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Newspaper – Daily Mirror Date – 02-05-2019

SA's largest LPG transshipment terminal by Laugfs officially inaugurates operations

Vessel Gas Success



Laugfs Maritime's own vessel Gas Success brings in first LPG cargo

Plans underway to extend capacity to 45,000MT, under phase II

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The discharge operation was completed 22 hours prior to the expected time and the vessel was able to depart well before schedule the following day. "The Glovis Sun was on a very tight schedule, therefore, the efficiency and quality service of the operation was an outstanding achievement for the port, especially on a vessel with such high volume," said Tissa Wickramasinghe COO of HIPG.

Ever since HIP initiated discussions for a TSA with Glovis and terms were agreed on, the Shipping Line's volumes have been on the increase. By end 2018, Glovis was able to record their best year in terms of volume, with an outstanding number of vessels handled. Taking into account the port's up to date equipment, expertise and service quality, the shipping line moved a lot of their high and heavy cargo via HIP.

Following this success, a two year TSA between Glovis and HIP was signed in January this year.



"We are extremely happy with the services provided by Hambantota Port and after HIPG took over, facilities for RORO operations have been streamlined making it an attractive destination for transshipment. Hyundai Glovis, which mainly brings in vehicles from the East coast of India has seen a growth in volumes and with the safety standards in the port being maintained we believe that we can grow our business from HIP," says Lalindra Fernando, Director of Sharaf Shipping Agency, who are the local agents representing Hyundai Glovis.

A TSA with Norwegian Shipping Company, Hoegh Line, soon followed, with the agreement signed in February

2019. Strong in both European and Indian markets, Hoegh liners are especially known for the transportation of heavy vehicles. Since HIP came under the CMPort umbrella, Hoegh has rekindled their interest in the port, doing more than 10,000 units in 2018 - a marked increase from 6500 units in 2017.

The Shipping Company has channeled 8000 units via HIP in the last six months alone, clear proof of the confidence and trust placed in the port.

In addition to Glovis and Hoegh, HIPG has signed contracts with another international player, for RORO business, bringing the Port closer to achieving its hub status for the Indian RORO market.

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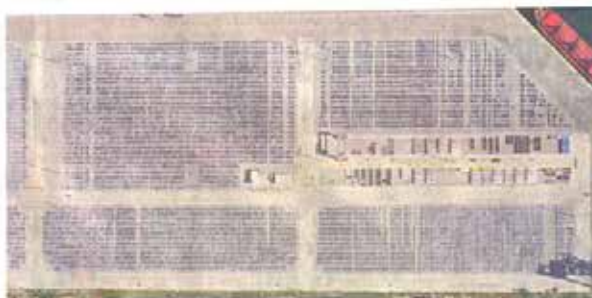
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Hambantota International Port signs Terminal Service Agreements with top players in shipping industry

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hub in South Asia. With tremendous opportunities to support the regional growth of the LPG industry, plans are also underway for capacity to be extended to 45,000MT by the completion of the second phase of the project, marking a total project investment of USD \$50 million.

The new LAUGFS LPG Terminal will

operate as a central hub for LPG importing, re-exporting as well as the provisioning to retailers.

The Terminal is also expected to support LAUGFS Gas's rapid expansion plans in the region to become an integrated regional LPG player in the Indian Ocean Rim area by leveraging on the synergies and strengths within its energy value chain. Over the years, LAUGFS's energy presence has rapidly expanded across the region in line with the Sri Lankan government's keen interest in the sector.

LAUGFS's presence in the sector ranges from LPG downstream activities in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh by LAUGFS Gas, to LPG ocean freight services and related logistics with its own fleet of LPG vessels by LAUGFS Maritime and energy trading by Dubai based SLOGAL Energy DMCC.

LAUGFS has continued to build its stake in the energy value chain with strong investments in energy infrastructure, and the LAUGFS Transshipment Terminal at Hambantota will be an important addition to this journey.

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South Asia's largest LPG Transshipment Terminal by LAUGFS officially starts operations

LAUGFS Terminals Ltd has officially inaugurated operations of its state-of-the-art LPG Transshipment Terminal at the Hambantota International Port, the largest of its kind in South Asia, with the first of its LPG cargo brought in by the Sri Lankan flagged vessel Gas Success, part of LAUGFS Maritime's own LPG vessel fleet.

The new LAUGFS LPG Terminal is an important energy infrastructure in the Indian Ocean, having strategically located amidst key international maritime trading routes connecting West to East, the company said in a media release.

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"This marks a historic occasion not just for LAUGFS, but for our nation as well as the entire Asian region," commented LAUGFS Chairman, Mr. W. K. H. Wegapitiya. "The first revolutionary step taken towards realising Sri Lanka's vision to become a maritime and logistics hub in South Asia was propelled in the early 1970s by the ground-breaking initiatives taken at the Colombo Port to create



Laugfs ship Gas Success at the Hambantota Port.



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a hub for container transshipment. What we are initiating today with the LAUGFS LPG Transshipment Terminal will be a trigger for the second such revolution in fulfilling this ambitious vision of our country by creating an energy hub sur-

rounding the Hambantota International Port. The economic and social impact of this to Sri Lanka is tremendous and multi-fold," he added.

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Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport AGM

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Sri Lanka held its 35th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 29 March at the Victorian of Kingsbury Hotel attended by a gathering of members. Gayani De Alwis CMLT was re-elected uncontested as the Chairperson of CILT. The three Vice Chairpersons re-elected were Dr. Namalle Sirisoma CMLT, Chamanna de Alwis CMLT and Ghan Jayasinghe CMLT. Chaminda Perera CMLT was elected as the General Secretary and Upali Gunawardena FCILT was re-elected as the Treasurer.

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Hambantota Intl. Port signs terminal service agreements with top players in shipping industry

VEHICLE Carrier, Glovis Sun sailing under the Marshall Islands flag, helped the Hambantota International Port (HIP) to reach its highest discharge volumes to date, when 5,000 transshipment units were discharged in record time last month. The discharge operation was completed 22 hours prior to the expected time and the vessel was able to depart well before schedule the following day.

"The Glovis Sun was on a very tight schedule, therefore, the efficiency and quality service of the operation was an outstanding achievement for the port, especially on a vessel with such high volume," said HIPG COO Tissa Wickramasinghe.

Eversince HIP initiated discussions for a TSA with Glovis and terms were agreed on, the Shipping Line's volumes have been on the increase. By end 2018, Glovis was able to record their best year in terms of volume, with an outstanding number of vessels handled. Taking into account the port's up to date equipment, expertise and service quality, the shipping line moved a



lot of their high and heavy cargo via HIP. Following this success, a two year TSA between Glovis and HIP was signed in January this year.

"We are extremely happy with the services provided by Hambantota Port and after HIPG took over, facilities for RORO operations have been streamlined making it an attractive destination for transshipment. Hyundai



Glovis, which mainly brings in vehicles from the East coast of India has seen a growth in volumes

and with the safety standards in the port being maintained we believe that we can grow our business from HIP," says Lalindra Fernando, Director of Sharaf Shipping Agency, who are the local agents representing Hyundai Glovis.

A TSA with Norwegian Shipping Company, Hoegh Line, soon followed, with the agreement signed in February 2019. Strong in both European and Indian markets, Hoegh liners are especially known for the transportation of heavy vehicles. Since HIP came under the CMPort umbrella, Hoegh has rekindled their interest in the port, doing more than 10,000 units in 2018 – a marked increase from 6500 units in 2017. The Shipping Company has channelled 8000 units via HIP in the last six months alone, clear proof of the confidence and trust placed in the port.

In addition to Glovis and Hoegh, HIPG has signed contracts with another international player, for RORO business, bringing the Port closer to achieving its hub status for the Indian RORO market.



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Hambantota International Port, a gateway to sub-continent

HIP is the latest addition to Sri Lanka's network of harbours, currently being developed in different parts of the island. The expansion is an initiative of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), to take advantage of the nation's geographic positioning and the growing demand for more capacity in the region. Situated on the southern part of the island, HIP is an multipurpose port, 16 nautical miles from the main sea lane connecting east and west, ideally positioned to become the gateway to the sub-continent.

The port is operated by Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) and Hambantota International Port Services (HIPPS), two companies formed under the Public Private Partnership entered into between SLPA and global port operator CMAI.

One year after HIP came under its new management, the port doubled its re-



business, with a 136% increase in the volume of re-to vessels handled. The port has since diversified its services to include other port-related activities such as container handling, general cargo, passenger, bunkering, bulk terminal, gas and project cargo. HIPG has signed TSA's with several leading shipping lines and is well en-

the way to becoming one of a kind in Sri Lanka.

The geographic positioning of HIP provides advantages not just for the shipping industry but for import/export business in general as the port can offer comparatively shorter timelines coupled with experienced handling to ship or tranship finished goods to almost any

destination in the region. Competitive labour costs, door to door delivery, attractive concessions and freeport facilities, ample space for storage, coupled with dry weather throughout the year, are among the benefits that give HIP its competitive edge as a maritime and logistics hub.

Logistical activities

involving re-to operations and other port related services, targeting the African and South American vehicle markets, are also being further diversified, which will provide a platform for logistics service providers that will have access to the vast number of vessels passing by the port daily.

Part of the management's

strategy for gaining lead position in South Asia was to set the stage for HIP to become an energy hub. The company has already embarked on this ambitious plan by entering into an agreement with one of the world's largest bunker providers, Sinopec Fuel Oils Company, to supply bunkering facilities to ships calling at the port, as well as vessels moving on the main sea lanes adjacent to the port. HIPG is positioning the Hambantota Port as a source of IMO-compliant fuel for the region. Located between Singapore and Fujairah – the world's number one and two bunker suppliers to the world respectively – Sri Lanka is well placed to take full advantage of the potential bunkering business has to offer.

Ray Ren, CEO of HIPG, says the port will begin its bunkering operations in 4Q19. "I am pleased to announce that HIP will be

the first port in the region to supply IMO-compliant low sulphur fuel, which we will start doing by the end of this year. With the cap on low sulphur fuel in compliance with the IMO 2020 rule, the demand for it is bound to increase next year and we are very well prepared to take advantage of that. We will also cooperate with trade dealers to maximise economies of scale so that we can offer the best possible price advantage to our customers."

The CEO says HIPG will be taking steps to expand the port's tank capacity, to be ready for the imminent changes in marine fuel markets.

Another HIPG future strategy is to bring in refineries with capability of building their own facilities, which will create opportunity for local marine fuel production. Apart from minimising its own investment considerably, this strategy

will allow the port to offer high grade fuel at considerably lower rates.

HIPG is also focused on further developing facilities for LPG handling, for which it intends partnering with local companies. Whilst this would surely benefit LPG users in Sri Lanka, it would enable the port to become a distributor of LPG to the region. HIPG's agreement to provide port facilities to Lanka, a major player in Sri Lanka's energy industry, is a step in this direction. The port has dedicated two jetties for oil, gas and petroleum business to facilitate energy companies like Lanka, which plans on bringing LPG in larger vessels from international markets.

LNG bunkering facilities are another focus area for HIPG; the company is in the process of negotiating with possible partners to provide this service.

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Dangerous Goods Storage Facility commissioned

Sri Lanka's first and South Asia's most advanced, Dangerous Goods Storage Facility (DGSF) was commissioned on Friday, May 10, at the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT), equipping the Port of Colombo with a sophisticated storage yard for cargo classified under the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code.

An investment of US\$ 1.5 million (about Rs 265 million at current rates) by the CICT, the DGSF constructed and equipped to the highest international standard, enables the Terminal to isolate IMDG cargo under protection, while safeguarding the environment, the personnel and ensuring cargo safety.

"Safety and security are key priorities in everything we do, while this facility would significantly enhance the capabilities and reputation of the Port of Colombo," CICT CEO Jack Huang said. "Being part of a global container terminal operation, CICT complies with the world's highest standards and best practices and constantly seeks to provide value added services to our valuable customers."

Encompassing an area with a capacity to accommodate up to 471 TEUs at a time, the facility has explosion-proof yard surfaces,

manual and automatic spray-rod cooling, refrigerator storage, advanced fire control and fire fighting equipment, including a sand pool, a 50kg wheeled ABC powder extinguisher, sand pool emergency tram and shovel, pillar hydrant and fire hose cabinet; sophisticated lightning protection, body static eliminators at the entrances, sand pool for leaking containers, dual power supply with an automatic conversion system and UPS capabilities, an emergency treatment site and an emergency material tool room.

The entire area is protected with round-the-clock video monitoring with explosive-proof ball type cameras and explosive-proof gun type cameras, automatic sound and light alarms and anti-collision pier environment control equipment.

For environment control purposes, the DGSF has been equipped with an impervious concrete surface, facilities for waste water collection and storage of drainage and storm water connections.

Managed by global giant CMAA, CICT handled 2.68 million TEUs in 2018, recording a 12 per cent increase in its annual throughput and contributing 38 per cent of the Port of Colombo's volume of 7 million TEUs during the year. ULCCs (Ultra Large Con-

tainer Carriers) of a size that only CICT is capable of handling, contributed 70 per cent to the volumes the Terminal achieved in 2018. CICT handles mega container vessels from all three major shipping line alliances. With the geographical coverage of these services and the high frequency of mainline liner service connections, CICT has helped the Port of Colombo to move up the Drewry's Port Connectivity Index to be ranked the 11th best connected port in the world.

CICT recently added two new mega Quay Gantry Cranes (QGCs), six new Rubber-tyred Gantry Cranes (RTGs) and 18 Prime Movers to enable the handling of 22,000+ TEU vessels and further development of the deep water capacity of the Port of Colombo.

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



Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Kavan Rathnayake (above, right) and CICT CEO Jack Huang ceremonially open CICT's Dangerous Goods Storage Facility (below).

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CICT CEO Jack Huang ceremonially open CICT's Dangerous Goods Storage Facility

Newspaper – The Island Date – 15-05-2019

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

Newspaper – Daily FT Date – 16-05-2019

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SLPA Chairman Kavan Rathnayake (above, right) and CICT CEO Jack Huang ceremonially open CICT's Dangerous Goods Storage Facility (below)



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MIKEPANAMA නෛකාවෙන් මෙරටට ගෙනා අඩි 40 බහලුම් ප්‍රවාහනය කළ හැඩි එම ගැලක් රුපියල් කෝටි 1 1/2ක (ඇමෙරිකානු ඩොලර් 84,200ක්) වටිනාකමින් යුතු බවද එම අමාත්‍යාංශය සඳහන් කරයි.

මීට අමතරව ඉන්ධන ලීටර් 45,000ක් (ගැලුම් 10,000ක්) ප්‍රවාහනය කළ හැඩි ඉන්ධන ප්‍රවාහන ගැල් 05ක් එම නෛකාවෙන් ගෙනා බවද ප්‍රවාහන අමාත්‍යාංශය පවසයි.

මෙම ඉන්ධන ප්‍රවාහන ගැලක් රුපියල් මිලියන 15.2ක් (ඇමෙරිකානු ඩොලර් 85,500ක) වටිනාකමින් යුතු බවද එම අමාත්‍යාංශය ප්‍රකාශ කරයි.

ඉන්දීය ණය යෝජනා ක්‍රමය යටතේ බහලුම් ප්‍රවාහන ගැල් 20ක් සහ ඉන්ධන ප්‍රවාහන ගැල් 30ක් මෙරටට ආනයනය කිරීමට සැලසුම් කර තිබෙන බවත්, එහි පළමු අදියර යටතේ රියේ (16දා) දිනයේදී බහලුම් ප්‍රවාහන හා



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දුම්රිය දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව වාර්ෂිකව උපයන ආදායමේ ප්‍රතිශතයෙන් 22%ක් ඉන්ධන ප්‍රවාහනයෙන් සහ 02%ක් හාණිවි ප්‍රවාහනයෙන්ද ලබන බවත්, කටුනායක ගුවන්තොටුපොළට ගුවන්යානා ඉන්ධන ප්‍රවාහනය ඇතුළුව අනෙකුත් ප්‍රදේශවලට සිදුකරන ඉන්ධන ප්‍රවාහනයන්ද ඊට ඇතුළත් වන බවත් ප්‍රවාහන අමාත්‍යාංශය වැඩිදුරටත් පවසයි.



වසර 30කට පසු දුම්රිය බහලුම් ගැල් 10ක් ශ්‍රී ලංකාවට ආනයනය කරයි

මෙරට දුම්රිය ඉතිහාසයේ පෙරළියක් ඇති කරමින් වසර 30කට පසු බහලුම් ගැල් (Container Carrier Wagon) දහයක් (10) MIKE PANIMA නෛකාවෙන් රියේ (16දා) ශ්‍රී ලංකාවට ආනයනය කරනු ලැබේ. දැනට දුම්රිය දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව සතුව ඇති 25ක් වූ බහලුම් ප්‍රවාහන ගැල් ඇතිය වැඩි කර ගැනීම සඳහා පළමු අදියර යටතේ අඩි 40 බහලුම් ප්‍රවාහනය කළ හැකි මෙම ගැල් ආනයනය කළ අතර එම ගැලක වටිනාකම ඇ.ඩො. 84,200ක් (රුපියල් මිලියන 15ක්) වෙයි.

මෙම ගැල් සමඟ ඉන්ධන ප්‍රවාහන ගැල් 05ක්ද ආනයනය කළ අතර මෙම සියලුම ගැල් ඉන්දීය නෛකාවකින් යටතේ ආනයනය කෙරේ. ආනයනය කිරීමට අපේක්ෂිත මුළු ඉන්ධන ප්‍රවාහන ගැල් සංඛ්‍යාව 30කි. ඇ.ඩො. 85,500ක් වටිනා මෙම ගැලක ප්‍රවාහනය කළ හැකි ඉන්ධන ප්‍රමාණය ලීටර් 45,000කි. මිනි ප්‍රවාහනයට අමතරව භාණ්ඩ හා ඉන්ධන ප්‍රවාහනයෙන් වැඩි ආදායමක් උපයාගත හැකි බැවින් දුම්රිය දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව ඒ සඳහා වැඩි අවධානයක් යොමු කර තිබේ.

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Railways Dept. gets 10 container carrier wagons

Five oil tanker wagons
after 11 years



BY CHATURANGA SAMARAWICKRAMA

For the first time in 30 years, the Sri Lanka Railways Department (SLRD) yesterday received 10 container carrier wagons at the Colombo Harbour under an Indian loan scheme, The Transport Ministry said.

The SLRD also received five oil tanker wagons for the first time in 11 years.

It said the carrier wagons were imported to increase the number of wagons owned by the Railways Department and to streamline the country's goods delivery by using trains.

The Ministry said it was expecting to import 20 more carrier wagons and 30 oil tanker wagons under the Indian loan scheme. Under the first phase, the first lot of the carrier wagons had been received to the Colombo port.

Each carrier wagon worth nearly Rs.15 million (USD 84,000) with the capacity of a forty-foot container.

"The carrier wagons were received at the Colombo Port by the cargo vessel 'MIIKE Panama'. Each Oil Tanker Wagon worth nearly Rs.15.2 million (USD 85,500) with the transport capacity of 45,000 litres (10,000 gallons). The recent oil tanker wagons were imported in 2008 from Pakistan," the Ministry said.

Meanwhile, Transport Minister Arjuna Ranatunga said with the importation of the carrier wagons there would be a considerable development in the transport industry in the next few months.

"Railway is not a profitable business but it is a public service. The Railway service should not be a burden to the country. The income received from the railway should be collected and it should be deployed for the development of the tracks," Minister Ranatunga said.

The SLRD earns two per cent annual income from transporting goods and fuel, 22 per cent of income by transporting only fuel. The SLRD use 160 oil tanker wagons to transport fuel at present, the Minister added.



Newspaper – Sunday Observer Date – 19-05-2019

CICT invests US\$ 1.5 m on Dangerous Goods Storage Facility

One of Sri Lanka's first, and advanced, Dangerous Goods Storage Facility (DGSF) was commissioned at the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT) last week, equipping the Port of Colombo with a sophisticated storage yard for cargo classified under the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code.

The DGSF constructed and equipped to the highest international standard, with an investment of US\$ 1.5 million (about Rs. 265 million at current rates) enables the Terminal to isolate IMDG cargo under protection while safeguarding the environment and personnel and ensuring cargo safety.

"Safety and security are key priorities in everything we do, and this facility will significantly enhance the capabilities and reputation of the Port of Colombo," CICT CEO Jack Huang said. "Being part of a global container terminal operation, CICT complies with the world's highest standards and



Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Kavan Rathnayake (on right) and CICT CEO Jack Huang open CICT's Dangerous Goods Storage Facility.

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With a capacity to accommodate up to 471 TEUs at a time, the facility has explosion-proof yard surfaces, manual and automatic spray-rod cooling, refrigerator storage, advanced fire control and fire fighting equipment including a sand pool, a 50kg wheeled ABC powder extinguisher,

sand pool emergency tram and shovel, pillar hydrant and fire hose cabinet; sophisticated lightning protection, body static eliminators at entrances, sand pool for leaking containers, dual power supply with an automatic conversion system and UPS capabilities, an emergency treatment site and an emergency material tool room. The entire area is protected with round-the-clock video monitor-

ing with explosive-proof ball type cameras and explosive-proof gun type cameras, automatic sound and light alarms and anti-collision pier environment control equipment.

For environment control purposes, the DGSF has been equipped with an impervious concrete surface, facilities for wastewater collection and storage of drainage and storm water connections.

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Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Kavan Rathnayake (above, right) and CICT CEO Jack Huang ceremonially opening CICT Dangerous Goods Storage Facility

CICT opens the first Dangerous Goods Storage Sri Lanka's

Sri Lanka's first and South Asia's most advanced Dangerous Goods Storage Facility (DGSF) was commissioned on Friday, 10 May at the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT), equipping Port of Colombo with a sophisticated storage yard for cargo classified under the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code.

An investment of \$ 1.5 million (about Rs. 265 million at current rates) by CICT – the DGSF was constructed and equipped to the highest international standard – enables the terminal to isolate IMDG cargo under protection while safeguarding the environment and personnel as well as ensuring cargo safety.

"Safety and security are key priorities in everything we do, and this facility will significantly enhance the capabilities and reputation of Port of Colombo," CICT CEO Jack Huang said. "Being part of a global container terminal operation, CICT complies with the world's highest standards and best practices, and constantly seeks to provide value-added services to our valuable customers."

Encompassing an area with a capacity to accommodate up to 471 TEUs at a time, the facility has explosion-proof yard surfaces, manual and automatic spray-rod cooling, refrigerator storage, advanced fire control and firefighting equipment (including a sand pool), a 50 kg wheeled ABC powder extinguisher, sand pool emergency tram and shovel, pillar hydrant and fire hose cabinet, sophisticated lightning protection, body static eliminators at entrances, sand pool for leaking containers, dual power supply with an automatic conversion system and UPS capabilities, an emergency treatment site, and an emergency material tool room.

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Managed by the global giant CMAA, CICT handled 2.68 million TEUs in 2018, recording a 12% increase in its annual throughput and contributing 38% of Port of Colombo's volume of seven million TEUs in the year. Ultra large container carriers (ULCCs) of a size that only CICT is capable of handling contributed 70% to the volumes the terminal achieved in 2018. CICT handles mega container vessels from all three major shipping line alliances. With the geographical coverage of these services and the high frequency of mainline liner service connections, CICT has helped Port of Colombo to move up the Drevry's Port Connectivity Index to be ranked the 11th best connected port in the world.

CICT recently added two new mega quay gantry cranes (QGCs), six new rubber-tyred gantry cranes (RTGs), and 18 prime movers to enable the handling of 22,000-plus TEU vessels and further development of the deep-water capacity of the Port of Colombo.

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

Newspaper – Sunday Island Date – 19-05-2019

CICT invests USD 1.5 mn to open Sri Lanka's only Dangerous Goods Storage Facility

Says South Asia's most advanced IMDG storage will enhance Port of Colombo's capabilities and reputation

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Newspaper – Sunday Times Date – 19-05-2019

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Newspaper – Ceylon FT Date – 22-05-2019

Japan, India in Deal at CMB Port: Nikkei

Deal is to develop a container terminal at Port of Colombo

Port City Colombo is being built by China's State-owned CCCC

The governments of Japan, India and Sri Lanka have agreed to develop a container terminal at the Port of Colombo, which has attracted major investment from China under its Belt and Road initiative, a Japanese newspaper reported.

The three will sign a memorandum of understanding in the coming months for the East Container Terminal, located at the newly-expanded south part of the Port of Colombo, to deepen it and develop a facility to allow large container ships to enter, Nikkei Asian Review reported this week, without citing its sources.

Japan's Foreign Ministry was not immediately available for comment. Japan has also pushed its plans to be a player in the region under its "Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy."

Sri Lanka has been one of the countries drawn to China's Belt and Road Initiative, an ambitious plan announced in 2013 by President Xi Jinping to build an estimated US\$ 1 trillion of infrastructure to support increased trade and economic ties and further China's interests around the globe.

One project in the country includes Port City Colombo being built by China Communications Construction Co., or CCCC. The plan envisions a financial district – pitched as a new hub between Singapore and Dubai – with a marina, a hospital, shopping malls, and 21,000 apartments and homes.



China's State-owned CCCC, one of the world's largest companies with annual revenue greater than Procter & Gamble Co. or FedEx Corp., says its portfolio of 700 projects in more than 100 countries outside China has a value of more than US\$ 100 billion. It is also one of the most vexed. CCCC and its subsidiaries have left a trail of controversy in many of the countries where they operate, with many of its projects criticized as debt traps.

The nine-year-old Hambantota port in southern Sri Lanka – with almost no container traffic and trampled fences that elephants traverse with ease – has become a prime example of what can go wrong for countries involved in the Belt and Road programme. Sri Lanka borrowed heavily to build the port, couldn't repay the loans, and then gave China a 99-year lease for debt relief.

(Bloomberg)

Newspaper – Daily FT Date – 22-05-2019

Japan and India to develop Colombo port, countering Belt and Road

■ **With Sri Lanka, partners take on China's expanding Indian Ocean presence**

TOKYO: The governments of Japan, India and Sri Lanka have agreed to jointly develop the Port of Colombo, Nikkei has learned, as the Indian Ocean becomes more integral to global trade.

The project's goals are to increase the port's container volume and enhance marine transportation in and around South Asia.

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The deal comes as China has been using Belt and Road projects to increase its influence in the region, and with Japan aspiring to play a significant role in the area pushing its Free and Open Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean strategy.

The three partners will sign a memorandum of understanding by summer, and work will begin by next March.

The largest port in Sri Lanka, through which 90% of the country's seaborne goods pass, connects Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. It had traffic of 6.21 million twenty-foot equivalent units in 2017, making it Southwest Asia's busiest port. But the region's economies continue to boom and are expected bring the port to full capacity.

The three countries will develop the East Container Terminal, located at the south part of the Port of Colombo, which has been newly expanded. They will deepen it and develop a facility to allow large container ships to enter.

Government officials from the three countries are in working-level talks and expect to agree on the scale and form of the project by summer.

Corporate partners will also be brought on board. Japanese Official Development Assistance will finance a portion of the project.

The move comes as China has been enhancing its influence in and around the Indian Ocean. Western governments have often criticised the power dynamics in the region, saying Sri Lanka handed over its Southern port of Hambantota to China on a 99-year lease after it fell into a debt trap. Similar criticisms have been levelled against Chinese projects in the Maldives.

The Japanese government is also concerned. A Japanese government source said, "If the development of the Port of Colombo takes time, cargo might be transferred to Hambantota."

Some of Japan's primary maritime routes run through the Indian Ocean, so improved capacity of the region's ports will improve the security of tankers and commercial ships. (Source: <https://asia.nikkei.com/Politics/International-relations/Japan-and-India-to-develop-Colombo-port-countering-Belt-and-Road>)

Japanese concessionary loan for ECT

Papers will be presented for Cabinet approval by end of this month

Sri Lanka will obtain a highly concessional loan to develop the East Container Terminal of the Colombo port from Japan. The amount to be obtained is yet to be finalized as Japan and India have agreed with Sri Lanka to jointly develop the Port of Colombo, which is one of the key transshipment ports in the Indian Ocean.

Japan has agreed to provide a loan at the interest rate of 0.1% interest rate and a repayment period of 40 years with another 10 years of grace period. Official discussions among the three countries are currently on, highly placed sources said. Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister, Sagala Ratnayaka is likely to obtain Cabinet approval for the project before the end of this month.

As the Colombo port is

increasingly becoming an integral part of global trade and the government aims to develop Sri Lanka's shipping industry to go beyond being a container transshipment hub for the South Asian region and make it a broader hub serving a wide range of maritime related businesses.

Sri Lanka wants to take part in both China's 'One Belt, One Road' new Silk Route initiative for the development of trade in the region as well as India's 'Sagarmala' port development project, Prime Minister Wickremesinghe told a maritime conference earlier.

The next step with regard to the ECT project will be to sign a memorandum of understanding. Officials expect the project work to begin by early next year.

Newspaper – Daily Mirror Date – 22-05-2019

Govt. to develop ECT jointly with Japan and India

- Govt. to set up terminal operating company to develop ECT
- SLPA to own 51% equity stake of the company
- Parties nominated by Indian and Japanese govts to hold remaining 49%
- Three governments involved expected to sign MOU in coming months
- Japan to offer 40-year concessional loan with 10-year grace period for the project

■ By Indika Sakalasooriya

The government is gearing to fast-track the development of East Container Terminal (ECT) at the Port of Colombo jointly with Japan and India with the setting up of a terminal operating company (TOC), ensuring that the full ownership of ECT will remain with Sri Lanka.

According to informed government sources, Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) will own 51 percent equity stake in the TOC while parties nominated by Japanese and Indian governments will collectively hold the remaining 49 percent.

The three governments involved in the project are expected to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in the coming months. Thereafter, a joint working group consisting of members of the three

governments, is expected to negotiate the 'duration of co-operation' of the TOC.

A Cabinet memorandum in this regard is also expected to be presented by the Ports and Shipping Minister Sagala Ratnayake to the Cabinet of Ministers next week.

Meanwhile, diplomatic sources said the Japanese government is likely to extend a concessional loan to the Sri Lankan government to the tune of US \$ 500 million to develop the ECT, which is to be paid back in 40 years with a grace period of 10 years.

The tug of war between President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe had significantly delayed the development of ECT.

President Sirisena had reportedly opposed any move to get private sector

involvement in the development of ECT, even in the form of a public private partnership (PPP) deal.

The government in late 2016 called for Expressions of Interest (EoI) for the development of the ECT, and seven parties submitted applications. However, the development contract was never offered to any of the parties due to disagreements between Sirisena and Wickremesinghe.

The ECT's first phase was completed in 2015 with a US\$ 80 million loan from Bank of Ceylon (BOC). A part of the terminal is equipped with a 440 metre quay berth and an 18 hectare yard in addition to other equipment.

The ECT is located at the newly expanded south part of Port of Colombo.

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Govt. to develop...

Port of Colombo currently operates with three main terminals—Jaya Container Terminal operated by SLPA, South Asia Gateway Terminal operates by John Keells Holdings and Colombo International Container Terminal operated by China Merchant Holdings.

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The foundation stone for the alms giving hall at St. Anthony's Shrine in Kochchikade was laid by the Vatican's Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples, Most Rev. Fernando Cardinal Filoni yesterday. The Sri Lanka Navy is carrying out these constructions. Colombo Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, Apostolic Nuncio Bishop Pierre Nguyen Van Tot and the administrator of the Shrine Fr. Jude Raj Fernando together with Ministers Sajith Premadasa, John Amaratunge, Ravi Karunanayake and Sagala Ratnayake were also present.



Following a request made by Colombo Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith; Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka provided a six-perch land to expand the Kochchikade St. Anthony's Shrine, recently. A special representative of Pope Francis, Fernando Cardinal Filoni, was also present at the event.

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කොළඹ කොවිඩ් කඩේ ගුද්ධවූ අත්තෝති මුතිරුන්ගේ දේවස්ථානයේ අප්‍රේල් 21 වැනි දින සිදු වූ ත්‍රස්ත ප්‍රහාරයෙන් පසුව එම දේවස්ථානයේ ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණ කටයුතු මේ වනවිට ඉතාම ශීඝ්‍රයෙන් සිදුවෙමින් පවතී.

ඊට සමගාමීව බැතිමතුන්ගේ පහසුව සඳහා දේවස්ථානයේ තව ගොඩනැගිල්ලක් ඉදිකිරීමට කොළඹ අගරදගුරු මැල්කම් කාදිනල් රංජිත් හිමිපාණන් වහන්සේ විසින් ඉල්ලීමක් සිදු කළහ. ඒ සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සතු ඉඩමෙන් හුම් කොටසක් ප්‍රදානය කෙරුණු අතර එහි ඉදිකිරීම් කටයුතු සඳහා මුල්ගල තැබීම ඊයේ (22) සිදු විය. එම අවස්ථාවට රෝමයේ පාප්වහන්සේගේ විශේෂ නියෝජිත අතිරේකම් ටිලෝනි ආර්තුන්ඩෝ කාදිනල් හිමිපාණන් වහන්සේද සහභාගිවූහ. උන්වහන්සේ විසින් දේවස්ථානයේ ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණ කටයුතු වල නිරත වන නාවික හමුදා පිරිස් වෙත අදහස් පළ කිරීමද සිදු කරන ලදී.

නායාරූපය - සමන් ශ්‍රී වේදගේ

රටක් වශයෙන් ඉදිරියට යෑමට
සියලු දෙනා එකට එක්විය යුතුයි

කොවිඩ් කඩේ දේවස්ථානයේ දාන ශාලාවට මුල් ගල් තැබීමේ උත්සවයේදී ඇමැති සාගල කියයි

විශ්ලේෂණාත්මක

එක් වශයෙන්ම ඉදිරියට යෑමට පියවූ දෙකා එකට එකතු වී කටයුතු කිරීමේ වැදගත්කම අද පවතින බව වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු සහ දැක්මින් සංවර්ධිත ඇමරිකානු රජයායන මහතා සැවැසිය.

ඒ සහන මේ බව පැවසුවේ කොළඹ නොවිටි-
කඩේ ශුද්ධ වූ අන්තෝති මුනිදත්තේ දේවස්ථානයේ
දී ජයේ (22) එම දේවස්ථානයේ දහමය කටයුතු සිදු
කිරීම සඳහා ඉදිකිරීමට නියමිත ගොඩනැගිල්ලට
මුද්ගල කැමැති අවස්ථාවට සහනාධි වෙමිනි.

[illegible]

ශ්‍රී ලංකා නාවික හමුදාවේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා නාවික සහ ශ්‍රී ලංකා රාජ්‍ය ආරක්ෂක සංස්ථාවේ සහයෝගය ඇතිව මෙහි ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණ කටයුතු සිදු කරනු ලබයි.

මේ තව තෙමහල් ගොඩනැගිල්ල ඉදිකිරීම සඳහා කොළඹ වරායට අයත් ඉඩම් කැබැල්ලට අදාළ ලියකිංසවලි සාහල් රත්නායක ඇමැතිවරයා අතින් අගරාජකූර මැල්කම් කාදිනල් රොජ්ස් ගිවිසාණක්ව පුද්ගලයෙකු විසින් අර්ථ දී තිබේ.

එහි දී වැඩි දුරටත් අදහස් දැක්වූ ආකූලීවරයා,
 සොවිභයෙහි දේවස්ථානයක්, ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරායක්
 අතර දීර්ඝ කාලීන සම්බන්ධයක් තිබෙනවා. වෛෂ්‍ය
 රාජයාණන් විසින්මත්, දේවස්ථානයේ සූර්යයාගේ

කාලය වර්ෂ දෙසෑම් එන විට වෙනස්කම්, පාසකු දින සිට දින මනන පිනාගෙනත් පසුව වර්ෂය අඩකැට පන පසු අනෙක් දිනක කැනීම් කළ දැන්ම මත ඉති ප්‍රමාණයෙන් කාලිගුරුඉනා ඉල්ලා මිනිසුන්, අලු එම් ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කටයුතු ආරම්භ කරන අන්දමාවා වී දී ඊ සැසසා අනෙක් දින මිනි ප්‍රමාණයකල දින මින දින, අලුපුරු 30ක් ඉන්විටර්වාදයෙන් අලු දුන් විටද, අලු-දුරු 10ක නෙරැ කැපකන් කිසිමය. කරන කලින් මිනු ඉන්විටර්වාදට මෙකන් අලුත් ඉන්විටර්වාදයක් අපේ රටේ ඇති වී පෙනේ. එකතන්ගෙන් ප්‍රමාණවිටර්වාදය ද, කැරු දැරි මොව්ව ප්‍රජාතන්, අපේ රටේ මිනවිටර්වාදින් කසවි මිනි මිනි මොව්ව ප්‍රජාතන්, ඊ සැසසා අනෙක් ආරක්ෂක පියවර ඇතිවත් කටයුතු කරමින් යනවා. රජයන් ලෙස අපේ අලුත්ව පින-මෙකන් ආරක්ෂක අංශවිටර්වාද අවශ්‍ය බව තාත්මකය, උපකරණ ඇදී ඇද්වුන් ලබාදෙන්න කටයුතු කරමවා.

ජනතාව ලෙසත්, දේශපාලනයෙන් ලෙසත් අභි-
 රචිත වියාලු වහනීමත් සීමාවෙනවා. අප සියලු දෙනෙ-
 රටත් වශයෙන් ඉදිරියට යන්න එකතු වී කඩපුලු
 කිරීමේ වියදමක් ගත කිරීමටමයි. නොසේ දේශපාල-
 නය කරන දේව්‍රාවත් නොසේ, රජයත් ලෙස ජන-
 තාව ආරක්ෂා කරන්න ලිහි. ඒ සඳහා ව්‍යවස්ථාවත්
 උදව් කරන්න අවශ්‍යයි. දේශපාලන ගෝලයින්
 සහත් දේශපාලනය කරන අවස්ථාවත් නොසේ.



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Newspaper – Daily News Date – 23-05-2019

Let's move forward as a nation – Sagala

CHANDIMA KARUNARATNE

Today's urgent need is for all people to unite and work together to enable the country to move forward as a nation, Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said.

He was speaking after laying foundation stones for a proposed new building at St Anthony's Church, Kochchikade to be used for alms giving on May 22.

Minister Ratnayaka said

St. Anthony's Church, Kochchikade and the Colombo Port had close links from ancient times.

The Cetiya at the Port premises and the 'cross' at the St. Anthony's Church are two important land marks visible for anyone visiting the Port. Following the Easter Sunday bomb explosions, the Archbishop of Colombo His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith had asked for a portion of the land belong to the

Sri Lanka Ports Authority on long term lease. His request was being granted to coincide with the foundation laying for the new building.

Minister Ratnayaka said earlier, we as a country suffered from 30 years of terrorism.

"It was the government's duty to protect the people. The opposition too should extend its unqualified support to this endeavour," he said.

Papal representative protect of the Congregation of Evangelization of peoples His Eminence Fernando Cardinal Filoni said the Sri Lanka Navy was making laudable efforts to reconstruct the church. All those engaged in the reconstruction work were performing a good deed to offer a church for the people. While thanking all engaged in the reconstruction work, he wished to convey the love, affection and the prayers of

Pope Francis to all the people.

Housing Construction and Cultural Affairs Minister Sajith Premadasa said after inspecting the reconstruction work of the church with His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith and the special representative of the Pope, a programme was being held to bring Gods blessings to all those affected by the bomb blasts and strengthen their living standards.

Power Energy and Business Development Minister Ravi Karunanayake also spoke.

Apostolic Nuncio Bishop Pierre Nguyen Vantoet, Archbishop of Colombo His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, Tourism Development, Wild Life and Christian Religious Affairs Minister John Amarasinghe and Colombo's Mayuresa Rosy Senanayake were also present on the occasion.

Newspaper – Daily FT Date – 23-05-2019

■ SLPA offers six-perch land to St. Anthony's Church
■ Plans to build soup kitchen and museum
■ Sagala says not the time for No-Confidence Motions

By NUWAN SENARATHNA

VICTIMS of the Easter Sunday attacks were blessed by the representative of the Pope, Fernando Cardinal Filoni, yesterday at St. Anthony's Church, Kochchikade.

Family members of victims and faithful were allowed into a section of the church for the blessing before a statue of Saint Anthony. Cardinal Filoni blessed all the victims for a speedy recovery, and Sri Lanka to recover from the attack.

Prior to the blessing, the foundation stone was laid for the

Terror victims receive special blessing by Pope's delegate

construction of a soup kitchen and a museum at the adjoining six-perch land, which was given to the church by the Sri Lanka Port Authority (SLPA), following a request made by Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith. The Sri Lanka Navy will carry out construction.

Following the blessing, Cardinal Filoni, along with Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith and Apostolic Nuncio Pierre Nguyen Van Tot, visited the church and inspected the renovation process. During the brief visit, Cardinal Filoni extended his gratitude for the Sri Lankan Navy personnel for steps taken to renovate the church.

Cardinal Filoni also visited where the suicide attacker blew himself



up and he also had a brief discussion with families of victims and share their experiences.

Speaking to Navy personnel, Cardinal Filoni said "you are not just rebuilding the church, but also a church that is necessary for the people to live their lives.

You are doing a noble job for the sake of God, and for the sake of the people. Thank you very much for what are you doing."

Following the visit to the Church, Cardinal Filoni told media that they can convey the message of love to the people

of Sri Lanka. "I brought the love of Pope Francis and cordiality to the people of Sri Lanka," he added. Speaking to media, Ports and Shipping Minister Sagala Ratnayaka said the Government had taken measures to provide modern equipment to the security forces to increase national security. He noted everyone should unite to return the country to normalcy and develop the country.

"This is not the time to do politics. The Government should protect citizens and the Opposition should help the Government to that. I must say this is not the time to seek political advantages and bring a No-Confidence motion." Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs Minister Sajith Premadasa and Tourism Development Minister John Amararatunga were also present at the event.

Pic by Shehan Gunasekara

Newspaper – Ceylon Today Date – 23-05-2019

SLPA land to expand St Anthony's Shrine



Following a request made by the Archbishop of Colombo, Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayaka offered a six-perch block of land,

belonging to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), to expand the St. Anthony's Shrine at Kochchikade.

A special representative of Pope Francis, Fernando Cardinal Filoni was also present on the occasion.

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Newspaper – Sunday Island Date – 26-05-2019



Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister, Sagala Ratnayaka offered six perches of land to the Archbishop of Colombo, Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, for the expansion of the Kochchikade St. Anthony's Church, which was extensively damaged in the Easter Sunday bomb attacks. The land for the extension was given following a request by the Cardinal. The Minister is pictured here making the formal presentation to the Cardinal. Fernando Cardinal Filoni, a special representative of Pope Francis, was also present at the ceremony.

Newspaper – Daily FT Date – 27-05-2019

SRI Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) said yesterday the new revival deal for the long-prolonged East Container Terminal (ECT) will boost the Colombo port in retaining its hub and competitive status.

In a State-level deal, the Government is to sign a Memorandum of Co-operation (MoC) with Japan and India for ECT. The SLPA will retain 100% ownership of the ECT and the Terminal Operations Company (TOC) will be jointly owned with Sri Lanka retaining the controlling 51% stake, and the joint venture partners holding the balance.

The deal also includes a Japanese loan which carries one of the best

SLPA says new deal on ECT to boost Colombo Port

loan terms Sri Lanka has obtained. The 51% stake is also one of the best in SLPA joint ownership endeavours. SLPA's majority ownership in the new TOC represents a significant step in prioritising national interests while co-operating with international partners.

"These elements combined allow the Colombo Port to develop at a faster

pace than would otherwise be feasible using SLPA's own funds," it said.

SLPA also said the global cargo trade is an extremely competitive, fast-paced, rapidly-evolving industry, that requires ports be timely in their capacity expansion, execution, and service levels. "The envisaged MoC is a significant step in ensuring the Colombo Port delivers on these goals in an agile manner," it emphasised.

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Currently, Colombo Port is ranked 11th in connectivity (Drewery, 2018) and 22nd among global ports (Alphaliner, 2018). These ranks were reached by SLPA owned Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) working in partnership with South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) and Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT). SLPA's ownership stake in SAGT and CICT terminal operators is 15%. Both of these partners have contributed extremely positively to Colombo Port achieving its current status.

SLPA believes the envisaged new partnership will help the Port of Colombo to continue growth and further improve its position.

Within the next three decades, over 45% of global GDP and trade is predicted to originate or be located within the Asian region. In this ultra-connected world, deep relationships with multiple trading partners is not only prudent business, it is critical to ensuring Colombo Port remains relevant to global trade.

Newspaper – Daily News Date – 27-05-2019

Colombo Port container volumes up by **9.1%** in April

The Colombo Port container volumes indicates an increase in the month of April 2019 by 9.1% compared to the same period last year.

Together with the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT) and the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT), the Port of Colombo's cumulative Volume has increased by 5.9%.

In April 2018 the Colombo Port had handled a total of Transshipments volume of 441,437 TEUs that has increased up to 482,910 for the same period this year. Accordingly, with the increase marked at SLPA and other terminals compared from January to April 2018, the Port of Colombo Transshipment Volumes have marked an increase of 8.6 %. The container throughput at the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) controlled terminals has also been increased significantly by 10.5% .

The Port of Colombo is ranked the world's No.01 con-

tainer growth port among the top 30 container ports for the year of 2018 in container handling. It has also recorded a 13.5% growth for the year 2018 over the same period of the previous year reaching to 22nd from the position of 23rd amongst global container ports, according to Alphaliner Monthly. It is also a significant achievement as it is the first time in history the Port of Colombo has topped a global maritime ranking. With this growth, Port of Colombo has leapt ahead many other Asian;Middle Eastern and European Ports.

The latest release of Drewry Port Connectivity Index also ranked the Port of Colombo as the 11th best Connectivity Port in the world for 2018.

While commending the consistent growth in numbers, Minister of Ports and Shipping Sagala Ratnayaka said the SLPA has also focused on fast-tracking strategic decisions pertaining to the expansion of the Colombo



Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayake during a recent visit to the Colombo Port.

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The relationship between the Management and representative bodies of workers, collaborative support by all parties and the wide engagement of all stakeholders have effectively contributed to the SLPA's success.

Newspaper – The Island Date – 27-05-2019

Port of Colombo container volumes up by 9.1% in April 2019



Minister of Ports and Shipping Sagala Ratnayaka (2nd on right) says the SLPA has focused on fast-tracking strategic decisions.

The Port of Colombo Container Volumes recorded an increase in the month of April 2019 by 9.1% compared to the same period last year. Port of Colombo comprising of Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT) and the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT), has seen a cumulative volume growth of 5.9% for the period January thru April 2019.

The Transshipments Volumes at the Port for same period has marked an increase of 8.6% and the transshipment volumes at the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) controlled terminals has increased by 10.5%.

The Port of Colombo was ranked the world's No. 01 container growth port among the top 30 container ports for the year of 2018 in container handling. It recorded a 13.5% growth for the year 2018 and moved up to a position of #22, up one position over the previous year, amongst global container ports, according to AlphaLiner Monthly.

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Port of Colombo..

The latest release of Drewry Port Connectivity Index also ranked the Port of Colombo as the 11th best Connectivity Port in the world for 2018.

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Colombo Port's capacity. "Only such decisions," the Minister said, "would ensure that our growth is sustainable. The key focus of the SLPA at this point in time is to expedite processes relating to the expansion of the Colombo Port." Elaborating further the Minister recognized the Team at SLPA and the wider Port Community for the good work done but reinforced the need for

automation and process efficiencies that would make Colombo even more successful in the future.

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Envisaged Japanese loan one of the best offered - SLPA

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) after observing recent reports in the press about the envisaged Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between the three governments of Sri Lanka, Japan and India on the East Container Terminal of the Port of Colombo issued the following release yesterday to both clarify and inform interested stakeholders.

Excerpts of the release. Firstly, the Authority believes that the envisaged MoC demonstrates Sri Lanka's ability to maintain and further its' national interests while cooperating with International Partners. Currently, Colombo Port is ranked 11th in connectivity (Drewery, 2018) and 22nd among global ports (Alphaliner, 2018).

These ranks were reached by SLPA owned Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) working in partnership with South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) and Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT). SLPA's ownership stake in SAGT and CICT terminal operators is 15%. Both of these partners have contributed extremely positively to Colombo Port achieving its' current status. SLPA believes the envisaged new partnership will help the



Colombo Port to continue growth and further improve its position. Within the next three decades, over 45% of global GDP and trade is predicted to originate or be located within the Asian region. In this ultra-connected world, deep relationships with multiple trading partners are not only prudent business, it is critical to ensuing Colombo Port remains relevant to global trade.

Secondly, the envisaged Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) codifies the following: SLPA retains 100% ownership of East Container Terminal (ECT). The Terminal Operations Company (TOC) conducting all East Container Terminal operations is jointly owned; Sri Lanka retains a 51% stake, and the joint venture partners purchase a 49% stake.

The envisaged Japanese loan car-

ries one of the best loan terms Sri Lanka has obtained. However, given that the loan terms are awaiting formalization, it would be premature for SLPA to comment. The 51% stake is also one of the best in SLPA joint ownership endeavors. SLPA's majority ownership in the new TOC represents a significant step in prioritizing National Interests. These elements combined allow Colombo Port to develop at a faster pace than would otherwise be feasible using SLPA's own funds.

Thirdly, the global cargo trade is an extremely competitive, fast paced, rapidly evolving industry, that requires Ports be timely in their capacity expansion, execution, and service levels.

The envisaged MoC is a significant step in ensuring Colombo Port delivers on these goals in an agile manner.

Newspaper – Daily Mirror Date – 27-05-2019

SLPA says plan to develop ECT with Japan and India will improve Colombo Port's position

Confirming Mirror Business exclusive story last week, the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) yesterday said the envisaged partnership with Japan and India to develop the East Container Terminal (ECT) will help Port of Colombo to continue with its growth momentum and further improve its position. The three governments are expected to

sign a Memorandum Of Cooperation (MOC) over ECT, through which SLPA asserted the 100 percent ECT ownership will be retained with Sri Lanka.

According to a SLPA statement issued to media yesterday, a Terminal Operations Company (TOC) conducting all ECT operations will be jointly owned-Sri Lanka

retaining 51 percent and the joint venture partners purchasing 49 percent stake.

SLPA pointed out it owns 15 percent each in the other two privately-run terminal operators at Port of Colombo-South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) and Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT).

"The 51 percent stake is also all of the

best in SLPA joint ownership endeavors. SLPA's majority ownership in the new TOC represents a significant step in prioritizing national interests," the SLPA statement said.

Meanwhile, SLPA said the proposed Japanese loan to develop the ECT "carries one of the best loan terms Sri Lanka has obtained".

"However, given that the loan terms are awaiting formalization, it would be premature for SLPA to comment".

Citing its reasons to sign the envisaged MOC to develop the ECT, SLPA said global cargo trade is an extremely competitive, fast-paced, rapidly evolving industry that requires ports be timely in their capacity expansion,

execution and service levels.

"The envisaged MOC is significant in ensuring that Colombo Port delivers on these goals in an agile manner," SLPA said.

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කොළඹ වරායේ බහාලුම් මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු පසුගිය අප්‍රේල් මාසයේදී සියයට 9.1 කින් වර්ධනය වී ඇත.

2018 වසරේ අප්‍රේල් මාසයේදී කොළඹ වරායේදී මෙහෙයවන ලද බහාලුම් ප්‍රමාණය ඒකක 441,437 ක් වන අතර, 2019 වසරේ අප්‍රේල් මාසයේදී 482,910 ක් ලෙස වර්ධනය වී ඇත.

මෙම වර්ධනය ලගා කර ගැනීම සඳහා කොළඹ වරායේ ජයබහලු පර්යන්තය (JCT), සවුන් ඒෂියා හේට්ටේ පර්යන්තය (SAGT), කොළඹ අන්තර් ජාතික බහාලු පර්යන්තය (CICT) යන පර්යන්ත ත්‍රිත්වය එක්ව කටයුතු කළ අතර, සියලු පර්යන්තයන්ගේ ධාරිතාව මේ වනවිට 5.9%ක ප්‍රතිශතයකින් ද වැඩි වී ඇත.

2018 වර්ෂයේ අප්‍රේල් මාසයේදී කොළඹ වරායේ දී මෙහෙයවන ලද බහාලු ප්‍රමාණය ඒකක (TEU) 441,437 වන අතර, එය 2019 වර්ෂයේ අප්‍රේල් මාසයේදී 482,910 ලෙස වර්ධනය වී ඇත. ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය විසින් මෙහෙයවා ඇති හා අනෙකුත් පර්යන්ත මෙහෙයවා ඇති ප්‍රතිභාවගත බහාලු (T/S) සංසන්ධනය කිරීමේදී කොළඹ වරායේ ප්‍රතිභාවගත (T/S) බහාලු මෙහෙයවීම 8.6% කින් වර්ධනය වී ඇත. විශේෂයෙන් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියට අයත් පර්යන්තයන්හි බහාලු මෙහෙයවීම 10.5% කින් වර්ධනය වී ඇත.

බහලු මෙහෙයුම් වර්ධනය සඳහා වන ශ්‍රේණිගත කිරීමේදී 2018 වර්ෂයේදී ලොව හොඳම වරායන් 30 අතර පළමු (01) ස්ථානයට පත්වීමට කොළඹ වරායට හැකිවිය. එමෙන්ම අන්තර්ජාතික ඇල්ෆා-ලයිතර් දර්ශකයට අනුව අන්තර් ජාතික බහාලු වරායන් අතර 2018 වර්ෂයේදී 22 වැනි ස්ථානයට පත්වීමට කොළඹ වරායට හැකිවූයේ 13.5% ප්‍රතිශතයක වර්ධනයත්

සමගිනි. 2017 වර්ෂයේදී ඉහත දර්ශකයන් කොළඹ වරායට හිමිවනුයේ 23 වැනි ස්ථානයයි.

මේ ජයග්‍රහණය කොළඹ වරාය විසින් ජාත්‍යන්තර වෙළෙඳ තාවික ඉතිහාසයේ ප්‍රථම වතාවට තබන ලද සුවිශේෂී ඉදිරි පියවර වන අතර, මේ හේතුවෙන් ආසියාව, ඔදාපෙරදිග හා යුරෝපයේ සියලු වරායන් අභිභවායාමට කොළඹ වරායට හැකිවිය.

එමෙන්ම 2018 වර්ෂයේ දී කොළඹ වරාය ලොව හොඳම සහසම්බන්ධිත (Connectivity) වරායක් අතර 11 වැනි ස්ථානයට පත්විය. එය ද සුවිශේෂී ජයග්‍රහණයකි. මේ ජයග්‍රහණයන් ලගා කර ගන්නා අතරම කොළඹ වරාය තුළ සියලු මෙහෙයුම් සඳහා වන ධාරිතාවන් පුළුල් කිරීමටත් අවශ්‍ය ඉදිරි සැලසුම් වෙනුවෙන් වන තීරණවලට එළඹෙමින් සිටින බව මේ සම්බන්ධයෙන් අදහස් ප්‍රකාශ කරමින් වරාය හා තාවික, දත්තිමය සංවර්ධන ගරු ඇමැති සාගල රත්නායක මහතා පැවැසීය. එමෙන්ම ඔහු වැඩිදුරටත් ප්‍රකාශ කළේ එම තත්ත්වය සහතික වන්නේ කොළඹ වරායේ වර්ධනයේ ස්ථාවරත්වය අනුව බවයි. එමෙන්ම මේ අවස්ථාවේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය යොමුව සිටින්නේ කොළඹ වරාය පුළුල් කිරීමේ කටයුතු යුහුසුලුව සිදුකිරීමට බව ද පැවැසීය.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය 2019 වර්ෂයේදී පවත්වන ලද ගෝලීය වරාය සංසදයේදී (Globe Port Forum GPF) පිට පිටම දෙවැනි වතාවටත් "වර්ෂයේ වරාය අධිකාරිය - 2019" සම්මානයට පාත්‍ර විය.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ මේ ජයග්‍රහණය සඳහා කළමනාකාරිත්වය, සේවක මහත්ම මහත්මීන්, ගනුදෙනුකරුවන් සහ සැමදෙනෙකුගේම සහයෝගිතාව ලැබුණි.

පුවත්පත - අද දිනය - 2019-05-27

කොළඹ වරායේ මෙහෙයුම් ධාරිතාව ඉහළට

පසුගිය වසරේ (2018) අප්‍රේල් මාසයට සාපේක්ෂව මෙම වසරේ අප්‍රේල් මාසයේදී කොළඹ වරායේ මෙහෙයුම් ධාරිතාව 9.1%ක් ලෙස වර්ධනයක් ලබාගෙන ඇතැයි කොළඹ වරාය නිවේදනය කරයි.

කොළඹ වරායේ ජයබහලු පර්යන්තය (JCT), ඒෂියා ගේට්වේ පර්යන්තය (SAGT), කොළඹ අන්තර්ජාතික බහලු පර්යන්තය (CICT) යන පර්යන්ත ත්‍රිත්වය එක්ව කටයුතු කර ඇතැයිද කොළඹ වරාය පවසයි.

සියලු පර්යන්ත මේ වනවිට 5.9%ක

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2018 වසරේදී කොළඹ වරාය බහලු ඒකක 441,437ක් මෙහෙයවා ඇති අතර, මේ වසරේ අප්‍රේල් මාසයේදී එම අගය 482,910ක් බවට පත්ව තිබේ.

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Newspaper – The Island Date – 27-05-2019

SLPA clarifies matters on tri-party MoC on East Container Terminal

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) after observing recent reports in the press about the envisaged Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between the governments of Sri Lanka, Japan and India on the East Container Terminal of the Port of Colombo, made the following points to clarify and inform interested stakeholders.

Firstly, the Authority believes that the envisaged MoC demonstrates Sri Lanka's ability to maintain and further its national interests while cooperating with International Partners.

Currently, Colombo Port is ranked 11th in connectivity (Drewry, 2018) and 22nd among global ports (Alphaliner, 2018).

These ranks were reached by SLPA owned Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) working in partnership with South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) and Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT). SLPA's ownership stake in SAGT and CICT terminal operators is 15%. Both of these partners have contributed extremely positively to Colombo Port achieving its' current status.

SLPA believes the envisaged new partnership will help the Port of Colombo to continue growth and further improve its position.

Within the next three decades, over 45% of global GDP and trade is predicted to originate or be located within the Asian region. In this ultra-connected world, deep relationships with multiple

trading partners is not only prudent business, it is critical to ensuring Colombo Port remains relevant to global trade.

Secondly, the envisaged Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) codifies the following:

SLPA retains 100% ownership of East Container Terminal (ECT).

The Terminal Operations Company (TOC) conducting all East Container Terminal operations is jointly owned; Sri Lanka retains a 51% stake, and the joint venture partners purchase a 49% stake.

The envisaged Japanese loan carries one of the best loan terms Sri Lanka has obtained. However, given that the loan terms are awaiting formalization, it would be premature for SLPA to comment.

The 51% stake is also one of the best in SLPA joint ownership endeavors. SLPA's majority ownership in the new TOC represents a significant step in prioritizing National Interests.

These elements combined allow Colombo Port to develop at a faster pace than would otherwise be feasible using SLPA's own funds.

Thirdly, the global cargo trade is an extremely competitive, fast paced, rapidly evolving industry, that requires Ports be timely in their capacity expansion, execution, and service levels. The envisaged MoC is a significant step in ensuring Colombo Port delivers on these goals in an agile manner.

Newspaper – Daily Mirror Date – 27-05-2019

Port of Colombo container volumes up 9.1% in April

The Port of Colombo container volumes indicates an increase in the month of April 2019 by 9.1 percent compared to the same period last year.

Together with the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT) and the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT), the Port of Colombo's cumulative Volume has been increased by 5.9 percent.

In April 2018, the Port of Colombo had handled a total transshipments volume of 441,437 TEUs that has increased up to 482,910 for the same period this year. Accordingly, with the increase recorded at SLPA and other terminals compared from January to April 2018, the Port of Colombo Transshipment Volumes have recorded an increase of 8.6 percent. The container throughput at the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) controlled terminals has also been increased significantly



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to Alphaliner Monthly. It is also a significant achievement as it is the first time in history the Port of Colombo has topped a global maritime ranking. With this growth, Port of Colombo has leapt ahead many other Asian, Middle Eastern and European Ports.

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Connectivity Port in the world for 2018.

While commending the consistent growth in numbers Minister of Ports and Shipping Sagala Ratnayaka said SLPA has also focused on fast-tracking strategic decisions pertaining to the expansion of the Colombo Port's capacity. "Only such decisions," the Minister said would ensure that our growth is sustainable. The key focus of the SLPA at this point in time is to expedite processes relating to the expansion of the Colombo Port."

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) won the Ports Authority of the Year 2019 Award by the Global Ports Forum (GPF) for the second consecutive year at the GPF awards ceremony 2019.

The relationship between the management and representative bodies of workers, collaborative support by all parties and the wide engagement of all stakeholders have effectively contributed to the SLPA's success.

Newspaper – Daily FT Date – 27-05-2019

Colombo Port's volumes up 9% in April

THE Port of Colombo yesterday said container volumes have increased by 9.1% and the performance in the first four months by 5.9%. Growth has been contributed to by all terminals – the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT), South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT) and the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT).

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2018 වසරේ අප්‍රේල් මාසයේදී කොළඹ වරායේදී මෙහෙයවන ලද බහලු ප්‍රමාණය 441437ක් වූ අතර මේ වසරේ අප්‍රේල් මාසයේදී 482910 දක්වා වර්ධනය වී ඇතැයි පවසන වරාය අධිකාරිය, වරාය අධිකාරිය සහ අනෙකුත් පර්යන්ත මෙහෙයවා ඇති ප්‍රතිනැව්ගත බහලු සංසඤ්ඤනය කිරීමේදී කොළඹ වරායේ ප්‍රතිනැව්ගත බහලු මෙහෙයවීම් සියයට 8.6 කින් වර්ධනය වී ඇතැයිද පවසයි.

බහලු මෙහෙයුම් වර්ධනය සඳහා වන ශ්‍රේණිගත කිරීමේදී 2018 වසරේ ලොව හොඳම වරායන් 30 අතර ප්‍රථම ස්ථානයට පත්වීමට කොළඹ වරායට හැකිවූ අතර අන්තර් ජාතික බහලු වරායන් අතර 2018 වසරේදී 22 වන ස්ථානයට පත්වීමට කොළඹ වරායට හැකිවූයේ සියයට 13.5 ක වර්ධනයක් සමගින් බවද අධිකාරිය කියයි.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ මෙම ජයග්‍රහණයන් සඳහා කළමනාකාරිත්වය, සේවක මහත්ම මහත්මීන්, හනු දෙකුකරුවන් සහ සියලු දෙනාගේ සහයෝගය ලැබුණු බවද වරාය අධිකාරිය පවසයි.

කොළඹ වරායේ නැ.පර්යන්ත (ECT) ගිවිසුම ගැන වරාය අධිකාරියෙන් පැහැදිලි කිරීමක්

කොළඹ වරායේ නැගෙනහිර බහලු පර්යන්ත ගිවිසුම ගැන වරාය අධිකාරියෙන් පැහැදිලි කිරීමක්

කොළඹ වරායේ නැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තය (ECT) සම්බන්ධයෙන් පසුගියදා පසුවූ අතරම් මාධ්‍ය වාර්තා පිළිබඳ ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය නිවේදනයක් නිකුත් කරමින් පැහැදිලි කිරීමක් සිදු කරයි.

එම මාධ්‍ය නිවේදනය පහත පරිදි වේ.

"කොළඹ වරායේ පිහිටි නැගෙනහිර බහලු පර්යන්තය (ECT) සම්බන්ධයෙන් වන ශ්‍රී ලංකාව, ජපානය හා ඉන්දියා රටවල් අතර යෝජිත සහයෝගීතා ගිවිසුම (Memorandum of Cooperation - MoC) පිළිබඳ ආසන්න දින සිටිනාදා පසු මාධ්‍ය වාර්තා කෙරෙහි ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ අවධානය යොමුව ඇත. එබැවින් ඒ සම්බන්ධයෙන් වරාය පාලකවරයාගේ සහ අලුත් පර්යන්තය වෙත පැහැදිලි කිරීමේ අරමුණ ඇතිව මෙම මාධ්‍ය නිවේදනය ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සමගින් නිකුත් කෙරේ.

01. ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ අපේක්ෂාව වන්නේ යෝජිත සහයෝගීතා ගිවිසුම ප්‍රකාරව ජාතික අවශ්‍යතා පවත්වාගැනීම සහ පවිත්‍රයෙන් පුරවැසි කිරීම මෙන්ම විවිද ජාත්‍යන්තර සංවිධානවලින් සමන්විත සම්බන්ධතාවක් ස්ථාපනය කර ගැනීමයි.

වර්තමානයේදී, කොළඹ වරාය ලෝකයේ හොඳම සම්බන්ධතා (Connectivity) (වෛර් - 2018) වරායේ අතර 11 වැනි ස්ථානයට ශ්‍රේණිගතව සිටී. එමෙන්ම අත්පරිපාදිත වරාය ශ්‍රේණිගත කිරීමේදී 22 වැනි ස්ථානයටද (අගෝස්තු 2018) පත්ව සිටී.

මෙම ශ්‍රේණිගත කිරීම්, ජාත්‍යන්තර කිරීම් සඳහා ශ්‍රී

ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ නිමිකාරීත්වය දරන ජාතික ලාභාන්තරය (JCT), සහමුද්‍රා ඉන්ටර්නැෂනල් පැමිණිලි රේගුකරණ (CICT) හා 'සවුත් ඒෂියානේරිවේ රේගුකරණ' (SAGT) සමන්විත පර්යන්ත එක්ව කොළඹ වරාය තුළ සිදුකරන සාමූහික සංරක්ෂණය මේ සඳහා මුලිකව හේතු වී ඇත.

CICT පර්යන්තය හා SAGT පර්යන්තයන්හි ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ නිමිකාරීත්වය 15%යි. එමෙන්ම කොළඹ වරාය වර්තමාන සත්ත්වයට පත්වීම සහ ඉහත පර්යන්තයන් එකින් ශ්‍රී ලාංකික ආයතනවලට ඉඩකඩක් ලබාදීමයි.

මෙම නව පාර්ශ්වයන්ගේ විකල්පය වන්නේ කොළඹ වරාය ඉදිරියේදී අඩුම වර්ධනයක් නිමිකාරීත්වයක් ලබා ගැනීමයි. එබැවින් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ විකල්පයයි.

ඉදිරි දශක තුන තුළදී යෝජිත දළ ජාතික නිෂ්පාදනයෙන් සහ වෙළෙඳ පාරිශ්‍රයෙන් 45% ප්‍රමාණයක් ආර්ථිකය පාලනය කළ සිදුවන බව ප්‍රයෝජනවත් කෙරේ. අධි සම්බන්ධතාවයක් සහිතව ලෝකයේ විශ්වාසීය වෙළෙඳපොළවක් සහිත දුරවිකේට් සම්බන්ධතා ඇතිව සහ මධ්‍යම ආසියාවේ වෙළෙඳපොළවක් සහිතව වන යෝජිත වෙළෙඳපොළ තුළ කොළඹ වරායට නිමිකාරීත්වයක් සිදුකරන බවටද මතභේදයක් ඇත.

02. දෙවැනුව, මෙම අපේක්ෂා සහයෝගීතා ගිවිසුම (MoC) පහත සංරඳුම සහ පදනම්ව ඇත.

නැගෙනහිර බහලු පර්යන්තයේ නිමිකාරීත්වය

100%ක්ම ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සතු වෙයි.

පර්යන්ත මෙහෙයුම් සමාගම (The Terminal Operating Company - TOC) පර්යන්තයේ සියලු මෙහෙයුම් සංවිධාන වන්නේ සිදුකරයි. එබැවින් ශ්‍රී ලංකාව සතු නිමිකාරීත්වය 51%ක් වන අතර, සවුත් පාර්ශ්වයන්ට මිලදීගත හැකි සොරින් ප්‍රමාණය 49%යි.

ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ අදාළ සංරඳුම ජපාන හා, ශ්‍රී ලංකාව එකින් මෙහෙයවනු ලබන අළුත් කොළඹ හා කොළඹවෙලාවෙන් සමන්විතය. කෙසේ වුවද, මෙම හා කොළඹවෙලාවෙන් සමන්විතය අවස්ථාවේ පවතින බැවින් ඒ සම්බන්ධයෙන් වැඩිදුර සංරඳුම මේ මොහොතේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියට ඉදිරිපත් කිරීමේ හැකියාවක් නොපවතී.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ එක් නිමිකාරීත්වය 51%ක් ලෙස රඳවාගැනීම මෙහිදී දක්වන හැකි වන්නේ සාර්වත්‍ර ප්‍රයත්නයයි. මෙහිදී යෝජිත පර්යන්ත මෙහෙයුම් සමාගම

(TOC) වැඩි නිමිකාරීත්වයක් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සතු වීමද ජාතික අවශ්‍යතාවන්ට මුලිකව ශ්‍රී ලාංකික සංවිධාන කිරීමේ ඉහත වැදගත් සිදුවීමයි.

මෙම දත්තය ලද මුලිකයන් අතර ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සතු අරමුදල් කොටස සිදුකරන සංවිධාන සංවිධානවලට වඩා මෙම සම්බන්ධයක් සමගින් වේගවත් සංවර්ධන කෙරෙහිව ප්‍රයත්න ගත හැකිය.

03. පෙරළුව, මිනුමෙන් වෙසන් වෙසන් ඉහතම සංරඳුම ලෙස ඉදිරිපත් කර සාර්වත්‍රයක් වන යෝජිත හැඩ බිටු වෙළෙඳපොළ සරිලන සේ වරාය ධාරිතාව පුරවැසි කිරීම සහ සේවාවේ ගුණාත්මක බව වැඩිදියුණු කිරීම ආදිය සාමාන්‍යව වෙළෙඳපොළ අතරමග වේ. කොළඹ වරාය තුළ මෙම අරමුදල හැකි ඉන්මේන් සාකච්ඡා කර ගැනීම සඳහා, යෝජිත සහයෝගීතා ගිවිසුම ඉහත අර්ථයන්ට සිදුවෙයි."

ශ්‍රී ලංකාව ජපානය හා ඉන්දියාව දූතර සහයෝගිතා ගිවිසුමෙන් කොළඹ වරාය වර්ධනයක් ගිවිසාර ගන්නවා

වරාය අධිකාරිය

ක්‍රිකේට් පිටුපත් ජයසූරිය

කොළඹ වරායේ නැගෙනහිර බහලු පර්ගන්තය (ECT) සම්බන්ධයෙන් වන ශ්‍රී ලංකාව, ජපානය හා ඉන්දියා රාජ්‍යය අතර ගෝලීය සහයෝගිතා ගිවිසුම් හේතුවෙන් කොළඹ වරාය ඉදිරියේදී අඛණ්ඩ වර්ධනයක් හිමි කරගන්නා බව ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය නිවේදනයක් නිකුත් කරමින් සඳහන් කරයි.

මෙම ගිවිසුම් සම්බන්ධයෙන් විවිධ වාර්තා මාධ්‍ය මගින් පළවූ අතර ඒ සම්බන්ධයෙන් නිවේදනයක් නිකුත් කරමින් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය මෙසේ සඳහන් කර ඇත.

මෙම ගිවිසුම් මඟින්, නැගෙනහිර බහලු පර්ගන්තයේ හිමිකාරිත්වය 100%ක්ම ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සතු වන බවත්

පර්ගන්ත මෙහෙයුම් සමාගම (The Terminal Operating Company - TOC) පර්ගන්තයේ සියලු මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු එක්ව සිදුකරන බවත් ශ්‍රී ලංකාව සතු හිමිකාරිත්වය 51%ක් වන අතර, හවුල් පාර්ශ්වයන්ට මිලදී ගතහැකි කොටස්

ප්‍රමාණය 49%ක් බවත් සඳහන් කරයි.

එම නිවේදනයේ මෙසේද දැක්වේ.

ලබාගැනීමට අදහස් කරන ජපාන ණය, ශ්‍රී ලංකාව විසින් මෙතෙක් ලබාගෙන ඇති හොඳම ණය කොන්දේසිවලින් සමන්විතය. තෙසේ වුවද මෙම ණය කොන්දේසි තවමත් කෙටුම්පත් අවස්ථාවේ පවතින බැවින් ඒ සම්බන්ධයෙන් වැඩිදුර කරුණු මේ මොහොතේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියට ඉදිරිපත් කිරීමේ හැකියාවක් නොපවතී.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ එකී හිමිකාරිත්වය 51%ක් ලෙස රඳවා ගැනීම මෙහිදී දක්නට හැකි එක් සාර්ථක ප්‍රයත්නයකි. මෙහිදී ගෝලීය පර්ගන්ත මෙහෙයුම් සමාගමේ (TOC) වැඩි හිමිකාරිත්වයක් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සතු වීමද ජාතික අවශ්‍යතාවන්ට මූලිකත්වය ලබාදී කටයුතු කිරීමේ ඉතා වැදගත් පියවරකි.

මෙම දක්වන ලද මූලිකාංග අනුව ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සතු අරමුදල් යොදවා සිදුකරන සංවර්ධන කටයුතුවලට වඩා මෙම ක්‍රමවේදයන් මඟින් වේගවත් සංවර්ධන කෙරෙහිවත් ප්‍රගතියක් හැකිය.

කොළඹ වරායේ බහාලුම් ඉහළ යයි

පසුගිය වසරේ එම කාලය තුළ කොළඹ වරායේ බහාලුම් ප්‍රමාණය සියයට 9.1 ඒක වැඩිවී තිබේ.

ජන කන්ටේනර් චර්ඡිතල් (JCT), දකුණු ආසියාට නේට්වර්ක් ටර්මිනල් (SAGT) සහ කොළඹ අන්තර්ජාතික බහාලුම් පර්යන්තය (CIC) එක්ව කොළඹ වරායේ මුළු බහාලුම් ඵලදායී ප්‍රමාණය සියයට 5.9 ඒක ඉහළ ගොස් ඇත.

2018 දී කොළඹ වරාය ප්‍රති අවකාශය කරන ලද ප්‍රමාණය 441,437 දක්වා වැඩි කර ඇති අතර මේ වසරේ එම කාලය තුළදී 482,910 දක්වා වැඩි වී ඇති බව ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය පාලන කාර්යයේ පවතින 2018 ජනවාරි සිට අප්‍රේල් දක්වා සංසන්දනය කිරීමේදී ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය හා අනෙකුත් පර්යන්තයන්හි වැඩි වීමත් සමඟ

කොළඹ වරායේ ප්‍රති අවකාශය කටයුතු සියයට 8.8 ඒක ඉහළ ගොස් තිබේ.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ කලාපීය පර්යන්තයේ බහාලුම් ප්‍රමාණය සියයට 10.5 ඒක ද ඉහළ ගොස් ඇත.

2018 වසරේදී බහාලුම් මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු සිදු කරන ලද කන්ටේනර් වරායන් අතරින් ලොව හොඳම අංක 01 කන්ටේනර් චර්ඡිත වරාය ලෙස කොළඹ වරාය පත්ව ඇත. මෙම චර්ඡිතයෙන් සමහර කොළඹ වරාය වෙනත් ආසියාතික, බැරෝකියානු සහ යුරෝපීය වරායන් අතරින් ඉදිරියට ගොස් ඇත.

බ්‍රිටිෂ් වරාය සම්මන්ත්‍රණ දර්ශකයෙහි කටයුතු ක්‍රියාත්මක 2018 වසරේදී ලෝකයේ හොඳම 11 වැනි වරාය ලෙස කොළඹ වරාය තනි කර ඇත.

කොළඹ වරාය නැගෙනහිර පර්යේෂණය:

ගෝලීය නැව් බඩු වෙළෙඳාමට සරිලන්න වරාය ධාරිතාව පුළුල් කිරීම:

ජපානය හා ඉන්දියාව සමඟ මනා සබඳතා ඇති කර ගැනීම: ප්‍රධාන අරමුණයි

• වරාය අධිකාරිය නිවේදනයක් නිකුත් කරමින් කියයි

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සමාජ සේවා සභා සාමාජිකයන්ගේ සංඛ්‍යාව වැඩි කිරීම (ECT) වැඩසටහන (සා. සේ. දුරකථන, සාමාන්‍ය සා. දුරකථන සේවා දුරකථන සේවා සහ සේවා සහතික (Memorandum of Cooperation - MoC) සම්බන්ධයෙන් සාකච්ඡා කළ බව සඳහන් වේ. සමාජ සේවා සභා සාමාජිකයන්ගේ සංඛ්‍යාව වැඩි කිරීම (ECT) වැඩසටහන (සා. සේ. දුරකථන, සාමාන්‍ය සා. දුරකථන සේවා දුරකථන සේවා සහ සේවා සහතික (Memorandum of Cooperation - MoC) සම්බන්ධයෙන් සාකච්ඡා කළ බව සඳහන් වේ.

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ಕೊಡಗು ಮತ್ತು ಕೊಡಗು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ
ಕೊಡಗು (Connectivity) 1995 - 2019
ಕೊಡಗು ಮತ್ತು ಕೊಡಗು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ
ಕೊಡಗು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಡಗು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ
ಕೊಡಗು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಡಗು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ

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මේ හිටි ගැහිණියාගේ එකතැටි කේතුව
කොළ පිටු පිටුපසින් ද අනෙකු පිටුපසින් පිහිට
කරන බවත් මේ කන්තියා පිටි වූයේ මහ බවත්
පැහැ පිටු අනෙකුගේ පිටුපසින්

විට වෙනුවෙන්ම සහ දැඩිවම පවතින අතර
මේ නිසාම පවතින වෙනුවෙන්ම පවතින නොවී
නොවී වෙනුවෙන්ම පවතින නොවී වෙනුවෙන්ම
පවතින නොවී වෙනුවෙන්ම පවතින නොවී

(MoC) നാലു മാർച്ച് 2009 നു,
 അന്തർദ്ദേശീയ വനിതാ ദിനം

1997-1998 ခုနှစ် ဇွန်လက ဝါသနာပါစာအုပ်များ စာရင်း

Operating Company - TOC obtained
 this through merger with the old COG.

സമാധാനം ഉറപ്പാക്കുന്നതിനായി 511-ൽ വരുത്തിയ മാറ്റം പരിശോധിക്കുന്നതിനായി സിബി സെക്ഷൻ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു.

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ಕೆಲವೇ ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ, ಹಾಳದ ಬೀದಿ, ೨೫ ನಂ. ಹಾಳಾದಲ್ಲಿ
ಹಾಳದ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವ ಒಂದು ಸಣ್ಣ ರಸ್ತೆ-
ಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಹಾಳದ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವ ಒಂದು ಸಣ್ಣ ರಸ್ತೆ-

ಅನಿರೀಕ್ಷಿತ ಬೆಲೆಗ್ಗರಿಗೆ ತಡೆ ನೀಡಲು ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಕೈಗೊಂಡ ಕ್ರಮಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಚಿವರು ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡಿದರು.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා විවිධ අධ්‍යයනවලින් එහි පිළිකාරීතාව 31%ක් ප්‍රභව වැඩි කළහ. මෙයින් දක්නට ඇති එක් කර්මයක් වන්නේ මෙහි පාරිසරික වර්ධනය කෙරෙහි කැපවීම (TOC) වැඩි පිළිකාරීතාවක් ශ්‍රී ලංකා විවිධ අධ්‍යයන වල දී 24% එහිම අවසානයෙන් සිටින්නන් ලෙසින් එයටත් එයටත් සමාන වූයේය.

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03. අවස්ථාවේ ජිව්‍යයෙන් වෙන්වූ විවිධ ඉතාම සුන්දර-
සහතික ලෙස ඉතිරිවන පැරණි කලාත්මක රූප සහිත

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ಅನೇಕ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಗಳಿಗೂ ಒಳಗಡೆಯೇ ಸಾಕಾರವೂ ಇದೆ. ಆದಾಗ್ಯೂ
ಒಂದೇ ಮಟ್ಟದ ಮೇಲೆ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಒಂದೇ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬದುಕುವುದು

ಇದೇ ದೃಶ್ಯವೊಂದೇ ಮತ್ತೊಮ್ಮೆ ಮೆರೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಕಣ್ಣಿಗೆ ಕಾಣಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

**මාධ්‍ය වාර්තාවලට
පැහැදිලි කිරීමක්:**

අපිට දැන තම තුළට වැඩිම දුර එහිම පිවිස
ගොස් තම වටේද, පිටුපසින්ම දැන ප්‍රමාණ
නඩිතව පැවතා තුළ වී පැමිණි ප්‍රතිඵලයට පැමි
ණ, අපි පිවිසීමට එක් වැඩිම දුරට පැමිණි



කොළඹ වරාය සංවර්ධනයට තෙව්නි ආරම්භක ගිවිසුමක්

දකුණු කොළඹ වරායේ පිහිටි තැගෙනහිර බහලු පර්යන්තය සංවර්ධනය වෙනුවෙන් ශ්‍රී ලංකාව, ජපානය සහ ඉන්දිය රාජ්‍යයන් අතර සහයෝගීතා ගිවිසුම ඊයේ (28) කොළඹදී අත්සන් කරනු ලැබීය.

ඉන්දියානු සාගරයේ කේන්ද්‍රස්ථානයක් වන ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ සංවර්ධනය සහ එහි වරායන් විවෘත වීම ඉතාම වැදගත් කාරණයකි. මෙම ව්‍යාපෘතිය මෙම රාජ්‍යයන් ත්‍රිත්වය අතර පවත්වාගෙන ආ දිගුකාලීන සම්බන්ධතා සහ සහයෝගීත්වය මතෙහි කරනු ලබයි. ජපානය එක්දහස් තවදිස අසූව දශකයේ සිට කොළඹ වරායේ ජය බහලු පර්යන්තය සංවර්ධනය සඳහා සහයෝගය ලබා දෙනු ලැබීය. එසේම කොළඹ වරායේ ප්‍රතිභාවගත කීර්තිමත් සියට ගැන්වූවන්

පමණි. ඉන්දියාවට දමිබා නිධන් සිදුවේ. ඒ අනුව කොළඹ වරායේ ඉදිරි සංවර්ධන කටයුතු සඳහා මෙන්ම කලාපීය සෞභාග්‍යය සහ ගෝලීය වෙළඳ ජාලය තුළ කොළඹ වරායේ ස්ථායීතාව පවත්වා ගැනීම සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකා රජය සමග ඉන්දියාව සහ ජපානය එක්ව කටයුතු කරනු ඇත.

තැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තයේ සම්පූර්ණ අයිතිය ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සතුවේ. එසේම, යෝජිත පර්යන්ත මෙහෙයුම් සමාගම විසින් සිදුකරන සියලුම මෙහෙයුම් වලින් සියයට පනස් එකක කොටස් ශ්‍රී ලංකාව සතු වන අතර හවුල් පාර්ශ්වයන්ට මිලදී ගත හැකි කොටස් ප්‍රමාණය සියයට හතළිස් තවයකි. එසේම මේ සඳහා ලබාගැනීමට අදහස් කරන ජපාන ණය, ශ්‍රී

ලංකාවට මෙතෙක් ලැබුණ සහපත්ම ණය කොන්දේසියට අත් ලැබේ. එසේම සියයට පනස් එකක කොටස් ප්‍රමාණයක් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියට හිමිවීම ඉතාම හොඳ හවුල් ගනුදෙනුවලින් එකකි. පර්යන්ත මෙහෙයුම් සමාගමේ අයිතියෙන් වැඩි ප්‍රමාණයක් ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියට හිමිවීම අදාළ ගිවිසුමෙන් ජාතික අවශ්‍යතාවලට ලබාදී ඇති මූලිකත්වය මතට පිළිබිඹු කරනු ලබයි.

ඒකාබද්ධ ක්‍රියාකාරී කණ්ඩායම රැස්වී අත්සන් කරනු ලැබූ සහයෝගීතා ගිවිසුමේ කරුණු ප්‍රකාරව රාජ්‍යයන් ත්‍රිත්වයම එක්ව ඉදිරි කටයුතු සිදුකොට තැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තයේ මෙහෙයුම් හැකි වහාම ආරම්භ කිරීමට බලාපොරොත්තු වෙමු.

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Japan and India to develop ECT

By PANEETHA AMERESEKERE

The Governments of Japan and India signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) for the development of the East Container Terminal (ECT) of the Colombo South Port, the Japanese Embassy in a press release said yesterday (28).

As a hub of the Indian Ocean, the development of Sri Lanka and the openness of its ports are of great importance, it said. The Colombo Port is the leading Port in the region, the statement added. This joint project reflects the

longstanding goodwill and cooperation among the three countries, the communiqué further said.

Sri Lanka, Japan and India will work together for the further development of the Colombo Port and contribute to further regional prosperity and stability of global trading network, the statement said.

The three Governments will work out details based on the MoC at joint working group meetings and advance their cooperation towards the early start of work and the operation of the ECT, it said in conclusion.

කොළඹ වරාය නැ.බහලු පර්යන්තය සංවර්ධනයට ශ්‍රී ලංකා-ජපාන-ඉන්දියා ගිවිසුම් අත්සන්

■ ඉන්දීය සේවාචාරණ

කොළඹ වරායේ නැගෙනහිර බහලු පර්යන්තය සංවර්ධනය කිරීම සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකාව, ජපානය සහ ඉන්දියාව අතර රියේ (28෫) ගිවිසුමක් අත්සන් කර තිබේ. නැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තයේ සම්පූර්ණ අයිතිය ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සතු වන අතර, මෙම ගිවිසුම හරහා සිදුකරන පර්යන්ත මෙහෙයුම්වලින් 51%ක කොටස්



ශ්‍රී ලංකාව සතු වන බවද වරාය අධිකාරිය සඳහන් කරයි.

මෙම ගිවිසුම සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකාව වෙනුවෙන් වරාය හා



නාවික කටයුතු හා දුක්ඛිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය ආගල රත්නායක මහතා අත්සන් තබා ඇති අතර, ජපානය වෙනුවෙන්

ජපන් තානාපතිවරයා සහ ඉන්දියාව වෙනුවෙන් ඉන්දීය තානාපතිවරයා අත්සන් තබා ඇත.

Development of Colombo South Port

SL, Japan and India sign MoC

The Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) among the three governments of Sri Lanka, Japan and India on the development of the East Container Terminal (ECT) located in the Colombo South Port was signed in Colombo yesterday.

As a hub of the Indian Ocean, the development of Sri Lanka and openness of its ports are of great importance. Colombo Port is the leading Port in the region. This joint project reflects the long-standing good will and cooperation among the three countries. Japan has provided cooperation for the development of the Jaya Container Terminal since the 1980's.

Around 70% of Colombo Port's transshipment business is India-relat-



Ports, Shipping & Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka signs the MoC

ed. Sri Lanka, Japan and India will work together for further development of the Colombo Port and contribute to further regional prosperity and stability of global trading networks.

The SLPA retained 100% ownership of East Container Terminal (ECT). The Terminal Operations Company (TOC) conducting all East Container Terminal operations is jointly owned; Sri Lanka retains a 51% stake, and the joint venture partners purchased a 49% stake. The envisaged

Japanese loan carries one of the best loan terms Sri Lanka has obtained. The 51% stake is also one of the best in SLPA joint ownership endeavors. SLPA's majority ownership in the new TOC represents a significant step in prioritizing National Interests.

The three governments will work out details based on the MoC at joint working group meetings, and advance their cooperation towards early commencement of work and operation of the ECT.

East Terminal of the Colombo Port

Govt. to ask Japan for aid

AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Public Administration and Disaster Management Minister Ranjith Maddumabandara said discussions are afoot with the Japanese government for financial aid to develop the East Terminal of the Colombo Port.

Minister Maddumabandara also denied the allegation that the East Terminal would be privatised. According to Minister Maddumabandara, the Japanese government is to provide financial aid for Sri Lanka to develop the East Terminal of the Colombo

Over 20,000 graduates to get jobs

The government is to recruit 22,000 graduates for the post of project officers in order to reinforce the development process in the country, Public Administra-

tion Minister Ranjith Maddumabandara said yesterday. He said graduates who possess either internal or external degrees will be recruited to these posts.

Port at a very low interest rate of 0.1 percent, supported by a loan term of 40 years.

The Minister said no fears should be entertained that the East Terminal would be priva-

tised, as alleged. "The ownership of the Colombo Port is solely in the hands of Sri Lanka," he said.

The Minister was speaking at a press briefing at the Government Information Department yester-

day afternoon. Meanwhile, the Minister also denied the allegation that several loss-making government establishments such as the Sevanagala and Pelawatte Sugar Factories will be privatised. According to Minister Maddumabandara, the ownership of these establishments was removed from the Public Enterprise Ministry assigned to the Treasury.

"The government has taken no decision whatsoever on privatising these state-owned companies," Maddumabandara said.

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Lanka in tripartite joint venture with India and Japan to run East Container Terminal



Sri Lanka has entered into a tripartite agreement with US allies, India and Japan on the development and running of the East Container Terminal (ECT) as a joint venture following heavy exchanges between President Maithripala Sirisena and the UNP over the latter's bid to set up

a joint venture with India. The move led to a series of spats between President Sirisena and the UNP with the former subsequently declaring that ECT would be developed by Sri Lanka itself. Then Ports and Shipping Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe submitted a Cabinet

paper to that effect.

The following is the text of the statement issued by the Japanese embassy in Colombo: "1. The Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) among the three governments of Sri Lanka, Japan and India on the

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development of the East Container Terminal (ECT) located in the Colombo South Port was signed in Colombo on Tuesday, 28 May 2019.

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since the 1980's. Around 70% of Colombo Port's transshipment business is India-related. Sri Lanka, Japan and India will work together for further development of the Colombo Port and contribute to further regional prosperity and stability of global trading network.

The three governments will work out details based on the MoC at joint working group meetings, and advance their cooperation towards early commencement of work and operation of the ECT.

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China faces new competition as Japan, India, eye Sri Lanka port

By IAIN MARLOW MAY
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BLOOMBERG 26, 2019 -

India, Japan and Sri Lanka are weighing the development of a terminal at the bustling port of Colombo in a country that's seen ongoing political controversies related to investments from China's Belt and Road initiative.

The three countries are set to sign a memorandum of understanding in the coming months to build out the east container terminal at the Port of Colombo, according to an Indian government official who asked not to be identified, citing rules.

India and Japan will seek private sector investment and a terminal operator after the framework agreement is signed, with India likely providing easy credit, the Indian official said. Sri Lanka will control 51% of the project with India and Japan jointly controlling the other 49%, this person said. Unlike the Chinese-owned Hambantota port in southern Sri Lanka -- which has been heavily criticized -- the Colombo port project is a commercially viable venture, though it should not be viewed as a counter to China's Belt



Equipment and materials sit at the site of Colombo Port City, developed by China Harbour Engineering Co., a unit of China Communications Construction Co., foreground, at Port of Colombo in Colombo, Sri Lanka (Bloomberg/Atul Loke).

and Road, they said. Japan has supported the Port of Colombo's development since the 1980s in recognition of the importance of a free and open Indo-Pacific, said Natsuko Sakata, a spokeswoman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. "Nothing has been decided at this moment on any policy of our new assistance regarding the port of Colombo," she said in a statement sent by email.

Japan has also pushed its plans to be a bigger player in the region under its "Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy."

A Sri Lanka government official, who asked not to be named citing rules, said the deal with India and Japan would soon be finalized.

Japan would provide a 40-year yen loan with a 10-year grace period, with Sri Lanka holding 51% and Japan and India jointly holding 49%.

Two months ago Sri Lanka's Port Minister Sagala Ratnayaka told parliament the Ports Authority was procuring cranes from Japan for the Colombo port's east terminal. The country was seeking to "attract more shipping lines, especially shipping lines which operate the largest ships in the industry," he said, noting at the time India was a possible partner. Sri Lanka previously tried to court Indian investment in Hambantota's empty airport.

The move reflects India's new openness to co-operate with

Japan, the U.S. and other Indo-Pacific powers in its immediate neighbourhood, said Constantino Xavier, a foreign policy fellow at Brookings India. "China's Belt and Road Initiative investments in South Asia and the Indian Ocean region have forced Delhi to be more proactive in offering reliable alternatives to Beijing's rising economic clout."

Sri Lanka has been one of the countries drawn to China's Belt and Road Initiative, an ambitious plan announced in 2013 by President Xi Jinping to build an estimated \$1 trillion of infrastructure to support increased trade and economic ties and further China's interests around the globe. However, China's politically controversial investments in Sri Lanka became an election issue in 2015 and fueled infighting between politicians in the capital.

One project in the country includes Port City Colombo being built by China Communications Construction Co., or CCCC. The plan envisions a financial district -- pitched as a new hub between Singapore and Dubai -- with a marina, a hospital, shopping malls, and 21,000 apartments and homes.

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Govt. inks deal with Japan and India to develop East Container Terminal

Sri Lanka yesterday inked a memorandum of cooperation (MOC) with the government of Japan and India to develop the East Container Terminal (ECT) of the Port of Colombo.

According to a SLPA statement issued to media this week, while keeping 100 percent ownership of ECT with SLPA, a Terminal Operations Company (TOC) conducting all ETC operations will be set up—Sri Lanka retaining 51 percent and the joint venture partners purchasing 49 percent stake.

“The three governments will work out details based on the MOC at joint working group meetings, and advance their cooperation towards early commencement of work and



From left: Japanese Ambassador Akira Sugiyama, Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayake and Indian High Commissioner Taranjit Singh Sandhu signing the memorandum of cooperation in Colombo

operation of the ECT,” a joint press release issued after the signing of MOC yesterday said.

To implement the project Sri Lankan government is expected to receive a concessional loan from Japan, which “carries one of the best loan terms Sri

Lanka has obtained,” according to SLPA. The tug of war between President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe had significantly delayed the development of ECT.

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President Sirisena had reportedly opposed any move to get private sector involvement in the development of ECT, even in the form of a public private partnership (PPP) deal.

The government in late 2016 called for Expressions of Interest (Eoi) for the development of the ECT, and seven parties submitted applications. However, the development contract was never offered to any of the parties due to disagreements between Sirisena and Wickremesinghe.

The ECT's first phase was completed in 2015 with a US\$ 80 million loan from Bank of Ceylon (BOC). A part of the terminal is equipped with a 440 metre quay berth and an 18 hectare yard in addition to other equipment.

The ECT is located at the newly expanded south part of Port of Colombo.

Port of Colombo currently operates with three main terminals—Jaya Container Terminal operated by SLPA, South Asia Gateway Terminal operates by John Keells Holdings and

Colombo International Container Terminal operated by China Merchant Holdings.

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SL, India and Japan sign MoC to develop ECT

- Terminal Operations Company to conduct ETC operations
- SL retains 51% stake, rest to be divided up by India and Japan
- Japan to fund project with 40-year loan at concessionary interest rate
- Cabinet gives approval but will appoint committee to negotiate details
- Govt. says inclusion of India crucial given transshipment volumes

SRI Lanka, India and Japan yesterday signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) for the development of the long awaited East Container Terminal in the Colombo harbour.

Under the MoC among the three governments on the development of the East Container Terminal, the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) retains 100% ownership of East Container Terminal (ECT).

The Terminal Operations Company (TOC) conducting all East Container

Terminal operations is jointly owned; Sri Lanka retains a 51% stake, and



Ports and Shipping Minister Sagala Ratnayaka signs the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) for the development of the East Container Terminal, flanked by Japanese Ambassador Akira Sugiyama (left) and Indian Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu, at the signing ceremony yesterday

the joint venture partners purchase a 49% stake, a statement by the Ports and Shipping Ministry said. A

40-year loan at an interest rate of 0.1% is expected from Japan to fund the project.

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"The envisaged Japanese loan carries one of the best loan terms Sri Lanka has obtained. The 51% stake is also one of the best in SLPA joint ownership endeavours. SLPA's majority ownership in the new TOC represents a significant step in prioritising national interests," the statement said.

The three governments will work out details based on the MoC at joint working group meetings, and advance their cooperation towards early commencement of work and operation of the ECT.

"As a hub of the Indian Ocean, the development of Sri Lanka and openness of its ports are of great importance. Colombo Port is the leading Port in the region. This joint project reflects the longstanding good will and cooperation among the three countries."

Japan has provided cooperation for the development of the Jaya Container Terminal since the 1960's. Around 70% of Colombo Port's transshipment busi-

ness is India-related. Sri Lanka, Japan and India will work together for further development of the Colombo Port and contribute to further regional prosperity and stability of global trading networks, the statement said.

Primary Industries and Social Empowerment Minister Daya Gamage, addressing a press conference at the Government Information Department on Tuesday, denied that the Government had inked the MoC with India to offset growing Chinese influence in Sri Lanka. The Government of Opposition Leader Mahinda Rajapaksa had earlier given two terminals of the Colombo Port to China's CM Ports, while the current administration handed over the Hambantota port to the same company in a joint venture in 2017.

"India is scared with China coming in as they are becoming a threat to them. But we have not signed any defence agreements with China," Gamage told reporters.

Justifying the venture, Gamage said: "We don't have money to develop this.

as we will have to buy all the equipment and you cannot fight with India either. Out of all our exports, 80% is Indian transshipment, India joining us in this is a huge strength for us, because if they start another port in India we will lose a lot of our business. So this is a good arrangement for Sri Lanka because it will get 51% ownership without investing anything."

Minister Gamage said the terminal venture had been discussed extensively at the Cabinet meeting held on Tuesday, and consent was given by the members.

"Everyone in the Cabinet has given consent, but Cabinet will appoint a Committee on certain matters as we need certain clarifications, such as what are the companies coming in, how the profit margin is going to be set up as well as other details. There are certain other procedures to be followed," he said.

"The two countries will have to negotiate their ownership portions."

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SLPA clarifies reports on SL-Japan-India cooperation

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) issued a statement in response to media reports about the planned Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between the governments of Sri Lanka, Japan and India on the East Container Terminal of the Port of Colombo.

Their statement is as follows:

“Firstly, the Authority believes that the envisaged MoC demonstrates Sri Lanka’s ability to maintain and further its national interests while cooperating with International Partners.

• Currently, Colombo Port is ranked 11th in connectivity (Drewry, 2018) and 22nd among global ports (AlphaLine, 2018).

• These ranks were reached by SLPA owned Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) working in partnership with South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) and Colombo International Container Terminals (CICT). SLPA’s ownership stake in SAGT and CICT terminal operators is 15 per cent. Both of these partners have

contributed extremely positively to Colombo Port achieving its’ current status.

• SLPA believes the envisaged new partnership will help the Port of Colombo to continue growth and further improve its position:

• Within the next three decades, over 45 per cent of global GDP and trade is predicted to originate, or be located within, the Asian region. In this ultra-connected world, deep relationships with multiple trading partners is not only prudent business, it is critical to ensuring Colombo Port remains relevant to global trade.

Secondly, the envisaged Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) codifies the following:

• SLPA retains 100 per cent ownership of East Container Terminal (ECT);

• The Terminal Operations Company (TOC) conducting all East Container Terminal operations is jointly owned; Sri Lanka retains a 51 per cent stake, and

the joint venture partners purchase a 49 per cent stake;

• The envisaged Japanese loan carries one of the best loan terms Sri Lanka has obtained. However, given that the loan terms are awaiting formalisation, it would be premature for SLPA to comment;

• The 51 per cent stake is also one of the best in SLPA joint ownership endeavours. SLPA’s majority ownership in the new TOC represents a significant step in prioritising National interests.

• These elements combined allow Colombo Port to develop at a faster pace than would otherwise be feasible using SLPA’s own funds.

Thirdly, the global cargo trade is an extremely competitive, fast-paced, rapidly-evolving industry that requires ports be timely in their capacity expansion, execution, and service levels. The envisaged MoC is a significant step in ensuring Colombo Port delivers on these goals in an agile manner.”



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Cabinet nod for Trinco steel factory EIA

- Cabinet approval given to conduct EIA for \$ 1 b steel factory
- Horana tyre factory to start production by year end
- Hambantota cement factory likely to start production by August 2020

By RUWANDI GAMAGE

CABINET approval has been given to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the \$ 1 billion project to build a steel factory near the Trincomalee Port, Development Strategies and International Trade Deputy Minister Nalin Bandara said yesterday.

Speaking to media at Temple Trees, Bandara said the steel factory would have state-of-the-art technology and would be the first of its kind in Sri Lanka.

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He also said the project would create 6,000 jobs for locals. Bandara also said that this factory would be helpful towards the Trinco Port becoming more operational.

"The responsibility to handle the EIA has been given to the Board of Investment (BOI). We will adhere to the EIA when continuing with the project," he stated.

The Deputy Minister stated that the tyre factory project in Horana had almost completed construction and that production of tyres would begin towards the end of this year. He said that the confidence and trust shown by the investors in this project to remain with Sri Lanka even after the Easter attacks was positive for the overall economy.

Bandara added that the cement factory investment project in Hambantota was also underway and they were hoping construction would be completed as planned. The Deputy Minister was optimistic that the factory would be able to start production by August 2020. The discussions held in May with Oman investors on the \$ 3.8 billion refinery venture were also described as successful by him.

"The oil refinery project is also continuing without any interruption from the recent events in the country and none of the investors have shown any desire to back out. The main investor in this project is India's Accord Group and it has already started its part of the process. Oman is mainly focused on oil refining as well as the creation of factories that manufacture by-products, such as fertiliser and polyethylene. Discussions with them regarding this are successfully continuing," he added.

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SL, Japan, India ink memo for ECT

Sri Lanka, Japan and India have inked a memorandum of co-operation to operate the East Container Terminal (ECT) of Sri Lanka's Colombo Port, the embassy of Japan said, with terms to be hammered out later.

Companies from Japan, India and Sri Lanka are expected to set up a terminal operating company to run the so-called 1,200m East Container Terminal, of which about 400m had already been built by the State port agency.

However, money is required to buy cranes. The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) is expected to hold a 51 per cent stake in the operating company and companies representing the other two countries will hold 49 per cent.

Japan is expected to provide 0.1 per cent

interest yen loan for cranes. Concerns have been raised on who will repay the loans, and also the loans taken to build the civil works.

The statement said the three governments will work out details of the operating arrangements at joint working group meetings. Sri Lanka has previously given two terminals in Colombo to China's CM Ports and Sri Lanka's John Keells Holdings, where settling loans was the responsibility of the operating company during the concession period.

The operating company had to pay royalties to SLPA on top of it. After the end of a 30 or 40-year concession period, the entire terminal reverts to the port agency.

Industry analysts say the deal has to be...

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...structured in such a way that fees equal to debt repayments comes to SLPA to settle the loan, and any exchange risks are also passed on to the terminal operating company, so that taxpayers do not have to pick up the tab.

Sri Lanka's current administration abandoned a plan to get a private company with Indian participation through an orthodox concession agreement without explanation, after getting bids from top shipping and container firms in the world.

Sri Lanka is keen to get Indian participation in a terminal in Colombo to balance out China. India provides around 75 per cent of the transshipment traffic to Colombo.

Sri Lanka's current administration has got into political trouble by handing over Hambantota Port to China's CM Port on an unorthodox contract.

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