentlemen here trained us, helped us, and immediately corrected us whenever we made mistakes. But in a very short period of time, we, as female gantry crane operators, proved our capabilities and efficiencies, similar to our male colleagues. We are safe and we are proud," she added.

The Colombo Port has witnessed many historic events. Situated in a strategically valuable location, the Port represents a significant space in the global maritime industry.

Sewawandi and Udesika shared their rich experiences working as gantry crane operators. Their fathers worked at the Colombo Port and so this was not a new place for them.

However, they stated that they never thought that they would one day be operating high-rise cranes and handling tons of heavy-weight containers.

"Life with a gantry crane has now become an inevitable part of our lives. It is, we believe, not an exaggeration to say that home has become secondary to the gantry crane. Our world is here," they said.

In the wake of celebrating International Women's Day recently, these female gantry crane operators are showing the world how to change the tradition for the betterment of mankind as a whole.

The world is changing, not through actions by those obeying and following dated traditions but those whose actions are a result of thinking and acting differently and with compassion and discipline.

Their passion, courage, self-belief, commitment, bravery, and conviction toward the ambition make their lives meaningful and make it possible for them to override barriers and be successful.

It is indeed demonstrated by every step they take to move forward and every word they speak to share their hope.

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Harshani

## BOI OPENS ONE STOP SERVICE CENTRE AT H'TOTA INT'L AIRPORT

M. IRFAN ZAKARIYA  
Hambantota Group Corp

The Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (BOI) has established a one stop service centre at the Hambantota International Airport (HITA), to provide investors easy access to the port and related services.

This is a new joint initiative of the BOI with HIP. The BOI would play the role of a facilitator with the long term goal of improving Sri Lanka's ranking on the world bank's ease of doing business index. HIPG whose principal shareholder is CM Port, one of the world's leading port operators is targeting port related activities within the 3.5 square kilometre area allotted for the port's development. Together with their local partner SLP, HIPG is working towards making this initiative a reality.

This is an entirely new concept in Sri Lanka and HIPG is very excited about promoting this locally and internationally, attract port related industries to Sri Lanka. The Hambantota port is a uniquely placed not just in Sri Lanka but on the global maritime map, the main reason being it's positioning in close proximity to the sea lane connecting east and west. The fact that it is not located in a congested city, but has enough land space to expand, will also



provide great opportunities for investors," says Thina Wickremasinghe, coo of HIPG.

It would also be a boon from the point of view of both local and international export related businesses, as they would have easy access to information on incentives and facilities the BOI could offer them. The one stop service center would be a launch pad for the next stage in port development, where Sri Lanka would join international trade and commerce,

from the southern part of Sri Lanka.

The vision of Hambantota international port is to create the mix to take port Development from merely a destination for sea going vessels, towards commercial, marine services and life styles concepts more so when one considers how air ports have developed in recent years. HIP operators across five platforms, providing RO-BO, conventional cargo of & gas, container, bunkering and cruise services along with a wide range of client and

industry-specific services to ensure that fleets remain in operative condition. The services include bunkering, ship repairs, ship chandlers, sea marshals, underwater services, surveys and crew changes.

The Hambantota international port is positioned to be the one-stop logistics platform that caters to all, offering an integrated package that could be tailor made to their customers' needs, reinforced by Hambantota's geographic location, the port offers an unparalleled experience of air and sea connectivity. Hip is also looking at the wider arena of yacht and leisure travel, and working towards facilitating cruise travelers who use the port as a calling destination. In order to achieve these goals, hip has taken into consideration, their close proximity to the Mattala airport and built processes for air-sea cargo movement.

The one stop service Centre will be an added advantage to the array of services and incentives, investors could choose from, Ray Ren, CEO of HIPG, says, "While we are looking at developing the various silos of the port as leisure, commercial, bunkering, transshipment, ROBO operations, we also see this as a great opportunity to move the Sri Lankan economy into a super charged position to attract

investors. After setting up of the one stop service center we are awaiting a national free port policy for the Hambantota port to encourage investors."

The Hambantota port is in line with the national vision for port development in Sri Lanka and responds to the SLP's future growth plans for a modern port, free of union restrictions, assuring long-term expansion capacity and a world standard industrial and logistics zone. A platform that can receive main players of port, maritime, industrial and logistics sectors, those adhere to the highest standards of integrity.

Hip will provide a variety of services from container handling, general cargo, ore, passenger, bunkering, bulk terminal, gas to project cargo. It is well on it's way to

becoming one of a kind, as the only port in the country, designed to handle the full gamut of services in the maritime and logistics area. Hip plans to present economical, efficient and environmentally sound intensive benefits and port services to all port users and stakeholders.

China merchants port holdings company limited (cm port), is the principal partner of hipg, has been named the largest globally competitive public port developer, investor and operator in china, with investments in mainland china, hong kong and overseas, cm port operates in 18 countries in 5 continents globally.

In this occasion the following persons participated.

Malik Samarawickrama minister for development strategies, international

trade, science & technology.

Cheng Xueyuan-ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the people's republic of china in Sri Lanka, Yang Zouo Yuan commercial counsellor-the embassy of china in Sri Lanka, Nalin Bandana Jayasinha, Deputy Minister Development Strategies & International Trade, Champika Malalgoda-Director General of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Ray Ren, chief executive officer at the Hambantota international port group, Shiroantha Herath-chairman-ministry of ports & shipping and southern development, Rajith Kumarasinghe-deputy director- Sri Lanka customs- Hambantota international port.



Invitees at the opening

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## Team SAGT welcomes A.P. Møller – Mærsk A/S CEO Soren Skou

TEAM SAGT (South Asia Gateway Terminals) welcomed A.P. Møller – Mærsk A/S CEO Soren Skou on his inaugural visit to Sri Lanka. SAGT CEO Romesh David accompanied Skou and Maersk Group representatives on the terminal visit, presenting the enhanced value proposition the Port of Colombo (PoC) offers the maritime industry beyond just the port's geographic advantage.

Skou, who heads Maersk Line, the largest container shipping company in the world, was very taken up with the existing port infrastructure, the



A.P. Møller – Mærsk A/S CEO Soren Skou marking his inaugural visit to South Asia Gateway Terminals, Port of Colombo

expansion potential and more-so with the warmth and hospitality of the people here. During his visit he called on President Maithripala Sirisena, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremasinghe, and Ports, Shipping and Southern Development

Minister Sagala Ratnayake. He also visited the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Maersk Lanka, agents in Sri Lanka for Maersk Line and John Keells Holdings Chairman Krishan Balendra.

South Asia Gateway

Terminals (SAGT), the first Public Private Partnership container terminal in Sri Lanka with approximately 60% Sri Lankan shareholding, commenced operations in 1999, launching the Port of Colombo as global trade's preeminent

gateway hub in South Asia. SAGT is a Board of Investment flagship company whose shareholders include – John Keells Holdings, Maersk/APM Terminals, Sri Lanka Ports Authority and Evergreen Marine Corporation.

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## Hambantota port eyes wider arena of services

By Yohan Perera

With special laws to be introduced soon, the Hambantota International Port which is operated by Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) is looking towards wider arena of services including catering to leisure travel and facilitating cruise travellers and bunkering.

This was highlighted by HIPG CEO Ray Ren at the opening of one stop service centre by the BOI at the port on Saturday afternoon.

Ren said the objective is to convert the port into a major logistics centre for the region. Chinese Ambassador Cheng Xueyuan said the port is in a position to flourish having handle 320,000 of cargo in 2018.

Development Strategies and International Trade Minister Malik Samarawickrama urged

the China Merchants Holdings Company and other partners to make the port a viable venture. "Today is a milestone in the history of Sri Lankan economy and for the people in the South as the opening of one stop service centre and the industrial zone in Hambantota will bring a transformation to the province

while the development would flow into the other surrounding towns," he said.

Board of Investment (BOI) Director General Champika Malalgoda said the Hambantota port brings Sri Lanka's dream of becoming a logistics hub closer to reality.

"We hope this would give an

HIPG CEO Ray Ren and BOI Director General Champika Malalgoda cuts the ribbon after unveiling the plaque to declare open the one stop service shop at Hambantota Port on March 23, 2019  
PIC BY PRADEEP PATHIRANA

opportunity for more businesses to flourish and investment opportunities to come in," she said.

"The vision of Hambantota International Port is to create a right mix to take port development from merely a destination for vessels, through commercial, marine services and lifestyle concepts. More so when one considers how airports have developed in recent years, HIPG operate across five platforms, providing RO-RO conventional cargo, oil and gas container bunkering and cruise services along with wide range of client and industry services to ensure fleets remain operative condition. The services include bunkering, ship repairs, underwater services, ship chandlers, surveys and crew changes," an HIPG press release said.



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## SLPA awards retired employees for outstanding service



An employee is being awarded with a gold medal by Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka with SLPA Chairman Kavan Ratnayaka, Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, Human Resources Director P. Ranathunga and Human Resources Chief Manager Nirmal Fonseka also in the picture



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

**T**he Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) employees retired recently have been awarded gold medals for their outstanding service in a ceremony held at the Mahapola Ports and Maritime Academy, last week.

140 employees retired recently from SLPA have been awarded in this ceremony held under the patronage of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka.

Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka, speaking at the event said that he was very happy about the commitment of those retiring employees toward the progress of the SLPA.

"The employees are deserved to earn benefits for their services in the same way the country is expecting their service. We all should work for the benefits of the country," he said.

He further highlighted the urgent requirement of implementing operations of the Eastern Container Terminal (ECT) as the capacity of the port has reached the highest level.

Speaking at the event, SLPA Chairman Kavan Ratnayaka said that the Port Authority was able to win many victories in the maritime industry in the world. The Port of Colombo was ranked as the highest container growth port in the world, handling over seven million containers in 2018.

"Those were great achievements of the employees," he said.

Further speaking, SLPA Chairman Kavan Ratnayaka said that he was happy to be in the award ceremony of the employees, who had played an exceptional role in the Sri Lanka Ports Authority. "I am delighted to extend my gratitude to those who dedicated themselves to the growth of the ports," he said.

SLPA Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, Outer Port Director Agil Hewegeegana, Human Resources Director P. Ranathunga, Human Resources Chief Manager Nirmal Fonseka, Information Systems Director Dr. Prasanna Lokuge and several officers as well as employees of the SLPA were present at this event.



Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka lighting the oil lamp



## Colombo Port to be developed - Sagala

It is high time that the capacity of the Colombo Port is expanded and the Eastern Terminal of the Colombo Port developed in order to increase the productivity of the Colombo Port, Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka said.

Participating in the Committee Stage budget debate in Parliament yesterday, the Minister said, "Over the past few years, the Ports and Shipping Industry has seen significant changes. But there were many challenges too. We need to overcome these challenges and by the end of this year, there are many projects that need to be completed. Despite the global challenges, the Colombo Port and the Ports Authority has been able to achieve great progress. I should thank my predecessors for it was the initiatives taken by them that has made my task easier."

The Colombo Port has managed to beat other ports in the region in becoming the best Container Port Terminal in the region. "It is also a very significant achievement as it

is the first time in history that the Colombo Port reaches the top of a global maritime ranking. The Colombo Port reached a container capacity of seven million last year. We passed a new milestone and it was the commitment of all that helped us achieve this goal."

He said the Colombo Port has now reached its maximum capacity and as such it is required to further expand the capacity of the Colombo Port.

"If this is neglected, then the achievements we reached over the past few years would be useless. However, the decisions needed to be taken for the expansion of the Colombo Port had been delayed over the past few years due to the inability to take decisions on time. As a result, we are facing a dangerous situation. If we fail to expand our port capacity, the shipping companies will look to other countries for transshipment activities. I won't point fingers at anyone but reiterate the need to take action fast," Minister Ratnayaka noted.

Minister Ratnayaka said that for

the first time in 1999 the country's private sector was given an opportunity to develop a terminal. "The Port Authority had 15% and the private companies had 85% of the share. Thereafter, the next private terminal was given to CICT in 2011 on a 35-year lease at 15% to the Port Authority and 85% to the private company CM Port during the Rajapaksa regime. CM Port is a large company which operates terminals in many countries. But at the time the Port Authority only got 15%."

Currently, the fifth stage of the third terminal the JCT terminal should be done and the Cabinet Paper for its construction of this terminal has been submitted and the Cabinet Paper for the procurement process would be submitted today, he said, adding that however, there is a small issue which is there is no deep water terminal which can facilitate large ships. The only terminal which can accommodate such large ships is the CICT terminal. "So what should we do? We should develop the ECT terminal. We must take



quick decisions and we could bring ship to shore cranes and commence work. But it is easier said than done. The procurement process would take around a year," the minister said.

"We have also launched a massive IT drive to transform the Colombo Port into a smart port positioning it as one of the most competitive ports in the region. The Ports Authority would spend Rs.929 million for the project which has also been incorporated into the Asian Development Bank funded port development master plan. Under this project, the Colombo Port's IT and Systems would be upgraded to streamline terminal management cargo systems in less than 18 months," he said, adding that the upgraded terminal system, will ensure that the Colombo Port will be in keeping with developed ports.

He also said the Galle port would be developed as a recreation port to meet the requirements of the tourism industry.

# CLIPPINGS

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# COLOMBO DOCKYARD RETURNS TO PROFITABILITY

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**DINESH PERERA**

The Colombo Dockyard PLC reported Rs. 337 million after tax profit for the financial year ending December 31, 2018, compared with Rs. 26 million in the previous year.

CEO, D.V. Abeyasinghe told the shareholders of the company yesterday, “We have been able to cross over the financial losses of the last three years, although there has been no significant growth in profitability yet,” addressing the annual general meeting (AGM) of Colombo Dockyard PLC at the Galadari Hotel. Abeysin-

ghe said, “2018 was another tough one due to the continuing low demand for ship building and heavy competition. In addition to the successful order for a cable laying vessel, the company was able to contract two vessels for the Port Authority of Iraq through a subsidiary of Toyota. We won an award to deliver two pilot boats to Sri Lanka Ports Authority through an international competitive tender. We were able to increase the revenue by 14% for the new building segment.” “The financial situation of the country did not help us to realize the cabinet recommended vessels for the

coast guard. Ship repair sector in turnover (USD) dropped by 7.5% mainly due to non-operation caused by the need for repair on docks.”

He said, “We are optimistic about the future of the ship repair sector with some of the global changes in the maritime industry.

The sulfur cap by 2020 and the ballast management regulation will be good revenue avenues for ship repair business.” He added, “we are willing to expand our float repair business as well. We need to develop hydro-blasting and to improve the hull repair capacity to invite

some prospective private owners.”

The CEO mentioned the construction of underwater restaurants in the Maldives and spoke of a wide range of opportunities available in the market. He ended by saying “the outlook of our core business remains challenging.”

Chief Financial Officer Gihan Ravinatha answering a question on the drop in gross profit said “due to the competition we have to give preferential prices. That is why we see gross profit reduction.”

Ravinatha said, “To control FX aspects we use for-

ward contracts.” He later added responding to a question on the FX impact on profitability “because of Rs. depreciation there is obviously a gain.

We usually expect 5-6% depreciation but for the last 2 years, there has only been a 3% decline.

We were penalized by low depreciation.”

The share DOCK.N last traded at Rs. 54 had earnings for the fiscal year of Rs. 6.03 and approved a dividend payment of Rs. 1.5. The share has a net asset value of 142.23 per share. All matters put to the shareholders were unanimously passed.

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## SAGT STRENGTHENS OPERATING INFRASTRUCTURE CAPABILITIES

South Asia Gateway Terminals (Pvt) Ltd, the first public private partnership stevedoring container terminal in Sri Lanka strengthened its operating infrastructure capabilities with the addition of six state-of-the-art Rubber Tyred Gantry (RTG) Cranes recently.

The addition of the new yard handling equipment will boost the terminal's RTG fleet from 31 to 37. This latest operational enhancement follows the introduction of ten (10) intra-terminal trailers in June 2018.

The six ZPMC built RTGs are state of the art, providing operator ergonomic comfort, optimum safety and a host of features designed for high efficiency.

SAGT was recently awarded the "Best Terminal in the Indian Sub-Continent Region" for third consecutive year and was also awarded the coveted "Best Transshipment Hub Port Terminal of the year" by Singapore based Global Ports Forum. With a commitment to operational best practice with safety at its core, SAGT continues to set the benchmark for best in class terminal productivity.

Romesh David, SAGT's Chief Executive Officer stated, "Team

SAGT is committed to continuous integration of best practices and technologies in line with our commitment to performance excellence. These investments will bolster capacity through further increases in our productivity across all facets of operations thereby contributing towards augmenting the Port of Colombo's overall container handling capacity".

He further stated that "the maritime industry faces a sustained tough global operating environment in which we continue to work in partnership with our stakeholders to deliver value to our customers through operational efficiency leading to gains through reduced transaction costs. This in turn contributes to further under-scoring the competitiveness of the Port of Colombo as the pre-eminent container shipping hub in the region" he added.

SAGT with a design capacity at inception of 1.1 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent container units) achieved a throughput of more than 2 million TEUs in 2018. It was the highest number of containers handled by the terminal in a single year, since it began operations in 1999.

SAGT has been featured by top

global shipping lines as a case study for partnership-based performance excellence.

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

SAGT is a Board of Investment (BOI) flagship company consisting of four shareholders – John Keells Holdings, Maersk/APM Terminals, Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) and Evergreen Marine Corporation.



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## WISTA delegation meets SLPA Chairman



WISTA President along with the Executive Committee members recently paid a visit to SLPA to meet the newly appointed Chairman Kavan Ratnayaka.

WISTA President Rukshila Antony De Saram outlined the WISTA objectives in uplifting the standards of women in the logistics industry and the activities carried out in the past to support this initiative to the Chairman.

Antony De Saram also appreciated the initiatives taken by SLPA in promoting

Women Gantry Operators and giving more opportunities and encouraging women participation in jobs which were traditionally known amongst men in the industry.

WISTA also discussed about collaborating with SLPA in carrying out some of the future activities which will definitely have a positive impact in the industry.

The Chairman gave his pledge to encourage more women participation at SLPA and create more job opportunities in the

port. WISTA also made representation on some of the trending topics on making Colombo a SMART port and the importance of East Container Terminal to the industry.

WISTA Sri Lanka is proud to present a one day seminar in association with #DataccioConnect (maritime technology based events) across the globe on the digitalisation of ports (presentations on digital trends) and technology for crew (crew communications and welfare) with an exclusive segment on

'Women in Maritime Technology' on March 29, 2019, at Galle Face Hotel starting at 10:00a.m..

This event will be open to interested industry professionals as WISTA aims at bringing technology experts, solutions providers and real use cases from across the maritime ecosystem and the globe to present on the latest developments and implementations of AI, IoT, Blockchain, Big Data, Cybersecurity, and more that are causing disruptions in the maritime sphere.



## Facilitating cruise tourism in Sri Lanka

GLOBALLY, the cruise industry is projected to continue to grow throughout 2019, with an estimated 30 million travellers expected to cruise, up 6% from 28.2 million in 2018. The interest in Sri Lanka as a cruise destination is growing with its scenic beauty, diversity of its product offering, access to sea ports located in Colombo, Galle, Hambantota, and Trincomalee, and the positive endorsement by Lonely Planet.

Tourism Minister John Amaratunga, along with Tourism Advisory Committee Chairman Harry Jayawardena, is keen on developing this important tourism segment, in order to entice and attract more cruise ships to Sri Lanka. Much work needs to be done, and they wish to facilitate and encourage the Government for a cruise terminal and find ways to ease cruise procedures, spruce up the passenger terminal facilities etc. Though Sri Lanka has four ports, it is important to find ways of developing these ports to be competing with other reputed cruise destinations in the region. In order to exchange ideas and find ways the Tourism Minister along with a high-ranking delegation met Norman Rasel Son, Cruise Director of the luxury Cruise Ship Silver Whisper.

The luxury cruise ship Silver Whisper, part of the Silver Sea Cruise liner



company, called over to the Colombo Port on Monday 25 March. Carrying 300 high-end luxury passengers, who are on an around the world voyage,

the ship first called over at the Trincomalee harbour on Friday 22 March, prior to calling over at the Colombo port on Monday. The Silver Whisper boasts

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In a background as this, Sri Lanka attracts around 60 cruise calls a year, out of which majority of the shore excursions are handled by Aitken Spence Travels, the leading DMC in Sri Lanka.

Those present who met with the Cruise Director Norman Rasel Son of Silver Whisper were Tourism Minister John Amaratunga; Tourism Committee Chairman Deshamanya DHS Jayawardena; Aitken Spence Leisure Sector Head Stasshani Jayawardena; Senior Advisor to the Minister Felix Rodrigo; Micato India Managing Director Michael Haidar Ali; and Controller General of Immigration and Emigration & Commissioner for Registration of Persons of Indian Origin Nihal Ranasinghe.

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## Over 3,000 tourists arrive onboard two cruise ships to Sri Lanka

OVER 3,000 tourists from Europe, Australia and Thailand arrived aboard two luxury cruise liners to Sri Lanka during the last two weeks reflecting increased interest in Sri Lanka since the launch of a new brand identity that amplifies Sri Lanka's natural offering, wellness tourism and lesser known attractions. On their arrival, officers from the SLTPB welcomed the visitors and provided the necessary information needed during their short stay.

Luxury Cruise Liner Sapphire Princess which embarked from Singapore on 10 March docked at the Colombo Port on 15 March. The ship had departed from Phuket, Thailand prior to its arrival here.

Malship Ceylon Ltd. handled the line while ground handling was coordinated by Lotus DMC Lanka. There were 2,500 passengers on board who toured the Pinnawala Elephant orphanage, the southern coast, Dalada Maligawa, Colombo city tours, Kandy and lesser known attractions.

The cruise will end its journey at Southampton, England on 13 April completing 37 nights tour-



considering Sri Lanka as their next travel destination

ing many countries. The luxury liner has a vivid variety of dining options onboard including eight restaurants, several lounges, pizzeria, bars and cafes. The liner also has five swimming pools with eight jacuzzis, aerobic studio, beauty salons, and many entertainment options.

The Pacific Princess, which is

part of the Princess Cruise line embarked its journey from Fort Lauderdale in Florida on 5 January and arrived from Phuket, Thailand to Sri Lanka on 13 March. The cruise liner which will make its way to Male in Maldives is ferrying passengers from European nations, Thailand and Australia.

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while Lotus DMC Lanka coordinated the ground handling. There were 600 passengers onboard who were impressed with the destination offering including special emphasis on spiritual and wellness tourism. Tourists toured the City Colombo, Kandy and popular attractions.

Within the last three months of this year, six cruise ships have arrived in Sri Lanka with a total combined capacity of 11,200 passengers.



Pacific Princess



Sapphire Princess



getting ready to have an interesting experience



Sapphire Princess

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මේ සම්බන්ධයෙන් නිවේදනයක් නිකුත් කරමින් අමාත්‍යවරයා සඳහන් කරන්නේ කොළඹ වරායේ සැලසුම් පරිසරය සංවර්ධනය සඳහා ජපානයෙන් වසර 40ක කාලයකින් අවසන් කිරීම වෙනුවෙන් සියයට දශම එකක පොලිය යටතේ ණයක් ලැබෙන බවත් එම වසර 40 තුළ පළමු වසර සඳහා ණය ගෙවීමට අවශ්‍ය හැකි බවත්ය.

ඉන් අනතුරුව මෙම පරිසරයේ මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු සිදුකිරීම වෙනුවෙන් සමාගමක් මෙරටවලින් ස්ථාපිත කරන බවද එහි අයිතිය වරාය අධිකාරිය සතු වන අතර මෙහෙයුම් සිදුකරන සමාගමේ සියයට 51ක් ශ්‍රී ලංකා විද්‍යා සංවර්ධන සමාගම ලැබෙන බවද හෙතෙම සඳහන් කරයි.

ඊට අමතරව ශාලා වරාය සංචාරක වරායක් ලෙස ඉදිරි කාලයේදී දියුණු කිරීමට කටයුතු කරන බවද සාගල රත්නායක අමාත්‍යවරයා සඳහන් කර ඇත.

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Considering Sri Lanka as their next travel destination



## Over 3,000 tourists arrive in SL onboard two cruise ships



The Sapphire princess

Sri Lanka Tourism announced via media release that over 3,000 tourists from Europe, Australia and Thailand arrived aboard two luxury cruise liners to Sri Lanka during the last two weeks, reflecting increased interest in Sri Lanka since the launch of a new brand identity that amplifies Sri Lanka's natural offering, wellness tourism and lesser-known attractions. On their

arrival, officers from the SLTPH welcomed the visitors and provided the necessary information needed during their short stay.

The Luxury Cruise Liner Sapphire Princess, which embarked from Singapore on 10 March, docked at the Colombo Port on 15 March. The ship had departed from Phuket, Thailand, prior to its arrival here.

Malship Ceylon Limited handled the line, while ground-handling was coordinated by Lotus DMC Lanka. There were 2,500 passengers on board who toured the Pinnawala Elephant orphanage, the Southern Coast, Dondra Maligawa, Colombo city tours, Kandy and lesser-known attractions, the release added.

The cruise will end its journey at

Southampton, England on 13 April, completing 37 nights touring many countries. The luxury liner has a vivid variety of dining options onboard including eight restaurants, several lounges, pizzeria, bars and cafes. The liner also has five swimming pools with eight Jacuzzis, aerobic studio, beauty salons, and many entertainment options.

The Pacific Princess, which is part of the Princess Cruise line, embarked on its journey from Fort Lauderdale in Florida on 5 January, and arrived from Phuket, Thailand to Sri Lanka on 13 March. The cruise liner, which will make its way to Male in Maldives, is ferrying passengers from European nations, Thailand and Australia.

The line was handled by Malship, while Lotus DMC Lanka coordinated the ground-handling. There were 600 passengers onboard, who were impressed with the destination offering, including special emphasis on spiritual and wellness tourism. Tourists toured the City of Colombo, Kandy and popular attractions.

Within the last three months of this year, six cruise ships have arrived in Sri Lanka, with a total combined capacity of 11,200 passengers, the release concluded.



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## SL welcomes 11, 200 cruise tourists



Sapphire Princess docked at Colombo port

Sri Lanka has welcomed 11, 200 cruise tourists so far this year, who arrived in the island nation on six cruise ships, Sri Lanka Tourism Promotions Bureau (SLTPB) said in a statement.

According to SLTPB, over the last two weeks alone, over 3000 tourists from Europe, Australia

and Thailand arrived in Sri Lanka on board two luxury cruise liners.

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## SAGT strengthens operating infrastructure

South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) (Pvt) Ltd, a stevedoring container terminal in Sri Lanka, strengthened its operating infrastructure with the addition of six state-of-the-art Rubber Tyred Gantry (RTG) cranes recently.

The addition of the new yard handling equipment will boost the terminal's RTG fleet from 31 to 37. This latest operational enhancement follows the introduction of 10 intra-terminal trailers in June last year.

The six ZPMC built RTGs are state-of-the-art, providing operator ergonomic comfort, optimum safety and a host of features designed for high-efficiency.

SAGT's Chief Executive Officer Romesh David said, "Team SAGT is committed to continuous integration of best practices and technologies in line with our commitment to performance excellence. These investments will bolster capacity through further increases in our productivity across all facets of operations contributing towards augmenting the



Port of Colombo's overall container handling capacity."

"The maritime industry faces a sustained tough global operating environment in which we continue

to work in partnership with our stakeholders to deliver value to our customers through operational efficiency leading to gains through reduced transaction costs. This in turn contributes to further under-

scoring the competitiveness of the Port of Colombo as the pre-eminent container shipping hub in the region," he said.

SAGT with a design capacity, at inception, of 1.1 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent container units) achieved a throughput of over two million TEUs last year. It was the highest number of containers handled by the terminal in a single year, since it began operations in 1999.

SAGT has been featured by top global shipping lines as a case study for partnership-based performance excellence.

SAGT was recently awarded the 'Best Terminal in the Indian Sub-Continent Region' for the third consecutive year and was also awarded the 'Best Transshipment Hub Port Terminal of the year' by Singapore based Global Ports Forum. With a commitment to operational best practice with safety at its core, SAGT continues to set the benchmark for best in class terminal productivity.

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## SAGT welcomes CEO, A. P. Moller – Maersk A/S

Team SAGT (South Asia Gateway Terminals) welcomed Chief Executive Officer A. P. Moller – Maersk A/S, Soren Skou on his first visit to Sri Lanka.

CEO, SAGT, Romesh David accompanied Skou and Maersk Group representatives on the terminal visit, presenting the enhanced value proposition the Port of Colombo (PoC) offers the maritime industry beyond the port's geographic advantage.

Skou, who heads Maersk Line, the largest container shipping company in the world, was taken up with the port infrastructure, the expansion potential and more-so with the warmth and hospitality of the people here. During his visit he called on President Maithripala Sirisena, Prime Minister Ranil Wick-

remesinghe, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayake.

He also visited the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Maersk Lanka, Agents in Sri Lanka for Maersk Line and Chairman, John Keells Holdings, Krishan Balendra.

South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT), the first Public-Private Partnership container terminal in Sri Lanka with approximately 60% Sri Lankan shareholding, commenced operations in 1999, launching the Port of Colombo as global trade's pre-eminent gateway hub in South Asia. SAGT is a Board of Investment flagship company whose shareholders include – John Keells Holdings, Maersk/APM Terminals, Sri Lanka Ports Authority and Evergreen Marine Corporation.



**Chief Executive Officer A. P. Moller – Maersk A/S, Soren Skou at the South Asia Gateway Terminals, Port of Colombo**



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## Facilitating cruise tourism in Sri Lanka

Globally, the cruise industry is projected to continue to grow throughout this year with an estimated 39 million travellers expected to cruise, up 5% from 28.2 million last year.

The interest in Sri Lanka as a cruise destination is growing with its scenic beauty, diversity of its product offering, access to sea ports located in Colombo, Galle, Hambantota and Trincomalee and the positive endorsement by Lonely Planet.

Minister of Tourism John Amaratunga and the Chairman of the Tourism Advisory Committee are keen on developing this important tourism segment to entice and attract more cruise ships to Sri Lanka.

Much work needs to be done and they wish to facilitate and encourage the government for a cruise terminal and find ways to ease cruise procedures and spruce up the passenger terminal facilities.

Though Sri Lanka has four ports, it is important to find ways of developing the ports to compete with other reputed cruise destinations in the region.

The Minister of Tourism and a high-ranking delegation met Cruise Director of the luxury Cruise Ship Silver Whisper, Norman Rauli Son to exchange ideas and find ways to increase the visits of cruise liners to Sri Lanka.

The luxury cruise ship Silver Whisper, part of the Silver Sea Cruise Line company called at the Colombo Port last week. Carrying 800 high end luxury passengers who are on an around the world voyage, the ship first called over at the Trincomalee harbour on Friday, March 22 before calling over at the Colombo port on Monday. The Silver

Whisper boasts of amenities of a grand resort.

The charms of a stylish boutique hotel, with world-class accommodations, shipboard conviviality and warm, individualised service, paired with the enhanced spaces and amenities of a larger ship.

Majority of the cruise passengers indulge in shore excursions to take a break from the sea journey and explore the country.

Shore excursions such as the Galleway Kawa tour, the Vice Roy tour on the diesel engine locomotive, visiting the historical Relaniya temple, spending the day with the Pinnewela elephants and Exploring the city of Colombo

were undertaken by these clients before they departed.

Sri Lanka attracts around 60 cruise calls a year out of which majority of the shore excursions is handled by Aitsen

Spence Travels the leading DMC in Sri Lanka.

Among the others present were Head of the Tourists Committee D.J.L.S. Jayawardena, Head of Leisure Sector at Aitsen Spence, Shashani Jayawardena, Senior Advisor to the Minister, Felis Rodrigo, Managing Director of Micato, India, Michael Haidar Ali, and Controller General of Immigration and Emigration, Nihal Ranasinghe.





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