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Export Development Board to capitalize on boat and ship building sector under national export strategy

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Newspaper - Daily FT Date - 01-07-2019



Minister Sagala Ratnayaka hands over the letter of appointment to SLPA JSS President Udeni Kaluthanthri. SLPA Chairman Kavan D. Ratnayaka, Managing Director Capt. Athula Hevawitharana look on

SLPA JSS President appointed to Board of Directors

SRI Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Jathika Sewaka Sangamaya (JSS) (National Employees' Union) President Udeni Kaluthanthri has been appointed to the Board of Directors by Ports, Shipping

and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka.

SLPA Chairman Kavan D. Ratnayaka, Managing Director Capt. Athula Hevawitharana, several higher executive officers of SLPA management a members of JSS also attended the occasion.



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Newspaper - Daily Mirror Date - 02-07-2019



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Newspaper – Daily News Date - 02-07-2019

Udeni Kaluthanthri appointed to SLPA Director Board

ka Sangamaya' (JSS) (National Employees' Union) Udeni Kaluthanthri of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority thri of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), has been appointed a member to the Board of Directors of the SLPA by Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka. SLPA Chairman Kavan D. Ratnaya-

ka and Managing Director Captain Athula Hevawitharana, several higher

nayaka handing over the letter of appointment to Udeni Kaluthanthri, President of the 'Jathika Sewaka Sangamaya' (JSS), SLPA Chairman Kayan D. Ratnayaka, Managing Director Captain Athula Hevawith-arana look on.





Newspaper - Ceylon Today Date - 02-07-2019

SLPA JSS President joins Board of Directors



Min. of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayaka handing over the letter of appointment to SLPA JSS President, Udeni Kaluthanthri, SLPA Chairman, Kavan D. Ratnayaka, and MD, Capt. Athula Hevawitharana are also present

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) announced that its 'Jathika Sewaka Sangamaya' (JSS) (National Employee's Union) President, Udeni Kaluthanthri, was appointed to the SLPA Board of Directors by Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southem Development, Sagala Ratnayaka, SLPA Chairman, Kavan D. Ratnayaka, MD, Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, several higher executive officers of the SLPA and members of the JSS were present at the occasion.



Newspaper - Ceylon FT Date - 02-07-2019

SLPA sees Rs 10.5B profit in 1Q'19



The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), which runs the island's harbours for merchant shipping, made a profit of Rs 10.5 billion in the first four months of 2019, the Finance Ministry said, as cargo volumes grew strongly.

The SLPA's debt to banks was Rs 11,957 million during the period, it said in a report on Government finances for the first half of the year.

The SLPA has made a Rs 4.2 billion profit in 2018, down from Rs 13.2 billion the previous year, its highest ever, after a foreign exchange gain from the removal of loans taken to build the Southern Hambantota Port.

The Finance Ministry report said several measures have been taken to increase the capacity of SLPA ports, with growing competition from rival regional ports and changes in the shipping industry.

The SLPA operates the ports of Colombo, Galle, Trincomalee, Kankesanthurai, Oluvil, Myliddy, Point Pedro and Karainagar.

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"Steps have been taken by SLPA to increase the efficiency of the port by enhancing the capacity of Jaya Container Terminal and procuring ship-to-shore cranes under the modernisation project," the report said. (economynext)



Newspaper - Daily News Date - 04-07-2019

Catriona Jayasundera appointed as WISTA President

The Sri Lankan arm of the Women's International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA) celebrated its 5th anniversary on Tuesday at the AGM held at the Kingsbury Hotel.

Catriona Jayasundera was appointed President at the AGM.

The Chief Guest at this event Sagala Ratnayake, Minister of Ports & Shipping & Southern Development speaking at the event appreciated the service rendered by WISTA to the Maritime, Trading and Logistics Industries.

Trading and Logistics Industries .
WISTA International President Despina Panayiotou Theodosiou speaking at the AGM shared her expertise in the field of Maritime and the role of WISTA in the global context.

In 2014 Founder President Shehara Jayawardana formed the Sri Lankan arm of WISTA and their journey has been unstoppable since with many initiatives taken to assist and improve women participation in the Maritime, Trading and Logistics Industries.

The Association aims to pave the way for LATI women to explore & develop a deep sense of understanding of the maritime and logistics industries which has a significant gender imbalance and ensure they are fully equipped with skills & competencies needed to establish to grow in their respective fields.

Over the years WISTA has been successful in carrying out many initiatives and programs in line with its objectives and vision. The Association has also been in the forefront of capturing and educating all professionals in the Maritime Industry on trending topics and technological innovations.







Vignettes of the event. Pictures by sudath Malaweera



Newspaper – Daily News Date - 04-07-2019

CMPort jointly builds 5G intelligence innovation laboratory



Participating Units sign the Declaration of Construction of the Laboratory

China Merchants Port Ginosp Company Limited ("CMPort" 001872.52) jointed hands with China Mobile Limited Shenzhen Branch and Hoanwei Technologies Co., Ltd., to estab-lish the fired Sci intelligent insonation labora-tory in the port industry at Haixing Wharf, with the support of the Shenzhen Municipal People's Gavernment. Chief Operating Officer and General Man-ager of CMPort Zhang Yi hoisted the grand opening ceremony of the CMPort 5G intelli-gent innovation laboratory in the CMPort Tower.

Delegates from the Shenzhen Municipal

Delegates from the Shendhen Municipal People's Government, Bureau of Industry and Information Technology of Sherothen, China Merchants Geoop and other guests attended the ceremony.

Many guests witnessed the opening ceremony of the laboratory, including Wang Daping, Vice Chairman of the CPPCC Shenzhen Provincial Committee, Zheng Xuan, Deputy Inspection of Bureau of Industry and Information Technology of Showthen, Deng Renjie, Executive Vice President of China Merchants Grung, Wa Yb, Deputy Director of Digital Groug, Wu Yi, Deputy Director of Digital Center of China Menchanis Groug, Zhang Yi, General Manuger of China Mobile Limited Shouthen Huatch, Chen Hin, Vice President of Emergeica Business: China Region and General Manager of Enterprise Business: Giangdong of Hunwel Technologies Co., Ltd., After the ceremony, Zhong Xiana and Wu Yi gave on-site interviews to journalists from Xirhua News, Agency, China National Radio, Ta Kung Pao and Wen Wei Pr from Hung Kong, and Shekou IV Station. Group, Wu Yi, Deputy Director of Digital

As a comprehensive port service provider with full coverage of six continents in the world, CMPort has always been committed to port technological innovation. Over the years, CMPort has independently developed a "world-class" level of wharf operation management, e-Port platform, RTG remote control, intelligent tally and other systems



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Eleven participating units have signed the declaration of construction of the laboratory. Moving forward, CMPort will inject innova-tive investment funds, with the opportunities derived from the renovation of Haixing container terminal, to create a 5G technology innovation platform to explore the applicat of 5G sechnology in the port industry with

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After the opening cereorseny of the SG Innovation Laboratory in Merchants Port, the guests went to the reshibition hall to observe the video scene demonstration of the port innote field operation monitoring. UAV performance and the first pure SG call in China under the SG communication, and language than a conference or incommunication in Those demonstrations show that the application of SG technology in China Merchants.

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Newspaper – Sunday Morning Date - 07-07-2019

SL-Germany discuss fast-tracking and facilitating German investments

The Sri Lanka-Germany Fast Track Dialogue was held recently at the Ministry of Development Strategies and International Trade with the objectives of addressing central issues faced by German enterprises operating in Sri Lanka under the BOI as well as facilitating new investments.

Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade Malik Samarawickrama led the Sri Lankan delegation assisted by Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (BOI) Chairman Mangala Yapa and Ministry of Development Strategies and International Trade Additional Secretary W.A.D.S. Gunasinghe, the Ministry said in a press release.

Also present were members of key Sri Lankan institutions, whose inputs were essential to ensure a rapid resolution of the matters discussed.

The German delegation was led by Ambassador of Germany in Sri Lanka Jorn Rohde, who was assisted by Delegation of German Industry and Commerce in Sri Lanka (AHK) Chief Delegate Andreas Hergenroether. The German companies present were B. Braun Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd., DHL Keells (Pvt.) Ltd., Eskimo Fashion Knitwear (Pvt.) Ltd., Go Vacation Sri Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd., DER Touristk, Hellmann MAS Supply Chain (Pvt.) Ltd., Kramski Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd.,



The Sri Lanka-Germany Fast Track Dialogue

Ceylon Oxygen Ltd., and Wurth investors and exporters. Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd.

Minister Samarawickrama welcomed the German delegation. He stated that Germany was a very important trading partner for Sri Lanka, with a volume of trade totalling € 1.2 billion. The Minister added that there was an important trade and investment delegation to Germany in 2018, but recent events impacted on the inroads made in taking economic relations even further.

The Minister commended Germany for establishing a culture of punctuality, precision, and high standards of integrity. He added that on the Sri Lankan side, institutions such as the BOI and EDB were making a strong effort to facilitate business and eliminate bottlenecks faced by

Ambassador Jorn Rohde stated economic relations should ideally resemble the German autobahns, providing speedy solutions to all issues. Germany welcomed any effort aimed at improving Sri Lankan's business climate and also the resolution of any issues faced by German SMEs. He wanted to see a return of tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka since the Easter Sunday events.

Minister Samarawickrama reassured the German side, adding that security is strengthened at the airport and hotels. Furthermore, a tourism promotion campaign will be held in Berlin to address tourists and travel agents and educate them about Sri Lanka. A total of eight leading tourism-generating

countries were targeted for a recovery plan. Four tourism roadshows will be held in Berlin, Stuttgart, and other German cities.

The issues specific to German investors to which solutions were sought include the registration of disinfectant products under the National Medicine Regulatory Authority (NMRA), VAT refunds for several German companies, issues relating to the recovery of the tourism industry, issues relating to cargo handling, monies owed to German companies, tender procedures, and payment of demurrages.

Many of these outstanding matters were resolved or studied for a solution to be arrived at under a timeframe to solve them.



Newspaper - Daily FT Date - 08-07-2019



Ceyline opens office in Hambantota Port

CEYLINE Group ceremoniously opened their new office in the Port of Hambantota last week. The occasion was graced by dignitaries from Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) as well as Directors and Senior Managers from Ceyline Group Companies.

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Ceyline intends on adding value to the Port and assisting HIPG in their mission by being a service provider to ships, crew, charterers and ship owners that call at the Port of Hambantota. Ceyline Group, through its subsidiary companies, are able to provide ship provisions and supplies, ship repair services, port agency services, ship and cargo surveys, reefer container management, logistics and transportation services.

"We cannot ignore the strategic significance of the Hambantota Port. China Merchant Port Holdings coming in as a stake holder will only accelerate its progress," stated Ceyline Group Chairman Captain Ajith Peiris. "We thank HIPG CEO Ray Ren and his team for facilitating our office set-up and for encouraging the industry to establish their operations in Hambantota," he further stated.

The Ceyline Group office is located on the 7th floor at the

The Ceyline Group office is located on the 7th floor at the Administrations Building of Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG).





Newspaper - Daily News Date - 09-07-2019

SLPA head office to get 17- storey building complex



Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka inspecting the land area allocated for the construction of planned 17 storey building complex

Chief of the Prime Minister staff, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka paid a visit in the canal yard yesterday, to inspect the land area allocated for the construction of the planned 17 storey building complex to relocate the SLPA head office.

Chairman of the SLPA Kavan Ratnayaka, Managing Director Captain Athula Hewavitharana, a group of high profile officials and engineers were present at this occasion. One of the extensive development projects been carried out surrounding the port city, the Kelanitissa to Gall-Face highway project, laying via the port premises, has cost multiple building complexes of SLPA.

Accordingly this brand-new 17 storey building complex to be constructed would lead SLPA to recover in the best way while opening up the opportunity for stakeholders to experience all the services from one place, resulting to an international brand as a smart port. To page v

SLPA head office to get 17... From page i

Furthermore, this project is expected to be completed within 2 years valued at 5 billion rupees. Exactly this building would construct opposite the Customs headquarters, Fort and it will be paved the way to an effective and efficient service provides with the assistance of both institutions.

Minister Sagala Ratnayaka who addressed the gathering said that, "we have planned to construct a new administrative building for SLPA. And also the port elevated highway project, funded by the ADB bank is underway with the assistance of RDA.

This highway project been initiated and to be laid via the port premises will be over lapped with several buildings owned by SLPA including the current administrative building. Therefore we will fast-track the construction of this new building complex with financial assistance rendered by the ADB bank. Thus we have planned to reinstate the buildings overlapped with this project at the newly constructed building premises. It's a well-planned 17 storey building comprised of modern facilities. And also as the SLPA and RDA aim to complete this building within two years. And the highway project will be completed in three years. And we will also benefit from the loan amounting to Rs 5 billion, which will be provided by the ADB at a lower interest rate, the minister added."



Newspaper - Daily FT Date - 09-07-2019

Minister Ratnayaka inspects construction of **SLPA's new Maritime Facilitation Centre**

address road traffic congestion.

Mesawhile, construction of a new port access road from lingurukade at a cost of Rs. 29 billion is scheduled for completion in three verrs. It is similitient that all these projects are to be carried out by the Road Poevlogment Autherity (RIA) with the assistance of Sri Lankan acce for these projects.

SLPA Chairman Kavan Ratasyaka, RDA Chairman Nihal Souriarachchi, Managing Director Capt. Athula Rewaritharian, Additional Managing Director Upali D. Zovsa, directors and a sumber of higher officials of the management of SLPA and RDA also joined the inspection visit in Canal Yard.





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Newspaper – Ceylon Today Date – 09-07-2019

SLPA Head Office to be shifted New 17-storey building complex planned

Chief of the Prime Minister's Staff and Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayaka paid an inspection visit to the canal yard, yesterday (08) morning, to examine the land area allocated for the construction of the planned 17-storey building complex to relocate the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) head office.

The Kelanitissa to Galle-Face highway project, lying via the Port premises, has cost multiple building complexes of the SLPA. Accordingly this new 17 storey building complex to be constructed would lead the SLPA recovering in the best way, while opening up the opportunity for stakeholders to experience all the services from one place, resulting in an international brand as a smart port.

Furthermore, this project is expected to be completed within two years and is valued at Rs 5 billion. This building would be constructed opposite the Customs headquarters, Colombo Fort, and it will pave the way for an effective and efficient service provided with the assistance of both the institutions.

Minister Ratnayaka who addressed the gathering said, "we have planned to construct a new administrative building for the SLPA. And also the port elevated highway project, funded by the Asian Development Bank is underway with the assistance of the Road Development Authority.

This highway project been initiated and is to be laid via the port premises and will overlapped with several buildings owned by the SLPA including the current administrative building. Thus we have planned to reinstate the buildings overlapped with this project at the newly constructed building premises. It's a well-planned 17-storey building comprising modern facilities. And also as we have planned this project will proceed with local companies with the assistance of local engineers. The Highway project will be completed in three years."



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ශුී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාර්යේ කටයුතු සඳහා මහල් දාහතකින් සමන්විත ගොඩනැගිල්ලක් ඉදිකිර්මට සැලසුම් කර තිබේ.

වරාය නගරය ආරම්භ වීමත් සමග අවශ්‍ය වන කාර්යාල පහසුකම් සලසා ගැනීම සඳහා රුපියල් වීලියන පහක වියදමින් මෙම ගොඩනැගිල්ල ඉදිකිරීමට සැලසුම් කර ඇත.

ආසියානු සංවර්ධන මැංකුව මහින් ලබා ගන්නා ණය මුදලක් හරහා මෙම හොඩනැගිල්ල ඉදිකිරීමට සැලසුම් කර තිබෙන අතර, ගොඩනැගිල්ල ඉදිකිරීමට නියමිත භූමිය ඊයේ (08දා) දින වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත් සාගල රත්නායක මහතාගේ නිරීක්ෂණයට ලක්විය.

කොටුව රේගු මුලස්ථානය අසල පිහිටි මෙම භූමිය තුළ වසර දෙකක් ඇතුළත මෙම ගොඩනැගිල්ල ඉදිකිරීමට සැලසුම් කර ඇත.

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ආශිතව සිදුකරන සංවර්ධන කටයුතුවලදී හා කැලුණිතිස්ස සිට හාලූමුවදොර දක්වා ඉදිකිර්මට නියමිත අධිවේගී මාර්ගය හේතුවෙන් වරාය අධිකාර්යට අයත් හොඩනැගිලි රාශියක් ඉදිරියේදී ඉවත් කිරීමට නියමිතය.

එම ගොඩනැගිලිවල පවත්වාගෙන යන සියලු කාර්යාල අලුතින් ඉදිකිරීමට නියමිත මෙම ගොඩනැගිල්ල වෙත රැගෙන යෑමට සැලසුම් කර තිබේ.



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Minister inspects construction of SLPA's new Maritime Facilitation Centre



Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka, SLPA Chairman Kavan Ratnayaka, Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, Additional Managing Director Upali D. Zoysa, directors and a number of higher officials of the management during the tour of inspection in Canal Yard, Colombo

Ports, Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka made a field visit to inspect the construction of the new administrative building (Maritime Facilitation Centre) of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) yesterday.

The SLPA will be setting up its new 17-storey head office building at a cost of Rs.5 billion scheduled for completion in two years.

The minister said that the development of the Port of Colombo has been delayed in the recent past, which has caused a

major economic loss to the country. He said that the speedy completion of the proposed constructions would also increase the efficiency of the port and address road traffic congestion.

and address road traffic congestion.
Meanwhile, construction of a new
port access road from Ingurukade at
a cost of Rs.26 billion is scheduled
for completion in three years. It is
significant that all these projects
are to be carried out by the Road
Development Authority (RDA)
with the assistance of Sri Lankan
engineers and local construction
companies.

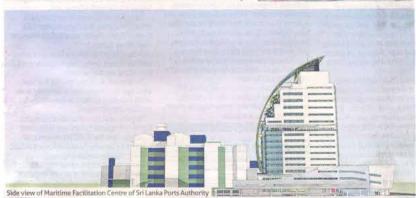
companies. Ratnayaka further said that these projects, Maritime Facilitation Centre building and port access road will be a great benefit to the Port of Colombo as well as the country.

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The Asian Development Bank has secured financial assistance for these projects.

projects.
SLPA Chairman Kavan Ratnayaka,
RDA Chairman Nihal Sooriarachchi,
Managing Director Capt. Athula
Hewavitharana, Additional Managing
Director Upali D. Zoysa, directors
and a number of higher officials of the
management of the SLPA and RDA
also joined the inspection visit in
Canal Yard.







පුවත්පත - දිනමිණ දිනය - 2019-07-09

නව පරිපාලන ගොඩනැගිල්ලේ වැඩ වසර 03ක් ඇතුළතදී නිම කරනවා

🕨 වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ඇමැති

චන්දිකා පෙරේරා

ශුී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ නව පරිපාලන ගොඩතැගිල්ලේ වැඩකටයුතු වසර 02ක් ඇතු-ලත දී සහ අධිවේගී වරාය පිවිසුම් මාර්ගයේ වැඩ කටයුතු වසර 03ක් ඇතුළතදී අවසත් කරන බව අගමැති කාර්ය මණ්ඩල පුධාතී, වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු සහ දක්ෂිණ සංව-ර්ධත ඇමැති සාගල රත්තායක මහතා පැවසීය.

තට්ට 17ක මේ පරිපාලන ගොඩනැගිල්ලේ ඉදිකිරීම් කටයුතු සඳහා ලංකාවේ ඉංජිනේරු-වන්, ලංකාවේ ඉදිකිරීම් සමාගම් යොදුගුනීමට බලාපොරොන්නු වන බවත් ඒ මහතා අවධාර-ණය කලේය.

ඇමැතිවරයා මේ බව පුැවසුවේ ශ්ලී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ කැතල් අංගන පරිශුයේ ඊයේ (08) පෙරවරුවේ තීරීක්ෂණ සංචාරයක තීරත වෙමිනි.

එහිදී ශුී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය මගින් ඉදිකි-**ඊ**මට යෝජ්ත මහල් 17කින් යුත් නව පරිපාලන ගොඩනැගිල්ල ඉදිකිරීම සඳහා නියමිත භුමියේ යෝගෘතාව පිරික්සා කර බැලීම සිදු විණි.

වරාය නගරය ආශුිත දැවැන්ත සංවර්ධත වනපෘති රැසක් කියාවට තංවා ඇති අතර එහි එක් අදියරක් වශයෙන් වරාය අභෳන්තරයෙන් ගමන් ගන්නා කැලණිතිස්ස සිට ශාල මුවදෙර දක්වා වූ අධිවේගී මාර්ගය ඉදිකිරීමේ දී ශී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ ගොඩතැගිලි රාගි-යක් එම පරිශුයෙන් ඉවත් කිරීමට සිදු වනු ඇත. ඊට පිළියමක් වශයෙන් කැනල් අංශන පරිශුයේ මේ නව පරිපාලන ගොඩනැගිල්ල ඉදි කෙරෙන අතර ඒ තුළින් වරාය සේවාලාභීන්ට එකම ස්ථානයකින් සියලුම සේවා ලබාගැනීමේ මහගු අවස්ථාව සහ සුහුරු වරායක් ලෙස ජාතෘත්තර අවධානය දිනාගැනීමේ හැකියාව ද එමගින් උද වේ. වසර 02කදී තිම කිරීමට යෝජිත මේ තව වරාය පරිපාලන ගොඩනැගිල්ල සඳහා බිලි-යන 05 ක මුදලක් වැය කෙරෙනු ඇත. මේ නව පරිපාලන ගොඩනැගිල්ල ඉදිකිරීමට නියමිනව ඇත්තේ පිටකොටුවේ ශුී ලංකා රේගු මූලස්ථා-නය ආශුිත භූමි පුදේශයේ වන අතර එය වරාය සේවාලාභීන්ට ශුී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සහ ශුී ලංකා රේගුව සමග සිදුකරන ගනුදෙනු නවදු-රටත් කාර්යක්ෂම කිරීමට පිට්වහලක් වේ.

එහිදී අමාතෳවරයා මෙසේ කීය.



වරාය අධිකාරීයට නව මූලස්ථාන ගොඩ~ අධිකා ශ්රීත්ත් අධිකාරීයට නව මූලස්ථාන ගොඩ~ අධිකා නැගිල්ලක් ඉදිකරන්න අපි බලාපොරොත්ත වෙනවා. ඒ සඳහා අපි අද මේ ස්ථානයට පැමි-

Port Elevated Highway ಲವವ අධිවේගී වරාය පිවසුම මාර්ගයක් ඉදිවෙනවා. ආසියානු සංවර්ධන අරමුදලෙන්, ඒ වගේම මාජ්ග සංවජ්ධන අධිකාජියේ මුලිකත්වයෙන් ඒ කටයුතු කෙරෙනවා. ඒ පිවසුම් මාර්ගය ඉදි-කරන කොට ඉතුරු කඩේ ගන්දියෙන් ආරම්භ වෙලා වරාය දක්වා එනවා. එහිදී වරායේ යම් යම ගොඩතැගිලි ඉවත් කිරීමට සිදුවෙනවා. එම ඉවත් කිරීම්වලදී මුලස්ථාන ගොඩනැගි-ල්ලන් මේ අධිවේගී පිවසුම් මාර්ගයේ ඉදිකිරීම කටයුතු සඳහා එම ස්ථාතයෙන් වෙත් කරන්න වෙනවා . ඒ නිසා දීර්ෂ කාලයක් සාකච්ඡා වෙමින් තිබුණු මේ මුලස්ථාන ගොඩනැගිලි ඉදිකිරීම් කටයුතු අපි ඉක්මන් කරන්න නිර-ණය කර අද අපි ඒ පිළිබඳ කටයුතු කරගෙන යනවා.ඒ ගොඩනැගිල්ල ඉදිකරන්නන් ආසි-යානු සංවර්ධන බැංකුවෙන්ම අපිට අරමුදල් ලැබෙනවා. ඒ වහපෘතීයේ කොටසක් විදියට. විශේෂයෙන් අවතැන් වෙන වරාය සතු ගොඩ-නැගිලි මෙතැන ස්ථාපිත කරන එකේ අරමුණ තමයි තියෙන්නේ. මෙය තට්ටු 17ක ගොඩ-නැගිල්ලක්. අංග සම්පූර්ණ ගොඩතැගිල්ලක්. ලංකාවේ ඉංජිනේරුවරුත්, ලංකාවේ ඉදිකිරීම් සමාගම් තමයි පාච්ච්චි කරන්නන් අපි බලා-පොරොත්තු වෙනවා, ඉතා විශාල අභියෝගයක්. වුරාය අධ්කාරියන් ඒ වගේම මාර්ග සංවර්ධන

අධිකාරියත් භාර අරගෙන තියෙනවා වසර 02 ක් ඇතුළත දී මේකෙ වැඩ කටයුතු නීම-කරන්න. ඒ වගේම අධිවේගී පිවසුම් මාර්ගයේ වැඩ කටයුතු වසර 03 ක් ඇතුළත දී අවසන් වෙනවා. එමහින් විශේෂයෙන් වරාය ඇතුළට එන වාහන වල නදබදයන් නගරයට ඒ නිසා අවම වෙනවා. ඒ වශේම එයින් නගරය ඇතු-ළන වාහනවලටත් විශාල සහනයක් ලැබෙ-

Port Elevated Highway Danca-තිය ඒ කියන්නේ ගොඩනැගිල්ල නැතීව, මාර්ගයේ කටයුතු සඳහා පමණක් රුපියල් බ්ලියන 26ක් වැය වෙනවා. ඒ වගේම මේ ගොඩනැගිල්ල ඉදිකිරීම සඳහා රුපියල් බිලි-යන 05 ක් ආසියනු සංවර්ධන බැංකු අරමුද-ල්වලින් අපට ඒක අඩු පොලී ණයක් වශයෙන් ලැබෙනවා. මාර්ගයත් අතෳවශෳ දෙයක්. එයින් තගරයටත් සහතයක් එතවා. ඒ වගේම වරාය කටයුතුවලටත් විශාල සහනයක් එනවා. මේ ගොඩනැගිල්ල දීර්ඝ කාලයක් සාකච්ඡා වෙලා තිබුණ වනපෘතියක්. ස්ථානයයි ඒ ඉදික-රන අරමුදලයි අපි මේ පසුගිය වර්ෂ දෙකේ ආසියානු සංවර්ධන බැංකු අරමුදලත් සමග සාකච්ඡා කර ලබාගත්තා.

ශුී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති කාවත් රත්තායක මහතා, කළමතාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ කපිතාන් අතුල හේවාවිතාරණ මහතා ඇතුළු ශී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ නිලධාරීන් සහ පුධාන ඉංජිනේරු ශිල්පිහු පිරිසක් මේ අව-ස්ථාවට සහභාගි වන.



පුවත්පත - ලංකාදීප දිනය - 2019-07-10

වරාය වනපෘතිවලින් වෙනස්වූ ලංකාව ආයෙත් මනී

(හසිත රංග ගුණතිලක)

වසර 34කට පසු ශ් ශංකාවේ වර්ගඵලය ගණනය කිරීමේ වනපෘතියක් ආරම්භ කිරීමට ශ් ශංකා මිතින්දෝරු දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව පියවර ගෙන ඇති බව මැනුම්පති වස්.එම්.පී.පී. සංගක්කාර මහතා පැවසිය.

දැනට ශී ලංකාවේ වර්ගඵලය වර්ග කිලෝමීටර 65610ක් වන අතර එය අනාවරණය වී ඇත්තේ 1985 වසරේ සිදුකළ ගණනය කිරීමකදී බවද මැනුම්පතිවරයා කීය.

ශී ලංකාවේ මුහුදු සීමාව සම්බන්ධ කරගතිමින් හම්බන්තොට වරාය, කොළඹ පෝර්ට් සිටි වශපාතිය වැනි ඉදිකිරීම් හේතුවෙන් මේ වනවිට මේරට භූමි සීමාවන් විවිධ වෙනස්කම්වලට ලක්වී ඇති බවද ඔහු කියා සිටියේය.

නවින තාක්ෂණය යොදා ගනිමින් දේශීය මිනින්දෝරුවන් විසින් ශී ලංකාවේ මුළු වර්ගජලයම ගණනය කිරීමේ කටයුතු සිදුකරන බවත් ලබන වසර මුලදී වර්ගජලය ගණනය කිරීමේ කටයුතු අවසන් කිරීමට බලාපොරොත්තු වන බවත් සංගක්කාර මහතා වැඩිදුරටත් පැවසීය.



පුවත්පත - ලංකාදීප

දිනය - 2019-07-10

වරාය හිටපු සභාපතිට එරෙහි නඩුව

අල්ලස් කොමිසමේ ඉල්ලීම අධිකරණය පුතිකෙෂ්ප කරයි

(හිමන්ති රණසිංහ)

වරාය අධිකාරියේ සේවකයන් 319 දෙනකු නිල රාජකාරියෙන් බැහැර කටයුතුවල යොදවා රුපියල් හයකෝටී පනස් ලක්ෂයක මුදලක් රජයට පාඩු කර අල්ලස් පනතේ "දූෂණය" නම් වරද සිදුකළැයි චෝදනා ලැබ සිටින වරාය අධිකාරියේ හිටපු සභාපති පියත් බන්දු විකුමමුණිගේ මහතා ඇතුළු වූදිතයන් දේදෙනකුට එරෙහි අල්ලස් නඩුවේ විභාගය ලබන අහෝස්තු මස 20 වැනිදා තෙක් කල් තැබීමට කොළඹ පුධාන මතේස්තාක් ලංකා ජයරත්ත මෙනෙවිය නියෝග කළාය.

මෙම නඩුවේ පැමිණිල්ලේ සාක්ෂි අංක 2 එල්.එච්.ආර්. සේපාල යන අය විසින් ලබා දී තිබු දිවුරුම් පුකාශය නඩු ගොනුවට සලකුණු කරන ලෙසට අල්ලස් කොමිසම අධිකරණයෙන් කළ ඉල්ලීමක් පුතික්ෂේප කළ මහේස්තුාත්වරිය, අල්ලස් කොමිසම මෙම සාක්ෂිකරුට බලපෑම් එල්ලකර දිවුරුම් පුකාශය ලබාගෙන ඇති බවට ඉදිරිපත් වූ කරුණුවලින් නහවුරු වෙනැයි පැමිණිල්ලේ ඉල්ලීම සම්බන්ධ නියෝගය ලබා දෙමින් සඳහන් කළාය.

මෙම සිද්ධියට අදාළව වික්ති පාර්ශ්වය විසින් ද විරෝධතාවක් ගොනු කරනු ලැබ තිබූ අතර, අධිකරණය එම විරෝධතාව ද සතික්ෂේප කළේය.

මෙම අල්ලස් නඩුවට අදළව ඉකුත් 2016 වසරේ මැයි මස 27 වැනිද නොහිසි මත අධිකරණයේ පෙනී සිටි වරාග අධිකාරියේ හිටපු සභාපතිවරයා ඇතුළු මුදිකයන් තිදෙනාට එක් අයකුව රුපියල් ලක්ෂ 30 බැගින් වූ ශරීර ඇප දෙකක් මත මුද හරින ලෙස අධිකරණයෙන් නියම වීණි.

අල්ලස් කොමිසම විසින් මෙලෙස නඩු පවරා තිබුණේ, අංක 55 අගෝක වටරවුම, සුභුති පුර, බත්තරමුල්ල පදිංචි වරාය අධිකාරියේ හිටපු සභාපති පුියන් බන්දු විකුමමුණීගේ, අංක 100/1, වරාය නිවාස, අලුත් මාවත, කොළඹ 13 පදිංචි රන්නගොඩ බරනාදගේ සංජය කුමාර සහ අංක 264/බී 2, 04 වන පටුමග, ශාන්තිපුර, කලවතුගොඩ පදිංචි රාජකරුණා චන්දුසේකර වාහල මිදියන්සේලාගේ නිහාල් කැප්පෙට්ටිපොල යන අය වෙනය.

විරාය සේවකයන් 319 දෙනෙකු සිය නිල රාජකාරියෙන් පරිබාහිර වූ කටයුතුවල යොදවා ඒ වෙනුවෙන් වරාය අධිකාරියේ මුදලින් වැටුප් හා අතිකාල දීමනා ලෙස රුපියල් 65,008,103.59/-ක මුදලක් ගෙවීමට කටයුතු කිරීමෙන් අල්ලස් පනනේ 70 වන වගන්තිය පුකාරව වරදක් සිදුකර ඇතැයි අල්ලස් හෝ දුෂණ විමර්ගන කොමිසම මෙම වූදිතයන් තිදෙනාට එරෙහිව එලෙස නඩු පවරා තිබුණේ ඉකුත් 2016 වර්ෂයේ අළේල් මස 01 වැනිදාය.

වර්ෂ 2014ක් වූ ඔක්තෝබර් මස 20 වැනි දින සිට වර්ෂ 2015 ජනවාරි මස 07 වන දින දක්වා කාලපරිච්ඡේදය කුළ දී රජයේ සේවකයකු වූ වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපතිවරයාව සිටීමින් අයුතු සහගත ලෙස හෝ නීති විරෝධී ලෙස ආණ්ඩුවට පාඩුවක් සිදුකිරීමේ ජේවනාවෙන් හෝ එසේ විය හැකි බවට දැන දැනම වරාය අධිකාරියේ සේවකයන් 31 දෙනකු හෝ ඊට ආසන්න සංඛණවක් වරාය අධිකාරියේ නිල රාජකාරියට පරිබාහිර වූ කටයුතුවල යොදවා ඒ වෙනුවෙන් වණය අධිකාරියේ වැටුප් හා අතිකාල දීමනා ගෙවීමට කටයුතු කිරීමෙන් සංශෝධික 1954 අංක 14 දරන අල්ලස් පනතේ 70 වන වගන්තිය යටතේ දඬුවම ලැබිය යුතු දුණයෙ නමැති වරද සිදුකරන ලදැයි චෝදනා පහක් යටතේ අල්ලස් කොමිසම මෙම වූදිනයන්ට එරෙහිව නඩු පවණ ඇත.

එසේම, දෙවන චෝදනාව වශයෙන් අල්ලස් කොමිසම දක්වා ඇත්තේ, වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපතිවරයාව සිටීමින් එහි පුධාන මානව සම්පත් කළමනාකරු වන ලැබුණතේවගේ රංජිත් සේපාල යන අයට වරාය අධිකාරියේ නිල රාජකාරියට පරීමාහිර වූ කටයුතුවල සේවයේ යොදවන ලද අදළ සේවකයන් 379 දෙනාට සේවය අකහැර යාමේ ලිපි නිකුත් කිරීමට පෙළඹවීමෙන් දූණෙය නම් වරද සිදුකළැයි යන්නය.

වරාය අධිකාරියේ බහාලු මෙහෙයුම් උපකරණ කියාකරු ලෙස සේවයේ යෙදී සිටි අදළ සේවකයන් 319 දෙනා සම්බන්ධයෙන් වැටුප් ගෙවීමට කටයුතු කිරීමෙන් දෙවැනි චුදිත වරදක් සිදුකළ බවට තුන්වැනි චෝදනාවෙන් සඳහන් කර තිබේ.

එසේම, මෙහි දෙවන සහ කුන්වන චුදිතයන් පළමු වැනි චුදිතට ආධාර අනුබල දෙමින් පොදු අරමුණක් සහිතව එක්ව කියා කර එකී වරද පිදුකිරීම, වරද පිදුකිරීමට කුමන්තුණය කළැයි අල්ලස් කොමිසම සිව්වන සහ පස්වන චෝදනා වශයෙන් චුදිතයන්ට එරෙහිව චෝදනා නගා ඇත.



පුවත්පත - මව්බිම දිනය - 2019-07-10

ම්ලායට නව පරිපාලන ගොඩනැඟිල්ලක්

කුෂාන් පහිරත් ජයසුරිය

ආසියානු සංවර්ධන බැංකුවේ මූලූෂ දායකත්වයෙන් රුපියල් බ්ලියන 5ක ව්යදමින් ඉදිකරන ශී ලංකා වරාය අධ්කාරියේ නව පරිපාලන ගොඩනැගිල්ල ලෙසින් හඳුන්වන සමුදීය සේවා මධ්නස්ථානය වසර 2ක් ඇතුළත ඉදිකිරීමට අපේක්ෂා කරන බව වරාය නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාතුූූූ සාගල රත්නායක මහතා පවසයි.

ශී් ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරීය සඳහා වන නව පරිපාලන ගොඩනැඟිල්ල හෙවත් සමුදීය සේවා මධ්පස්ථානයේ ඉදිකිරීම් කටයුතු පෙරේදා (08දා) සාගල රත්නායක ඇමැතිවරයාගේ නිරීක්ෂණයට ලක්විය.

එහිදී අදහස් දැක්වූ සාගල රත්නායක අමාතෂවරයා පැවැසුවේ පසුගිය කාලයේ වරායේ සංවර්ධනය වොහෝ පුමාද වූ නිසා එය රටට විශාල ආර්ථිකමය පාඩුවක් වූ නවත් මෙම ඉදිකිරීම් කඩිනමින් සිදුකිරීම තුළින් වරායේ කාර්යක්ෂමතාව ඉහළ නංවා ගැනීමට හැකි වචත්ය.

වරාය පිවිසුම් මාර්ගයේ වැඩ කටයුතු වසර තුනකින් නිම කිරීමට කටයුතු කරන අතර ඒ සඳහා යෝජිත පිරිවැය රුපියල් බ්ලියන 26කි. මෙම සියලු වහපෘති ශූී ලාංකික ඉන්ජිනේරුවන්ගේ දායකත්වය යටතේ සිදුකරන බව ශීූ ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරීය සඳහන් කරයි.



පුවත්පත - රැස දිනය - 2019-07-10

වරාය නව සමුදීය සේවා මධනස්ථානයේ ඉදිකිරීම් ඇමති සාගලගේ නිරීක්ෂණයට

දිනුක **මලින්ද හේරත්**

ශී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සඳහා වන නව පරිපාලන ගොඩනැඟිල්ල හෙවත් සමුදීය සේවා මධ්‍යස්ථානයේ මූලික ඉදිකිරීම් කටයුතු වරාය, නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාතු සාගල රත්නායක මහතාගේ නිරිකුණයට ලක්විය.

වරාය සංවර්ධනය පසුගිය කාලයේ

බොහෝ පුමාද වූ බවත් එය රටට විශාල ආර්ථිකමය පාඩුවක් වූ බවත් අමාතාවරයා එහිදී පෙන්වා දුන්නේය.

අමාතාවරයා වැඩිදුරටත් කියා සිටියේ මෙම ඉදිකිරීම් කඩිනමින් සිදු කිරීම තුළින් කාර්යක්ෂමතාව ඉහළ නංවා මාර්ග තදබදයටද පිළියම් සෙවීමට හැකි බවයි.



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SLPA to construct new headquarters

Previous premises to make room for Port Access Elevated Highway

Minister of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Sagala Ratnayake said that a new building will be constructed for the headquarters of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), as some of the authority's buildings in the Colombo Harbour premises will be removed to allow the construction of the Port Access Elevated Highway.

Elevated Highway.

Minister Ratnayake paid an inspection visit to the Canal Yard premises of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) yesterday, where he stated that some buildings will be removed as per the new project, for which a new 17-storey building will be constructed.

Several major development projects are currently underway in the vicinity of the Colombo Port City. As a first step, a large number of SLPA buildings will be removed for the construction of the 5.3km elevated toll highway with related facilities between the New Kelani Bridge (NKB) and Galle Face in central Colombo.



Minister Sagala Ratnayake on inspection

As a solution, a new administrative building is being built at the Canal Yard premises, giving port customers the opportunity to access all services in one location and gain international attention as a friendly port.

The Maritime Facilitation Centre, the administration building, is being constructed at a cost of Rs 5 billion and is expected to be completed within two years.

Since the new administrative building will be built on land adjoining the Sri Lanka Customs headquarters, customers of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and Sri Lanka Customs will receive an efficient service, he said.

The Minister noted that the development of the Port of Colombo has been delayed in the recent past, resulting in a major economic loss to the country. He said that the speedy completion of the proposed construction would also increase the efficiency of the Port and address road...

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...traffic congestion. Meanwhile, construction of a new port access road from Ingurukade at a cost of Rs 26 billion is scheduled for completion in three years. It is significant that all these projects are to be carried out by the Road Development Authority with the assistance of Srl Lankan engineers and local construction companies.

Minister Ratnayaka further said that these projects, namely the Maritime Facilitation Centre building and port access road, would benefit the Port of Colombo as well as the country. The Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Board of Directors has granted a US\$ 300 million loan to help in the construction of the elevated toll highway with related facilities between the New Kelani Bridge (NKB) and Galle Face in central Colombo in Sri Lanka.

The new highway is expected to ease traffic congestion, improve connectivity, and facilitate trade logistics in the country.

SLPA Chairman, Kavan Ratnayaka, Chairman Road Development Authority, Nihal Sooriarachchi, MD, Captain Athula Hewavitharana, Additional MD, Upali D. Zoysa, Directors and a number of higher officials of the management of SLPA and RDA also joined the inspection visit in Canal Yard. (Colombopage)



පුවත්පත - දිනමිණ දිනය - 2019-07-11

සමුදීය සේවා මධෳස්ථානය කඩිනමින් ඇරඹීමට පියවර

යෝජිත පිරිවැය රු. බිලියන 5යි

වරාය, නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන ගරු අමාත්ය-සාගල රත්නායක මහතා පවසයි



සමුදීය සේවා මධාස්ථාතය ඉදිවත කැතල් අංගත පරිශුය වරාය, තාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධත ගරු අමාතෑ සාගල රත්තායක මහතාගේ නිරීකෘණයට ලක් වූ අවස්ථාව. සභාපති කාවත් රත්තායක, කළමනාකාර අධාක්ෂ – කපිතාත් අතුල හේවාවිතාරණ, අතිරේක කළමණාකාර අධාක්ෂ – උපාලි ද සොයිසා යන මහන්වරු දමෙහි වෙති.

ශී ලංකා වරාය අධිකා-රීය සඳහා වන නව පරිපා-ලත ගොඩනැගිල්ල හෙවත් සමුදීය සේවා මධාස්ථාතය මුලික ඉදිකිරීම් කටයුතු ඉකුත්දු (8) වරාය, තාවක හා දක්ෂිණ සංචර්ධත අමාතෳ සාගල ජත්තායක මහතාගේ තිථිකාණයට

එහි දී අදහස් දක්වූ වරාය, තාවික හා දක්ෂණ සංවර්ධන අමාතෑ සාගල රත්තායක මහතා මෙසේ පැවසීය

පසුගිය කාලයේ වරායේ සංවර්ධතය බොහෝ පුමාද වූ බවත්, එය රටට විශාල ආර්ථිකමය පාඩු-චක් වුණා. මෙම ඉදිකිරීම් කඩිතමින් සිදු කිරීමෙන් කාර්යක්ෂමතාව ඉහළ තංවා ගතිමින් මාර්ග තදබද-යට ද පිළියම් සෙවීමට හැකියි.

ඉතුරුකඬේ පුදේශයේ සිට වරාය දක්වා කණු මතින් ඉදිවෙන අධිවේගී මාර්ගයක් සහ වරාය මුලස්ථාත ගොඩනැගිල්ල ඉදිකිරීම සඳහා ආසියානු සංවර්ධත බැංකුවේ මුලාමය දයකත්වය ලබා ගත්තා අතර, මහල් 17 කින් සමත්විත මුලස්ථාන ගොඩනැ-



ගිල්ල වසර 2 ක් ඇතුලත ඉදිකිරීමට අපේක්ෂිතය. ඒ සඳහා යෝජිත පිරිවැය රුපියල් බ්ලියන 5 කි, වරාය පිව්සුම් මාර්ගයේ වැඩ කටයුතු වසර තුනකින් නිමා කීරීමට කටයුතු කරන අතර ඒ සඳහා යෝජන පිරිවැය රුපියල් බ්ලියන 26 කි. මෙම සියල වනපෘති ශී ලාංකික

ඉංජිනේරුවත්ගේ දුයකත්වය යටතේ, ශුී ලාංකික ඉදිකිරීමේ සමාගම්වල දයකත්වයෙන් යුතුව මාර්ග සංවර්ධත අධිකාරිය සිදු කිරීම විශේෂිතය.

දීර්ෂ කාලයක් තිස්සේ සාකච්ඡා වෙමින් පැවැති වරාය පරිපාලන ගොඩනැගිල්ල සහ පිවසුම් මාර්ගය ඉදිකිරීමෙත් වරායට මෙත් ම රටට ද විශාල පුගතියක් අත්වෙයි. ශුී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ සභාපති කාවන් රත්නායක, කළමනාකාර අධෳක්ෂ කපිතාත් අතුල හේවාවිතාරණ, අතිරේක කළම-තාකාර අධෳක්ෂ - උපාලි ද සොයිසා ඇතුළු වරාය අධිකාරියේ උසස් කළමනාකාරීන්වයේ නිලධාරීන්, කොට්ඨාස පුධාතීත් හා අදළ ඉදිකිරීම් සමාගමේ ඉංජිනේරුවත් මෙම අවස්ථාවට එක්වූහ.



පුවත්පත - ලංකාදීප දිනය - 2019-07-11

(මහිත්ද නිශ්ශංක)

රුපියල් කෝට් 500ක වියදමකින් ශුී ලංකා වරාය අධ්නාර්ය සඳහා නව පරිපාලන ගොඩනැගිල්ලක් ඉදි කෙරේ.

මහල් 17කින් සමන්විත මෙම පරිපාලන ගොඩනැගිල්ල ඉදි කිරීම සඳහා ආසියානු සංවර්ධන බැංකුවේ මුලාමය දායකත්වය ලබා ගන්නා බවද වරාය අධිකාරිය පවසයි.

ඉඟුරු කඩේ පුදේශයේ සිට වරාය දක්වා කණුමතින් ඉදිවෙන අධිවෙයි මාර්ගයක් ද ඉදිකෙරන අතර වරාය පිවිසුම මාර්ගයේ වැඩකට්යුතු වසර කුනකින් අවසන් කිරීමට නියමිතය.

ඒ සඳහා යෝජින පිරිවැය රුපියල් කෝටී 2600 කි. මෙම නව පාරිපාලන ගොඩනැගිල්ල ඉදිකිරීම කටයුතු ඉකුත් දා නිරීක්ෂණයට ලක් කළ නාවික හා දක්ෂිණ සංවර්ධන අමාත්ය සාගල රත්නායක මහතා මෙම ඉදිකිරීම් කඩිනමින් සිදු කරන බවත් ඒ තුළින් කාර්යක්ෂමතාව ඉහළ නංවා ගනිමින් මාර්ග කදබදයට පිළියම සෙවීමට හැකි වන බවද කීය.

මෙම සියලු ඉදිකිරීම ශී ලාංකික ඉංජිනෝරුවරුන්ගේ දායකත්වය යටතේ මාර්ග සංවර්ධන අධිකාරිය මගින් සිදු කිරීම විශේෂත්වයක් බව වරාය අධිකාරීය පවසයි.



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Newly elected Office Bearers With Chief Guest and other distinguished guests

WISTA holds 5th Annual General Meeting

THE Sri Lankan arm of the Women's International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA) held its Annual General Meeting at The Kingsbury Hotel recently,

electing Office Bearers for the year 2019/20.

Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Shipping and logistics specialist Catriona Jayasundera who is the General Manager Marketing and Commercial at the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT) was elected as the new President of WISTA Sri Lanka.

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Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka presents the WISTA personality award 2019 to Director General of Sri Lanka Customs P.S.M. Charles



Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka



WISTA Sri Lanka President Catriona Jayasundera



WISTA International President Despina Panayiotou Theodossiou



Sri Lanka Customs Director General P.S.M. Charles



WISTA Sri Lanka former President Rukshila Antony De



WISTA Sri Lanka Office Bearers for the year 2019 and 2020



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Sri Lanka keen on enhancing connectivity with Indian ports

THE Hindu:The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) is keen on enhancing connectivity with Indian ports using ferry services to facilitate easier trade and tourism, its chairman Kavan Ratnayaka said.

"If the two countries can set up a ferry service connecting Kankesanthurai Port (KKS) In Jaffna with Karaikal near Puducherry, and similarly between Colombo and Tuticorin in South India, there is scope for increased trade activity and tourism," he told The Hindu.

The ferry connection, he said, would primarily facilitate tourism and small-scale trade both ways. "It will help especially with Buddhist tourism from the south of the island, and by extension people-to-people connections," he said.

Further, the KKS Port will facilitate



increased trade opportunities for communities living in proximity to the port and reduce the cost of road and rail transport for bulk items such as cement. In 2011, India and Sri Lanka launched a ferry service between Tuticorin and Colombo, but it was soon terminated after private operators running it said it was not commercially viable.

The proposals, according to the chairman, fit into the SLPA's broader vision of developing Sri Lanka into a global logistics hub, given its strategic location in the Indian Ocean, in close proximity to key, international sea routes. Sri Lanka is currently upgrading the KKS harbour with Indian assistance of \$ 45.27 million, through an agreement signed with the Export-Import Bank of India.

India is also a partner in an initiative aimed at developing the East Container Terminal (ECT) at the Colombo Port. In May this year, Sri Lanka, Japan and India signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) to jointly develop the East Container Terminal (ECT) at the Colombo Port, at an estimated cost of up to \$ 700 million.

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The ECT has remained a contentious topic in Sri Lanka, with President Maithripala Sirisena's voicing opposition to India holding majority stake or control in it. With Japan stepping in, with a more visible and active role, the initiative has acquired some momentum in recent months.

As per the agreement signed, Sri Lanka will have 51% stake in the terminal operating company, while the stakes to be held by Japan and India are being discussed, Ratnayaka said.

"The [joint] working group negotiating the specifics is scheduled to meet soon. If all goes as per schedule, we should have the cranes on the quays by August next year." India has for long been interested in partnering the development of the ECT, adjoining the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT) that the SLPA runs as a joint venture with China Merchants Port Holdings Company Ltd., that holds 85 % of the stakes in the partnership.

With tall, Chinese-built cranes performing modern functions, the deep-water container terminal is the busiest among the three main terminals at the port and is equipped to handle large container vessels with efficiency, according to Port officials.

The adjacent ECT, which awaits upgradation, is expected to supplement this and boost traffic at the Colombo port. "The idea is to play as one port, with these different terminals catering to different market segments." the chairman said. Of the total cargo arriving at the Colombo port, only 19% accounts for domestic cargo. The remaining 81% is transhipment cargo, of which over 70% is linked to the Indian market. The SLPA employs nearly 10,000 persons, and almost as many are employed by private companies operating at the port. The SLPA is investing Rs. 1 billion to invest in a new IT system that could help manage vessel berthing schedules and traffic better, reducing waiting time. "Our current efforts are geared towards developing this into a smart port with significant value addition in logistics. Sri Lanka's location is God-given and there's a lot we can offer to the region and the world," Ratnayaka said. (thehindu.com)



පුවත්පත - දිනමිණ දිනය - 2019-07-17





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New CASA Chairman Cuttilan outlines way forward















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SL to buy cranes for Colombo Port



Sri Lanka's Cabinet of Ministers this week approved buying cranes for a new State-owned container terminal in Colombo Port that will be operated as a joint venture involving Japan and India.

The Ministry of Ports and Shipping was given approval to buy six ship-to-shore gantry cranes and 18 electric-powered rubber-tired gantry cranes for use in the container yard, the State information office said in a statement.

The equipment is for the East Container Terminal (ECT) of the Colombo South Port, whose commissioning has been delayed for several years despite warnings the harbour was nearing capacity and needed to expand.

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The Government has reached a deal with Japan and India to operate the ECT in a consortium with Sri Lanka retaining majority control of the facility.

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority would retain 100 per cent ownership of the ECT and 51 per cent of the consortium, with the rest being held by Japanese and Indian partners.

(Economynext)



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Colombo International Logistics Conference to kick-start this week

THE first ever Colombo International Logistics Conference (CILC) will be launched on Wednesday in line with the 40th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), Over 400 delegates and speakers will grace the occasion and will be joined by international and national speakers along with foreign delegates from number of countries.

The conference will have 12 major sessions over a two-day period with over 50 speakers discussing dif-ferent global, regional and local aspects of the logistics industry which act as an enabler for trade growth, especially with new chal-lenges of the fourth indus-trial revolution and the global e commerce trends.

The pre-inaugural ses-

sions of the conference will cover the Sri Lanka ports sector and its relevance to the global logistics industry as the country is considered a global geographic hotspot for connectivity and ship-



ping. Delegates will also visit port of Colombo and Port of Hambantota which are optional tours offered to the conference participants over a period of three days. For the first time over 130

university students who are studying logistics from five State universities have been sponsored by industry and individuals to take part in this first ever logistics conference to give them an exposure to the global industry leaders and understand the global perspective and meet with the business com-munity directly involved with the logistics industry both as service users and

providers.
CILC Organising
Committee Chairman Rohan Masakorala said that CIMC events have done many international maritime and logistics



conferences since 2015 and have had events held in Sri Lanka, India and Bangladesh prior to this first dedicated logistics conference in Colombo this year. The business of logistics is a spectrum of activi-ties that supports international trade and plays a major role in global economic growth and employment creation.
With new technologies

coming into the industry with digitalisation, robotics and artificial intelligence along with changing consumer patterns the logistics industry too is transform-ing and evolving fast. The skills and knowledge tools to survive in the business and to be competitive is also changing and the CILC will discuss all these, said Masakorala.

This conference is the first major MICE event that will take place in Colombo after the unfortunate incidents that took place in the early part of the year in Sri Lanka. The event will boost the confidence of the coun-try and its image internationally and help investors to understand more about opportunities in Sri Lanka. The Government of Sri Lanka and many State and private institutions have come forward to support the event to make it a great success. The event program can be downloaded from www. cime.lk.



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Colombo Port nearing capacity warns operator

By Paneetha Ameresekere

Colombo Port needs to fast expand as it is nearing its annual capacity of being able to handle only eight million twenty-foot equivalent units of containers (TEUs), one of the country's private port operators warned in a recent report.

Sea freight, led by the handling of transshipment container traffic, was Sri Lanka's seventh largest foreign exchange earner last year.

Meanwhile, the Colombo Port passed the milestone of handling a total of seven million TEUs last year.

John Keells Holdings plc, operating the



South Asia Gateways Terminals (Private) Limited., in a report filed said that in contrast, Colombo's regional peers such as Singapore, Shanghai and Hong Kong, have capacities to handle 40 million TEUs, 36 million TEUs and 21 million TEUs, annually, respectively, in their ports.



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East Container Terminal operations

Tri-nation Terminal Operations Company to be established

Port Secretary, Admiral S.S. Ranasinghe at SLANA AGM



Seated From Left To Right: Ana Senanayake (Treasurer), Swabha Wickramasinhe (Secretary), Capt. A.V Rajendra (Immediate Past Chairman), Admiral S.S Ranasinghe (Secretary To The Ports & Shipping And Southern Development), Harsha De Silva (Chairman), Reyaz Mihular (Managing Partner Kpmg), Nalin

Southern Development), Harsha De Silva (Chairman), Reyaz Mihular (Managing Partner Rping), Nali Abayasekeri (Vice Chairman) Standing From Left To Right: Mevan Peiris (Cargoserv Shipping Ltd), Taarik Booso (Goodrich Lanka Ltd), Tharanga Perena (Clarion Shipping Pvt Ltd), Prasad Jinadasa (Setmii United Cargo Pvt Ltd), Minnaz Riyal (Gac Logistics Ltd), Mahamed Thahir (Premium Shipping & Logistics Pvt Ltd)

By ISHARA GAMAGE

Representatives of the Sri Lankan, Japanese and Indian governments plan to meet next month to establish the Sri Lankan Terminal Operations Company (TOC) to handle the operations of the East Container Terminal, which is going to be jointly owned by the three nations. former Navy Commander and Secretary to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development, Admiral S.S. Ranasinghe told Ceylon FT.

According to him, Sri Lanka will retain a 51 per cent stake in the proposed company, while Japan will purchase a roughly-29 per cent stake and India will purchase a roughly-20 per cent stake. The Sri Lankan Government is currently in discussions with the Japan International Cooperation

least US\$ 500 million as a concessionary loan to

commence the project. Speaking on the sidelines of the Sri Lanka Association of Non-Vessel Operating Container Carriers (NVOCC) Agents (SLANA) annual general meeting (AGM) on Thursday, he said the Government is committed to go ahead with this project without further delay, as it is a high-priority project in Sri Lanka's National Port Master Plan, which is programmed to cater to the requirements of the next 30 years.

"We have already missed the bus. However, we must accelerate this proposed project without further delay to obtain competitive advantage against neighbouring ports, because it will take at least two years to complete the project," he said.

The NVOCCs account for 10 per cent of the total throughput of our port and 30 per cent of the regional throughput.

Meanwhile, addressing the NVOCC AGM, he said, "We had another plan, in fact I believe it started earlier, but went to the backburner and has now been taken up again as a feasibility study. That is the Colombo North Port. That is aimed for the requirements of 2040 and beyond. By then, the expectation is close to 28 million TEUs for the entire Colombo Port."
"From the very early

stages, as far as our history goes, this country has been blessed with being a centre for international trade. I for some reason feel that we as a nation have so far used only that advantage. This wonderful geographical position right in the centre of the Indian Ocean has...

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... mandated most shipping liners to make use of our harbour, being sufficiently deep and with so little deviation from the SLOCs, to be used as a transit hub. Of course, we have provided some facilities for that to

happen.

'If we don't make sufficient strides to make this port more attractive with new additions providing logistic facilities to attract even more liners, we will find the natural advantage w enjoy so well being overtaken by other ports in the region by improving their capacity to handle more vessels dditions such as MCC and creating FCL to make their ports more economical for ships to do their bustness."

"Therefore, I kindly request those gathered to contribute your expertise to help the authorities to take the right decisions that will lead to the improvement of the facilities of the Colombo Port and the other ports in our country. This in turn will increas our strengths in supporting the growth of all stakeholders and thereby the economy of the country."

"There is something I must add. You know I was in the Navy before, so I'm seeing this side of the security of our country from a different perspective. When we were engaged in the conflict, the scenarios changed continuously. My seniors leading us started to learn these changing situations. This necessitated the leaders of the system, military and otherwise, to change their thinking patterns along with the new phases of these challenges. Retrospectively, many talk many things. At the time of facing those challenges, our seniors and leaders had to make decisions. Som were correct, some were not so; but decisions were required and were made. As our experience gathered, as we learnt the centre of gravity of our opponent, we started realisting what our strengths should be."

"In the present context, I see disputes appearing among different trades within the total business of shipping. It made me believe that a strong requirement now exists in this trade to look at new avenues, however, small these are. Just like during the conflict, some who faced the challenges sometimes succumbed, and at other times survived. There are business ventures that either need a different approach or even to let go for something totally new. The more I looked, the more I realised that I need to watch closely, but from a distance, and learn from your experience as much as I could. I will heed your advice to make as fair as possible, the proposals for the improvement of the activities of the Ministry of Ports and Shipping," he concluded.



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CASA holds 53rd Annual General Meeting

The Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA) held its 53rd Annual General Meeting

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The chief guest for the occasion was Ports and Shipping and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka. The event was also graced by 5rd Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Kavan Ratnayaka and many other dignitaries from the

shipping and logistics include: Aitken Spence Shipping Ltd Managing Director Iqram Cuttilan was elected the new Director Iquam Cuttilan was elected the new Chairman for the year 2019/2020. McLarena Holdings Ltd Group Joint Managing Director Sheham Jayawardana and Hayleys Advantis Ltd Group Director Shano Sahar were appointed as Vice Chairpersian and Treasurer, respectively.

The executive sommittee elected for the period 2019/2020 comprises Asha Shipping Ltd, BTL Lanks, Dra Ltd. Ceeding Aurogens (Pt.).

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Speaking at the event Cuttilan spoke of the

key challenges faced by the shipping industry.

The shipping industry has been facing numerous challenges during the past decade. The overcapacity resulting in lower freight rates, rising bunker and operational costs, new regulations being imposed by IMO and other bodies, advancement in technology, anticompetitive regulations, tariff barriers, trade anticompetitive regulations, tartif barriers, trade wars, etc. have put tremendous pressure on shipping lines just to stay affect.

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For the shipping lines to survive, they have formed three mega connectia so that they could pool resources and benefit by the economy of scale. This has resolted in the top eight to 10 lines carrying 90 percent of the eargo movement workdwide.

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Shipping lines upstring their fleets to benefit
by the economies of scale also brings challenges
and competition amongst ports. These large
vessels will call at a few ports thus to ensure that
these vessels call at Colombo, we need to have
the capacity, efficiency, offer fast turnaround
times as well as ensure there is ease of doing
basiness," he stated.

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The Port of Colombo, with its close proximity to the main east west trade lane, has benefited due to our geographic location. The Port of Colombo recorded a throughput of over seven million TEUS in 2018. We congratulate the SLPA (JCT), SAGT and CICT for this remarkable achievement. However, for Colombo to remain competitive

and grow further, we just cannot only tely on our geographic location. We need to build capacity. The Colombo Port Expansion project and the construction of the South Terminal now called CICT, increased the competitiveness of Colombo and attracted the larger vessels due to the deep draft we could offer.

It is five years since CICT was operational and to date we have not been able to build on that. What is unfortunate is that despite 450 meters of quay length of East Terminal having been built as well as the yard area, the terminal is not being made use for the purpose it was built.

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It is very unfortunate that this facility has been lying idle for five years due to indecisiveness.

The need of the hoir is to operationalize ECT immediately so that we don't lose out and we capitalise on our geographic location. With the table Indian government paying great emphasis on the



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CASA Vice Chairperson Shehara Jayawardeng presents a token of appreciation to SLPA Chair Kavan Ratnayaka

development of deep water ports, this is a threat

to Colombo.

So unless we continue adding deep draft capacity in Colombo, we are going to be the losers. The fall out of this will be that the service strings which have mega vessels not calling at Colombo, which will result in stagnation of at Costrato, which will result in stagmation of volutine growth as well as our importers and exporters not being able to secure space for their cargoes as well as enjoy the competitive freight rates. Minister, we are aware that under your leadership the government has decided to jointly operate ECT with Japanese, Indian and STI Lankan matricipation but when the cost of Sri Lankan participation but what we, as the industry, are requesting you is to fast-track this and operationalise the terminal urgently. The government and SLPA developed the

National Port master plan and we hope that the proposals submitted in the master plan will be acted upon."

Sri Lanka has to grow from a transshipment hub to a maritime bub. For this to happen we need to simplify the processes, cut down red tape and improve the ease of doing business indices. Digitisation plays a significant role in achieving the above. The establishing of the National Single Window, E-clearance of cargo and vessels, electronic payment, etc. need to be fast-tracked so that efficiency can be brought about. Whilst the government has taken certain initiatives in establishing the above, the process is quite slow. CASA will fully support these

matives.
"To be a maritime hub we also need to focus. on developing the passenger cruise bus



break bulk and bulk cargo industry, pro break outs and outs cargo measury, promoting the handling of molti-country consolidation, entropot trading, bunkering, ship repair and numerous other ancillary services. We have to invest on providing facilities and create the required business-friendly regulatory framework to carry out the above activities as well as simplifying the processes and cutting out the red tape. The myth of making Sri Lanka a maritime hith getting more services to call at Colombo and increasing transabipasent volume by bberalising foreign shareholding in the shipping agency business is very much alive. Minister, we thank

business is very much alive. Minister, we thank you for understanding the actual position of the shipping industry and not howing down to the pressures exerted by interested parties. The initiative taken by CASA on anticorruption and zero tolorance has been quite successful. We wish to thank the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and Sri Lanka Customs for their support in adopting this."

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He further said that he was proud to represent Parliament from the Trincomalee District and would extend his fullest support to develop the Port of Trincomalee as a prime port that contributes towards national development.

Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Managing Director Capt. Athula Hewavitharana and several higher officers and employees of the SLPA also participated in the occasion.



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