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Govt yet to discuss on reviewing MCC - Cabraal

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

The Government has not yet discussed with the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) on reviewing its clauses based on the recommendations made by the reviewing Committee, Money, Capital Markets and State Enterprises Reforms State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal told Parliament yesterday (10). **▶ TO PAGE 03**

OPINIONS OF ALL ARE WELCOME - MINISTER

GOVT READY FOR 20A DRAFT AMENDMENTS

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Government yesterday said that it will accommodate further amendments to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution at the Committee Stage in Parliament if required.

Co-Cabinet Spokesman and Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila said the Justice Minister will table the Bill to provide for the 20th Amendment

in Parliament for the first reading after the completion of two weeks from publishing it in the Gazette.

"Then there is a week to constitutionally challenge it before the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court will also inform which Articles need to be amended and whether any of them will require a Referendum. Depending on the Supreme Court's determina-

tion, the Committee appointed to draft the 20th Amendment will make further amendments to the draft Bill as required," Gammanpila said.

He made these observations responding to a query by a journalist at the weekly Cabinet media briefing held at the Government Information Department yesterday.

Commenting on recent opin-

ions on the Draft 20th Amendment by Dr Gunadasa Amarasekara, Prof Nalin de Silva and President Counsel Manohara de Silva, Minister Gammanpila said the government respects them and is ready to listen to their opinions as well as the opinions of the public.

The 20th Amendment Bill was gazetted on September 3 following Cabinet approval. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

Cattle slaughter ban postponed

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The final decision on banning 'cattle slaughter' is yet to be taken, Cabinet Spokesperson Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said.

Responding to a query by a journalist at the media conference held yesterday at the Government Information Department to inform the decisions taken at this week's Cabinet Meeting, Minister Rambukwella said that the government's **▶ TO PAGE 03**

Fertilizer for Maha Season without any shortage

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Cabinet of Ministers approved a combined proposal made by the Prime Minister as Finance and the Agriculture Minister to implement an accelerated programme to supply fertilizer for the Maha Season 2020/21.

Co-Cabinet Spokesman Plantations Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana told the weekly Cabinet **▶ TO PAGE 03**

Tanker oil samples sent to Govt Analyst

MEKA INDRAKUMAR

The oil samples collected in the past two days from the sea area near the ill-fated oil tanker 'MT New Diamond' was sent to the Government Analyst by the Marine Environment Protection

Authority (MEPA) yesterday. The samples were obtained in the last two days by MEPA researchers.

Navy Spokesman Captain Indika De Silva said the Navy divers assisted the MEPA to collect the samples. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

World Health awards for Sri Lanka



Sri Lanka received two special awards from the World Health Organization (WHO) yesterday for successful elimination of Rubella and mother to child transmission of HIV. The awards were received by Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi at the WHO Office in Colombo while joining in the 73rd WHO Regional Committee for the South East Asian Region via video conferencing technology. Health Ministry Secretary Dr. Sanjeewa Munasinghe, acting Health Services Director General Dr. S. Sridharan and WHO Sri Lanka Representative Dr. Razia Pendse also participated. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Gebreyesus, congratulated Sri Lanka for eliminating Rubella and mother to child transmission of HIV and congenital syphilis.

CDs thrown away, MPs ask for laptops

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Parliament would seek possibilities of providing a laptop computer to each MP, Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena said yesterday (10).

He made this observation in Parliament when MPs expressed their discontent that they could not take away the laptops that have already been given to them as they were fixed to their desks. They said that those laptops were

very significant for them to access documents in relation to the parliamentary affairs at any given moment.

Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera in response said that the proposal to use the latest technology to provide reports and other documents to MPs other than by way of CDs was a worthy suggestion. He added that it did not seem most of the MPs use those CDs and were seen to be thrown away. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

Boossa Prison gang on hunger strike

Around forty inmates at the Boossa Prison launched a hunger strike yesterday over several demands, Commissioner of Prisons (Administration) Chandana Ekanayake told the *Daily News*.

The Prisons Department recently moved high profile criminals, including those sentenced to death, to the Boossa Prison. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

SC allows former IGP to file retirement papers

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Supreme Court yesterday granted permission to the Attorney General's request to file in court the retirement papers of former Inspector General of Police Pujith Jayasundara.

The Court was informed that Pujith Jayasundara has recently retired from service. Accordingly, the Fundamental Rights petition filed by former IGP Pujith Jayasundara seeking an interim order suspending the President's decision **▶ TO PAGE 03**

Award for Daily News website



The *Daily News* (www.dailynews.lk) secured the Merit Award for the Best Media, Sports and Entertainment website at the bestweb.lk awards held by LK Domain Registry, on Wednesday September 9. The award was accepted by Assistant Manager (Digital) Jagath Dharmaratne, web journalist Shabeeha Basheer and web developer Madusha Lakmal on behalf of the ANCL. The www.dailynews.lk website celebrated its 25th anniversary last week. *Picture by Chathuranga Pradeep Kumara.*

Public Day changed to Monday

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Cabinet approval was granted to shift the Public Day from Wednesday to Monday, Co-Cabinet spokesman Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila said.

Speaking at the weekly Cabinet media briefing yesterday at the Government Information Department, Minister Gammanpila said that the decision to move the 'Public Day' will be effective from next Monday (14). **▶ TO PAGE 03**

Island senior journalist Zacki Jabbar found dead

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Senior journalist of *The Island* newspaper Zacki Jabbar was found dead in his house yesterday. Jab-

bar had been missing for several days and his body was found in his house yesterday. He worked as a senior journalist **▶ TO PAGE 03**



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School canteens to open from Monday

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

The Education Ministry has allowed school heads to open school canteens from next Monday (14).

The school canteens remained closed for a few months following the COVID 19 outbreak. School authorities are allowed to open canteens from Monday after considering the present situation.

However, health guidelines should be followed strictly once the canteens are opened. An awareness programme is carried out in this regard. On the directives of Education Minister Prf. G.L. Peiris, Ministry Secretary Prof. Kapila Perera has taken measures to make school authorities aware of this situation through the Provincial,

Zonal and Divisional Education Directors. They will be advised to maintain social distancing and adequate measures to avoid students flocking at canteens in large numbers during intervals.

The foods would be sent to classrooms during intervals after orders were taken in the morning, a proposal has been made.



Sections of the 'Diyatha' recreational park in Battaramulla submerged in heavy rains on Wednesday night. Picture credit Asitha Angammanna (Twitter)

Colombo Port deserves high position in global maritime rankings – State Minister



State Minister Jayantha Samaraweera in discussion with Port officials.

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

The Colombo Port has a huge potential to be listed in higher rankings in global maritime ratings, warehouse facilities, container yards, supply facilities and boats and shipping, Industry Development State Minister Jayantha Samaraweera said.

He was visiting the port recently and inspected its East Container Terminal (ECT), the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) and the Pilot Station recently.

State Minister Samaraweera said that the port facilities including that of the Colombo Port will be developed very soon. The State Minister had a meeting with the division heads of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority

(SLPA) and said that he was committed to fulfil the duties assigned to his Ministry. "As per the 'Vision for Prosperity' of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, we will develop infrastructures of the port sector. I am confident that the development of facilities at the Colombo Port will generate huge revenue," he said.

He said that he was confident of the potential of the Port of Colombo to take its position towards higher rankings in global maritime ratings. He added that having an opportunity to work with the highly experienced SLPA staffs and employees is a plus mark. State Ministry Secretary D.D. Maratharachi and Ministry officials were present.

State media institutions to get State ads, publicity programs

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Cabinet approved a proposal by the Cabinet Spokesman and Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella to make it compulsory to advertise publicity pro-

grammes to the value of 25 per cent of the advertising and publicity budget of Government and semi-Government institutions through State media institutions.

He was speaking at the Cabinet

Media Briefing yesterday at the Government Information Department.

The Minister said that as a result of the decision, State media institutions such as the Sri Lanka Rupava-

hini Corporation, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, Independent Television Network, and the Associated Newspapers Company Limited would function without any burden to the national budget.

Further hearing on October 22

Request to relax bail conditions on Rifkhan Bathiudeen rejected

SHAVINI MADHARA

The request to relax the bail conditions imposed on Rifkhan Bathiudeen was rejected by Colombo Chief Magistrate Lanka Jayaratne yesterday.

The case was filed against Rifkhan Bathiudeen for selling a land in Talaimannar allegedly on forged deeds.

Filing a further B-report, the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) informed the Magistrate that they are conducting investigations into the incident.

The Magistrate fixed further hearing for October 22.

Easter Sunday attacks

Minister has not signed Hijaaz Hisbullah's detention order – Defence Counsel

SHAVINI MADHARA

Defence counsel appearing for the Attorney-at-Law Hijaaz Hisbullah yesterday informed Court that the detention order issued on his client has not been signed by the Defence Minister in terms of the Section 9 of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

President's Counsel Ikram Mohamed, appearing for the remanded attorney, further stated that his client was detained and interrogated under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Attorney-at-Law Hijaaz Hisbullah is being detained and interrogated by the Criminal Investigations in connection with having allegedly aided and abetted suicide bomber Mohammad Ibrahim Insaf Ahmed, who set off the bomb at the Cinnamon Grand

Hotel, during the Easter Sunday attack last year.

Deputy Solicitor General Sudarshana De Silva with Senior State Counsel Lakmini Girihegama appearing for the Attorney General's Department stated that they expect to raise preliminary objections against the request made by the Defence Counsel.

The suspect was represented by President's Counsel Ikram Mohamed, President's Counsels Farman Cassim and Harshana Nanayakkara, Counsels Eray de Silva and Hafeel Farisz respectively.

The Magistrate observed that the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) has filed facts before Court naming Hijaaz Hisbullah as a suspect. The Magistrate further stated that the Defence Minister has not been

appointed. The Magistrate pointed out that the Magistrate's Court has no jurisdiction to interpret constitutional issues in accordance with the Article 125 of the Constitution.

Responding, President's Counsel Ikram Mohamed stated that the Supreme Court has the exclusive jurisdiction to inquire into that question.

The CID informed Court that they expect to conclude the investigation within two weeks and send abstracts of the investigation to the Attorney General to seek further instruction with regard to the matter.

Colombo Fort Magistrate Ranga Dissanayake yesterday ordered the CID to produce the report before the next calling date and fixed further inquiries for September 16.

Limited number of foreign tourists will be allowed here shortly - Prasanna

IRANGIKIA RANGE

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ratununga yesterday said that only a limited number of small groups of foreign tourists will be allowed to arrive in the country after re-opening the Katunayake Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) and the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport.

He said that necessary guidelines to bring in international tourists in small groups have been formulated.

The Minister held a discussion with Ambassador of Maldives to Sri Lanka, Omar Abdul Razzak at the Ministry yesterday. They discussed the further steps to be taken to develop the tourist sectors between two countries and upcoming challenges in this regard.

The Minister said the BIA and MRIA will be opened for the international tourists shortly. The recommendations for the re-opening of airports have already been submitted for the Cabinet and the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, the Minister said.

Boat capsizes, Navy rescues two fishermen

PRIYADARSHANI KAHAWALA, Ingiriya Central Group Corr.

A fishing boat had capsized in sea in rough waves on Wednesday and two fishermen on the boat were rescued by the Navy Rapid Response Rescue Unit, Kalutara, Kalutara North police

said. They had left the North Kalutara beach for fishing. The boat had capsized about two kilometers from the shore. The two fishermen had grasped two floating plastic cans of water and fought the waves for about an hour.

The fishermen (50 and 60) were residents of Kalutara. They had been admitted to the Nagoda Hospital by a Suwasariya ambulance of the Kalutara North Police Station. The rescue operation had been assisted by Kalutara North Police.

Investigation launched into body found near Diyawanna Oya

An investigation has been launched by Welikada police into the body which was found near the Polduwa Bridge of the Diyawanna Oya last morning.

The body has been identified as a resident of No 163, Wijayananda Dharmayathamma Road, Sinhapura in Hokanda-

la. According to the police investigations, the deceased (74) had left his home on last Sunday without informing his family members.

His son has lodged a complaint with the Thalangama Police on the day that his father had left home without informing.



Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardane met United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator and Designated Official Hanaa Singer and UNDP Resident Rep Robert Juhkam at the Speaker's Office on Wednesday. Parliament Secretary-General Dhammika Dasanayake and UN and UNDP officials were present.

WHO congratulates Sri Lanka

World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus yesterday congratulated Sri Lanka for eliminating rubella and mother to child transmission of HIV and congenital syphilis. Posting on his Twitter account he said, "I congratulate Sri Lanka for eliminating rubella & mother to child transmission of HIV & congenital syphilis, the Maldives for eliminating rubella and Myanmar for eliminating trachoma. These successes are testimonies that with science, solutions and solidarity we can stop diseases and save lives".

The WHO verified in July that the Maldives and Sri Lanka have successfully eliminated rubella, making them the first two countries in WHO South-East Asia region to achieve measles and rubella elimination ahead of the 2023 target.

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PNF representatives Kapila Renuka Perera, Dr. Samantha Ananda, and Maura Gunawansa. Picture by Dinesh Perera

Abolish Provincial Councils - PNF

DINESH PERERA

The Professionals' National Front (PNF) called on the Government to abolish the Provincial Councils (PCs) claiming that they were never really present in Sri Lanka, and set up only to cede power to India.

PNF representatives made these comments at the Organisation of Professional Associations, to which it affiliated on September 9.

Dr. Samantha Ananda called the PCs white ele-

phants. He claimed that the PCs were maintained to create state-subsidised jobs, not for deserving people but for politicians who were rejected at General Elections.

Dr. Ananda called on the public to understand that those who were rejected by them are continuing to remain in politics through the PC system.

Dr. Ananda said that the 19th amendment was drafted disregarding the public

views. The PNF has raised 19 issues with the proposed 20th amendment and will discuss them with the Government, he said.

The PNF members said that Milinda Moragoda of the Pathfinder Foundation is not suitable for the post of Indian High Commissioner. They said that Moragoda had opposed the PC system strongly, but his ties to an NGO and his foreign citizenship make him unsuitable for the post.

Rs. 37,500, four mobile phones, 1.3g of heroin seized

Wele Suda's brother-in-law, two others arrested

Three suspects including the brother-in-law of drug trafficker Samantha Kumara alias 'Wele Suda' was arrested yesterday with heroin in Imaduwa.

Police said they found 1.3g of heroin, Rs. 37,500, four mobile phones, and a bank pass book with the suspects.

The brother-in-law of 'Wele Suda' (47), and the other two suspects were to be produced before the Galle Magistrate's Court yesterday.

An underworld member and accomplice of 'Dematogoda Chaminda' was also arrested in Aluthkade yesterday with heroin by Kiribathgoda Police.

Woman who escaped from Kalutara Prison arrested

PRIYADARSHANI KAHAWALA, Ingiriya Central Group Corr.

The woman inmate, who escaped through the roof of the Kalutara prison on Tuesday (8), was arrested by the prison officials, Kalutara Prison sources said.

The woman took 3 grams

of heroin per day. She escaped because of her high craving for heroin, The prison sources said.

Her illegitimate husband is in the same prison on charges of throwing a banned substance into the prison, the sources said.

She was a resident of Alubomulla, Panadura and

was charged for having heroin, the sources said.

After scalding the wall, she fled in a trishaw and the prison officers pursuing it had arrested her.

Disciplinary actions will be taken against the prison officers on duty at the time of her escape, the Prison Headquarters said.

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Labour Minister **Nimal Siripala De Silva**

Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) Senior Vice President and Labour Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva said the Government is poised to go on a balanced journey under the theme "Let's protect labour rights while strengthening the National economy." In an interview with the *Daily News*, Minister De Silva said he had already taken steps to amend Sri Lanka's labour laws for the betterment of the country's working class parallel to global changes.

Q: You have taken measures to amend several labour laws for the benefit of the working community. What are these amendments and what sort of advantages and privileges would be gained by the working class through these amendments?

The Labour Ministry and the Government will take steps to protect workers' rights and to build friendly relations between workers and employers. There are nearly 15,000 court cases pending at Magistrate's Courts against default employers for underpaying or not paying contributions to the EPF. This massive backlog has left the working class desperate. Accordingly, laws will be amended to refer cases of underpayment and non-payment of contributions under the Employees' Provident Fund Act to the Labour Tribunals.

In addition, the Payment of Gratuity Act, Wages Boards Ordinance, Shop and Office Employees Act and the Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Act of 2016 will also be referred to the Labour Tribunals enabling it to attend to the grievances that are filled with references to workforce compensation matters. It has also made it mandatory for employers to report the recruitment of new employees to the Labour Department within one week of their appointment to relevant posts.

In addition, Rs. 550,000 is being paid in the case of death or permanent disablement of workers during the course of his or her work under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance. Fulfilling the longstanding demand of trade unions and the working people, we will take measures to increase the compensation up to Rs. two million.

During a Labour Tribunal case, an opportunity will be given to a trade union leader as well to represent an aggrieved party which is a long-felt need of the trade unions. In addition, laws will be amended so that Labour Tribunal verdicts can be enforced through the same tribunal without referring to Magistrate's Courts.

We hope to amend the Occupational Safety, Health and Welfare Act to provide relief to the working community and the minimum wage of private sector workers will be increased by Rs. 2,500 from the existing Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 12,500 in accordance with the Government's private sector policy.

On the other hand, amendments will also be made limiting the maximum time period for the disciplinary inquiries of private sector employees up to six months similar to public sector employees.

Q: There are a large number of pending cases at the Labour Tribunals. Is it possible to give a definite time period for Labour Tribunal cases considering the grievances of labourers?

It is difficult to do that since the entire legal process depends on the number of cases pending in the Tribunals and the collection of

evidence for them cannot be done within a set period. However, it is the responsibility of its judges to speed up the entire procedure considering the grievances of workers. Furthermore, I expect to provide comprehensive training to legal and labour officers attached to the Labour Department on handling labour cases of employees since most senior lawyers and President's Counsels are appearing for the cases on behalf of companies. We have also decided to give priority for the officers who have studied Social Science and Law when recruiting to the Labour Department.

Q: The Opposition Leader has said nearly 400,000 Sri Lankan migrant workers have lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Have you conducted any study to receive correct information with regard to this and to provide relief for them?

We hope to conduct a special survey on Sri Lankan migrant workers who have lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic and then to formulate a mechanism to provide relief for them. However, job opportunities of professionals will not be affected by this situation and they can migrate soon after these countries are back to normal.

Q: Have you planned any systematic programme to send our youth for job opportunities in developed countries after they are empowered with proper vocational training and language proficiency?

We have paid attention to train around 5,000 youngsters suitable for the requirements in the International labour market through training centres attached to the Foreign Employment Bureau and with the support of several private vocational training institutions. They will be provided with relevant vocational training and language proficiency guidance. We have already discussed with Japan, Korea and Israel, and they have expressed their willingness to provide employment opportunities for our youth. We have to get ready to cater to their demands soon after these countries return to normalcy after the Coronavirus pandemic is controlled.

Q: You have been appointed as a member of the ministerial sub-committee to draft Constitutional Amendments. How is the progress of this committee?

There are lots of views and opinions in this regard. One of the opinions is to completely abolish the 19th Amendment brought in 2015 and draft a new one. However, there is another opinion that there are several positive features in the existing 19th Amendment and those should not be repealed. However, we will consider all these opinions and proposals made by the experts, party members, the Opposition and the public. But, the final decision in this regard will be taken by the Cabinet of Ministers and the members of the ruling party. Initially, we will prepare the draft and send it to legal experts for their reference. Then, the draft bill will be thoroughly discussed at the Cabinet meeting and with the members of the Government. It will be brought to Parliament after making all the amendments approved by all stakeholders.

Q: You are the chairman of a committee of experts appointed by the SLFP to draft the proposed new Constitution. What are SLFP's proposals to this endeavour?

The chaos faced at present is because of the proportional representation (PR) system. The SLFP proposes to abolish the PR system and bring an electoral system whereby MPs responsible for each electorate can be elected. Secondly, certain criteria should be introduced for the registration of political parties contesting for elections.



Today, we see several political parties registered for the elections could not even obtain 1,000 votes. A sum of Rs. 50,000 is required to be deposited for a candidate nominated by a political party and a sum of Rs. 75,000 for an independent candidate. However, some independent candidates are not even capable of obtaining at least 25 votes. So, there should be certain criteria in this regard. Therefore, a deposit of Rs. 10 million must be obtained from independent groups contesting elections and any political party that is unable to obtain a certain set percentage of votes at a National election should be levied a deposit of Rs. five million at the next election.

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9/11: 19 years on

Nineteen years ago today, the world was changed beyond recognition. To this day, September 11 is known simply as 9/11 but the three numbers tell a far bigger human story. A story that is part horror, part tragedy and all too (in) human. The events of that day changed not only the world, but also us. It was truly horrifying to see on TV those planes ram into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre in New York. That feeling resonated collectively around the world.

The attacks killed 2,996 people, injured over 6,000 and caused more than US\$ 10 billion in damage. The attacks on the Twin Towers come to mind immediately, but one cannot forget the attack on the Pentagon and the heroic story of the passengers and crew of United Flight 93 who overpowered the hijackers and deliberately crashed the plane. Two hijacked planes crashed into the World Trade Center, killing 2,753, including several firefighters. In fact, families of some of the 1,113 victims of 9/11 whose remains have never been identified have often spoken about their agony at still not being able to bury their loved ones. Today, you can reflect on the terrible events of that day at memorial monuments set up in New York near the site of the former World Trade Centre and at the United 93 crash site, though the memorial space at the Pentagon is not open to civilians.

Memories apart, this was the event that really woke the world up to the threat of global terrorism. Until then, terrorist conflicts in many other parts of the world were ignored by the International Community on the assumption that "it's not our problem". However 9/11 was an eye-opener that terrorism in any country could no longer be ignored. It led to a crackdown on many terror groups worldwide (Sri Lanka benefitted in its fight against terrorism as a result of this change in perceptions) as nations banded together to fight terrorism. The UN as well as individual countries passed legislation that sought to restrict the funding activities of terrorists. Sri Lanka benefitted in its fight against the LTTE from these measures as well. In fact, the al-Qaeda (suspected of staging the 9/11 attacks), LTTE and many other religion-based and secular terror groups were banned around the world.

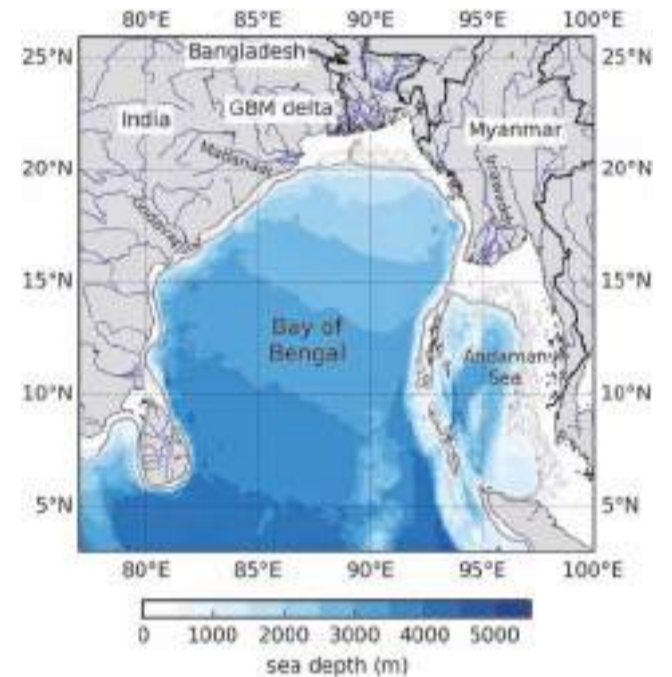
Even though Sri Lanka was able to contain its own terrorist conflict, globally it was not the same with many other shadowy terror groups that were more transnational. Even as the al-Qaeda received a deadly blow with the killing of their leader Osama bin Laden by US Navy SEALs, other terrorist groups emerged and spread their tentacles practically all over the world, recruiting indoctrinated youth into their ranks. The biggest such group is the Islamic State, (also called ISIL or ISIS) which has been based mainly in Syria and Iraq, though in recent days the group has been losing ground, literally. However, one devastating side effect of this was their expansion ideologically to countries such as Sri Lanka, which suffered a series of ISIS-inspired attacks on Easter Sunday 2019, killing nearly 300 persons and shattering 10 years of peace.

The ISIS has engaged in a series of atrocities one after another in several world capitals including Paris, Nice, Brussels and Istanbul, killing hundreds of innocent civilians in addition to attacks on places of worship. The biggest victims of its attacks have unfortunately been Muslims themselves. It has plundered, pillaged and destroyed thousands of ancient artifacts from Syria and other countries. Its barbaric execution videos have shocked world governments which have been propelled into action against the group. The ISIS conflict has also generated one of the biggest human tragedies in living memory as people fleeing the conflict zones have used rickety boats to get across to Europe. Thousands have died when their boats capsized mid-sea. Europe has been inundated with refugees from several countries directly and indirectly affected by the conflict. This has spawned a debate on the merits and demerits of accepting such illegal immigrants – in fact, immigration has become a hot topic in both Europe and North America as the native populations are becoming wary of the immigrants, with fears lingering that some of the refugees could be terrorists in disguise.

A lot of water has flowed on the Hudson since the events of September 11, 2001. On this 19th anniversary of that bleak day, all world leaders must resolve firmly to tackle the menace of terrorism head-on, leaving personal and bilateral rivalries aside. It is only through collective global action and intelligence sharing that the sinister designs of terrorists can be defeated. They might also need more "boots on the ground" military action that would however pose no threat to the civilian populations. Containing terror is the greatest tribute we can pay to the victims of 9/11.



BIMSTEC push for Regional Cooperation under 'New Normal'



SUGESWARA SENADHIRA

Sri Lanka, as the Chair of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) has a special responsibility of ensuring the speedy cooperation of the Member States of the Bay region. Foreign Secretary Jayanath Colombage, chairing the 21st Session of the Senior Officials' Meeting (SoM), urged BIMSTEC Member States to embrace the "new normal, and adapt fast".

The BIMSTEC ministerial meetings and expert group dialogues will lay the groundwork for major policy decisions required for a giant leap in regional cooperation at the 5th BIMSTEC Summit to be chaired by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in 2022. The Bay of Bengal countries have shared aspirations for growth, development, commerce and technology and BIMSTEC is the natural platform to implement regional connectivity and economic cooperation. The Bay of Bengal is increasingly gaining salience as a strategic maritime space. The geographical area of the Bay of Bengal region is more than two million square kilometres, and the Bay is situated between vital sea routes and stretches from Sri Lanka, up the coast of eastern India, curving under Bangladesh and Myanmar, and heading south along Thailand and Malaysia, until it reaches the northern coast of Sumatra in Indonesia.

Since ancient times, the waterways have been used as a primary medium of trade and have provided the impetus for the growth of maritime enterprises for their densely populated littoral countries. Maritime trade and maritime connectivity, after all, have been the oldest forms of cross-cultural and cross-civilizational interaction, and this has been manifested in this region.

BIMSTEC is mandated to deepen regional cooperation through its 14 working groups, covering everything under the Bay of Bengal sun, including a Free Trade Agreement, poverty alleviation, counterterrorism, disaster

management, energy, climate change and tourism. There is every potential for BIMSTEC to become a highly successful forum of economic cooperation such as the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) or the European Union (EU).

Foreign Secretary Colombage, in his inaugural remarks at the first virtual meeting of BIMSTEC senior officers held last week stated that global dynamics will not be the same after the COVID-19 pandemic as it has affected all States, in various degrees, as it transformed from a health crisis to an economic and human crisis as described by the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.

This is a reflection of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's call for support of global solidarity, unity and renewed multi-lateral cooperation in overcoming COVID -19. In his address to virtual Non-Aligned Summit he urged the member states to support collective global action in combating this deadly virus and sharing best practices and lessons learnt. "It is essential to ensure that all countries have unrestricted access to vital medical resources required to respond to this virus and do not face impediments in their procurement. As Sri Lanka notes with deep concern that developing countries are facing an unprecedented economic and debt crisis due to the pandemic, the need for debt relief and financial stimulus for these countries must be duly recognized," the President said and added, "in this regard, Sri Lanka reiterates its call and joins global appeals for international financial institutions and donors to provide debt relief and greater financial assistance to vulnerable countries."

Recognizing the importance of regional cooperation, President Rajapaksa appointed Tharaka Balasooriya as State Minister for Regional Cooperation. The young dynamic professional works under the guidance of the experienced Dinesh Gunawardena who handles Foreign Affairs.

Foreign Secretary Jayanath Colombage, speaking at the senior officer dialogue, pointed out that the COVID-19 pandemic crisis has affected the very fabric of daily life of BIMSTEC Member States as economic activities have slowed down with global and regional value chains disrupted, millions of people have lost their jobs with many pushed into poverty and therefore the meeting was timely, as it is an opportunity to build on the assurances made by Heads of State of BIMSTEC Members on combating the adverse effects of COVID-19 at the 23rd Anniversary of the BIMSTEC Day in June 2020.

"Their messages were clear and encouraging as the Leaders had reiterated and acknowledged the need to build a better and resilient organization that could leverage regional cooperation in the recovery and rehabilitation process post COVID-19," he said.

Given that the region is home to 23% of the world population, the devastating effects affecting the vulnerable sections can only cripple economies and divert resources that were once used for upward mobility in Member States. The collective GDP of US \$ 3 trillion, which was a benchmark prior to the pandemic, should not become an unattainable goal in the face of this devastation, and the goal should be to surpass it.

The sector driven organization should collectively promote trade and investment cooperation, strengthen energy cooperation, increase connectivity and people-to-people contact, focus on disaster management and public health, combat terrorism and extremism, deal with the adverse effects of climate change and work towards poverty alleviation, Prof Colombage said.

As the lead country for Information, Technology and Innovation sector in BIMSTEC, Sri Lanka informed that it will put forward proposals that would enhance the use of technological tools in daily life to address post COVID-19 effects and also cater to the demand for internet based economic activities and that the pro-

posed setting up of the BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility in Colombo would further augment the work Sri Lanka proposes to undertake in the sector.

The Sri Lanka delegation indicated its readiness to host the 5th BIMSTEC Summit preceded by the 17th Ministerial meeting, as it has earned the "Safe Travels" stamp from the World Travel & Tourism Council in recognition of the comprehensive health and safety measures the Government has put in place.

It is an accepted fact that any regional bloc to be productive, the political desire of major member nations is essential. In the regional organizations in this region, the commitment of the economic giant, India is a prerequisite. The BIMSTEC could take a giant leap with the unstinted support of its biggest member, India. India finds it very convenient to promote and strengthen BIMSTEC, an organization in which Pakistan is not a member. New Delhi is not keen to promote the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) because of major differences between Pakistan and India. Some Indian analysts call BIMSTEC as "SAARC minus Pakistan and plus two" (Myanmar and Thailand).

Now it is for the new BIMSTEC Chair, Sri Lanka to work in cooperation with India to take the initiative for BIMSTEC to perform successfully. To start with, there should be a strong management mechanism as nothing will progress unless the BIMSTEC secretariat is significantly empowered. Regions often lead to multilateral organizations, but strong organizations can also make or revive regions.

The Bay of Bengal has a common history and shared cultural heritage, which is the backbone of multilateral understanding and respect. Hence, it is the responsibility of BIMSTEC leaders to further strengthen cooperation among member countries through regional integration, creating a prosperous Bay of Bengal region.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Terrorism is an attack on liberty.
P. J. O'Rourke

FOREIGN RELATIONS in the CONTEXT of GEOPOLITICS

NEVILLE LADDUWAHETTY

The Additional Secretary to the President for Foreign Relations, Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage in an interview stated: "The foreign policy of the new Government is based on some key pillars. The number one is neutrality. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has repeatedly stated in Sri Lanka and India and in his interaction with the press and the diplomatic community, that his primary responsibility is maintaining neutrality. We don't want to be labelled or get caught in this power game (Daily Mirror, January 28, 2020).

However, expanding on the above policy in his current position as Foreign Secretary, Admiral Prof. Colombage, during the course of an interview to Derrana 24 news channel stated: "Very categorically, the President has stated that we have a strategic security-wise 'India first' policy because we cannot be, we should not be, we can't afford to be a strategic security threat for India, period." (August 20, 2020).

The need for Sri Lanka to conduct foreign relations with other countries in a manner that is not a security threat to India was a bitter lesson Sri Lanka, learnt several decades ago at great cost in terms of blood and treasure that lasted three decades. The lesson Sri Lanka learnt was that if Sri Lanka engages in relations with countries such as the USA, or any other whose interests may be perceived by India to be inimical to the latter's interests, in particular security, India would not hesitate to convey its displeasure at such developments in a manner of its choosing.

ALTERED LANDSCAPE

However, the circumstances at that time were different. India was a founding member of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), and global politics was determined by two recognized super powers. While the majority of countries were Non-aligned, others opted to be aligned with either one of the two superpowers. Today, geopolitics is defined by a single super power, the USA, that is being challenged by a rising power, aspiring to be the other super power or even the sole super power: China. In such a background, India is no longer serious about staying committed to being non-aligned. Instead, it is an integral component of Quad, namely, a security related alliance made up of US,



US President Donald Trump with Indian PM Narendra Modi.

India, Japan and Australia, crafted as a feature of the US Policy 'Pivot to Asia'. This alliance is preparing itself to counter China's involvement in the Indian Ocean as part of its multi trillion-dollar Belt and Road Initiative.

It is in such an altered landscape that one has to consider whether India would or would not accept Sri Lanka caving into US pressure and signing the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Compact, the Acquisition and Cross Service Agreement (ACSA) and Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA). Bearing in mind that India is known to have already signed similar agreements with the US and is a partner of the combined defense arrangements of the Quad, would India consider

Sri Lanka signing any of these agreements with the US a security threat to India? NO. On the other hand, India might welcome Sri Lanka signing security related Agreements with the USA, because Sri Lanka would then inadvertently become a part of the Quad Security Alliance to counter the influence of China.

Under these circumstances, a policy of "India First" would mean that India would not have any security concerns with Sri Lanka if Sri Lanka becomes part of Quad by signing the three Agreements presented by the US, notwithstanding the sustained opposition expressed by the Sri Lankan public. For Sri Lanka to be in a position where its interests and that of its public are determined by

any other State or States, is unacceptable. Therefore, 'India First' must be viewed with apprehension.

A way to overcome such hard choices is to rely on the President's initial Foreign Policy of Neutrality - a position he declared to the nation and to the world during his inaugural acceptance speech in the hallowed precincts of Anuradhapura.

It would only be a policy of Neutrality that would enable Sri Lanka to exercise its sovereign rights and at the same time ensure other States, in particular India and Quad, that Sri Lanka would be Neutral as far as security issues are concerned while engaging with all nations in respect of other issues. Such a policy would mean that when it comes to security no one is first. All are equal.

This is of particular relevance in view of the emerging landscape in the Indian Ocean in respect of security issues.

EMERGING LANDSCAPE

The Annual Report by the US Office Of the Secretary of Defence to Congress "Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China 2020" states: "Beyond its current base in Djibouti, the PRC is very likely already considering and planning for additional overseas military logistics facilities to support naval, air, and ground forces. The PRC has likely considered locations for PLA military logistics facilities in Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, Pakistan, Sri

Lanka, United Arab Emirates, Kenya, Seychelles, Tanzania, Angola, and Tajikistan. The PRC and Cambodia have publicly denied having signed an agreement to provide the PLAN with access to Cambodia's Ream Naval Base".

Whether China is "considering and planning additional overseas military logistics facilities" or not, the several Ports already built by China in the Indian Ocean Rim countries could readily be transformed into military logistics facilities. In this regard Sri Lanka is particularly vulnerable because of all the countries referred to above, the uniqueness of the strategic location of Sri Lanka for military logistics in the Indian Ocean is a fact that is indisputable. Furthermore, China already has a logistic facility in Hambantota, even though not a military facility at this point in time. Consequently, Sri Lanka would be hard pressed to avoid the rivalry that is inexorably emerging between Quad and China.

In such a background, would a policy of Non-Alignment or looking East for support from regional organizations such as BIMSTEC and/or SAARC help Sri Lanka to deal with security related countervailing pressures that are engulfing Sri Lanka in various forms; the latest being sanctions imposed by the US on Companies involved with the Port City Project?

Non-alignment was relevant at a different time when the geopolitical construct was also different. During that time, India and Sri Lanka were on the same page as far as Foreign Rela-



The Quad Alliance.

tions were concerned as partners of the Non-Aligned Movement. Furthermore, no country was interested in establishing their footprint in Sri Lanka, and the Indian Ocean was not the hot bed of rivalry that it is today as a consequence of China attempting to regain its place in the world, and alliances such as Quad attempting to counter China's efforts.

In addition, by being part of Quad, India cannot realistically claim to be non-aligned. In such a context, Sri Lanka has to be specific and state with whom or what aspects of Foreign Relations Sri Lanka is not aligned with, if non-alignment is in fact its policy. In the absence of an unambiguous statement, the message should be that Sri Lanka's relations with all States would be Neutral in respect of security related issues. Such a policy would enable Sri Lanka to stay clear of major power rivalries.

CONCLUSION

The suggestion that Neutrality was an appropriate policy to guide Sri Lanka's Foreign Relations was mooted in an article titled "Independence: Its meaning and a direction for the future" (Ladduwahetty, The Island, February 14, 2019). This article stated: "Traditional thinking as to how small States could cope with external pressures are supposed to be: (1) Non-alignment with any of the major centres of power; (2) Alignment with one of the major powers thus making a choice and facing the consequences of which power block prevails; (3) Bandwagoning which involves unequal exchange where the small State makes asymmetric concessions to the dominant power and accepts a subordinate role of a vassal State; (4) Hedging, which attempts to secure economic and security benefits of engagement with each power centre (5) Balancing pressures individually, or by forming alliances with other small States; (6) Neutrality". Continuing, the article

stated: "Of the six strategies cited above, the only strategy that permits a sovereign independent nation to charter its own destiny is neutrality, as it is with Switzerland and some Nordic countries, not only because domestic rivalries prevent the development of consistent policies for engagement with great powers but also because Sri Lanka does not have the skills or the level of sophistication to emerge unscathed from "grey zone coercion" of the great powers. Neutrality has relevance at this particular point in time because regional cooperation arrangements among countries in the Indian Ocean Rim and South and South East Asia have lost its appeal due to each country attempting to engage in arrangements that suit them best. Under the circumstances, how could neutrality translate itself in real terms?"

"Instead of making a public declaration that henceforth Sri Lanka would be neutral in its relations with the great powers, it would be more prudent to express neutrality via the manner in which Sri Lanka engages with the great powers. To start with, Sri Lanka should cease taking outright loans or loans to finance infrastructure projects however attractive the terms from either of the power blocks. Equally important is for Sri Lanka to cease participating in security related land or sea operations with either of the power blocs because they are clearly conducted to further their own security preparedness".

In the current geopolitical setting where the Indian Ocean with Sri Lanka right in the middle of it has become a theatre for rivalry between the security alliance of the US, India, Japan and Australia (popularly referred to as the Quad), and China, the most prudent policy for Sri Lanka, given the prevailing geopolitical particularities is one of Neutrality, as advocated and articulated by the President during his inaugural speech in the hallowed precincts of Anuradhapura.



Two F/A-18E Super Hornets from the Jolly Rogers of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 103 launch from the flight deck of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).

No shortcuts to 'The Point of Best Capture'



by Malinda Seneviratne

Today, anyone with a smartphone is a photographer. Anyone who has Snapseed can make photographs look good. And even if you know nothing of Photoshop, you could still fiddle around and chisel off rough edges, so to speak. You could use any one of the many apps available to highlight, circle and pretty much do whatever you want it to do.

Takes the fun out of photography, some might say but others would say such things have made it more interesting.

I've known photographers and their stories amaze me. Their work is instructive. And sometimes they teach, without seeming to do so, as is the usual way of those who have mastered their art.

So, a week or so ago, I was playing with the mobile phone. I was thinking of frames, angles and light probably displaying amateurishness that was too painful for a good photographer to bear. Tharindu Amunugama was kind. He noticed that I was using the zoom function on the phone.

"Don't do that. Get closer. Let your feet do the zooming." And so I did just that. 'Zoom' was duly retired. And I recalled photographs and photographers. I recalled a poet and an epic poem too.

Adisham Bungalow in Haputale is an impressive piece of architecture, in rain or sun, on a clear day or covered in mist. If you google 'Adisham' you'll get lots of pictures, the vast majority of which would be of the entire house or at least most of it. None of them capture 'Adisham' the way two photographs that Tharindu took when we visited the place about a month ago.

The first, a closeup. A 'rock-framed' set of windows. It spoke of a different era, solidity and a design incorporating 'roughness.' The second was a view through a window. It captured a side of the building, arches, a courtyard and a piece of sky that gave a sense of dimensions. The colors or rather configuration of colors, were exquisite.

I hadn't noticed any of that.



I just saw a pretty building, a half-way nice garden and some old furniture. I took in the view. And then it rained. I took in the rain too. All good. I didn't notice the windows. Saw, but didn't see.

And I remembered a particular photograph taken at Rangiri Dambulla in an album that contained lots of them. It stood out on account of detail, color, lighting and the architec-

ture of the composition. He had zoom-walked.

And I remembered a photograph taken by the legendary Nihal Fernando. An ancient stupa marked by the bludgeoning of element and time. I remember seeing it at the exhibition titled 'Eloquence in Stone.' There was a cloud formation which mimicked the shape of the stupa. I believe this was noted by Sinharaja

Thammita-Delgoda who I believe wrote the captions for the photographs (later turned into a book by the same name). I remembered Uncle Nihal telling me almost twenty years ago that sometimes you have to wait for hours and hours for the right light. Maybe he waited on this occasion too. Maybe he noticed the movement of clouds and extrapolated the possible cloud formation. Maybe he was lucky in terms of light. The angle, however, was not about luck but design.

I remembered Mahagama Sekera's 'Prabuddha' too and something I wrote about 11 years ago in an article titled 'Beauty is the number 14 and it lasts for 72 hours.'

'Prabuddha is at the Ruwanweliseya. It is evening. The evening star is clear in the sky. Prabuddha walks around the maluwa until he finds that one spot where gaze, pinnacle and star intersect. Writes Prabuddha: 'deepena thama dansina!' What is more beautiful now, the artifact, the history symbolized and embedded in it, the evening star, Sekera's exceptional eye and tender gaze or the intersection of these things? I am not sure, but Sekera's juxtaposition was certainly illuminating.'

Prabuddha walked. Sekera made him walk. Maybe this is because Sekera walked. Nihal Fernando walked all over this country long before the dawn of easy-click photography.



ST. LUCIA'S CATHEDRAL: AN OASIS OF FAITH



Inside St. Lucia's Cathedral

DISHAN JOSEPH

Prayer and faith are key elements of the Christian faith. This magnificent Catholic edifice reflects years of sacrifice, perseverance, a jubilant visit by the Pope and the overcoming of an air raid during the Second World War.

For more than a century, Kotahena has been a predominantly Catholic town uniting Sri Lankans of all religions. As we look back this area covering the Municipal Ward of Colombo 13 was once a quiet village in the 17th century. It was somewhere in 1760 that the zealous clergy of the Oratorian Order came to Ceylon to propagate their gospel and decided to build a small chapel. It is recorded that the first chapel was merely a hut, but people came to seek God's blessings. By 1779, the Catholics of Kotahena had selected this hill as their gathering point. In 1796, the Dutch and British soldiers were encamped on either side of the Kelani River, and a confrontation was dangerously imminent. It is said the citizens on the Colombo side had taken refuge on the hill where the chapel stood and sought divine protection.

The humble Catholic chapel began gaining attention and pious devotion. By 1763, brickwork was added to the chapel. Patience yields blessings and thus in 1838, the little church was elevated to a Cathedral, the first in Ceylon. In January of the same year, Rev. Vincente de Rozairo was installed as the Vicar Apostolic of Ceylon. He travelled by sea from Goa. Records indicate that the construction of the present Cathedral began with the foundation stone being laid in 1852. However, the process of construction

began in 1873 and the first phase was completed in 1881. The presiding Bishop at this time was Bishop Clement Pangnani. After years of resilient effort, the Cathedral was built and completed in 1887 under the leadership of Bishop Christopher Bonjean, OML. The presence of this colossal church influenced missionary zeal and many Christian religious formations (nuns and priests) to come to Ceylon. Many of these orders still function across the island.

The Catholic Church has made an immense contribution to education in Ceylon for more than 200 years. St. Benedict's Institute was founded by Abbot Hilarion Sillani OSB in 1865. Today, St. Benedict's College has grown into one of the finest Catholic boys' schools in the island. Many of its students faithfully uphold their obligation towards the church and take up the ordained life as

clergymen. The De La Salle Brothers came to Ceylon in 1867. These dedicated men taught and influenced generations of Catholics, and the La Sallian brothers continued to serve thousands of students.

The spiritual essence poured out from this Cathedral and gained momentum with the arrival of the Good Shepherd Order in 1869. These religious sisters have manifested the love and grace of God for decades. The prudent sisters established the Good Shepherd Convent in May 1869, where thousands of girls have received a holistic education.

St. Lucia's College was built in 1918. It was from this Cathedral that the much-loved Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) was introduced to Ceylon in 1907.

The radio-training laboratory was begun by Fr. Ignatius Perera in 1962 and this was the pioneer training entity

that produced hundreds of qualified technicians.

I have visited the Cathedral on many occasions. Every time, I gaze above and realize the vastness of its high dome. Within its Sacred precincts are statues of Christian saints and martyrs. We must pause here to realize that saints do not wave a magic wand and grant miracles. It is Almighty God who works miracles through his divine grace. The life of a saint should serve as a reminder to us of how we should live as followers of Jesus Christ. The feast of St. Lucy is celebrated on December 13; in addition, the Corpus Christi and the Month of May festival are also significant dates in the Catholic calendar. The Cathedral is the seat of the Archbishop of Colombo.

The Cathedral of Saint Lucia resonates with fine architecture. Its facade has four majestic pillars rising

into the ceiling. On the top-most border, there are statues of Blessed Mary, St. Lucia, St. Anthony, St. Peter, St. Paul and St. Francis of Assisi. A clock with Roman numerals still indicates the time. The large dome was once subject to a crack when the Japanese bombed Ceylon in April 1942. The crack began to widen and in 1957, it took the full year to repair it. On the massive columns that support the structure, there are statues of Saint Aloysius, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Cecilia and Saint John de La Salle.

The main altar has a crucifix and shows the letters 'INRI' engraved at the top. Another important feature of the Cathedral is her four bells. They were christened in 1903. The largest bell weighs 4,300 pounds and is called Anthony Thomas; the second bell, Henry Lucia Emilia weighs 2,000 pounds, and the third bell, Francis Theresa weighs 1,400 pounds. Weighing 950 pounds, the small bell was christened Jean Baptist Edward Anna. A plaque celebrates the beatification of Fr. Joseph Vaz, Apostle of Sri Lanka in 1995 by Pope John Paul II. The amiable Pope visited the Cathedral during this event.

Visitors to the Cathedral must understand the story of Santa Lucia which dates back to the third century. Lucy was born to a rich noble family, with a comfortable life. The family was shaken when her father died. She was only five years old. Having realized the uncertainty of life and focusing on spiritual matters, she had pledged her life to the church as a young woman. Not knowing the intentions of her pious daughter, Lucy's mother Eutychia had arranged



St. Lucy: A picture depicting Lucy holding her eyes on a golden plate.

her daughter's marriage. When her heathen suitor, who was not a Catholic, found that his bride to be was already promised to a life of divine service, he complained to Governor Paschasius. The pagan governor threw Lucy in jail and ordered her to be defiled. Church historians say that when the guards came to take her away they could not move her. So, they brought firewood into her cell, and tried to light the logs. To their surprise, the logs would not burn. At this stage, an enraged and confused Paschasius ordered her eyes to be gouged out. This order was carried out. Lucy was killed by the sword. When her body was taken to the family mausoleum, people were shocked

to see her eyes fully restored. It was this encounter which drew attention to the departed young Lucy. Since then artists drew paintings of Lucy holding her eyes on a golden plate. In retrospect, the story is a reminder to us about how we exercise our faith when assailed by life's challenges and if we would truly mirror the love and compassion of God.

The focus on the eye is also interesting, for it is through the human eyes that people covet and desire all the material possessions. It is good to open our spiritual eyes and understand life with a different view. St. Lucia's Cathedral will continue to be a house of prayer and hope for decades to come.



St. Lucia's Cathedral

A centre of healing after tumultuous events of 9/11

Pete Karamitsanis was born in Greece and moved to America as a child. His company is one of many working to rebuild the only church destroyed in 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Everyone old enough to remember the events of September 11, 2001, can't forget the horrors of that fateful day.

"The buildings were smouldering and on fire," recalled Karamitsanis. "First it was surprise, then it was awkwardness, then it was fear, then it was anger that somebody actually had the guts to do something like this and kill all these people."

The terrorist attacks that rocked America are still felt by those who live in New York City and beyond. It has been nearly two decades since the attacks. For many, the wounds still feel fresh.

The St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church was the only house of worship destroyed in the attacks, as reported by 60 Minutes. Karamitsanis is the President of Lighthouse Advisors in Tampa. His company was asked in 2015 to oversee the design and construction elements of the church-build on the site of the former St. Nicholas house of worship.



St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church being rebuilt.

"When our church got obliterated, it just got worse," said Karamitsanis, a life-long Christian who was born in Greece and moved to the United States as a boy in 1969. "It was just this small church – a couple thousand square feet – but apparently it was there for a very, very long time."

A memorial has been erected at the base of where the World Trade Center towers came crumbling down. It honours the 2,977 people who died that day. In addition to the memorial, plans were made to add the small-domed church there to be called the St. Nicholas National Shrine.



St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church was the only house of worship destroyed in the 9/11 attacks.

"That project is a legacy project," said Karamitsanis. "The response has been overwhelming, not just in Manhattan but internationally."

Karamitsanis visited Greece a few years ago and was encouraged to see his work was considered worthy of front-page news by the local newspapers.

"The same quarry that supplied marble for the world-famous Parthenon is the same location marble is

being harvested for the St. Nicholas project," says Karamitsanis.

"It's important to me personally as a Greek native. It's important to me as an American," he said.

The church will feature a domed roof which will glow at night and serve as a "beacon of hope." Companies from over a dozen countries spread across three continents are working on providing materials for this church.

Rebuilding something that means so much to so many people is special to Karamitsanis.

"It's open to all the faiths but it is a functioning Greek Orthodox Church, he said.

"It's a small church but it's put together like a Swiss watch. It's very complicated."

The COVID-19 pandemic halted work between February and August.

(Source: WTSP)

UN calls for 'quantum leap' in funding for virus fight



The United Nations on Thursday called for an immediate "quantum leap" in funding for global programmes to combat the coronavirus and restore prosperity.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres urged countries to find \$15 billion over the next three months to fund the ACT-Accelerator programme, a global collaboration to hunt for a vaccine and treatments led by the UN's World Health Organization (WHO). "Either we stand together or we will be doomed," Guterres told a virtual meeting of the ACT-

Accelerator, calling the virus the "number one global security threat." "We need a quantum leap in funding to increase the chances of a global solution to get the world moving, working and prospering again," he said. He said the near \$3 billion contributed so far had been critical for the initial phase since the accelerator's launch four months ago, but \$35 billion more was needed to shift from start-up to scale-up - beginning with \$15 billion in the next three months. Without it "we will lose the win-

dow of opportunity", Guterres said. He said typical aid budgets would not cover the costs, urging donors to "go deep" into money set aside for combating coronavirus. **Start saving lives** The virus has killed more than 900,000 people and infected at least 27.9 million since the outbreak emerged in China last December. According to the WHO's latest overview, 35 candidate vaccines for the virus are

being tested on humans, of which nine have reached Phase III trials where they are tested on tens of thousands of people. A further 145 candidate vaccines are in earlier testing phases. Typically only about 10 percent of candidate vaccines succeed. WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus hailed the speed at which vaccines, diagnostics and treatments for Covid-19 were being developed was "astonishing" but said more needed to be done. "We need to rapidly scale up our clinical trials, manufacturing, licensing and regulation capacity so that these products can get to people and start saving lives," he said. South Africa and Norway are co-chairing the ACT-Accelerator facilitation council. South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, who chairs the African Union, told the meeting that the continent should "not be left behind" once a viable vaccine is produced. Rwandan President Paul Kagame called the ACT-Accelerator "one of the most important international initiatives under way in the world today, and perhaps ever". (AFP)



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

France hosts Med leaders for summit on Turkey tensions



French President Emmanuel Macron will gather leaders from Mediterranean states for a summit Thursday set to be dominated by growing tensions between Turkey and EU states in the east of the sea. The EuroMed 7 is an informal group of EU Mediterranean states, sometimes dubbed "Club Med", that held its first summit in 2016, though Turkey is not a member. France has strongly backed Greece and Cyprus in a growing standoff with Turkey over hydrocarbon resources and naval influence in the eastern Mediterranean that has sparked fears of more severe conflict. The summit of leaders from France, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Greece and Cyprus will open around 1500 GMT at Porticcio, a coastal resort on the French island of Corsica. Speaking with journalists in Ajaccio late Wednesday, Macron said the Mediterranean should be "a region of circulation of cultures and knowledge, and not, as is too often the case, a region of geopolitical, energy or religious conflicts." A French presidential official said Macron would seek to "make progress in the consensus on the relationship of the EU with Turkey above all ahead of the 24-25 September EU summit." Reaffirming Macron's policy towards Turkey, the official said that France wants a "clarification" in relations with Ankara which should be an "important" partner.

NATO member, has further strained relations. Turkey last month deployed an exploration vessel backed by military frigates in waters between Greece and Cyprus, prompting Athens to respond with naval exercises as a warning. Some member states will be pressing for sanctions against Turkey at the EU summit, with French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian saying at the weekend such measures were on the table. "If Turkey refuses to listen to reason before then, I don't see any choice for my European colleagues except significant sanctions," Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, who was to hold talks with Macron before Thursday's meeting, wrote in French daily *Le Monde*. Greek media said the possible sale by France of Rafale fighter jets could be on the table, in a sign of the increasingly strong alliance between Paris and Athens. But Erdogan, referring to areas claimed by Greece and Cyprus as their exclusive economic zones, has threatened he is ready to "tear up immoral maps and documents". Another cause of tension between France, as well as its EU allies, and Turkey has been Libya, where Ankara has engaged militarily in support of the UN-recognised Tripoli-based government. In an interview with AFP last week, Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades denounced Turkey's "aggressiveness" which he said masked "an intention to control the whole area". The EuroMed 7 came into being against the backdrop of the economic crisis in Greece which had caused tensions between southern EU members and their more frugal northern counterparts. They "share the same desire to stimulate a new dynamic of cooperation" in the region, "in particular on issues of sustainable development and sovereignty", Macron's office said. (AFP)

Opposition predicts loss in Ethiopia's 'illegal' regional polls

Opposition leaders in Ethiopia's Tigray region on Thursday conceded they were unlikely to make significant inroads as officials tallied results from regional elections that Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government has deemed illegal. The ruling Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) has touted the polls as evidence of its democratic credentials while accusing Abiy, winner of last year's Nobel Peace Prize, of running roughshod over institutions in an attempt to consolidate power. But it was unclear whether opposition parties would actually gain seats in the regional parliament - known as the State Council - against the TPLF, which has dominated Tigrayan politics for decades. "I am worried we may end up with having 100 percent TPLF in the council, but let's wait and see," said Girma Berhe, head of the Tigray Independence Party. "I don't see significant change in the political culture. The



TPLF will dominate the council and will probably get 98 or 99 percent of the seats," said Hayalu Godefay, chairman of opposition party Salsay Woyane Tigray. Ethiopia was supposed to hold national elections in August, but the national poll body announced in March they would need to be postponed

because of the pandemic. However leaders in the once-powerful Tigray region rejected the extension of mandates - which would have expired in October - contending Abiy will have no legitimacy after that. Their decision to hold their own elections this week has ruffled federal officials, who have

said they have "no legal basis" and are "null and void". Voting proceeded peacefully Wednesday, and the election commission has reported turnout of greater than 97 percent. Preliminary results could be released as soon as Thursday evening but are more likely to come out Friday. The TPLF led the armed struggle to topple the brutal Derg regime in 1991 and went on to control the governing coalition that took over. Though the party has been sidelined under Abiy - who came to power in 2018 on the strength of years of anti-government protests - it remains in command in Tigray, whose people make up six percent of Ethiopia's population of 110 million. Election commissioner Muluwork Kidanemariam said Thursday it was too soon to identify general trends in the results but suggested he would not be surprised if the TPLF won handily. "The incumbent is very strong," he said. "This has been established before." (AFP)

Anti-government rally descends on Bulgaria Parliament

Hundreds of Bulgarian protesters descended on the parliament building in the capital Sofia on Thursday, accusing the government of corruption and using prosecutors to target political opponents. More than 1,000 protesters besieged parliament shouting "resign" with the rally planned to last into the evening, continuing two months of almost daily protests. They want to remove the cabinet of conservative Prime Minister Boyko Borisov over its perceived closeness to shady oligarchs. Chief prosecutor Ivan Geshev is also in the firing line over claims he has targeted government critics including Socialist-backed President Rumen Radev, who has backed the protests. Borisov, who ended his previous two terms in office ahead of time, has repeatedly said he will finish his current mandate due to expire in March 2021. Thursday's rally comes a week after nearly 200 people were hurt in clashes at another protest, where groups of football fans threw dozens of improvised explosive devices at security cordons. Anti-riot forces arrested 126 protesters, beating some of them and several journalists in scenes unprecedented in the Balkan country in recent years. Protest organisers and police appealed for Thursday's rally to remain peaceful, with checkpoints set up in the city centre.



"Resignation of Borisov and the whole government - that's why we have been here for 64 days already and we'll stay for 64 more if needed," said lawyer Nikolay Hadzhigenov, one of the protest organisers. During a search early on Thursday in a public garden near parliament, police said they had found several bottles full of an unidentified pungent liquid, wooden sticks, metal rods, bags of stones and two knives potentially "prepared" by provocators. Six people were also arrested for carrying

objects deemed dangerous, including a woman who refused to discard the self-defence spray she had, police said. In a sign of widening dissent against the government, poet Nikolay Kolev-Bosia started a hunger strike on Tuesday following another prominent activist who has already refused food for 31 days. Thirteen years after joining the EU, Bulgaria remains its poorest and most corruption-ridden member, according to Transparency International's corruption perception index. (AFP)

Virus cases jump five-fold in UAE

The United Arab Emirates said Thursday that daily coronavirus cases had jumped five-fold compared with a month ago, and warned residents and citizens to abide by measures designed to curb the disease. The daily tally of cases hit 930 on Thursday, said Farida al-Hosani, spokeswoman for the Emirates' health sector, compared with 179 on August 10. "This is the highest number recorded in four months," she said during a televised conference. "Those who violate the preventive measures in place, whether an individual, shops, or restaurants, will be held accountable." Hosani said 12 percent of cases were among residents or citizens returning to the UAE from abroad, even though they received negative tests from their destination countries - which are a requirement for entry. The remainder of the cases were among those infected as a result of social events, contact in the workplace, or other gatherings. "This includes happy occasions, funerals, work and breaking coronavirus protocols on quarantine," she said. Hosani said the spike in cases was due to people not abiding by measures such as social distancing and compulsory mask-wearing, as well as continuing to gather in large numbers in homes, shops and restaurants. (AFP)

No sign of ET - Study

Working on a project known as "Looking for E.T.," astronomers in Australia completed "the deepest and broadest search" looking for technological signs of extraterrestrial civilizations at more than 10 million star systems and have come up empty. The researchers used the Murchison Widefield Array (MWA) in outback Western Australia to scan for "technosignatures" that could potentially indicate the presence of an advanced civilization. The MWA searches for radio emissions at frequencies that are similar to FM radio frequencies. "The MWA is a unique telescope, with an extraordinarily wide field-of-view that allows us to observe millions of stars simultaneously," the study's lead author, Chenoa Tremblay, said in a statement. "We observed the sky around the constellation of Vela for 17 hours, looking more than 100 times broader and deeper than ever before. With this dataset, we found no technosignatures—no sign of intelligent life." Technosignatures are defined as "potentially detectable signatures

and signals of the presence of distant advanced civilizations," according to NASA. In February, the SETI Institute announced it is working on new techniques to spot technosignatures. To date, no presence of another civilization has been found, something the researchers in the new study firmly acknowledge. "Our results clearly continue to demonstrate that [search for extraterrestrial intelligence] has a long way to go," the researchers wrote in the paper. The study, which has not been peer reviewed yet, is available to read on the preprint arXiv server. However, there is hope that the MWA's successor, the US\$2 billion Square Kilometre Array observatory with telescopes in South Africa and Western Australia, could find "Earth-like radio signals" in space in the not-too-distant future. "Due to the increased sensitivity, the SKA low-frequency telescope to be built in Western Australia will be capable of detecting Earth-like radio signals from relatively nearby planetary systems," study co-author Steven Tingay added. "With the SKA,

we'll be able to survey billions of star systems, seeking technosignatures in an astronomical ocean of other worlds." The newly published study is not the first to perform a multistar scan of a large portion of the universe and not find any signs of life. In June 2019, researchers found no evidence of extraterrestrial life among the more than 1,300 stars in close proximity to Earth, a hunt that spanned more than three years. A separate study published in mid-March suggested that not only is the "universe teeming with life" but that it's "the favored bet." In March, a separate study theorized finding life in the universe "could be common" when taking into account how life's building blocks spontaneously form throughout the universe. More than 4,000 exoplanets have been discovered by NASA, approximately 50 of which were believed to be potentially habitable as of September 2018. They have the right size and the right orbit of their star to support surface water and, at least theoretically, to support life. (Fox)

2,200-year-old Chinese text may be oldest surviving anatomical atlas

A series of 2,200-year-old Chinese texts, written on silk and found buried in ancient tombs, contain the oldest surviving anatomical atlas, scientists say. The texts were discovered in the 1970s within tombs at the site of Mawangdui in south-central China. The tombs belonged to Marquis Dai, his wife Lady Dai and their son. The texts are challenging to understand, and they use the term "meridian" to refer to parts of the human body. In a paper recently published Sept. 1 in the journal *The Anatomical Record*, a research team led by Vivien Shaw, an anatomy lecturer at

Bangor University in Wales in the United Kingdom, argues that these texts "are the oldest surviving anatomical atlas in the world." Additionally the texts "both predate and inform the later acupuncture texts, which have been the foundation for acupuncture practice in the subsequent two millennia," the researchers wrote in the study. The find "challenges the widespread belief that there is no scientific foundation for the 'anatomy of acupuncture,' by showing that the earliest physicians writing about acupuncture were in fact writing about the physical body." (Live Science)

SALE UNDER SECTION 29D OF PEOPLE'S BANK ACT NO. 29 OF 1961 AS AMENDEN BY ACT NO. 32 OF 1986

PEOPLE'S BANK
AUCTION SALE

BAMBALAPITIYA BRANCH

ALLOTMENT OF LAND MARKED: Lot "3510" depicted in Plan No. 235 dated 10.09.1996 made by S. Aberyratne, Licensed Surveyor of the land called "Aluthwatta" together with the building, trees, Plantations everything standing thereon bearing Assessment No. 2 Ebenezer Place situated at Dehiwala in ward 8 Dehiwala west within the Grama Nilahari Division of No. 540A, Dehiwala west and Divisional Secretary's Division of Dehiwala within the Municipal Council limit of Dehiwala Mount Lavinia in Palle Pattu of Salpiti Morale in the District of Colombo Western Province.

LAND IN EXTENT: Four Decimal Nine Four Perches (A0. R0. P4.94)

Under the authority granted to me by People's Bank. I shall sell by Public Auction on 03rd October 2020 commencing at 10.30 a.m at the spot.

FOR NOTICE OF RESOLUTION: Please refer the government gazette of 04.10.2019 and Dinamina, Daily News and Thinakaran of 04.10.2019 news papers.

ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY: Bearing assessment No. 2, 2/3/1, 2/2/1, Ebenezer Place, Dehwala (in front of Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia Municipal Council) Galle Road, Dehiwala within the Mount Lavinia Municipal Council in the Colombo District.

MODE OF PAYMENT: The successful purchaser will have to pay following amount in cash at the fall of the hammer.

1. 10% purchase price
2. 01% Local Authority Tax payable Local Authority.
3. Auctioneer's commission of 2 1/2% (Two and a half percent only) on sale price.
4. Clerk's and crier fee Rs. 1000/=
5. Cost of sale and any other charges if any.
6. Stamp duty too the certification

Balance 90% of the purchase price will have to be paid with in 30 days from the date of sale to the Regional Manager, People's Bank, Regional Head office Colombo South No. 11, Duke street, Colombo 01.

Tel: 011 2344985, 2323865, 2433876 Fax : 011 2336873

The title deeds and other reference may be obtained from the following address.

If the said amount is not paid within 30 days as stipulated above, the bank shall have the right to forfeit of the purchase price already paid and resell the property.

11/55 Bogahawatta, E.S Ramanayake
Kudabuthgamuwa, Court Commission
Angoda Licensed Auctioneer
T.P. 011 2053286, Valuer and (JP Whole Island)
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AUCTION SALE

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ALLOTMENT OF LAND MARKED: Lot "267^{c1}" depicted in Plan No. 10163 dated 10.03.2014 made by Gamini B. Dodanwela, Licensed Surveyor of the land called "Gracia Kumbura" and "Gracia Owita" presently bearing Assessment No. 78/8, Liyanaga Road situated at Dehiwala within the Grama Niladhari Division of No. 540A, Dehiwala West and Divisional Secretary's Division of Dehiwala within the Municipal Council limits of Dehiwala- Mount Lavinia in Palle Pattu of Salpiti Korale in the District of Colombo Western Province.

LAND IN EXTENT: Eighteen Decimal Nought Seven Perches (A0. R0. P18.07) together with building, plantation, everything else and right of way.

Under the authority granted to me by People's Bank. I shall sell by Public Auction on 03rd October 2020 commencing at 1.30 p.m at the spot.

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ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY: Proceed along Galle Road from to Mount Lavinia and turn from Dehiwala Junction to the left (Hill Street) and go about 250m and turn to Malawatta Road (to the left) and go about 300m on the Liyanaga Road, the house bearing No. 78/8 is situated.

MODE OF PAYMENT: The successful purchaser will have to pay following amount in cash at the fall of the hammer.

1. 10% purchased price
2. 01% Local Authority Tax payable to Local Authority.
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In terms of the "Visions of prosperity and Splendour" policy statement, managing state lands at its optimum level to enhance investment opportunities, to promote local dairy production and to cultivate local food crops is one of the main objectives of the government. Accordingly as an initiative to reach that goal, it has been planned to issue legal document immediately in a transparent manner, to the persons who have developed the state land without a formal document aiming to ensure the clear title of the land to Sri Lankan citizens. There, duly identifying to persons who unauthorizedly occupy the state lands and confirming their eligibility, this program will be implemented to grant them a legal document to confirm their ownership.

Expedite the issuance of legal documents to those who have occupied or developed state lands without any documents

Applications are invited from those who have constructed permanent houses in a state land, occupied a state land by utilizing it in agriculture or in any development activity to select eligible persons for the issuance of legal documents, covering the entire island (Except in Colombo and Gampaha districts where special development projects will be implemented).

The duly completed application prepared as per the below specimen form should be handed over to the Divisional Secretariat, in which the land is located or to the respective Grama Niladhari/Field officer.

The closing date will be on 30.09.2020

All the applications will be registered by the Divisional Secretary and Land Kachcheries will be conducted for those registered applications on a date informed by the Divisional Secretary falling within the period from 01.11.2020 to 21.11.2020.

R.M.C.M. Herath,
Land Commissioner General
Land Commissioner General's Department
11.09.2020

Specimen Application Form

Application for the issuance of legal documents to the persons who have developed state lands without having a legal document

(Hand over the duly completed applications to the Grama Niladhari/Field Officer) before 30.09.2020)

Divisional Secretary's Division: Grama Niladhari Division :

01. Personal Details
 - 1.1. Name of the applicant :
 - 1.2. Address :
 - 1.3. Date of Birth:
 - 1.4. National Identity Card No :
 - 1.5. Civil Status :
 - 1.6. If married No of children : No of married children :
No of unmarried children :
 - 1.7. Occupation of the applicant :
 - 1.8. Details of the family members :

Name	Relationship to the applicant	Occupation / Profession	Annual Income	Age

- 1.9. Income of the family :
(Including the income of the applicant's spouse, unmarried children)
- 1.10. Telephone No : Fixed : Mobile :
- 1.11. E-mail Address: (If available) :

02. Particulars of the occupying land
 - 2.1. Extent of the land : Hectares / Acres..... Roods : Perches :
 - 2.2. Period of occupancy :
 - 2.3. For which purpose the land is required :
Residential Commercial Agricultural
Other (mention)

03. Particulars regarding the ownership to other lands
 - 3.1. In addition to the lands mentioned above, mention the particulars about the lands you have received from the state and lands with freehold right:
 - I. State : Hectares / Acres Roods : Perches :
 - II. Freehold : Hectares / Acres Roods : Perches :

I hereby declare that the particulars furnished by me in this application are true and correct. I am also aware that if any particulars contained herein are found to be false or incorrect, I am liable to disqualification; if detected after selection and if so, I agree to hand over that allotment of land to the government and agree with any legal action taken in that connection.

.....
Date Signature of the applicant

Part II
(to handover to the applicant)

Application No :
Name of the applicant :

Name and the number of Grama Niladhari Division	Serial No

Received the application on.....
.....
(Signature and official frank of the Grama Niladhari/Field Officer)

US towns destroyed as firefighters battle wildfires under orange skies

Entire communities have been razed by wildfires raging in the western United States, with officials warning of potential mass deaths under apocalyptic orange skies.

At least six people were confirmed dead by late Wednesday, with officials warning that more deaths would likely be reported in the coming days as many areas were currently impossible to reach.

Five towns were "substantially destroyed" as widespread evacuations took place across the northwestern state of Oregon, governor Kate Brown said.

"This could be the greatest loss of human lives and property due to wildfire in our state's history," she told a press conference.

Two deaths were confirmed in the Santiam Canyon region, 60 miles south of Portland, and Marion County sheriff Joe Kast warned the death toll would likely rise further.

Only "smoldering ruins" remained of large parts of the town of Talent, local resident Sandra Spelliscy told AFP.

"There are numerous neighborhoods where there are no structures left standing... dozens of homes (gone) and literally nothing except the skeletons of a chimney or an appliance," she said.

Emergency officials ordered the evacuation of Estacada - a small, rural city 30 miles southeast of Portland.

Jason Valean, 29, fled his house



on foot with his two large dogs and was nervously waiting in the central downtown area for his mother.

"She wanted to keep the dogs in their pen, but I wasn't going to let her," he said, adding she had released their pigs in the hope they would have a chance of getting away safely.

Another resident said she was

planning to stay despite the evacuation order because she worried about looting, although her husband was leaving with their son and granddaughter.

10 times harder

Neighboring California and Wash-

ington states have also been scrambling to contain the rapidly spreading wildfires since the weekend due to unprecedented heatwaves followed by intense, dry winds.

Wednesday's fatalities included a one-year-old baby boy who perished while his parents suffered severe burns as they attempted to flee an

inferno 130 miles east of Seattle, in Washington state. Three unidentified people were also killed in northern California.

Leanna Mikesler, from Clovis in the state's center, told AFP she had been forced to evacuate her home to escape wildfires before, but it was "10 times harder" during the pandemic.

"They call... the evacuation. And then you go from there to see if your house has been burned down," she said.

People in the San Francisco Bay Area awoke to a deep orange sky caused by wildfire smoke that at times blocked out sunlight entirely.

Photos of the eerie scene, particularly of a San Francisco skyline fit for a dystopian science fiction film, spread quickly on social media.

"We know the smoke, darkness, and orange glow is scary. Stay calm and try to stay indoors," tweeted the fire department.

Much of the smoke blew down from the north, where the Bear Fire exploded at an unprecedented speed overnight, combining with older blazes to scorch over 250,000 acres and threaten the town of Oroville.

Evacuation warnings were expanded to parts of the town of Paradise, the site of California's deadliest modern fire which killed 86 people less than two years ago.

The nearby August Complex Fire also spread rapidly to become the state's second-largest blaze in

history, at 420,000 acres. At the Creek Fire in central California, exhausted firefighters raced between blazes as thick columns of smoke rose up from the Sierra forest - now closed, along with all 18 of the state's national forests.

In one home near Shaver Lake, only the scorched remains of a washing machine, outdoor dining table and chairs were left standing beside the ash-coated chassis of a pickup truck.

"It's scary... we just left everything," said 68-year-old Sandy Clark, who fled her home for a hotel rather than a crowded shelter due to coronavirus fears.

Devastation

Tens of thousands of people have been forced to evacuate homes across the region.

In Washington, where the town of Malden was decimated, governor Jay Inslee described the wildfires as "unprecedented and heartbreaking," and blamed the ferocity of this year's fires on climate change.

California Governor Gavin Newsom added: "I quite literally have no patience for climate change deniers... It's completely inconsistent... with the reality on the ground." California has seen more than 2.5 million acres burn this year - an annual record, with nearly four months of fire season still to come.

More than 14,000 firefighters are fighting 28 major wildfires across the country's most populous state. (AFP)

Jakarta to reimpose partial lockdown as virus cases surge

Indonesia's capital Jakarta plans to reimpose a partial lockdown as early as Monday over fears that surging coronavirus cases could "collapse" its under-pressure hospitals, the sprawling city's governor said.

The megacity of some 30 million will see many office buildings and large mosques closed along with restaurants and other entertainment venues, while public transport hours will also be restricted.

The announcement comes three months after an earlier lockdown was lifted, sending infection rates soaring.

"The Jakarta administration has decided to pull the emergency brake and go back to large-scale restrictions," governor Anies Baswedan said late Wednesday.

Without fresh moves to contain virus cases, the capital's hospitals could be overrun as early as next week, he said.

"After that, Jakarta's health facilities would collapse," he added.

More than 100 frontline doctors in Indo-

nesia have died of Covid-19, including 15 in Jakarta.

"That adds to concerns that our health system will collapse if there are no serious measures to control the pandemic," said Halik Malik, spokesman for the Indonesian Doctors Association.

"We can't ignore or abandon patients just because health facilities and their employees can no longer accommodate them," he added.

Indonesia's main stock index tumbled five percent after the announcement on concerns about Southeast Asia's biggest economy.

Jakarta had by Thursday recorded more than 50,000 confirmed cases - around a quarter of the national total - as well as more than 1,350 deaths.

But with some of the world's lowest testing rates, the spread of the disease is widely believed to be much greater than official figures suggest. (AFP)



Myanmar army tries to discredit Rohingya abuse confessions

Myanmar's military has sought to undermine the confessions of two soldiers who said they were ordered to "exterminate" Rohingya Muslims before taking part in the massacre of scores of men, women and children.

NGO Fortify Rights and the New York Times on Tuesday released details of the filmed interviews - seen by AFP - of Private Myo Win Tun, 33, and Private Zaw Naing Tun, 30, in which they described "wiping out" entire villages.

The soldiers allege they were ordered by senior commanders to "shoot all that you see and hear" during the military operations in 2017 that forced some 750,000 Rohingya to flee to Bangladesh.

Widespread atrocities have been documented by UN investigators and rights groups in violence that now sees Myanmar facing charges of genocide, but this is the most detailed account so far given by alleged perpetrators.

Military spokesman Brigadier General Zaw Min Tun admitted to BBC Burmese late Wednesday the men were former soldiers, but claimed they had been "taken hostage" by the Arakan Army (AA) militant group and "threatened and coerced into confessing".

The AA is fighting the military in the country's northwest for more autonomy for ethnic Rakhine Buddhists.

Both sides frequently trade



accusations of human rights abuses in a civil war raging in the same area where the military operations against the Rohingya took place three years ago.

The AA dismissed the military's claims, telling AFP Thursday the two soldiers had deserted.

"They voluntarily confessed about the war crimes committed by Myanmar's military," AA spokesman Khine Thu Kha said, adding other defectors had given similar testimonies, which they have posted online in recent months.

AFP is unable to independently verify the video or statements, but Fortify Rights said it published its analysis of the confessions only after being certain they were not made under duress.

The NGO said the men appeared at the Bangladesh-Myanmar border asking for protection, and have since been taken to The Hague, where the International Criminal Court (ICC) is investigating atrocities against the Rohingya.

Exterminate all Rohingya

Fortify Rights is calling for the men to be prosecuted at the ICC, calling this a "monumental moment" in the Rohingya's ongoing struggle for justice.

Working in different teams in separate townships, the soldiers

confessed to killing up to 180 women, men and children between them, burying many of the bodies in mass graves.

Myo Win Tun also admitted to rape.

They gave the names and ranks of 17 other soldiers they say committed atrocities - including six senior commanders who ordered them to "exterminate" all Rohingya.

Myanmar's military has always justified its 2017 operations as a means to root out Rohingya militants after attacks against around a dozen security posts and police stations.

In parallel to the ICC investigation, Myanmar also faces genocide charges at the UN's top court, the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

Civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi led the country's defence team at preliminary hearings in December, conceding the army might have used "disproportionate" force, but denying genocide.

The Rohingya are widely seen as illegal immigrants in Myanmar, denied citizenship and stripped of rights.

The Arakan Rohingya Society for Peace and Human Rights congratulated the soldiers for "coming forward and beginning to repair the relationship between Rohingya and Burmese people in Rakhine state".

Ethnic Rakhine mobs were widely accused of collaborating with the military to drive the Rohingya out. (AFP)

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Huge fire at Beirut port weeks after deadly blast

A huge fire raged in Beirut port on Thursday, AFP correspondents said, sparking alarm among Lebanese still reeling from a devastating dockside explosion that disfigured the capital last month.

Thick black columns of smoke rose into the sky, as the army said the blaze had engulfed a warehouse storing oil and tyres.

It was not immediately clear what caused the blaze.

"Operations have begun to extinguish the fire and army helicopters will take part," the military said in a statement on Twitter.

Social media users posted video footage, which sparked

researcher Aya Majzoub wrote on Twitter.

The August 4 explosion of hundreds of tonnes of ammonium nitrate fertiliser at the port killed more than 190 people, wounded thousands and ravaged large parts of the capital.

The blast sparked widespread outrage after it emerged authorities had been aware of the presence of the huge stockpile, and prompted the government to resign.

Human rights researcher Omar Nashabe tweeted: "Where are we living? This is the scene of the crime a month ago! Where is the judiciary? Where is the state? Where is responsibility?" The port blast piled new misery on Lebanon already battling the coronavirus pandemic and the country's worst economic crisis in decades, which has seen poverty rates double to more than half the population. (AFP)

alarm among Beirut residents only just recovering from the country's deadliest peace-time disaster.

"Insane fire at the port, causing a panic all across Beirut. We just can't catch a break," Human Rights Watch

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Discover how pandemics repeat themselves, unravelling the difficult historic truths about the Mayflower boat journey that changed the world, and is still doing so with the first AI Mayflower 111 boat being named and put on the water next week, exactly four hundred years since the first one left from Plymouth for North America on September 16.

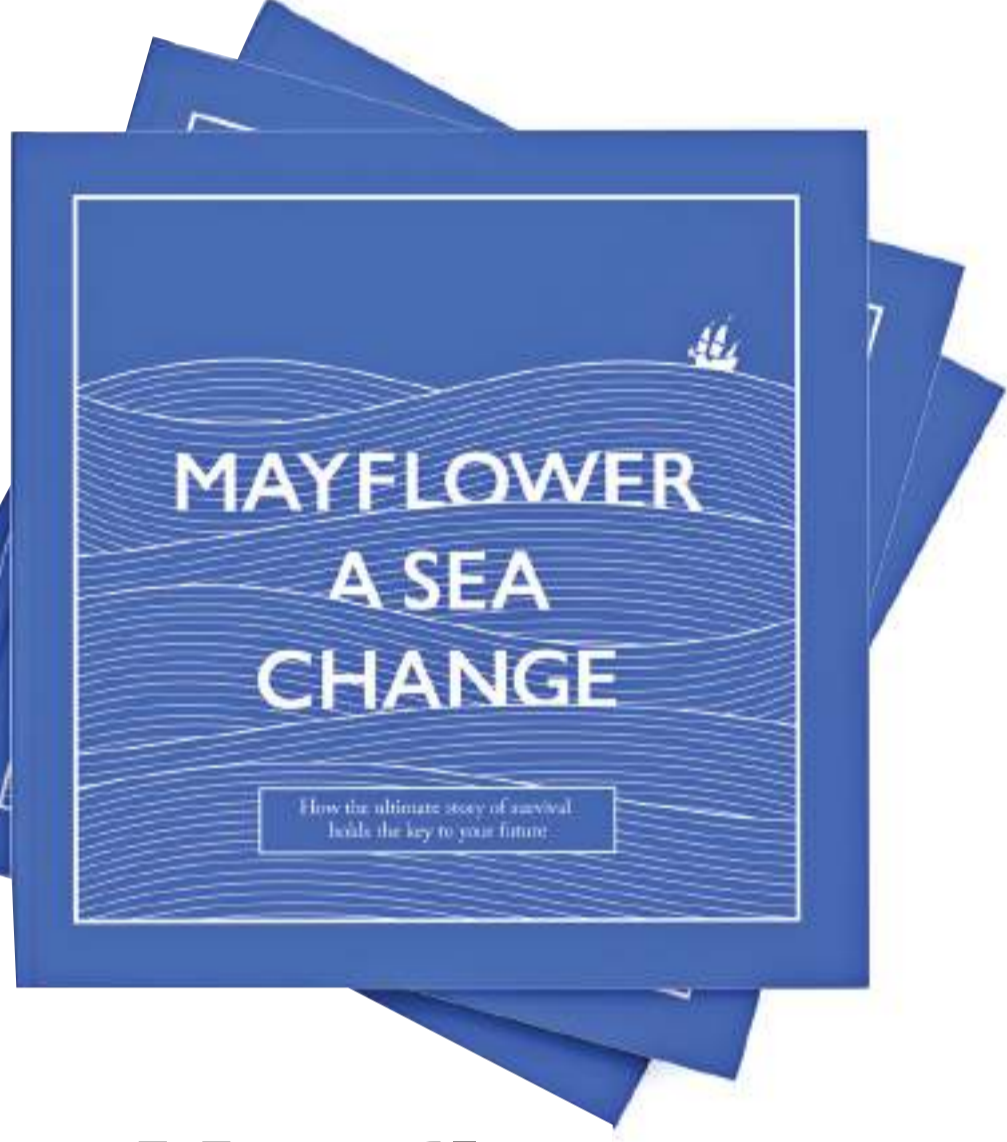
This epic historic travel book *Mayflower A Sea Change*, launched this month globally on Amazon, describes the intrepid maritime journey from Plymouth, a fascinating ocean city in the UK, to America, where it looks at the human stories that connect the people who live there now, with those of 400 years ago and looking where we will be 400 years into the future. The book that poses the question: How does the ultimate story of survival hold the key to your future? Exposes the stories of persecution, loss and oppression as well as migration, humanity, courage, determination and freedom...An epic journey in its own production, this book is a global game changer that wants to save the world from extinction by showing us what we have done, warts and all, how by facing up to horrible truths it should be corrected and most importantly how we can all be here in the future.

The book, which took 18 months of painstaking interviewing of hundreds of people, documentary photography being shot and extensive research in the UK, Holland and the United States, opens with the views of the Wampanoags, who had been living for twelve thousand years harmoniously with the land, until the Europeans showed up in the 1600s.

Researching Plymouth's story as one of the greatest maritime cities in the world that has for far too long been overlooked and underestimated demonstrated the incredible similarities between all port communities from all corners of the globe. The people of this extraordinary little written about place, where the Mayflower finally left are today a deeply determined community, who are using survival wisdom of the past to rise up together in positive ways to overcome this disastrous global pandemic. This is an in-depth understanding of Plymouth's influence on world affairs, through the diverse range of voyages that have been prepared for and departed from its shores, one of which was the Mayflower journey, 400 years ago this month and how dramatically one small ship with only 102 passengers changed the world and in many ways defined where we all are today on the world stage.

So why Plymouth? A city of fishermen, explorers, traders, one of the finest Navy bases in the world, and used as the final departure point of the Mayflower ship, before its horrendous 66 day voyage across the stormy, battering seas of the Atlantic, during the hurricane season, to North America, where an even worse winter awaited to swallow up half its passengers. Plymouth for any who truly get to know it - and I hope the book creates a doorway for more people to enter this most enigmatic and unique city - was voted 2nd of the top 20 places to visit in 2020, according to Condé Nast.

Nearly all of the 20 characters in the book picked to give 2020 vision in 2020 link back to the ocean and like cities such as Colombo and Galle they show people who live by the ocean have a very different and unique DNA as well as mixation approach to life and sharing knowledge through trade based on the sea, like the antiques dealer who was formerly a fisherman, sells old bits of ships' diving gear and navigational equipment; the writer who documents the spirit of the city and its naval architecture of the city in great detail, including its maritime aspects; the distiller who links closely to the Royal Navy with its Plymouth Gin which became a worldwide product, used both to purify the water on long voyages and no doubt to butter up foreign powers around the world with its world-class drink. In addition the religious figures who tell us of Plymouth's diverse past and significance during the Civil War and how the pilgrims would have prayed at the Minster of Saint Andrews the 1,200 year old church, for a safe voyage; the former Lord Mayor, who speaks of his time in the Navy and the shipbuilding industry serving Devonport before moving in to the politics of the city; even the first female QC lawyer speaks of the former legal system that executed 'justice' on witches; and a field protection officer who now runs Mayflower survival tours on the sea as well as courses at Mount Edgcumbe, where former owners of the house were often the first defenders of the realm against naval attack from foreign forces; the Commander at HMNB Devonport, who waxes lyrical about defence, deterrence and highly disciplined mariners of all colours and creeds; a naval surgeon who speaks of overseas campaigns and strange tropical diseases; an artist who centres her work around fish and underwater detailed sketching of shipwrecks that remind us of Plymouth's tempestuous past before light-houses and the famous breakwater; an architect whose greatest endeavour has been the restoration and redevelopment of the Royal



Mayflower - A survival story



Plymouth sets sail on a new voyage of discovery, Plymouths Naval Base



Ashley Todd Plymouth's Doomsday farm the perfect green prescription



Plymouth Ocean city a place built on global trade

William Yard, former immensely grand naval victualing base for the empire; a cutting edge designer and builder of artificially intelligent top-secret submarines of which the Mayflower III automated ship is the star attraction for the Mayflower commemorations; a farmer who enlightens us about the various victuals and livestock that may have accompanied such voyages as the Mayflower and other ventures; and a mother and business woman who provides holidays and living by the sea at Plymouth's closest sandy beach in the lodge that was owned by the builders of the famous breakwater.

Counterparts of all these were researched from 400 years ago of which most had even closer connections to the ocean, trades and campaigns upon which the nation was built from coopers, who made the barrels that carried everything in them on the long sea voyages to the Surgeons who also sewed up the sails of the boats. The book is an acknowledgement of Plymouth's importance as a naval base, a fishing port, a trading city, and launchpad of discovery, enriched by global trade and exploration while also retaining its creative makers' spirits (eg. see the hidden novel artist's map of the city on the inside cover) and independent thinking that comes from being connected with the world via the ocean. Inspired from Around The Galle Fort in 80 Lives, that looks at history of the old citadel through the peoples eyes, *Mayflower A Sea Change* has gone a step further to give a view of the future four hundred years from now that requires us all to work together to overcome this pandemic. That's if we do not want to become extinct as the result of the Renaissance period that brought the 'me, me' society into the world, that reduced the thinking from community and connectivity to brilliance being entirely inside the individual. Instead of recognising the importance of the spirit world that motivates everything we do and shows the power that oneness has.

Owing to the extraordinary sea change brought about by Covid-19, the team have carried on researching what the people in the book went through during lockdown and the incredibly imaginative ways they are rising up in our 'Resurgam: Mayflower Sea Change' series, as seen on One Plymouth, that also reveals that there is no room for bigotry in the world. "When people take the journey into their ancestral pasts, their genealogies, and have their DNA tested and analysed, they soon understand that there is no place for bigotry or prejudice, and that we are all connected. When you think about it, we are all made up of multiple strands and cultures, and yet ultimately are all one." Lea Sinclair Filson, Director of Tourism (& former President of Mayflower Descendants Society), Massachusetts USA, quoted on the last page of our book.

Few cities could boast such a colourful past as Plymouth that launched, to name a few: Cooke's multiple discoveries, Darwin's theories of evolution, Drake's naval campaigns and circumnavigation, Bligh's survival feats, Sir Francis Chichester's solo achievement around the world, campaigns to fend off the Barbary slave traders, the Falklands campaign and most importantly land-based endeavours at the Marine Biological Association at the waterfront, which has won seven Nobel prizes and the longest marine plankton survey and data environmental project on the planet, amongst many other amazing scientific discoveries and research done by them for top TV programme series Blue Planet. Furthermore, 10 percent of the profits of the book are being given to the Ocean Conservation Trust to clean up plastic in the sea and encouraging everyone on the planet to pick up a piece of plastic daily to help end this highly destructive behaviour that has people all over the world eating fish that have consumed particles of plastic.

What makes the book so special is the involvement of so many people from so many different backgrounds, jobs, and ages, with so many different extraordinary perspectives on life and the city - it is truly one of the most diverse ports of call on the planet, where on the 400th anniversary next week on the 16th September they will be launching Mayflower 111 the first AI boat without passengers in the world, that will film the same crossing next year while doing incredibly important scientific research. *Mayflower A Sea Change* is illustrative of all Ocean trading cities around the world rich in cultural mixation, in which global ideas are exchanged from trading both things as objects and ideas of living from across the ocean and back again. To buy a copy of this fascinating book go to Amazon https://amazon.co.uk/dp/1999349326/ref=cm_sw_r_tw_dp_x_c3tvFbTBXG86P



Plymouth Experience pages from the book



Plymouth Ocean City



Excel Restaurants relaunches The Four Leafed Clover

Style and serene, The Four Leafed Clover creates a charming setting to indulge in a hearty feast in the heart of Kirulapone. The Four Leafed Clover delights its patrons with tongue-tingling dishes that bring out the exquisite Italian flavours as well as the taste of rich Irish cuisine. Divided into three distinct seating areas, The Four Leafed Clover provides a cheerful ambience where guests can unwind and enjoy a sumptuous meal.

It is not just food lovers that are impressed - anyone with an eye for stunning architecture and interior design will admire The Four Leafed Clover too. While the exposed wood-interiors create the perfect cosy setting, the intricate murals that adorn the walls and eye-catching vintage photographs hung on the walls add a splash of vibrancy to the ambience. The striking layered-chandelier made out of discarded glass bottles hung above the spiral staircase that takes the visitors to the next floor, is surely a showstopper.

The outdoor dining space on the



The Four Leafed Clover boasts a unique setting

Indulge in a delectable feast at The Four Leafed Clover

ground floor interspersed with potted tropical plants, sets the ideal place to enjoy al fresco dining. Baristas whip up delectable coffee-based beverages at the dainty coffee station on the ground floor. The Four Leafed Clover boasts three tastefully-decorated private dining rooms, which are ideal for private functions and casual meetings. Able to accommodate nearly 15 people depending on the arrangement, each room gives the exclusivity and the privacy needed to host a group. The rooftop terrace becomes an enchant-

ing place at night where the city's night birds sip on cocktails and lovebirds enjoy romantic candle-lit dinners. Decorated with strings of fairy lights and lush tropical plants, the terrace has become one of the most sought-after places for dreamy marriage proposals and surprise birthday parties.

Deliciously Italian and authentically Irish, the menu features an array of traditional Italian and Irish dishes made with the finest ingredients. The traditional Lamb Shank, Lamb Chops with Rosemary Sauce, and Chicken Pot Pie are some of the all-time favourite Irish dishes served at The Four Leafed Clover. The revamped menu includes a range of authentic Italian dishes such as various types of pasta and thin-crust pizzas. Tiramisu, Blueberry Crème Brûlée and Baked Orange Cheesecake are some of the sweet delights on the menu, a quiet treat for your sweet

tooth. There is a secret dish being served at The Four Leafed Clover, which is not on the menu - Roasted Bread Kottu - but will be prepared on the request of guests.

Commenting on the relaunch of the restaurant, Eksath Wijerathne, Group General Manager, Browns Hotels and Resorts/ Executive Director, Excel Restaurants said, "We have introduced The Four Leafed Clover to offer our diners a one-of-a-kind dining experience inspired by traditional Irish and Italian cuisine. Presenting a picture-perfect setting, friendly service, and a unique ambience, this is a must-visit place in town. The restaurant offers quality entertainment featuring the icons of the local music scene to enhance the dining experience of our patrons. Whether you are on a casual date, business lunch, or an intimate dinner with your loved ones, The Four Leafed Clover provides the ideal setting."

Operated by Excel Restaurants, which is a part of the prestigious Browns Group, The Four Leafed Clover has already managed to capture the hearts of those who have a penchant for great food. Currently, Excel Restaurants manages a host of restaurants in Colombo including Tsing Tao, Loon Tao, IL Cielo, Berlin Sky Lounge, Floor by O! & Shore by O!. The Browns Group is one of Sri Lanka's largest diversified conglomerates which manages a fast growing and valuable portfolio of brands across several key industry sectors, such as power generation; home and office solutions; agriculture; pharmaceuticals; investments; marine and manufacturing as well as leisure and hospitality.



NEGOMBO BLUE CRABS AND LAGOON PRAWNS CROQUETTES

Serves 02

Ingredients For the croquettes

- 75g Lagoon Prawns (cleaned and chopped)
- 50g Crab meat
- 50g Red Mullet / Red Snapper (fillet) chopped
- 1 pc Red Chili chopped
- 1 clove chopped Garlic
- A handful of chopped Coriander leaves
- A pinch of Fennel Seed Powder
- 50g Potatoes - boiled and mashed
- 50g Bread crumbs
- 1 Egg
- Oil for deep frying
- Salt & pepper to taste

PREPARATION

- Mix all the ingredients together
- Make round shaped croquettes
- Cover croquettes in breadcrumbs
- Deep fry until golden brown on medium heat

FOR THE AVO-MANGO RELISH

- 100g Avocado cut into cubes
- 100g ripe Mango cubes
- 20g diced Tomato
- 5g chopped Onions
- A handful of chopped Coriander leaves
- A pinch of Cinnamon powder
- Olive Oil
- Cherry Tomatoes to garnish

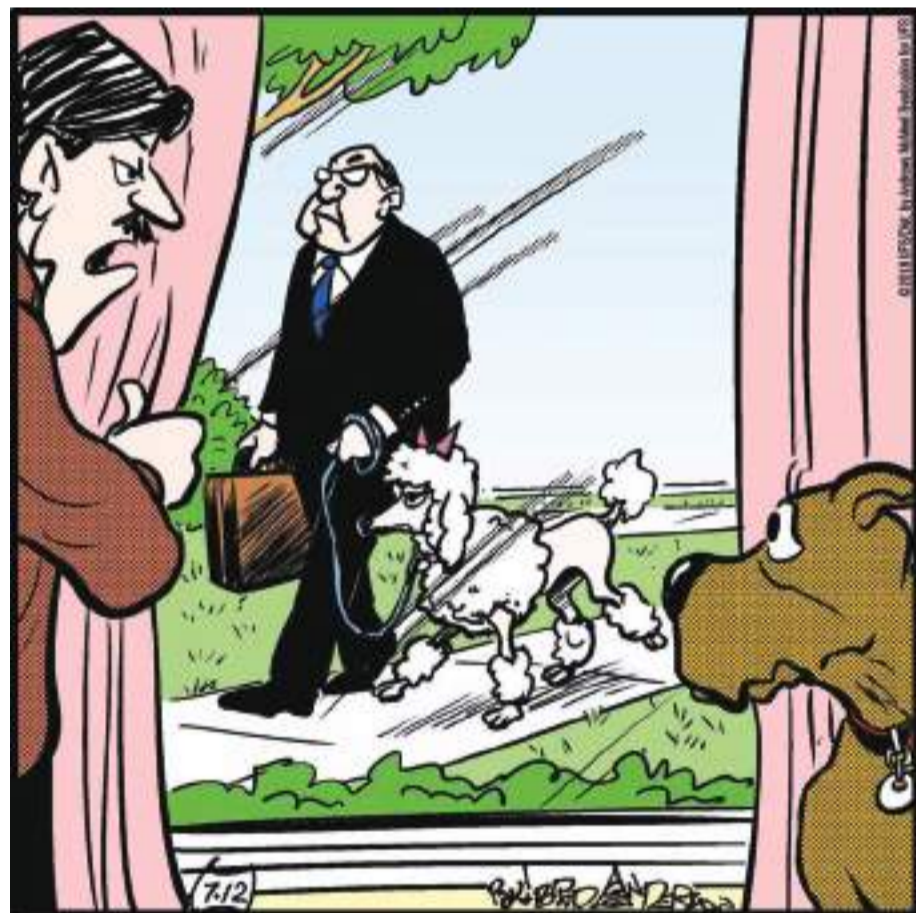
PREPARATION
- Mix all the ingredients together and serve with the garnish.



Recipe by Meththa Ekanayake, Executive Chef, Mövenpick Hotel, Colombo



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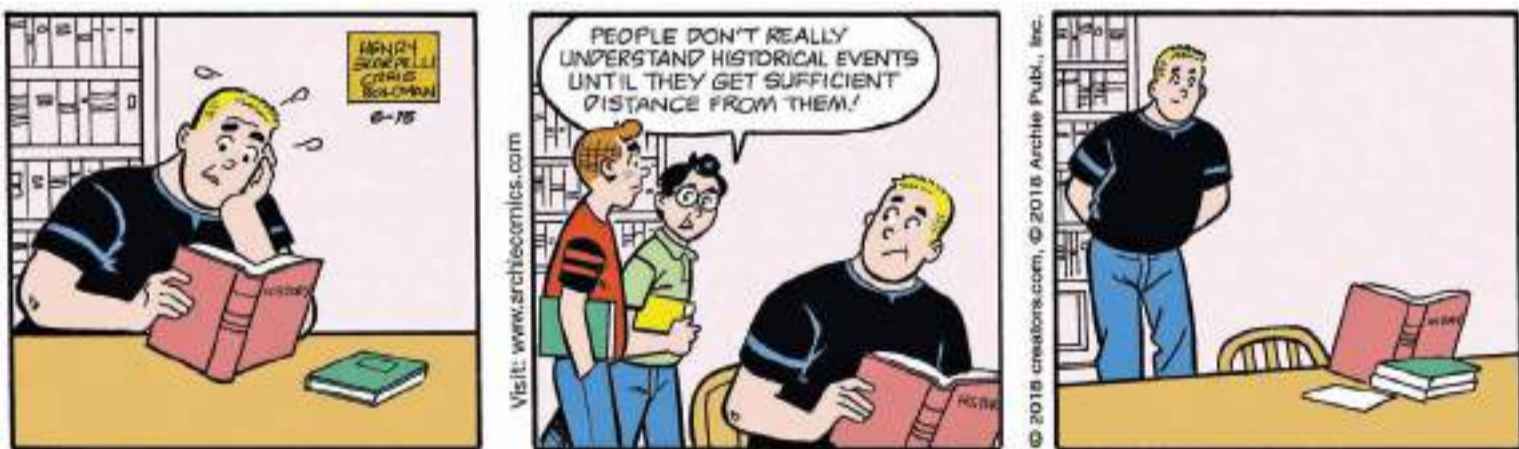


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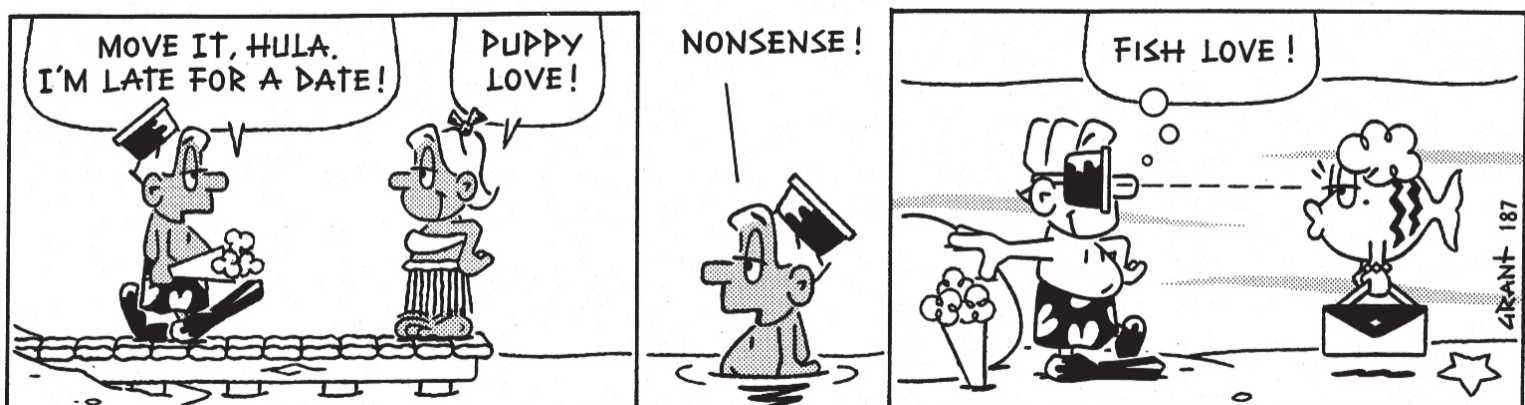
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A true love story!

Are you a smart pet owner? Share your 'Pet care in the time of lockdown' story with us. Email : features.dailynews@lakehouse.lk

When the whole country was under Covid 19 lockdown, we did not have much work to do other than reading, cooking, gardening or watching news! But quite soon an unexpected visitor emerged at our doorstep. On a Saturday evening, my brother and I heard the noise of a puppy whining. Stray puppies were hardly seen on our lane, so both of us went out to see what was going on. But as we went out and searched for it, we did not see anything but an almost empty lane with few parked vehicles of our neighbours. So we both went inside the house.

But towards the night, the same noise could be heard and I rushed out to the gate and listened carefully. I reacted to the cry of the puppy. But after that there was no response from the animal.

However I was not willing to give up as I sensed that the puppy must have got trapped somewhere underground. I went out and peeped into the long drain through an open hole, but failed to see any puppy trapped inside.

It was around 7 in the evening, but I waited outside for a little longer. Again after a while I heard the same "help - me please" (pup version!) voice! There was a small cardboard box in between the wall opposite my house and a parked vehicle and it took me only a few seconds to see a tiny ball of brown fur inside the box.

Quickly I called my brother and mother as well and they knew what had happened. A ruthless human being must have dumped the innocent puppy here.

No wonder it was a female puppy! But we, being more compassionate human beings decided to bring the puppy inside our garden.

We kept it in a box and wrapped it with an old towel to keep it warm. Next we fed it with milk using an old glass bottle.

However my mother warned us not to take it inside as it had not been vaccinated. Since the garage was a safe place the tiny puppy spent her first night under our care in the garage!

The next day I rang my father's friend who was a vet. Since the clinic was closed, he asked me to keep the puppy with us carefully, "please do not let it scratch you," he warned.

The puppy was in good health and she got used to taking solid food soon. We did not have any other pets at home. So quite soon she became our best friend.

We called her Gypsy girl! She does not belong to any of the 'so called great breeds,' but she is surely a great dog who keeps us happy and warm. She is a true friend indeed! She is as good as any pedigree dog!

Gypsy is about seven months old now. She was taken to the vet for vaccinations soon after the curfew was lifted. At the moment we are wondering whether to sterilize her or just give her one chance!

Anyway Gypsy is a happy girl now. So are we. We all know that true love matters more than 'breeds.' - Ganga Fernando



WHY YOUR CAT LIKES TO SHARE THE BED WITH YOU

If you're a cat owner you will no doubt have woken up at some point to find a cat nuzzled up to you or sitting on your belly or head! So you may be curious to know why your cat loves sleeping with you. There are a number of key reasons:

1. SECURITY

Even though cats are small predators, they are also at risk of being hunted by bigger animals so they have to be wary. When your cat is sleeping it is vulnerable and is at greatest risk of being unsuspectingly attacked by a predator.

Sleeping with you provides them with security and an extra defense if a predator should launch a nighttime attack. They sleep with you because they trust you, they know you're not a danger and you can also provide an extra layer of defense if needed.

2. WARMTH

Cats love warmth. If there's a warm patch in your home it won't be long before your cat finds and occupies it. With a body temperature of 102 degrees (3-4 degrees higher than human body temperature) a cat's tolerance of, and desire for, warmth is far greater than ours.

Your warm body makes the perfect place to sleep during the night, especially your head or feet (where most heat escapes from).

3. TERRITORY

Cats are very territorial creatures. As a result of this they may consider your bed to be part of their territory.



Cats make their territory by rubbing their head on things and walking on objects because they have glands in their feet and head which release pheromones that essentially mark the area as their own.

Walking all over your bed, and bumping heads with you is one way that your cat marks their territory.

4. COMPANIONSHIP

Finally, your cat may like sleeping with you simply because they like and trust you. Your cats know you take good care of them and they consider you to be a good sleeping companion! Contrary to stereotypes, cats enjoy companionship (on their terms). Cats are often thought of as being independent creatures who are happy in their own company.

But your cat can get lonely. Interacting with the human they love helps to enrich their lives (and yours).

If your cat sleeps with you this indicates that they enjoy your company and want to spend time with you.

- thecatnriptions.com

Bruce Willis celebrates his happiness!

'Saddest cat' looks completely different a year after being adopted

Bruce Willis roamed the streets for years before he was rescued by Sandra. Now a year later she shared his incredible transformation to TikTok, and he looks completely different. After years of living on the streets Bruce Willis, a seven-year-old orange tabby, had scars all over his body, chipped teeth, a healed injury to his eye and problems with his immune system.

Then he was taken to Animal Human Society in Minnesota, US, where he was adopted by cat-lover Sandra.

Since Bruce came home with her a year ago Sandra has documented his transformation from the saddest to the happiest cat on TikTok - and everyone has fallen in love.

Sandra first found out about Bruce from the shelter's Facebook page, and was instantly smitten.

She visited him often and checked up on him via the shelter's website, but after a month he still hadn't been adopted and she knew it was a sign.

After convincing her landlord to sway his 'no pets' rule, his life changed forever.

The transformation melted hearts everywhere as Sandra received 6.6 million views on a montage video of her year with him.

She wrote: "A year ago, I met the saddest cat I had ever seen,

"My lease didn't allow pets.

"But my landlord agreed to make an exception."

In the heartwarming clip, Bruce can be seen cuddled up to her on his first night at home, getting belly rubs and venturing out into the snow with his army green harness on.

His fur, which was once rough and discoloured looks bright and his eyes are full of light.

She added: "It's now been a year since I adopted him.

"And he's the happiest cat I know."

One person said: "I will die for this cat."

Another added: "You literally can see the life come back in his eyes at the end!!"

A third added: "Thank you for choosing him."

And: "Ah here comes the water works" admitted a fourth

You can follow along with Bruce's journey on Instagram or TikTok.

-mirror.co.uk



Bruce Willis then



Bruce Willis now



PUSTULE (ABSCESS) IN DOGS

Dr GCS KURUGALA, Veterinary Surgeon, (B.V.Sc; M.Sc Poultry Science; Master of Public Administration & Management)

Dogs are energetic animals. They don't lie down lazily in one place. They run around. While engaging in these activities, dogs may end up with wounds and abrasions on the skin. If these lesions are not big enough the owner may not notice them. Germs can enter through these minor openings. These openings may heal, but germs present under the scar can cause inflammation. As the opening is closed, pus accumulated under the skin may look like a nodule. After awhile the pustule will rupture, releasing pus outside. There will be an open wound.

SIGNS

Dogs will display symptoms such as fever, less ability to eat or a loss of appetite, redness in the place, pain in touch, or large nodule under the skin. The dog may lick the place time to time. If you notice such a nodule, it is better to consult the vet as soon as possible. The nodule may be similar to a soft dough feeling in touch.

DIAGNOSIS

You have to be ready with a clear history as it is very important to rule out this condition. The veterinarian will examine the site carefully without making it rupture. A needle aspiration is needed to check whether it is a pustule or cyst or blood filled nodule etc. Sometimes the vet will take samples to determine the best antibiotic to treat by ABST (Anti Biotic Sensitivity Test). If your dog is severely ill, it may be necessary to do blood tests before treating the animal.

TREATMENT

The preferable method of treatment is to drain the pustule by surgically opening it and cleaning it. Surgery may be done under general anesthesia or sedation or local anesthesia or without any sedation. Proper cleaning is necessary. You have to present the dog to a qualified Veterinary Surgeon. After the first cleaning there will be a production of pus for several days. Therefore, your vet will ask you to bring the animal for several days to clean the wound. This is very important.

AFTER CARE

Never close a wound having pustule. Cleaning and wound dressing daily or twice a day is necessary for quick wound healing. Until your vet advises you to do wound dressing at home you must take the dog to the vet to clean the wound. Treating with pills is also important. If you are unable to give pills to your dog, discuss with the vet and go for injectable antibiotics daily.



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SUCCULENTS FROM CLAY AND PORCELAIN

If you've ever looked carefully at a flower, you know that each type has its own unique form and intricate petal patterns. New York-based artist Owen Mann celebrates the diverse beauty of nature with his realistic clay flowers and succulents. Each piece can either lay flat

or be used as a unique wall hanging, allowing you to have a little piece of nature that will last forever. The self-taught sculptor made his first clay flower (a red and white rose) for his mother when he was just 10 years old, but he didn't re-

visit the craft until he was in his mid-20s. Today, Mann has created over 1,000 clay flowers that immortalize a variety of species. From peonies to dahlias, each piece captures the fragility of silk-like petals and the mesmerizing, spiraling patterns they form. Mann often photographs his pieces in his own hands, revealing their lifelike - and sometimes larger- than-life -

size. While some pieces are left uncoated to highlight the elegant quality of porcelain, others are finished with colorful glazes that bring them to life. Many pieces appear so realistic that they look as though they've just been plucked from the artist's own colorful garden. "Each flower is different and I won't ever stop making them," says Mann. "After all, the world can always use more flowers." *My Modern Met*



World's most expensive peanut butter and jelly sandwich

Feasting on peanut butter and jelly sandwiches is usually supposed to save you money, but not if you opt for the variety served at Chicago restaurant PB&J, where a single sandwich will set you back a whopping \$350. The owners of PB&J, which unintuitively stands for 'Pizza, Beek & Jukebox' not peanut butter and jelly, came up with the idea for the world's most expensive peanut butter and jelly sandwich after stumbling upon the former record holder and realizing all it really had going for itself was a 24K gold toothpick keeping the bread slices together. They decided that they could do better, so 'The Golden Goose', a decadent treat featuring some of the finest ingredients in the world was born.



The Golden Goose is built around a whole loaf of bread that has gold dust baked into the flour and edible gold leaf topping. The slices of bread are sandwiched together with the most expensive jam in the world, a delicacy made from red and white currants that have been painstakingly de-seeded by hand using goose quills. Finally, The Golden Goose is drizzled with one of the rarest types of honey in the world (manuka honey) and packed with what is probably the cheapest ingre-

dient, Adams All-Natural peanut butter. While Matthew and Josh McCahill, the brothers behind PB&J, didn't reveal what the gold infused bread costs to make, we do know that a 100-gram jar of Maison Dutriez jam costs 20 euros (\$24), a 250-gram jar of manuka honey imported from New Zealand costs \$371, and the peanut butter itself is only \$5 a jar.

If you don't mind spending \$350 on a peanut butter and jam sandwich, stop by PB&J in Chicago, just make sure to call first, as the world's most expensive peanut butter and jam sandwich has to be ordered at least a day in advance.

If peanut butter and jelly sandwiches aren't your favourite, but you still want to try some spicy treats, how about the world's most expensive taco, or better yet, the world's most expensive potato chips? *Oddity Central*



'Smart crib' aims to help rock-a-bye baby

As every new parent knows, sleep can go out the window after the arrival of a newborn.

That was certainly the case for parents Radhika and Bharath Patil, who seeking relief for their own disrupted sleep patterns, put their electronic engineering backgrounds together to create a "smart crib."

Their crib, powered by artificial intelligence, combines a baby monitor, rocker, bassinet and crib in one. "It's not the amount of work around the baby that tires the parents, it's the lack of sleep," Radhika Patil, Cradlewise chief executive, told Reuters in

an interview. According to a recent study, new mothers lose an hour of sleep per night on average and it can take them up to six years to regain pre-pregnancy sleep levels.

It was for their first child that Patils built the Cradlewise smart crib, using a patented silent rocking mechanism combined with a set of cameras to monitor the baby and transmit live through a smartphone app.

"So we have a baby monitor that's looking at the baby and detecting the early signs of wake-up, and it starts the rocking as well," Radhika Patil said.

Early detection is key, she said, adding that the sooner parents can detect



the baby waking up, the easier it is to get the child to fall back asleep.

The Patils used AI to come up with the sensing feature.

They say that allows parents to learn and log the

baby's sleep patterns and monitor for breathing and physical movements indicative of disrupted sleep.

It also records how much rocking is needed for the baby to fall back asleep.

The crib also comes with

a library of music that will play based on the settings. There is already a "smart" bassinet on the market that logs sleep patterns and provides rocking for babies up to 6 months old. The Patils' smart crib includes cameras and is designed for children up to age 2. They hope to deliver the product, now in pre-order, to the market by late October, priced at \$999.

"Once you put the baby in, the crib takes care of everything. That's the aim," Bharath Patil said.

Of course, a parent's work is never done.

"Sometimes you need to intervene," he added. "Sometimes you need to change some settings."

Reuters

'Wizard of Oz' hotel room



There's no place like home, but for Wizard of Oz fans; this themed hotel room is the next best thing. The Wizard of Emeralds room at The Roxbury in New York is inspired by the classic 1939 film, and the designers have put out all the stops to transport guests to the wonderful world of Oz. Decorated with varying, rich hues of green and glittering gold,

it features a real-life yellow brick road and even a pair of ruby red slippers.

"The goal is to shy away from the typical modern hotel minimalism into a sort of maximalism," The Roxbury say on their website. "As long as cleanliness and comfort are never neglected and there is always a nod to elegance and quality, we have learned that, like us, most people are hungry for

something different. Something unique. Something not taupe."

The Roxbury certainly provides an experience unlike any other hotel. Even the bathroom matches the fantastical theme, complete with a poisonous poppy field mural that's sure to lull you into a sleepy haze while you get ready for bed.

"It's not way above the chimney tops, but your troubles will melt like lemon drops in this room,"

says The Roxbury. "Yes, folks, a yellow brick road goes right through the center of the room (next to the king size bed and sofa bed) until it joins into a wall-size painting of our version of the Emerald City."

The hotel has other themed rooms too, including the '60s-inspired Mod Pod and the bewitching Samantha's Cloud room. *My Modern Met*

SMOOTH SAILING

An Australian adventurer sailed her way into the Guinness Book of World Records by circumnavigating the country in 58 days. Guinness said seasoned sailor Lisa Blair started her journey at d'Albora Marinas Rush-

cutters Bay in Sydney Harbor and sailed counterclockwise around the entirety of Australia, including the island of Tasmania, before arriving back where she started 58 days, 2 hours, 25 minutes later.

The record-keeping organization said Blair's journey was

10 days shorter than the previous record holder for fastest circumnavigation of Australia by sailboat (monohull, solo). Guinness said Blair is also the first woman ever to complete the sailing feat, which took her across 6,536 nautical miles.

Blair, who in 2017 became the first woman to circumnavigate Antarctica in a sailboat, said her sights are now set on setting the Guinness record for circling the continent as well as setting a speed record for sailing from Sydney to Auckland, New Zealand. *UPI*





NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE YEAR - 2021

Applications are invited for the Registration of Suppliers to supply the following goods and services for the year 2021. The Suppliers who have already registered for the period of 2019-2021 are not required to register for 2021.

01	GROUP - 01 - MACHINERY	07	GROUP - 07 - SIGN BOARDS
02	GROUP - 02 - COMPUTER, COMPUTER PERIPHERALS AND NETWORKING / COMPUTER ACCESSORIES	08	GROUP - 08 - TEXTILE & LEATHER PRODUCTS
03	GROUP - 03 - MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT	09	GROUP - 09 - REQUIREMENT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES & REPAIRS (PETROL / DIESEL)
04	GROUP - 04 - FURNITURE	10	GROUP - 10 - SERVICES
05	GROUP - 05 - PRINTING & SERVICES	11	GROUP - 11 - REPAIRS
06	GROUP - 06 - SUNDRIES		

Terms & Conditions

The applications and the list of categories under each group for registration could be obtained from the Manager (Supplies), Supplies Division, Head Office, National Savings Bank, from **11.09.2020 to 13.10.2020** during working days from **9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.** by producing a letter from the respective Institutions requesting for an application for Registration of Suppliers - 2021.

Applications should be submitted only on the prescribed form which could be obtained from the Supplies Division on payment of a **non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000/=** per application along with the following documents. The fees for applications can be paid between **9.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m.** on working days of the Bank from **11.09.2020 to 13.10.2020**.

1. A certified copy of the Business Registration Certificate.
2. Copies of the Financial Statements of the past 03 years (2017, 2018, 2019).
3. If applicable, a detailed list of the Company Clientele.

Applicants who wish to register themselves for more than one group should pay Rs. 1000/= per each group and the Bank reserves all the rights to register only the applicants whose credentials are found to be satisfactory.

All applications with relevant details are to be forwarded via Registered Post, to **Chairman, Corporate Procurement Committee - Major, National Savings Bank, No. 255, Galle Rd., Colombo 03**, or hand delivered to the Manager (Supplies) on or before **20.10.2020**, before **3.00 p.m.** with the top left hand corner of the envelope marked as "Registration of Suppliers - Year 2021 - Supplies Division". For any clarification, please contact Manager (Supplies) of the Bank on Tel. 011-2372690.

Chairman
Corporate Procurement Committee - Major
National Savings Bank,
No. 255, Galle Rd.,
Colombo 03.

TENDER NOTICE

KANDY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Sealed Tenders will be received by me from the Contractors having following qualifications till 9.45 a.m. on 02nd October 2020 for the following works.

Tenders will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 02.10.2020.

Tenders should be submitted in duplicate in separate covers marked "**Original**" and "**Duplicate**" and contract name and sent by Registered Post to Chief Municipal Accountant, Municipal Council, Kandy or be deposited in the Tender Box kept in the Office of the Chief Accountant, Kandy Municipal Council.

Serial No.	Description of Work	Qualifications	Tender Document Charges (without VAT)
1	Construction of Roof (Extension Roof) for M.C. Workshop at Aruppola	CIDA C8 or above	1,000.00
2	Construction of Boundary Wall (Green Mesh Fence) for Municipal Stores at Dangolla	CIDA C9 or above	1,000.00
3	Construction of Building (Warehouse) for Compost Yard at Gohagoda	CIDA C7 or above	1,000.00
4	Construction of Building for Community Centre (Balance Work) at Welikanda.	CIDA C7 or above	1,000.00
5	Improvements to Bahirawakanda Community Centre	CIDA C7 or above	1,000.00
6	Construction of Concrete Retaining Wall at George E de Silva Mawatha near Oak Wood Hotel (Balance Work)	CIDA C8 or above	1,000.00
7	Proposed K.M.C. Vehicle Parking Place and Stores at Dangolla.	CIDA C6 or above	3,500.00
8	Supplying and Fixing Roller Shutter Doors for Municipal Car Park at Kandy	Business Registration & Minimum 5 years experience in relevant field or CIDA Registration	1,000.00
9	Improvements to Public Toilet Facilities near Kappetiypola Hall	CIDA C7 or above	1,000.00
10	Improvement to Canal at Nidahas Mawatha	CIDA C8 or above	1,000.00

Tender Forms will be issued from 10.09.2020 to 30.09.2020 up to 2.45 p.m. Tender documents can be collected after paying the Tender document charges and giving request letter with relevant qualifications. Tender documents can be inspected free of charge at Works Department, Kandy Municipal Council, Kandy. Further details could be obtained from the Chief Municipal Engineer, Kandy Municipal Council. Tender deposits of those who fail to submit Tenders & those who fail to enter into the agreement after offering Tenders will be forfeited and credited to the Council's Fund. The Kandy Municipal Council shall have the right to accept or refuse any tender.

CHANDANA TENNAKON
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER

04.09.2020

NOTICE

Mawathagama Pradeshiya Sabha

Obtaining Shops / Stalls on Lease Basis for Beef Stalls in Paragahadeniya - 2021

Sealed bids are invited from shop owners to obtain two shops for the Mawathagama Pradeshiya Sabha that are suitable to be used as beef stalls on lease basis from 01.01.2021 until 31.12.2021.

- 1.1 Last date for issuing of Tender Documents - up to 3.00 p.m. on 05.10.2020
- 1.2 Receiving of Tenders - up to 10.00 a.m. on 06.10.2020
- 1.3 Opening of Tenders - At 10.00 a.m. on 06.10.2020
02. Tenderers may submit tenders for shops with clear title in conformity with the following criteria.
 - Within the limit of 500 metres close to the Paragahadeniya Town facing either Kandy Kurunegala Main Road or Pussella - Paragahadeniya Road
 - Should be shops of suitable size (minimum 144 sq.ft.)
02. Successful bidders should enter into an agreement with the Pradeshiya Sabha. Procurement Committee of the Mawathagama Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right to accept or reject any tender.
03. Further details may be obtained either by calling over at the Mawathagama Pradeshiya Sabha or by calling on 037-2299821.

S.K. Anura Kamal Perera
Chairman
Pradeshiya Sabha
Mawathagama

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

GENERAL HOSPITAL (TEACHING) - PERADENIYA PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Invitation for Bids (IFB), for the purchase of tiles, purchase of Bumper Guard & Corner Guard (Y Nile), Purchase of PVC Pipe Fittings, Purchase of Aluminium Fittings, for the preparation of doors and windows, purchase of materials for ceiling of Kidney Dialysis Building, which is under construction - 2020.

Sealed quotations are hereby invited by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, General Hospital (Teaching), Peradeniya, for the following works through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure.

Serial No.	Description of the Work	Non-refundable Bid Document Fee (Rs.)	Estimated Value (Rs.)	Bid Security Bond Value (Rs.)
01	Purchase of Materials for the ceiling	Rs. 1,000.00	1.9 Million	38,000.00
02	Purchase aluminium fittings for the preparation of doors & windows	Rs. 1,000.00	2.88 Million	57,600.00
03	Purchase of PVC Pipe Fittings	Rs. 1,000.00	1.5 Million	30,000.00
04	Purchase of Bumper Guard & Corner Guard (Y Nile)	Rs. 1,000.00	0.8 Million	16,000.00
05	Purchase of Tiles	Rs. 1,000.00	3.8 Million	76,000.00

■ **Issuance of Bidding Documents:-** From 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days of the week, from 11.09.2020, to 24.09.2020 and from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. on 25.09.2020.

● **Closing Date and Time of Acceptance of Bids:-** Up to 1.00 p.m. on 25.09.2020

● **Date, Time and Venue of Opening of Bids:-** At 1.00 p.m. on 25.09.2020 at the Lecture Hall, No. 02, of General Hospital, Peradeniya.

01. Only the nominated agents / representatives / authorized agents / representatives of the manufacturers who supply these products and fittings to the Sri Lankan Market, for the supply of above materials and fittings, will be eligible and qualified to the bidding of the bid.

02. **Source of Funds:-** Funds of the Government of Sri Lanka.

03. **Procurement Method:** Through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure:-

- To obtain the bidding documents, eligible bidders should have to submit the following documents:
- Written request / application to Chairman, Procurement Committee / Director, General Hospital, Peradeniya, should be submitted.
- A certified copy of the Certificate of Business Registration should be submitted.

04. Only the bidding documents issued by the General Hospital, Peradeniya should be used for the submission of bids and bids, contrary to this requirement will be rejected.

05. As the bid security, bank guarantees and refundable cash deposits also could be submitted.

06. The receipt of the refundable cash deposit, for bid security paid to the Shroff of this hospital should be forwarded, annexed to the bid.

07. Hence, at the time of payment the original copy of these refundable cash deposits for bid security, is needed the original copy of the said receipt, should not be forwarded annexed to the bid.

Duly completed bids, in duplicate enclosed separately in two separate covers and marked as 'original' and 'duplicate' and sealed and both the covers, again enclosed in a single cover and sealed should either be sent by registered post, addressed to the 'Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, General Hospital, Peradeniya or deposited, if hand delivered, in the tender box, kept at the office of the Accountant of this Hospital to be received on or before closing time of the bids. On the top left-hand corner of the envelope, enclosing bids, the relevant subject of work, name of the equipment and contract No. given in bidding document should be clearly indicated.

Regional Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any bid/tender, as a whole or a part thereof.

H.M.A. Tillekarathna
Director
General Hospital (Teaching),
Peradeniya.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Gold articles, kept as surety for loans obtained from LB Finance PLC and default in payment as agreed, will be auctioned at the following places on the following dates at 10.00am.

Table with columns: Dates of Auction, Address, and details of items for public auction.

THE LB FINANCE PLC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL, POSTPONE AUCTIONS WITHOUT ANY FURTHER NOTICE. LB FINANCE Senior Manager - Gold Loan Division LB Finance PLC 275/75, Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Maw, (A) the OPA Building) Colombo 7.

MIRIGAMA PRADESHIYA SABHA

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS FOR THE YEAR 2021

Applications will be received up to 3.00 p.m. on 02.10.2020 for the registration of Suppliers and contractors for the supply of under mentioned goods and services. The relevant application should be self prepared and submitted. All applications should be sent by registered post to reach the "Chairman, Mirigama Pradeshiya Sabha, Mirigama" along with registration fees. Money orders will not be accepted. Cheques should be drawn in favour of "Chairman, Mirigama Pradeshiya Sabha, Mirigama". Suppliers should get registered on payment of a sum of Rs. 500.00 for each item mentioned below. The top left hand corner of the envelope containing the application should be marked as "Registration of Suppliers and Contractors - 2021".

(A) SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

- 01. Office equipment, steel and wooden equipment
02. Stationery
03. All electrical equipment and electronic equipment
04. Supply of garbage carts, health equipment
05. Building materials (indicate separately materials that could be supplied)
06. Supply of food & beverages
07. Supply of industrial equipment, road equipment and tools (mention separately the equipment to be supplied).
08. Uniform materials and shoes.
09. Library books, magazines, newspapers etc.,
10. Bicycle and cart plates, assessment No. plates etc.
11. Purchase of motor vehicles, machinery
12. Repairing of motor vehicles, supply of spare parts and cushion work
13. Concrete Hume pipes / Tor Steel Rods (description and specifications should be supplied)
14. Concrete Wire Posts (6 ft. Tall)
15. Name boards, notice boards, banners etc.
16. Loud speakers and equipment for publicity work.
17. All types of tar
18. Supply of typewriters, Roneo machines, photocopiers, calculators, fax machines, computers and computer accessories.
19. Supply of detergents and sanitary materials.
20. Supply of industrial materials
i. Metal
ii. Sand
iii. Gravel Earth
iv. Metal 1 1/2"
v. Metal 3/4"
vi. Chips
vii. Quarry dust
viii. Cement
ix. Premix
21. Tyre categories and vehicle battery categories with alignment (inclusive of tractors).
22. Supply of sports equipment (all kinds of sports equipment)
23. Supply of gas
24. Supply of 20 Litre drinking water bottles.

(B) SUPPLY OF SERVICES

- 01. Consultancy services of Civil Engineering, Architectural Consultancy services, Civil Engineering Planning, preparation of estimates and drawing plans.
02. Notary and Legal services
03. Surveying services
04. Skilled / unskilled labour services
05. Servicing of Vehicles (Vehicle service)
06. Blacksmith Services
07. Supply of gully bowser on hire basis
08. Repairing of Crematoriums
09. Repairing of air conditioners (vehicles and office)
10. Printing of Stationery
11. Repairing of garbage carts, health equipment.
12. Repairing of motor vehicles and cushioning work
13. Repairing of typewriters, Roneo machines, photocopiers.
14. Repairing and servicing of computers
15. Supply of vehicles and machinery on hire basis
16. Supply of hardware items
17. Felling and removal of trees.

(C) REGISTRATION FEES FOR CONTRACTORS

- 01. Up to Rs. 100,000/= - Rs. 500.00
02. Rs. 100,000/= to 250,000/= - Rs. 800.00
03. Rs. 250,000/= to 500,000/= - Rs. 1000.00
04. Rs. 500,000/= to 1,000,000/- Rs. 1200.00
05. Over Rs. 1,000,000/= - Rs. 1500.00

The category for which you expect registration out of the following should be mentioned. Certificates of experience should be submitted.

- a) Road Projects
i. Concreting
ii. Carpeting
iii. Tarring
iv. Laying of slice blocks
v. Developing by applying gravel earth
b) Construction of Buildings
c) Construction of water projects and public bathing wells
d) Play grounds and other recreational work

- 01. Generally, quotations for supplies would be called from registered suppliers. However, the Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right to call for quotations from outside suppliers to whenever necessary.
02. Quotations should be kept static for a period of 01 year without any change.
03. Names of suppliers who fail to submit quotations duly or to supply goods on time and in accordance with details in the order and in compliance the samples and required standards will be struck off from the List of Registered Suppliers.
04. Contracts of supplies and services are subjected to Government approved taxes and conditions and rules and regulations of the Sabha.
05. The Sabha reserves the right to call for tenders from external contractors for works other than those registered.

Sarath Nandasiri Ranatunge Chairman, Mirigama Pradeshiya Sabha

Telephone 033-2273206 033-2273282

CDU/TS/2020/13



SRI LANKA CUSTOMS



TENDER SALE OF FORFEITED GOODS

Tender for sale of forfeited Gold, Gold/Silver Articles, Electrical / Electronic Appliances and some Miscellaneous Items will be held on 17th September 2020 at 10.00 a.m. at Central Disposal Directorate of Sri Lanka Customs.

The List of Goods to be sold can be collected from the Central Disposal Directorate, 3rd Floor, Sri Lanka Customs on payment of a non-refundable amount of Rs. 25/- from 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. of 14th, 15th & 16th September, 2020.

Further, the list of goods to be sold will be displayed on Customs official website: www.customs.gov.lk from 11th September 2020 onwards.

For further details, contact 011-2221300 / 011-2430795 011-2143434 Ex. 7300

Director General of Customs Sri Lanka Customs, Customs House, No.40, Main Street, Colombo 11.

BANK OF CEYLON

SALE OF USED FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT

Quotations will be obtained from the General public for the

SALE OF USED FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENTS

(i.e Office Tables /chairs, Sound systems, Amplifier, Pillows, Mosquito nets, Beds / Mattresses, Iron / Aluminum parts, Televisions, photocopy machines, printers, sanitary ware etc.)

at the

Bank of Ceylon Central Training Institute (CTI), Avissawella Road, Maharagama

Items can be inspected on 11th, 12th & 13th of September 2020 from 9.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m at the above site.

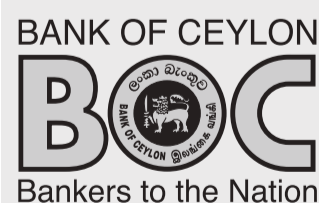
Bidders should adhere to the following.

- 1. Applications will be provided free of charge at the site on inspections days.
2. Non-refundable entrance fee of Rs. 100.00 will be charged from each person on the days of inspection.
3. Bidders can quote for one or more item as stipulated in the application.
4. Quotations should be accompanied by a refundable cash deposit of 10% from the total quoted price. Cash deposit should be made to the Properties & Procurement Department, 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon, Bank of Ceylon Head Office, Colombo 1.
5. The selected bidders should pay the told full amount at once and remove their items within 03 days from the date of informing.
6. If any successful bidder refuses to remove one or more items awarded to him, the total cash deposit will be forfeited.
7. Cash deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be released.

Quotations should be deposited in the tender box kept at the ground floor, Bank of Ceylon Head Office, No.01, "BOC Square", Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01 on or before 10.00 a.m on 15.09.2020

Quotations receiving later than 10.00a.m on the said date, will be rejected and return unopened.

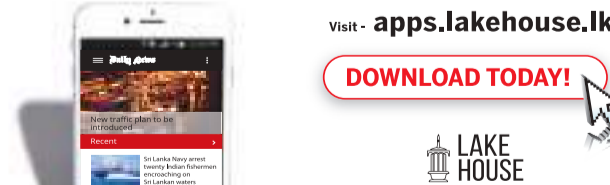
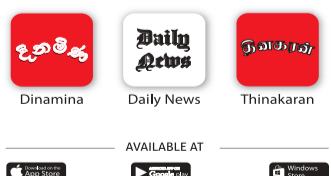
More information - Please contact :



Chief Manager Properties & Procurement Department, 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon, "BOC Square", No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01. Tel : 011-2434786, 011-2544310, 011-2204260

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GENERAL SIR JOHN KOTELAWALA DEFENCE UNIVERSITY
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



Amendment to the Procurement Notice

Reference to the "Invitation for Bids" published in the Silumina, Thinakaran, Varamanjari and the Sunday Observer of 09th August 2020, it is hereby notified that the following contracts therein have been amended as follows.

Contract No - MOD/KDU/03/2020: DESIGN AND BUILD CONSTRUCTION WORKS OF PROPOSED FACULTY OF LAW (FOL) BUILDING AT KDU RATMALANA

Contract No - MOD/KDU/04/2020: DESIGN AND BUILD CONSTRUCTION WORKS OF PROPOSED FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES (FMSH) BUILDING AT KDU RATMALANA

Reference IFB	Contents in Issued Document	Amendment
Clause 1	Time & Date of Bid Closing/Opening	changed as 1430 hrs. on 29/09/2020
Clause 2	up to 21/09/2020	changed as "up to 28/09/2020 (from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs.)"
Clause 3.a	"The Selected Major Contractor's"	"The Selected Major Contractor's" is removed
Clause 3.a	"Building Design C4 or above"	"Building Design C4 or above" is removed
Clause 5	"until 21/09/2020"	Changed as "until 28/09/2020 (0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs.)"
Clause 7	"from 22/09/2020 to 18/01/2021"	Changed as "from 29/09/2020 to 25/01/2021"
Clause 8	"from 22/09/2020 to 15/02/2021"	Changed as "from 29/09/2020 to 22/02/2021"
Clause 12	"Bidders are strongly advised to present the registration certificate under the Public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987 (When relevant), before purchasing the Bidding Document."	Changed as "Bidders are strongly advised to present the registration certificate under the Public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987 (When relevant), along with the bid submission"

All the other information shall remain the same.

Chairman,
Ministry Procurement Committee,
Ministry of Defence,
15/5, Baladaksha Mawatha, Colombo 03.



MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



Calling applications to sell 33 Apartment Units at Metro Homes Housing Project at Slave Island, Colombo 02

- Applications are called from the Sri Lankan citizens from the date of 17th September 2020 to sell 33 apartment units at the above housing project belonging to the Urban Development Authority. (Location: 6.926057N, 79.849790E).
- Parties who are willing to purchase the apartments will be registered according to the sequence of tokens issued in the Pavilion at Sethsiripaya Stage I Premises from 8.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on government working days from 17.09.2020 to 02.10.2020.
- The first 33 applicants or their authorized representatives could purchase only one application form from the Real Estate Development & Management Division, Urban Development Authority, 8th Floor, Sethsiripaya - Stage 1, Battaramulla from 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on working days from 17.09.2020 to 23.09.2020 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Sri Lankan Rupees Five Thousand (Rs. 5,000/-) inclusive of taxes. It is compulsory to accompany the original and a copy of the National Identity Card / Passport / Driving License of the applicant.
- Other applicants will be called according to the numerical order of the registration. If only the preferred apartment units are vacant after reservation to the 1st 33 applicants.
- Applicants could inspect the apartment units from the date of 14.09.2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. by contacting the undermentioned telephone numbers or from the project engineering office located at the No. CE B/29 of the Semi Basement floor of this housing project. Prior to selecting an apartment unit and completing the application, Applicants should inspect the Housing project and fully acquaint with the condition of the apartment and availability of the infrastructure facilities.
- An applicant who has reserved an apartment or member of his / her family could not apply for any other apartment in this housing project. (If it is found that any applicant or his / her family member has reserved another apartment unit in this housing project, all the apartment units reserved for them will be cancelled).
- For reservation of an apartment unit according to the preference of the applicant, an amount of Rs. 1,000,000/= (Rs. One Million) shall be deposited at any Bank of Ceylon branch in the island to the Account No. 1534 of the Corporate Branch of the Bank of Ceylon and the Original of the receipt and the completed application along with the relevant documents should be submitted to the Real Estate Development and Management Division mentioned in above 3 within 05 working days from the date of application is obtained. Failure to pay the due amount before the expiry date and time mentioned in the application date and time stated in the receipt issued by the bank that the money has been deposited will result in cancellation of the reservation and action will be taken to reserve the house to next applicant as per the numerical order of the register who has expressed his willingness to reserve a house and appeals for the same is not entertained.
- Details of the apartments to be sold.

Type	Floor area (Sq. Ft.)	No. of bedrooms	No. of apartments to be sold	Price of an apartment (Rs. Million)
T1	501 - 600	02	01	Rs. 10.40 Million
T2	601 - 800	03	13	Rs. 12.90 Million to Rs. 14.20 Million
T3	801 - 1,000	03	15	Rs. 16.20 Million to Rs. 17.20 Million
T4	Above 1,000	03	04	Rs. 21.40 Million to Rs. 23.60 Million

- Urban Development Authority will reserve the right to final decision to sell the reserved apartment units on outright transfer to the selected parties on first come first serve basis.
- Further details could be obtained from the following offices or by contacting undermentioned telephone numbers.

● **Real Estate Development & Management Division, Urban Development Authority, 8th Floor, Sethsiripaya - Stage I, Battaramulla, Telephone - 011-2875921, 011-2875916-20, 011-2873649, Extension: 5602-5, Website: www.uda.gov.lk, Email: realestatedivisionuda@gmail.com**

● **Maintenance Office of the Urban Development Authority, at No. CE B/29, Lower Ground Floor, Metro Homes Housing Project, No. 40, Glennie Street, Colombo 2. Telephone 011-3611950.**

Chairman
Urban Development Authority

TENDER NOTICE



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இலங்கை மத்திய வங்கி
CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

Tender Number	09/04/150/2020/001
Tender Description	Valuation of Land and Buildings of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka - 2020
Bid Closing and Opening	Date: 2 nd October 2020 Time: 1430 Hrs.
	Location: Ground Floor, Head Office Building, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01.
Pre-bid Meeting	Date: 23 rd September 2020 Time: 1000 Hrs.
	Location: Ground Floor, Head Office Building, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01.

For further information, please refer <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/tenders> or contact Deputy Chief Accountant on 011-2398518 or Senior Accountant on 011-2477143.

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MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS

ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(REHABILITATION / IMPROVEMENTS OF ROADS UNDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 100,000 KM ALTERNATIVE ROAD SYSTEM UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY STATEMENT OF "VISTAS OF PROSPERITY AND SPLENDOR")

INVITATION FOR BIDS

HIRE OF PASSENGER VEHICLES

- The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Additional Provincial Director's Office, Road Development Authority (RDA) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following Hire of passenger Vehicles to the CE's office and EE's office in Ampara District

Detailed description of requirement and specification are given in Bidding Document.

S.No	Contract Number	Name of the Contract	QTY	Bid Security (Rs.)	Tender Fee (Rs)
01	RDA/APD- Akk/T/2020-02	Hire of Double Cab (Pick up) to Chief Engineer's office, RDA/ Ampara	01	10,000.00	1500.00
02	RDA/APD- Akk/T/2020-03	Hire of Passenger Vehicle (Van) to Executive Engineer's office, RDA/ Kalmunai	01	10,000.00	1500.00
03	RDA/APD- Akk/T/2020-04	Hire of Passenger Vehicle (Van) to Executive Engineer's office, RDA/ Ampara	01	10,000.00	1500.00
04	RDA/APD- Akk/T/2020-05	Hire of Passenger Vehicle (Van) to Executive Engineer's office, RDA/ Akkaraipattu	01	10,000.00	1500.00

- Bidding will be conducted through Local Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall be currently registered with the Institute for Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in grades mentioned above in Supplying.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Office of Additional Provincial Director, RDA, Ampara Road, Akkaraipattu. (Telephone no. 067-2277428), may inspect the bidding documents in office hours.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the Additional Provincial Director (East), Road Development Authority, Ampara Road, Akkaraipattu from 11.09.2020 until 22.09.2020 between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. on working days upon payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,500.00 for each document (inclusive of VAT). The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate separately to the following address "Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Additional Provincial Director's Office, Road Development Authority, Ampara Road, Akkaraipattu" at or before 02.00 pm on 23rd September 2020. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidder or representative who chooses to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to 91 days from the time of closing of Bids.
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security. Bid Security shall be valid up to 05.01.2021

Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
Additional Provincial Director's Office,
Road Development Authority,
Akkaraipattu.

10.09.2020



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Ministry of Agriculture - Northern Province
CLEANING SERVICE FOR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
NP/31/02/F01/2020/CS



- The Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture (MPC-Major) on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture - Northern Province now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Cleaning Service for Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Province.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements;
 - Bidders shall have valid business registration And
 - Should have its registered office or branch in Northern Province
- To qualify for award of the Contract, bidders shall meet the minimum qualifying criteria if given in Section 2 of Bidding Data.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Ministry of Agriculture - Northern Province, No. 655 Navalar Road, Jaffna and inspect the bidding documents at Ministry of Agriculture from 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs on working days.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be obtained by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Province from 10th September 2020 to 30th September 2020 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon cash payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000.00
- Bids shall be delivered to Ministry of Agriculture - Northern Province, No. 655, Navalar Road, Jaffna at or before 10.00 hrs on 1st October 2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security of Rs. 250, 000.00

Mr. A. Sivabalasundran
Chairman, Procurement Committee,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Northern Province,
No. 655, Navalar Road,
Jaffna.

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Eastern Provincial Council

Registration of Suppliers and Contractors for the year 2021

Applications are invited from reputed suppliers, contractors and producers for the supply of goods, services and civil works for year 2021, of the Eastern Provincial Council in respect of the following districts.

1. Trincomalee
2. Batticaloa
3. Ampara

Part-I

Item No.	GOODS - Description	
G-1	Office & School Furniture	G-14 Educational Materials
G-2	Office Equipment	G-15 Sports Materials
G-3	Stationery & Office Requisition	G-16 Musical Instruments
G-4	Books & Periodicals	G-17 Medical Equipment & Medical Drugs
G-5	Building Materials	G-18 Hospital Supplies -Diets, Laundry, etc.
G-6	Building Partition & Decorations	G-19 Agricultural Equipment
G-7	Electrical Accessories and Fittings	G-20 Fertilizer, Agricultural Chemicals etc.
G-8	Computers and Accessories	G-21 Agricultural seeds, Fruit Plant and Planting Materials
G-9	Social Welfare Items	G-22 Livestock feed and Other items & Veterinary Drugs
G-10	Electrical Instruments	G-23 Industrial Goods
G-11	Communications Equipment	G-24 Veterinary Equipment and Veterinary
G-12	Motor Vehicle Spares	G-25 Fisheries Item
G-13	Miscellaneous & Household Items	

Item No.	SERVICES - Description
S-1	Printing of letterheads books & publications, poster, banners, key tapping name boards / signboard, letter printing, book binding, block making, rubber & date stamps
S-2	Repairs of furniture (office furniture, school furniture etc.)
S-3	Repairs and service of photocopiers, typewriters, duplicators and other office electrical equipment
S-4	Repairs and service of computers, printers, etc,
S-5	Repairs & service of air conditioners, Electrical repairs including wiring
S-6	Provision of security services
S-7	Provision of sanitary services, cleaning of curtains.
S-8	Vehicle Repairs - Repairs of mechanical electrical circuits, Tinkering and painting, repairs of diesel and petrol vehicles, Making seat cushion and cover for vehicles etc.
S-9	Vehicle servicing, wheel alignment and wheel balancing etc.
S-10	Hire of vehicles including construction machineries on rent or lease.
S-11	Miscellaneous Service - catering service / supply of cooked meals, short eats, etc.
S-12	ICT Service - Documentary Film, Website Development

Part-II

Registration as Contractor for Civil Works.

Qualifications:

01. The contractors who have registered with CIDA for constructions are eligible to register themselves for small contracts up to Rs. 10,000,000 (Rs. Ten Million), and registered societies for works up to Rs. 2,000,000 (Rs. Two Million).
02. Certificates affirming capacity, qualifications and assets should be attached with copies & pre qualification document.
03. For civil work, the qualified contractors who are willing to register with EPC, requested to purchase a pre-qualification form, after making non-refundable payment as stated below at Peoples' Bank Account No. 066-1-001-6-7200559 by cash in the name of "Deputy Chief Secretary -Finance, Eastern Provincial Council", on or before **16th November 2020**. All applications should be sent under registered cover clearly marked "REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE YEAR 2021" on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

Registration Fees:

Registration fees for contractors should be paid as mentioned below and it will not be refunded.

Contract sum	Fees
Contract sum less than or equal to Rs. Two million	Rs. 2,000
Contract sum more than Rs. Two million and less than or equal to Rs. Five million	Rs. 3,000
Contract sum more than Rs. Five million and less than or equal to Rs. Ten million	Rs. 5,000

General Conditions:

1. Documents to be furnished with the application,
 - a) Certified copy of Business Registration
 - b) Certified copy of Company Registration
 - c) If catering service copy of certificate obtained from area PHI / MOH.
 - d) Experience on the relevant trade and customer list.
 - e) Registration for vehicle repair workshop and service, Recommendation letter should be obtained from Deputy Chief Secretary-Engineering Service, Eastern Province.
2. The registration of suppliers and contractors will be valid only for the year 2021. Quotations will normally be invited from the list of registered suppliers and contractors. However, the procurer reserves the right to invite quotations from any other source.
3. Registration will be subject to assessment and evaluation and if found details given are false, the application will be rejected.
4. The Chief Secretary reserves the right to accept or reject any application received for registration without indicating any reasons.
5. Registered suppliers/ contractors who fail to quote promptly when requested or fail to make or not responding to quote, deliver/ complete work in time, in conformity with the samples/ conditions will be liable to be written off from the register of registered suppliers/contractors without any prior notice and not considered in future and will be included in defaulters list.
6. The suppliers shall be registered **only for related items of goods and services** for which the business registration is made.
7. Suppliers and Contractors should indicate the preferred district they could supply the items.
8. Registered societies can undertake works only under direct contracting method to the value not exceeding Rs. 2,000,000 (Rs. Two Million) in accordance with Public Finance Circular No: 01/2012.
9. The garages /service stations to be registered for repairs / maintenance of vehicle should be equipped with all basic requirements. Description of available facilities and details of skilled workmen to be submitted along with the application.
10. The suppliers will not be paid cash advances.
11. Application form for registration of suppliers could be downloaded from our website/obtain the application form directly or sending a stamped self- addressed envelope and perfected application should be forwarded along with the certified copy of the **Business Registration Certificate, Trade License issued by Local Authorities (last year) and Non Refundable Fee** to the "Deputy Chief Secretary - Finance, Provincial Treasury, Eastern Province, Kanniya Road, Varothayanagar, Trincomalee", on or before **16th November 2020**. All applications should be sent under registered cover clearly marked "REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE YEAR 2021" on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

12. Duly perfected application of suppliers should be accompanied by a **Non Refundable Fee of Rs. 500/= for each item of goods / services** and be deposited at **People's Bank Account Number 066-1-001-6-7200559** by cash in the name of "Deputy Chief Secretary -Finance, Eastern Provincial Council". This deposit slip should be attached along with the registration form.
13. Applications received after the closing date will be rejected.
14. For further clarifications do not hesitate to contact DCS - Finance Office over the telephone 026-2223917 or visit our website: www.ep.gov.lk

Thusitha P. Wanigasingha
Chief Secretary
Eastern Province.

Specimen Application Form

Eastern Provincial Council

Registration of Suppliers for the year - 2021

1. Business name :
2. Business address :
3. Telephone No. : Fax No. :
4. Business Registration No. (copy to be annexed) :
5. Nature of the Business :
6. Items of Goods / Services to be registered:

Item No.	Goods / Services Description

7. Names of the Bankers :
8. Period of credit facilities :
9. Names of the Districts, Supply could be made :
10. VAT Registration No. (If any) :
11. Any other details :

I certify that all the details furnished by me are correct and confirm to effect supplies/services in conformity with the conditions prescribed by the Chief Secretary, EPC. Bank paying slip deposited at People's bank branch, dated....., amounting to Rs..... paid as registration fee is also enclosed herewith.

.....
 Signature of the Applicant Name of the Applicant Date
 (Affix company/ official stamp)

The Requirement for assessing the Pre Qualifications of Contractors for Civil Work

Mark (✓) in the appropriate box applied for

- A. New Registration
- B. If the contractor has already registered with CIDA indicate the field of specialization and the Grade

Building	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highways	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Supply & Drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade	<input type="checkbox"/>				

- C. Organizational Information
- C 1. Registered Name of Contractor :
- C 2. Nature of Organization :

Sole Proprietor Partnership

Public Ltd, Liability Company Statutory Body

D. Registered Address

Tel. No. :

Fax :

E-Mail :

E. Name and Designation of the Person to Contact for Clarification (If any)

Tel. No. :

Fax :

E-Mail :

In case of a limited liability company or statutory body

Registration No.

Date of Registration

Issued Stated Capital

For Statutory bodies information relevant to it is incorporation should be given separately.

In case of a sole proprietor or partnership

Business Registration No.

Date of Registration

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Continuation.....

F - FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial Facilities from Banks or other Institutions				Marks by E.P.C.
Facility	Value	Name of Institution		
Permanent Overdraft				
Fixed Deposits				
Wealth Certificates				
Current Accounts				
Saving Accounts				

Extracts From Financial Statement for Last 3 Years					Marks by E.P.C.
	2020	2019	2018		
Turnover from construction					
Fixed Assets (FA)					
Current Assets (CA)					
Current Liabilities (CL)					
Long Term liabilities (LL)					
Working Capital (CA-CL)					
Net Worth (CA+FA+CL+LL)					

G - PERSONAL RESOURCES

G 1. PROFESSIONAL STAFF - Regular/ In-house staff only

Name	Field of Specialty	NIC Number	Members EPF No.	Professional Qualifications and Membership Number	Marks by E.P.C.
a. Chartered Engineer with 15 years Experience					
1.....					
2.....					
b. Chartered Engineer with 10 years Experience					
1.....					
2.....					
c. Technical Officers with NDT or NCT with 05 years Experience					
1.....					
2.....					
d. Quantity Surveyor					
e. 1.....					
2.....					
f. Supervisor					
1.....					
2.....					

H - Construction work performed during last 05 years

Year (In the Descending order)	Turnover (Construction only)	Marks by E.P.C.
Total		

I - The largest Construction contract completed during the last 05 years

Field of Specialty	Final Contract Value	Year Completed	Project Location	Marks by E.P.C.

J- Work-in-hand

Client	Description of Contract	Contract Amount	Marks by E.P.C.

K - Schedule of Plant and Equipment owned by the Constructor

Documents to be attached:

- The Certificate of Registration issued by the Commissioner of Motor Traffic and the valid revenue license
- An affidavit from the owner
- Fitness Certificate
 - The service ability and an ownership of the plant and equipment should be certified by a chartered mechanical Engineer and the AGA/ Divisional Secretary depending on the type of the plant

Equipment Description	Registration No./ Serial No.	Capacity	Date of Purchase

Certification

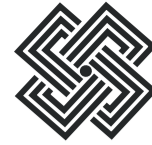
I/ we hereby certify that the information provided in this application including annexure and supporting documents is true and accurate as at this date. I/ We am/are aware in the event that any information given is found to be incorrect or that relevant information is withheld, my/our application will be automatically disqualified in addition to any further action EPC may decide to take.

Signature:

Name of authorized person:

Designation/Title:

Date of Application:

Ministry of Urban Development & Housing**Urban Development Authority****Invitation for Bids****Invitation for Bids for the Lease of the Tourist Facility Centre constructed in Nuwara-Eliya Town by Urban Development Authority on monthly Rental Basis for a period of One Year**

Further details could be obtained from the Property Management and Development Division located at 8th Floor, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla or Nuwara-Eliya District Office of Urban Development Authority at Nuwara-Eliya. Application Forms will be issued from **14.09.2020 to 25.09.2020**. Telephone Nos. Head Office : **0112875916-20 Ext. 5605** or Nuwara-Eliya District Office : **052-3059123**.

Applications are invited to lease of Canteen of Urban Development Authority located in Commercial Complex constructed in the Centre of Town for a period of 10 years by Tender.

Further details could be obtained from the Land Development and Management Division located at 6th Floor, "Sethsiripaya", Battaramulla or Sabaragamuwa Provincial Office of Urban Development Authority at Ratnapura New Town. Applications will be issued from **07.09.2020 to 25.09.2020**. Telephone Nos. Head Office - **011-2875916-20 Ext. 5210**, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Office : **045-2222086**.

**Chairman
Revenue Tender Board (Minor),
Urban Development Authority,
6th Floor,
"Sethsiripaya", First Stage,
Battaramulla.**

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies ACT No. 07 of 2007.

Name of the Company : **LASS BOULEVARD (PVT) LTD.**
Number of the Company : **PV 00226775**
Address of the Company's Registered Office : **No. 250/11, GEORGE R. DE SILVA MAWATHA, COLOMBO 13.**

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007

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PV 00211787
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INVITATION FOR BIDS**NATIONAL HOSPITAL OF SRI LANKA (Ministry of Health)****Supply of Medical Equipment**

01. The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee of the National Hospital of Sri Lanka will receive sealed Bids up to **10.00 a.m. on 12.10.2020** for the supply of following medical equipment.

Item No.	Item	Ref. No.	Non of Items	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)
01.	Battery Drill with Batteries	SG-11/33/2019-01	02	4000.00
02.	Medical Items for Skill Laboratory at School of Radiography	SG-11/76/2020/01		1000.00

02. Only nominated or authorized Agents of Manufacturers who produce and supply equipment to the Sri Lanka Market are eligible to participate in this Invitation for Bids.
03. Bid Documents could be obtained from **11.09.2020 to 09.10.2020** between **9.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.** on submission of the receipt obtained for the payment of the non-refundable fee mentioned above to the Deputy Director General of Health Services of National Hospital of Sri Lanka. (Telephone : 0112691111 Extension - 2722).
04. A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at **10.00 a.m. on 29.09.2020** for Item No. 01.
05. Sealed Bids should either be sent to reach by Registered Post or if hand delivered should be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Office of the Chief Accountant, National Hospital of Sri Lanka before **10.00 a.m. on 12.10.2020**. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time.
06. Further details (if required) could be obtained from the Chief Accountant of National Hospital of Sri Lanka (Telephone : 011-2694595).

**Chairman
Regional Procurement Committee,
National Hospital of Sri Lanka,
Colombo 10.**

**Invitation for Bids****Ministry of Finance
Sri Lanka Customs****SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING AND MAINTENANCE OF 70 NOS. PERSONAL COMPUTERS**

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Customs invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for Procurement of 70 Nos. of Personal Computers for the Sri Lanka Customs.

Contract No.	Name of the Contract & Description	Amount of Bid Security (LKR)	Bid Closing	
			Date	Time
Log/S/09/Com/2020	Procurement of 70 Nos. of Personal Computers	200,000.00	06.10.2020	2.30 p.m.

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
3. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,000.00 to the Chief Shroff, 2nd Floor, Sri Lanka Customs on working days, up to 3.00 p.m. on or before 05th October 2020. The method of payment will be by cash only.
4. Bids must be delivered to the Director of Customs (Logistics), Logistics Directorate, 6th Floor, Sri Lanka Customs, Customs House, No. 40, Main Street, Colombo 11, at or before 2.30 p.m. on 06th October 2020. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person. All Bids must be accompanied with a Bid Security in the amount stated in the above table.
5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Director of Customs (Logistics), Sri Lanka Customs and inspect the Bidding Documents at the Logistics Directorate, on working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 14th September 2020.

**Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
Sri Lanka Customs
Customs House
No. 40, Main Street, Colombo 11.
Tel : 011-2221680
11th September 2020**

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

ENGINEERING ORGANIZATION
Western Province - Provincial Council

- The Chairman, **Procurement Committee of relevant Divisional Engineer or Provincial Director of Education** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following works as described below.
- The Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been black listed or assigned contracts should not be defaulted or not finish in given time period or terminated pre-maturely and shall meet the following requirements and have a valid CIDA registration.

(1)	(2) Name of Contract	(3) Engineer Division	(4) Funding Source	(5) Minimum CIDA Registration And Specialty	(6) Estimated cost for construction excluding VAT (Direct Construction Cost) Rs: Cts.	(7) Non-Refundable Fee Rs: Cts.	(8) Refundable Bid Deposits / Bid Security. Rs: Cts	(9) Place of Issuing and submission of bidding documents and contact Phone No.
1	Roof Repair of 140 x 30 two storied building at WP/COL/St. Lucia's Vidyalaya	Colombo	Provincial School	C9	2,262,878.00	1,000.00	10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's office Colombo, No.151/4/2/1, Maligawaththa Place, Maligawaththa, Colombo 10 T.P : 0112447773
2	Roof Repair & Building repair at WP/COL/ Cathedral Boys Vidyalaya	Colombo	Provincial School	C9	2,307,963.80	1,000.00	10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's office Colombo, No.151/4/2/1, Maligawaththa Place, Maligawaththa, Colombo 10 T.P : 0112447773
3	WP/COL/AL IqbalVidyalaya - for the Activities on the Pilling Land	Colombo	Provincial School	C10	919,237.00	500.00	5,000.00	Divisional Engineer's office Colombo, No.151/4/2/1, Maligawaththa Place, Maligawaththa, Colombo 10 T.P : 0112447773
4	WP/COL/ A.E Gunasinghe Vidyalaya Roof Repairing of three story building & two Story building repairing of concrete structures which are cracked	Colombo	Provincial School	C11	452,347.00	500.00	5,000.00	Divisional Engineer's office Colombo, No.151/4/2/1, Maligawaththa Place, Maligawaththa, Colombo 10 T.P : 0112447773
5	WP/COL/ Modara Hindu Vidyalaya - Construction of Toilets	Colombo	Provincial School	C9	2,663,611.00	1,000.00	10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's office Colombo, No.151/4/2/1, Maligawaththa Place, Maligawaththa, Colombo 10 T.P : 0112447773
6	WP/COL/Kaleimagal Tamil Vidyalaya - Repair of 90x25 Three Storied Building including 02 nr. Smart Class Rooms	Colombo	National School	C6	13,932,621.15	4,000.00	200,000.00	Provincial Director of Education, Department of Education (W.P) Ranmagapaya, Main Street, Battaramulla T.P : 0112875727
7	Bandaragama Central College - Repair to Grade 6 Building	Pnadura	National School	C9	2,146,436.93	1,000.00	10,000.00	Provincial Director of Education, Department of Education (W.P) Ranmagapaya, Main Street, Battaramulla T.P : 0112875727
8	Bandaragama Central College Repairs to Building	Pnadura	National School	C6	12,057,891.81	4,000.00	200,000.00	Provincial Director of Education, Department of Education (W.P) Ranmagapaya, Main Street, Battaramulla T.P : 0112875727
9	WP/HR/Wevita Maitri Maha Vidyalaya Urgent Repairs to Science Laboratory	Pnadura	Provincial School	C8	3,550,000.00	2,000.00	25,000.00	Divisional Engineer's office Panadura, Sri MahaVihara Road, Panadura. T.P : 038-2243078
10	Construction of Boundary Wall at Gampaha General Hospital	Gampaha	Provincial Health	C9	2,668,436.10	1,000.00	10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's office Gampaha, Court Road, Gampaha. T.P : 033-2222515
11	Electrical System Upgrading to the Gampaha Base Hospital & For Electrical Wiring to the Sanasa SuwaSewana Clinic Building At Gampaha Hospital	Gampaha	Provincial Health	EM3	22,213,106.00	5,000.00	250,000.00	Divisional Engineer's office Gampaha, Court Road, Gampaha. T.P : 033-2222515
12	Balance Work of Elder's day Care Center at Pitagoneliya	Kaluthara	Provincial Health	C8	4,439,118.00	2,000.00	25,000.00	Divisional Engineer's office Kaluthara, Sumangala Road, Kaluthara North. T.P : 034-2237002
13	Repairing of Buildings at Kuswala J.S.V	Negombo	Provincial School	C8	3,932,000.00	2,000.00	25,000.00	Divisional Engineer's office Negombo, No. 75, Luvis Place, Negombo. T.P : 031-2232357
14	Roof Repairing U- Shaped single storied main building at WP/NG/Welihena R.C.TV	Negombo	Provincial School	C9	2,020,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's office Negombo, No. 75, Luvis Place, Negombo. T.P : 031-2232357
15	WP/PILI/Methodist Vidyalaya - Applying Safety Measures to Prevent Further Earth Sliding	Rathmalana	Provincial School	C11	498,648.00	500.00	5,000.00	Divisional Engineer's office Rathmalana, No. 25, Maligawa Road, Rathmalana. T.P : 0112622518
16	WP/PILI/Darmarama Maha Vidyalaya Repair to 70x25 Three Storied Building	Rathmalana	Provincial School	C8	4,389,157.90	2,000.00	25,000.00	Divisional Engineer's office Rathmalana, No. 25, Maligawa Road, Rathmalana. T.P : 0112622518
17	WP/PILI/ K othalawalapura Maha Vidyalaya - Repairs of 70x25 Two Storied Building - Balance Work	Rathmalana	National School	C9	1,874,431.50	1,000.00	10,000.00	Provincial Director of Education, Department of Education (W.P) Ranmagapaya, Main Street, Battaramulla T.P : 0112875727
18	WP/PILI/Royal Primary School - Dehiwala - Improvement of Teacher's Training Center	Rathmalana	National School	C6	19,111,784.00	4,000.00	200,000.00	Provincial Director of Education, Department of Education (W.P) Ranmagapaya, Main Street, Battaramulla T.P : 0112875727
19	WP/PILI/ Puwakaraba Methodist High School - Conversion of a Building Including full Repairs	Rathmalana	National School	C9	2,363,701.45	1,000.00	10,000.00	Provincial Director of Education, Department of Education (W.P) Ranmagapaya, Main Street, Battaramulla T.P : 0112875727

- Qualifications should be fulfilled as in the Bidding Document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **relevant Divisional Engineer's offices** given in the Table(Column No. 03) and may pre inspect the bidding documents at the same office during the office hours.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by any prospective Bidder or their accredited agent on the submission of a written request to the **relevant Divisional Engineer or Provincial Director of Education** (As in the Column No.09 of the table)of the Western Province - Provincial Council upon payment of non refundable fee from **9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** in any working day from 14.09.2020 until 02.10.2020 Payment shall be made in cash.
- Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate with separate envelopes project name written at the top left hand corner and addressed to the **relevant Divisional Engineers' Office or Department of Education (W.P)** (as indicated in **Column No.09** of the table) on or before **05.10.2020 at 10.30 am**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of bidders or bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security/cash deposit (As in the Table).
- Late bids will be rejected.

**Director Buildings' Office,
Engineering Organization (W.P),
5th Floor,
#204, DenzilKobbakaduwa Mawatha,
Battaramulla
T.P / Fax:0112-092510**

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT, POLGOLLA
Registration of Suppliers of Goods and Services 2021

Applications are invited from manufacturers, Sales Agents, Suppliers and Contractors for the registration of suitable suppliers to fulfill the requirements of goods and services of the National Institute of Cooperative Development for the year 2021. May apply for registration on self prepared application forms prepared as per the specimen given below in conformity with the conditions given below.

Goods and Services for Registration

Goods

1. Building Materials, Building Equipment and related spare parts
2. Equipment for Plumbing System and related spare parts
3. All Electrical Goods and related spare parts
4. Office Furniture
5. Office Machinery and Accessories
6. All kinds of Stationery
7. Rubber Stamps and Date Stamps
8. All kinds of Computers and Computer Accessories
9. Electronic Equipment and Accessories
10. Air Conditioning Equipment, Accessories and Spare Parts
11. Fire Safety Equipment
12. Audio Visual Equipment and Accessories
13. Printers and Accessories
14. Printing Paper, Inks, Chemicals and other materials required for Printing Works
15. Fax Machines, Photo Copiers and Duplicating Machines related accessories and Spare Parts (Toners, Master Rolls, Ribbons, Inks and Ink Cartridges)
16. Spare Parts and Batteries for all kinds of vehicles
17. All kinds of Tyres and Tubes
18. All kinds of Hardware Items
19. All kinds of Kitchen Equipment and Appliances
20. Towels, Bed Spreads, Pillow Cases, Mosquito Nets, Mattresses, Mattress Covers, Curtains and Table cloths
21. Drinking Water Bottles (with SLS Certification)
22. Library Books and Periodical Magazines
23. Supply of all kinds of restaurant / canteen and kitchen equipment (Porcelain Plates, Side Plates, Saucers, Cups, Curry Bowls, Sauce Pans, Boilers, Tea Makers etc.)

Services

24. Building Construction Services
25. Building Maintenance and Building Painting Services
26. Security Services
27. Cleaning Services
28. Washing of Linen services
29. Supply of Food and Beverages and Restaurant Services
30. Repairing and Maintenance of Air conditioners
31. Repairing and Maintenance of Photocopiers
32. Repairing and Maintenance of Printers
33. Repairing and Maintenance of Computer Accessories
34. Maintenance and Repairing of Generators and related systems
35. Insecticides and Termite Control Services
36. Repairing and Maintenance of Electronic Equipment
37. Repairing of Office Furniture and Carpentry Technical Service, Cushioning of Chairs
38. Printing Works (including Books, Magazines, Hand Bills, and Certificates)
39. Supply of Photocopying Services, Sinhala and Tamil Typesetting services and Colour Separation Services
40. Printing of Photographs and Processing
41. Name Boards, Notice Boards, Printing of Banners / Stickers and fixing
42. Book Binding
43. Servicing of all kinds of vehicles
44. Repairing of technical, electrical system and air conditioners and cushioning of all kinds of Vehicles
45. Tinkering and Painting of all kinds of Vehicles
46. Supply of Transport Services
47. Supply of Aluminium Doors and Windows, Partitioning and Installations
48. Purchase of Discarded Paper
49. Landscaping Works
50. Electrical and Oxygen Welding Services
51. Computer Software Development (Including Web Designing)
52. Fixing of CCTV Cameras and Maintenance Services
53. Conservation of Old Photographs
54. Repairing and Maintenance of Restaurant / canteen / kitchen goods / equipment (Rice Steamer, Coconut Scraper, Gas Cookers etc.)
55. Maintenance and Repairing of Fire Extinguishing Equipment and security systems
56. Cleaning of Toilet Pits (Gully), underground sewerage systems etc
57. Cutting and removal of dangerously positioned trunks and branches of trees
58. Designing and making and hiring of cassocks / robes

Conditions:

1. Applicants intending to register for more than one item should submit separate applications as per the specimen given below. Relevant application forms may be purchased from our institution on payment of Rs.500.00 in cash or by sending a crossed cheque in drawn in favour of "Director General, National Institute of Cooperative Development, Polgolla" dishonouring the cheque will result in the rejection of the application) or by a Money Order mentioning POLGOLLA as the Paying Office and the copy of the Business Registration Certificate should be attached to each application.
2. This institution reserves the right to peruse the applications and to accept them or reject them without showing any cause.
3. Generally quotations are called from the list of registered suppliers only. But the institution reserves the right to call for quotations and make purchases from other sources when there are insufficient numbers of suppliers and at times of necessity.
4. When efficient services are not provided by the registered suppliers the institution reserves the right to remove such suppliers from the list of registered suppliers or to refrain from calling for quotations from them.
5. Applications should be duly perfected and sent by registered post addressed to "Director General, National Institute of Cooperative Development, Polgolla" to receive on or before 20.10.2020 or hand delivered to the Procurement Division. The caption, "Registration of Suppliers for year 2021" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application. Late applications will be rejected.

Director General and Chief Executive Officer
National Institute of Cooperative Development
Polgolla
Tel: 0812498679 / 0812498680



National Institute of Cooperative Development
Registration of Suppliers - 2021
Application Form

1. Name of Institution:
2. Address:
3. Telephone No.
 i. Mobile Phone:
- ii. Fax No.
- iii. Email Address:
4. Coordinating Officer :.....
 i. Name:
- ii. Telephone No.
- iii. Position:
- iv. Authorized Officer:
5. Items Supplied

Serial No.	No.	Item
6. Credit limit:
- i. Maximum Credit Period:
7. Details regarding Bankers
 i. Name:
- ii. Address:
8. VAT Registration No.
9. Business Registration Certificate No.....

.....
 Date Signature

For Office use only.

PEOPLE'S BANK

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed Principals listed below who supply respective brands/Manufacturers/ Suppliers or their accredited Local Agents in Sri Lanka for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of equipments of the items given below.

Tender No.	Description of the Item	Qty (Nos.)	Required Stated Brands	Value of Bid Security (Rs.)	Last date & Time of issuing Documents	Date & Time of Closing Tender
P/068/2020	Personal Computers	500 in 2 slabs of 250 each	HP, Dell, Lenovo, NEC, Asus, Acer	500,000.00	29.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.	30.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.
P/069/2020	Thin Client Machines	200 in 2 slabs of 100 each	Lenovo, HP, Dell	300,000.00	29.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.	30.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.
P/070/2020	Wide Carriage Printers	300	Specify	500,000.00	30.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.	02.10.2020 at 2.00 p.m.
P/071/2020	Pass Book Printers	250	Epson, Wincor Nixdorf, Olivetti	300,000.00	30.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.	02.10.2020 at 2.00 p.m.
P/072/2020	Note Book Computers	20	Specify	100,000.00	30.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.	02.10.2020 at 2.00 p.m.

1. Tender documents could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 by depositing **Rs. 1,500/-** for each tender document to the Account No. **204100120011913** maintained at Headquarters Branch. Deposits could be made from any People's Bank branch to the named account. Issuance of tender documents will be made on producing the duplicate of the cash paying in slip between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m from **11.09.2020 to 29.09.2020** (Personal Computers & Thin Client Machines) and from **11.09.2020 to 30.09.2020** (Wide Carriage Printers, Pass Book Printers, Note Book Computers) on working days of the Bank.
2. Each perfected tender document should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee/Bid Bond from a commercial bank (other than People's Bank) acceptable to the People's Bank for above mentioned value of Bid Security of each item valid for a minimum period of **180 calendar days** from the date of opening the tender. Bank pay orders/Bank drafts with a minimum period of **180 calendar days** from Tender opening date are also acceptable in lieu of Bid bonds. Cheque drawn by the tenderer will not be accepted.
3. Sealed tenders addressed to Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department, No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02, may be sent by registered post or deposited in the tender box kept at this Department at or before 2.00 p.m. on the above mentioned Tender closing dates. Tenders received after 2.00 p.m. on tender closing dates will be rejected and returned unopened.
4. The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders received without assigning any reasons thereof and it is not bound to accept only the lowest quoted tender based on the price.
5. Further details could be obtained from Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department, on the telephone Nos. given below.

Chief Manager (Supplies)
People's Bank, Supplies Dept.
No. 30/101, Kew Road,
Colombo 02.

Tele. Nos: 2439577/8, 2307326
Fax No : 2439576
Web : www.peoplesbank.lk

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SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & Time
CES/FP/05/PT/6092(MP)	Injector Assembly for Cummins 855 Engines fitted with Transfer Cranes at JCT	48,000.00	1,000.00	08/10/2020 10.00 hrs.
CMS/LP/20/PT/07/013-A	122 Nos. Desktop Computers	183,000.00	3,500.00	28/09/2020 13.30 hrs.
CMS/LP/20/PT/01/051	Paints & Thinner for STS Cranes in UCT	17,500.00	1,000.00	05/10/2020 13.30 hrs.
CMS/LP/20/PT/11/051	200 Nos. 60W Led Medium Bay Lamp Fixtures	100,000.00	3,500.00	05/10/2020 13.30 hrs.
CMS/LP/20/PT/07/054	300 Nos. of MS Angles 75X75X8MM, 5.8M Length	21,500.00	1,000.00	06/10/2020 13.30 hrs.
CMS/LP/20/PT/15/007	Supply of Engine Driven DC Welding Plant - 02 Nos.	80,000.00	1,000.00	06/10/2020 13.30 hrs.

2. Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987 are applicable to tenders exceeding Rs. 5 million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned tender are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any bidder who wishes to act as an agent, sub-agent, a representative or a nominee for and on behalf of any foreign manufacturer or a supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed Registration Certificate along with his bid documents.
3. Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (3) years.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
5. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee, indicated in Column 04 from 11th September 2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All bids must be accompanied by the amount of above mentioned Bid Security.

Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management),
Supplies Division,
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road,
Colombo 01.

Telephone Nos. 2482231, 2483338, 2482499, 2482832, 2482409, 2482652, 2482638
Fax Nos.: 2381652, 2470443



NOTICE
Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9 (1) of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007 that the undermentioned company was incorporated.
Name of Company: **PAPID CONSTECH (PVT) LTD**
Registered No: PV 00226494
Date of incorporation: **27.08.2020**
Registered Office: **"Anantha Vasa", Inparsiaddy, Point Pedro.**
On behalf of the above company, Thangarajah Thanushan, Company Secretary

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED GOLD ARTICLES
Notice is hereby given that if the articles remained unredeemed as at 30th April 2020 will be auctioned by public auction on 09th October 2020, at Head Office, BOC Merchant Tower, 28, St. Michael's Road, Colombo 03. The Auction will be started from 10.00 a.m.

Name of Branch
Union Place, Kadawatha, Gampaha, Negombo, Kottawa, Kaluthara, Moratuwa, Galle, Nugegoda, Kolahena, Kurunegala, Anuradhapura, Rathnapura, Ambalangoda, Ampara, Ambalanthota, Avissawella, Bandarawela, Batticaloa, Chilaw, Dambulla, Deniyaya, Embilipitiya, Tissamaharamaya, Hinguragoda, Horana, Hattton, Ja-ela, Jaffna, Kandy, Kiribathgoda, Kilinochchi, Kekirawa, Kandana, Kuliapitiya, Maharagama, Metro, Monaragala, Matara, Mathugama, Nittambuwa, Puttalam, Panadura, Trincomalee, Vauniya, Wattala, Wennappuwa, Head Office

MBSL reserve the right to cancel, postpone and/or amalgamate the auction or change the venue for this auction without any further notice.
A fee Rs. 2,500/- will be charged upon entrance to the auction it is not refunded.
Manager Gold Loan, BOC Merchant Tower, Mezzanine Floor, No. 28, St Michael's Road, Colombo 03. 011 4 711 711

Merchant Bank of Sri Lanka & Finance PLC
A subsidiary of Bank of Ceylon Co., Reg. No. PQ 10

Procurement Notice
Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha

Quotations are invited for the purchase of following materials for the "Sisu Diriya" Programme conducted by the Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha. Quotations will be received up to 2.00 p.m. on 30.10.2020. Quotations may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha, Nittambuwa" or hand delivered.

Quotations will be opened after 2.00 p.m. on 30.10.2020. Bidder or his representative may be present at the time of opening of quotations. This Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right to take the final decision regarding this quotation. Further details regarding this may be obtained by calling on Tel. No. 033-2287277.

Price of a Bag - Rs.
(No. of School Bags required - 1000)
(School Bags)

Price of a Pair of Shoes (School) - Rs.
(No. of Pairs of Shoes required - 1000)
(Boys / Girls)

9 - 11 Size
12 - 1 Size
2 - 4 Size
5 - 8 Size
5 - 10 Size

Price of a 120 Page Exercise Book - Rs.
(No. of Books required - 4000)

Note :

- Samples of the relevant goods should be submitted with the quotations.
- If your institution is giving a discount for these goods, it should be separately mentioned and sent.

Priyantha Pushpakumara
Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha
Nittambuwa
07.09.2020

Expression of Interest (EOI)
CEYLON PETROLEUM STORAGE TERMINALS LIMITED
EXPERT SERVICE FOR INSURANCE COVERS
KPR/31/2020

Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL) is the common user facility company established to facilitate the Petroleum Storage & Distribution activities in Sri Lanka. Committed to safeguard the national interest and maintain world class standards in the industry while protect the environment, health and safety of employees and public.
Chairman, Department Consultant Procurement Committee (DCPC), on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL) invites **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)** from **qualified Companies / Experts** to obtain the advisory services for processing.

- Property insurance (including Hydrocarbon stocks held in custody on behalf of CPC & LIOC at all locations) protecting against all kinds of risks.
- Motor Vehicles Fleet Insurance.
- Health Insurance Scheme of CPSTL employees and family members.
- Insurance Claims.

The scope of service includes, advice on the need of type of Insurance Coverage / Policies specific to Oil & Gas Industry, Risk Analysis and Review of existing Insurance Policies and provide advice on improvements / change of Insurance Risk / Portfolio requirements during procurement process and implementation.

Minimum eligibility requirements for Insurance Risk Management and Portfolio Management Expert / Consultant

- Member of the Institute of Risk Management (UK) or Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institution (ACII) or equivalent and
- 10 to 15 years experience in Risk Management and Insurance underwriting.

The Consultancy Companies / Experts will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants, published by National Procurement Agency following QCBS method.

The CPSTL intends to pre-qualify professional companies / parties in order to invite RFP for the aforesaid service. Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 0800 hrs and 1600 hrs on any working day up to 21.09.2020.

Expressions of Interest should include the following information :

- Description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions indicating the name of client, nature of assignment, location, contract value;
- Status to the company/expert with Business Registration etc. including the names of the owners and names and qualifications of the key staff.
- Any other relevant information

EOI proposal must be delivered no later than at 1630 hrs on **25.09.2020** by hand delivery / courier / email or by post to the following address. Please send all correspondence to the following address or any clarifications could be obtained from the undersigned.

Manager Procurement Function,
Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited,
Oil Installation, Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya.
Tel : 0094-112572156 / 0094-115750764
Fax : 0094-112572155
E-mail : procure@cpstl.lk

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INVITATION OF TENDERS FOR YEAR 2021
MATARA PRADESHIYA SABHA
Leasing of the Yields of Lands owned by Matara Pradeshiya Sabha

- Sealed tenders are received by me up to 10.00 a.m. on 28.09.2020 from buyers for the leasing of yields of the Sabha lands for a period of one year from 01.01.2021 until 31.12.2021.
- Relevant tender forms will be issued by the Head Office of the Matara Pradeshiya Sabha from 14.09.2020 up to 9.00 a.m. on 28.09.2020.
- All tenders will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 28.09.2020 at the Head Office of the Matara Pradeshiya Sabha.
- Schedules of assets / properties relevant to this are published in the Notice Boards of Sub Offices of the Pradeshiya Sabha and Government Institutions in the area.

H.K. Wimal Priyajanaka
Chairman
Matara Pradeshiya Sabha

NOTICE OF APPLICATION IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO

In the matter of an application under chapter XXXVIII B of the Civil Procedure Code for Re-Sealing of Foreign Probate granted by the Supreme Court of Victoria exercising Probate Jurisdiction, in respect of the Last Will and Testament of **KARUNATHILAKA WEERAKKODY** of 4 Romilly Avenue, Lower Templestowe Victorial, Australia.

Case No. : DTS 110/2020
Nature : Foreign Probates
Procedure : Summary
Value : Rs. 6,979,500/00

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And now:
Tharanga Sri Weerakkody
7, Ashton Street, Glen Waverley Victoria, Australia

Appearing by his Attorney:
Hennayake Mudiyansele
Hemachandra
21/12, Sydney Premathiradna Mawatha, Wasanauyana Seeduwa Sri Lanka.

PETITIONER
Vs.
1. Mallika Hemalatha Manike Weerakkody
4, Romilly Avenue, Lower Templestowe, State of Victoria, Australia.
2. Samantha Lanka Weerakkody
89, Pulsford Street, Prospect State of Adelaide, Australia.

RESPONDENTS

Notice is hereby given, that after the expiry of 28 days from the date hereof, application will be made to the District Court of Colombo, under Chapter XXXVIII B of the Civil Procedure Code read with the provisions of the British Courts Resealing Rules of 1939 for the sealing of Probate of the will in respect of Karunathilaka Weerakkody (late) of 4 Romilly Avenue, Lower Templestowe, State of Victoria, Australia (deceased), granted by the the Supreme Court of Victoria exercising Probate Jurisdiction on the 15th day of October 2019.

On this 11th of September 2020
Attorney-at-Law for the Petitioner

afc Gold Loan PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Gold articles pawned at the undermentioned Gold Loan Centers of the Alliance Finance Co. PLC, for the period elapsing on 2018.12.31 / 2019.01.31 / 2019.02.28 not redeemed up to now, will be sold by Public Auction on 2020.09.24 at 9.30 a.m. at the undermentioned place.

GOLD LOAN CENTERS
Aluthgama, Ambalangoda, Ampara, Anuradhapura, Athurugiriya, Avissawella, Badulla, Balangoda, Batticaloa, Chankana, Chawakachcheri, Chilaw, Chunnagam, Dambulla, Galewela, Monaragala, Hattton, Homagama, Horana, Ja Ela, Jaffna, Kadawatha, Kaduruwela, Kaduwela, Kalawanjikudi, Kalpitiya, Kelaniya, Kilinochchi, Kiribathgoda, Kirindiwela, Malabe, Matara, Negombo, Nittambuwa, NuwaraEliya, Panadura, Piliyandala, Point Pedro, Pugoda, Ratnapura, Rikilgaskada, Thirunselvel, Trincomalee, Vauniya, Wellisada.

DATE AND PLACE OF AUCTION
No. 722, Kotte road, Rajagiriya.
2020-09-24

All those who are participating in the Auction should bring their National Identity Card. The Alliance Finance Co. PLC reserves the right to cancelling, postponing or amalgamating the Auctions without any intimation.

Head of Division - Gold Loan
Alliance Finance Co. PLC
No. 722, Kotte road,
Rajagiriya.
Tel : 0115 573600

Negombo Municipal Council
Invitation for Budgetary Proposals - 2021

Residents are invited to send proposals on development work to be implemented within the area of authority of Negombo Municipal Council to be considered for the inclusion in the Budget for the year 2021.

- The property relevant to the proposal should be situated within the area of authority of Negombo Municipal Council.
- One or more proposals could be submitted.
- When several proposals are submitted, they should be listed in order of preference.

Please submit your proposals to the following address by registered post or by e-mail before 30.09.2020.

Mayor,
Municipal Council,
Negombo.
E-mail: nmcacbk@gmail.com

INVITATION FOR BIDS

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இலங்கை மத்திய வங்கி
CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

TENDER FOR SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT, INSTALLATION, CONFIGURATION, TESTING, COMMISSIONING AND TRAINING OF THE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO AN INTEGRATED IT SYSTEM TO THE CENTRE FOR BANKING STUDIES (CBS) OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA (CBSL)

- Sealed quotations (including financial proposal) are invited for software development, installation, configuration, testing, commissioning and training of the activities related to an Integrated IT System (CBS Interactive Website - CBSIW and Institute Management System - IMS) for CBS from interested institutions who have fulfilled the minimum eligibility criteria given below:
 - Should be a company registered and operating in Sri Lanka.
 - Should have successfully implemented bespoke software in at least two institutions in Sri Lanka and should have been engaged in maintaining similar software in Sri Lanka during the 5 years ended 30.06.2020.
 - Should have a project team including project managers, team leaders, software developers, quality assurance personnel and other technical experts who possess relevant academic, professional qualifications and experience.
 - Should have positive net worth and be in profits at least for two years out of the last three years.

Tender Details	
Non-Refundable Tender Deposit	Rs. 1,000/=
Bid Security	Bank Guarantee of Rs. 100,000/=
Issuing Bidding Documents	0900 Hrs. - 1500 Hrs. From 11 September 2020 - 02 October 2020 Mail Room, Ground Floor, CBSL Head Office Building, Colombo 01
Pre - Bid Meeting	1000 Hrs - 22 September 2020
Bid-Closing Time & Date	1430 Hrs. - 05 October 2020

- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge and collected by producing a letter of request made on a business letterhead and by paying a non-refundable cash fee of Rs. 1,000/=.
- For further details, you may contact Senior Assistant Director/IT
Tel: 0112398617 or Senior Assistant Secretary/Procurement - Tel: 0112398754

The Secretary - Central Bank of Sri Lanka
No.30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01

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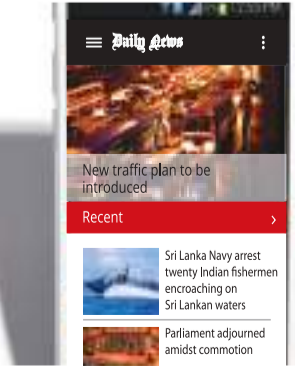
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PROCUREMENT NOTICE**(National Competitive Bidding)****Moragahakanda - Kaluganga Development Project****Ministry of Irrigation****Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka**

Sealed quotations will be received for the provision of Dry Rations for the months of October and November, 2020 for the families resettled in Guruwela and Wellewela Divisions under the Moragahakanda - Kaluganga Development Project, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, Ministry of Irrigation. These quotations should be valid up to 60 days from the Quotation opening date.

Types of foods to be supplied and details:

- ❖ Bid Invitation No. - MKDP/SUP/Q/5134
- ❖ Dry Food Items required:
 - Rice (local Badabath) Nadu : 125310 kg
 - Sprats : 4115 kg
 - Dhal : 8235 kg
 - Sugar : :
 - Tinned Fish - 400g : 7875 Tins
 - Tinned Fish - 200g : 715 Tins
 - Milk Powder : 200 Pkts.

- ❖ Place to be supplied : to the Moragahakanda Main Stores

Instructions & Conditions:**Obtaining of tender documents:**

- A set of quotation forms containing the details of the required materials can be obtained from the office procurement section at the undermentioned address, during working days of the week from 14.09.2020 up to 05.10.2020, between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on submission of a written request and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00 made to the accounts section.

Submission of Bids:

- ❖ Sealed bids prepared as per the quotation forms obtained should either be sent to reach the following address by registered post or deposited in the office tender box before 2.30 p.m. on 06.10.2020.
- ❖ It is compulsory to mention the Tender No. on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.
- ❖ Bids will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on 06.10.2020 and Bidders or their authorized representatives, if required, could be present at the time.

For further details:-

01. Procurement Engineer,
Procurement Section,
Moragahakanda - Kaluganga Development Project
Tel. No. 066-2053604

02. Project Director,
Moragahakanda - Kaluganga Development Project
Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka
Kongahawela
Tel. No. 066-2053601



MINISTRY OF RURAL HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION & BUILDING MATERIAL INDUSTRIES PROMOTION
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CIDA)

INVITATION FOR BIDS**Supply of Brand New Construction Equipment for CIDA**

Procurement No. 1/4/7/00/18-2020

The Chairman, Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of following Construction Equipment for its Operator Training College, Galkulama, Anuradhapura.

Item No.	Machine/ Equipment Type	Non-Refundable Bidding Document Fee (Rs.)	Bid Guarantee (Rs.)	Closing Date and Time
01	Backhoe Loader (70-100hp)	5,000.00	150,000.00	05.10.2020

- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of the Supplies Division, Construction Industry Development Authority, 2nd Floor, "Savsiripaya", 123, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7. Tel: 011-2686236, 011-2686092, Fax 011-2699738.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased from office of the Supplies Division, from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs on normal working days from **11.09.2020** till **30.09.2020**, by any interested bidder on submission of a written application made on a company letterhead (original) to the above and upon payment of the non-refundable fee.
- Bids should be addressed to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, C/o Supplies Officer, Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) either to be received under sealed cover by Registered Post or delivered by hand under sealed cover to the above address at or before **14.00 hrs on 05.10.2020**. Bids must be accompanied by appropriate Bid Guarantee as mentioned above. The sealed outer cover enclosing the separate original and duplicate envelopes should be marked "TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT FOR CIDA" on the upper left-hand corner.
- To clarify issues and to answer questions on any matter arising in the Bidding Documents, the purchaser may invite prospective bidders to a pre-bidding meeting at the CIDA Head Office - 2nd Floor, 24th September 2020, 10.30 a.m. Bidders are encouraged to attend the meeting.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time, in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend at 14.00 hrs on 05.10.2020 at the Supplies Office of Construction Industry Development Authority, "Savsiripaya", 123, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07.
- Bids shall be valid and firm for a minimum period of 63 (Sixty Three) calendar days from the date of bid closing.

The Chairman,
Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA)
"Savsiripaya", 123, Wijerama Mawatha,
Colombo 07.

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, **Silva Piuma Dhammika alias Andradige Silva Piuma Dhammika** (N.I.C. No. 485 481 052 V) of No. 241, New Road, Delthara, Piliyandala do hereby inform that I have revoked and cancelled the Power of Attorney granted by me to Andradige Silva Mohandas Kumarasiri (N.I.C. No. 501 460 559 V) of No. 241, New Road, Delthara, Piliyandala by Special Power of Attorney bearing No. 4312 dated 27.03.2015 attested by P.G. Gnanasiri Silva Notary Public with effect from 01.09.2020.

Silva Piuma Dhammika alias Andradige Silva Piuma Dhammika

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JICA Funded Rural Infrastructure Development Project in Emerging Regions (RIDEP) - Loan No.SL-P116

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT - NORTHERN PROVINCE AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT - UVA PROVINCE**TENDER NUMBER: PL/5/W/RIDEP/2020/2****INVITATION FOR BIDS - PHASE I**

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) towards the cost of the Rural Infrastructure Development Project in Emerging Regions. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Improvements of Rural Roads in
 - Vingana Kulam Road (1.35 km), Unchalkaddi-Maruthodai Road (off Kovil Puliyankulam Road - 2.6 km), Paddikudiyiruppu Internal Road (2.24 km) and Sivanagar - Sooduventhan Road (1.334 km) in Northern Province - Contract No. SL P116/NP/RR/2020/04
 - Vinasikulam Ramar Kovil Road (off Eddumurichan Vayal Veethy - (2.05 km), Puliyankulam Internal Road (off A9 Road - 2.6 km) Kunchu Kulam Internal Road (off A9 internal Road - 2.485 km) and Nedurkerny - Kulavisuddan Road (off B296 Road - 1.1 km) in Northern Province - Contract No. SLP116/NP/RR/2020/05
 - Heennarangolla (Mutulugala) Road (0.94 km) with 0.43 km length of by roads connected to Heennarangolla Road (Total -1.37 km) and Sirimalgoda - Medamankada Road (1.66 km) at Badulla PS area of Uva Province - Contract No. SL P116/UP/RR/2020/01
- Bidding will be conducted through procedures in accordance with the applicable Guidelines for Procurement under Japanese ODA Loans, and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries, as defined in the Loan Agreement.
- The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee, State Ministry of Provincial Councils & Local Government Affairs on behalf of the Employer of these contracts now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the above road development works and some eligibility criteria highlighted in bid document are tabulated below:

No.	Province	Northern		UVA
		SL P116/NP/RR/2020/04	SL P116/NP/RR/2020/05	SL P116/UP/RR/2020/01
1	Bid Package No. / Item No.			
2	Contract Period	09 Months	09 Months	12 Months
3	Validity of the Bids	119 Days (valid up to 01.02.2021)	119 Days (valid up to 01.02.2021)	119 Days (valid up to 01.02.2021)
4	Value of Bid Security (LKR)	3.5 Million (valid up to 02.03.2021)	3.5 Million (valid up to 02.03.2021)	3.0 Million (valid up to 02.03.2021)
5	Non-Refundable Fee (LKR)	30,000.00	30,000.00	25,000.00
6	Eligibility Criteria	(i) Minimum Grade C3 of CIDA registration in highway construction (ii) copy of the Certificate of Registration issued by the Registrar of Companies in Sri Lanka (iii) form PCA3.		
7	Names of Roads & Length (km)	Construction and completion of improvements to 7.52 km length of community access roads consisting of: (i) Vingana Kulam road length - 1.35 km (ii) Unchalkaddi - Manithodai road length - 2.60 km (iii) Paddikudiyiruppu Internal Road length - 2.24 km (iv) Sivanagar - Sooduventhan road length - 1.33 km in Vavuniya North PS. The work includes earthworks, sub-base, aggregate base course and concrete pavement, with construction of concrete box/ pipe culverts, causeways, removal of trees, construction of accesses and earth/ concrete drains earth/ hard shoulders etc.	Construction and completion of improvements to 8.235 km length of community access roads consisting of: (i) Vimasikulam Ramar Kovil Road, length - 2.05 km (ii) Puliyankulam Road, length - 2.60 km (iii) Kunchukulam Road, length - 2.485 km (iv) Nedurkerny - Kulavisuddan Road, length 1.10 km in Vavuniya North PS. The work includes earthworks, sub-base, aggregate base course and concrete pavement, with construction of concrete box/ pipe culverts, causeways, removal of trees, construction of accesses and earth/ concrete drains earth/ hard shoulders etc.	Construction, completion and improvements of 3.03 km of community access roads named of: (i) Heennarangolla (Mutulugala) Road (0.94 km) with 0.43 km length of by roads connected to Heennarangolla Road (Total 1.37 km) and Sirimalgoda - Medamankada Road (1.66 km) at Badulla PS area The work includes earthworks, sub-base, aggregate base course and Concrete pavement/ asphalt pavement with construction of Concrete box / pipe culverts, rock filling, preparation access and earth drains etc.
8	Financial Situation	LKR 300 Million minimum average annual construction turnover over previous 3 years	LKR 300 Million minimum average annual construction turnover over previous 3 years	LKR 270 Million minimum average annual construction turnover over previous 3 years
9	Financial Resources	LKR 80 Million minimum amount of liquid assets or credit facility	LKR 85 Million minimum amount of liquid assets or credit facility	LKR 60 Million minimum amount of liquid assets or credit facility
10	Construction Experience	Minimum 02 Similar nature contracts satisfactorily completed in the last 05 years	Minimum 02 Similar nature contracts satisfactorily completed in the last 05 years	Minimum 02 Similar nature contracts (each shall be at least 90 Million worth) satisfactorily completed in the last 05 years
11	Date & Time of Pre-bid Meeting & Site Visit	22.09.2020 at 10.00 a.m. A site visit will be organized soon after the Pre-bid meeting	22.09.2020 at 10.30 a.m. A site visit will be organized soon after the Pre-bid meeting	24.09.2020 at 10.00 a.m. A site visit will be organized soon after the Pre-bid meeting.
12	Venue of Pre-Bid Meeting	Chief Secretary's Secretariat, Northern Provincial Council, A9 Road, Kaithady, Jaffna.		Office for the Project Implementation Unit, UVA Province, 37/2, Bandaranyaka Mawatha, Badulla.

Table (1)

Note: (1) CIDA registration requirement as JV. Please refer Clause No. 2.1.4 of Eligibility and Qualification Criteria.

- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the Office of the Project Management Unit, Rural Infrastructure Development Project in Emerging Regions (RIDEP), No. 157A, Kynsey Road, Colombo 08. Tel : 011-2667748, Fax: 011-2667768.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee specified in above Section 03 of Table (1). The method of payment should be by cash. **Bids shall be issued from 11.09.2020 to 02.10.2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on normal working days** at the Project Management Unit, Rural Infrastructure Development Project in Emerging Regions (RIDEP), No. 157A, Kynsey Road, Colombo 08. T.P. 011-2667768.
- The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the Standard Bidding Documents under Japanese ODA Loans for the Procurement of Small Works.
- Sealed original and duplicate bids should be in separate envelopes and marked "Bids for Package No ..(as per the above table)" on the top left hand corner, and sent by registered post to the "Finance Division of State Ministry of Provincial Councils & Local Government Affairs, No. 330, Union Place, Colombo-02" or may be deposited in the Tender Box available at the above location at or before 02.00 p.m. on 05.10.2020 and bids must be accompanied by a bid security as per the above Section 03 of Table (1). The form of the Bid Security shall be an unconditional guarantee issued by a Bank registered & authorized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend soon after bid closing at the **Finance Division of the State Ministry of Provincial Councils & Local Government Affairs, No. 330, Union Place, Colombo-02.**

Chairman,
Ministry Procurement Committee
State Ministry of Provincial Councils & Local Government Affairs,
No. 330, Union Place, Colombo-02.
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Email: secretary@pclg.gov.lk
Date: 11.09.2020

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

TENDER NOTICE

CLEANING SERVICES

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed cleaning service establishments for cleaning of the buildings and premises of the National Institute of Education at Maharagama and Meepe. Bid documents could be obtained up to 3.00 p.m. on 05.10.2020 from the Procurement Unit on production of the following documents to Director (Engineering Services)

1. Valid Certificate of Registration issued under Chapter 149 of Business Names Ordinance.
2. Completion certificates issued by the Government or private Organizations for similar works during the last 2 years.
3. Receipts for Rs. 4000/= as a non-refundable tender fee made to A/C No. 607628 Director General, NIE and Rs. 2000/= as a refundable tender deposit made to A/C No.607626 Director General, NIE (Bank of Ceylon branch situated in the NIE premises)

Bids should be sent by post under registered cover addressed to "Chairman, Procurement Committee, National Institute of Education" to reach before 2.00 p.m. on 06.10.2020 or bids also could be placed in the Tender Box kept at the office of the Deputy Director General (Administration, Finance and Support Services) before the date and time mentioned above. The title "Bids for Cleaning Services" should be clearly marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. Bids will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on the same day.

A Pre Bid Meeting will be held at the Deputy Director General (Administration and Finance)'s Office, National Institute of Education, Maharagama at 10.00 a.m. on 29.09.2020.

Contact Numbers :-0117601600, 0117601604

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
National Institute of Education,
Maharagama**

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation
(Ministry of Power & Energy)

Selection of a Professional Architect for Designing of the Area Office Building, Kurunegala

B/42/2020

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation will call National Competitive Bids for Selection of a Professional Architect for Designing of the Area Office Building, Kurunegala.

Bidding documents can be obtained between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs up to 30.09.2020 from the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 1st Floor, No. 609, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09 on a written request and on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 500.00 (Rs. 462.96 + 8% VAT) per set.

Bids will be closed at 1400 hrs on 02.10.2020 and opened at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), immediately after closing time of Bids. Bidders or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the opening of Bids.

Bids may be sent by post under Registered Cover or may be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 01st Floor, No. 609, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09.

Bidding documents may be inspected at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores) up to 1500 hrs on 30.09.2020. Bidding Documents are also available on the Website : www.ceypetco.gov.lk for inspection of interested Bidders.

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the undermentioned Telephone/Fax Numbers.

**Chairman
Departmental Procurement Committee
C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores)
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,
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Invitation for Bids

Ministry of Provincial Road Development, Rural Infrastructure, Tourism, Sports and Youth Affairs



Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council

Sealed bids are received by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Ministry of Provincial Road Development, Rural Infrastructure, Tourism, Sports and Youth Affairs of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council up to 10.00 a.m. on 07.10.2020 from bidders who possess the qualifications and capability for the supply of Sports Equipment to the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Department of Sports Development for year 2020.

Ser. No.	Item	Non Refundable Bid Fee (Rs.)
1	Sports Equipment	2000.00

02. Bid documents may be obtained from the Office of the Ministry of Provincial Road Development of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council situated in New Town, Ratnapura between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 11.09.2020 until 05.10.2020 upon payment of the fees mentioned above.
03. All bidders should submit either a bid bond as per the (procurement) conditions obtained from a commercial bank as per the procurement conditions or the receipt obtained upon payment in cash along with the bid. Name of the item for which bids are submitted should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid.
04. Further details regarding this may be obtained from the Ministry of Provincial Road Development during working hours by calling Tel. No. 045-2223154.
05. Procurement Committee of the Ministry of Provincial Road Development reserves the right to accept or reject bids in full or part thereof.
06. Bids will be opened at 10.15 a.m. on 07.10.2020 at the Ministry of Provincial Road Development of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, New Town, Ratnapura. Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

**Chairman
Procurement Committee
Ministry of Provincial Road Development, Rural Infrastructure, Tourism, Sports and Youth Affairs
Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council
New Town
Ratnapura**

Office of the Ministry of Provincial Road Development

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - EASTERN PROVINCE

PROCUREMENT NOTICE - Correction (02.09.2020)

Please be informed that the following items mentioned in the Procurement Notice published by me on 02.09.2020 are corrected as follows :

Bid No.	Mentioned in the Procurement Notice published on 02.09.2020	Correction Made	Units	Programme
GOSL/EP/25/ PRO/Agriculture Machinery & Inputs/2020	Maize Seeds Extractor	Knapsack Sprayer	297 Nos.	SAPP
	Grass Cutter Multi-Function Machine	Inter cultivator with Multi-Function Machine	297 Nos.	
	Tarpaulin	Tarpaulin	297 Nos.	
	Sprinkler 1/2 Ac	Sprinkler 1/2 Ac	100 Nos.	Ministry of Agriculture, Colombo

**Telephone : 0262222665, 0262223077
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Department of Agriculture,
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CORRECTION NOTICE

MINISTRY OF PLANTATION
Tea Small Holdings
Development Authority

VACANCIES

This refers to the above captioned advertisement published on page No. 41 of Daily News on 28th August 2020.

Please note that the name of the Ministry is corrected as "Ministry of Plantation" and the closing date should be read as "16th September 2020".

The other contents remain unchanged.

**Chairman,
Tea Small Holdings Development
Authority,
No. 70, Parliament Road,
Pelawatte,
Battaramulla.**

Co-operative Trade Union of Coconut Manufacturers (Ltd.) - Marawila Vacancy

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or
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This position is entitled to pensions, Employees Provident Fund, Employees Trust Fund and approved allowances.

Self-prepared applications shall be sent under registered cover, before 24.09.2020, addressed to the Secretary.

**Secretary
Co-operative Trade Union of
Coconut Manufacturers Ltd.,
Marawila.**

Tel : 0322254272

12.08.2020

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (PSC)

Recruitment to the post of Assistant Secretary (Legal) in Grade III of the Executive Service Category of the Ministry of Justice - 2020.

Amendments to Section (a) and Section (05) of the notice of calling applications, published on 12.09.2019 (dated) upon the order of the Public Service Commission (PSC) for the selection of suitable person for the 01 post existing vacant, in the **Post of Assistant Secretary (Legal) in Grade III of Executive Service Category of the Ministry of Justice.**

- (a) **Closing date** of the calling of the applications will be **11.10.2020.**
- (05) **Age limit:** Should be **not less than 21 years** and not more than **45 years of age**, as at the closing date of applications. (The upper age limit will not apply to those applicants who are already employed in the public service).

N.B.:-

- The applicants who have submitted their applications as per the newspaper notice published on 12.09.2019 need not reapply for the post.

Further details and information in this regard could be obtained contacting through the **Telephone No. 011-2452175** from **Assistant Secretary (Administrative)** and by the **Ministry of Justice's website: (www.moj.gov.lk).**

By order of the **Public Service Commission (PSC).**

**Secretary,
Ministry of Justice (MOJ)**

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Attached is a copy of the application. Or you can visit our website and download the application. (www.slts.lk)

For details, please contact the undersigned on **T.P No: 0112818660-1**
(Ext No - 1077 / 1090)

**Sri Lanka Telecom (Services) Ltd
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No 148/15, Lesley Ranagala Mawatha,
Colombo-08**

07/09/2020

Application for Registration as a Supplier

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05. Nature of Business :-.....
06. Business Registration number & registered Business :-.....
(Please attached the BRC copy)
07. Name of the Bankers and Account Numbers :-.....
08. Are you registered for VAT :-.....
a. If "Yes" (certified VAT certificate should be attached)
b. If "No" (a letter from the Inland Revenue Dept. Issued after 2006 stating "VAT registration has not been allocated" should be attached)
09. Item Group/s for which registration is sought :-.....
10. Whether agreeable to give 60 days credit facility :-.....
11. Other available facilities, transportation, storage, etc :-.....
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RAJARATA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

INVITATION FOR BIDS

PROPOSED RENOVATION WORKS OF EXISTING CEILING OF AUDITORIUM OF FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES, RAJARATA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA AT MIHINTHALE

01. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihinthale now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Proposed Renovation Works in the Existing Ceiling of Auditorium of Faculty of Management Studies, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka at Mihinthale as described below and estimated to cost Rs. 7.6 Million.

Work:

Work comprises demolition of brick wall, removing and re-fixing existing chairs and structural steel work, asbestos ceiling, mineral fiber suspended ceiling, gypsum board suspended ceiling work.

The Construction Period is 120 days.

02. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
03. To be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder **shall not have been blacklisted and shall have the CIDA registration as a main Contractor for Building works under the category of C6 or C7.**
04. Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include the followings:
 - i. Average of the annual volume of construction work performed in the last five years shall be at least **Rs. 12 million.**
 - ii. Experience in the similar nature and the complex construction of at least one Contract not less than **6 Million** as the main Contractor over the last **5 years.**
 - iii. Minimum amount of liquid assets and/or credit facilities net of other contractual commitments shall be Sri Lankan **Rs.6 Million** which should be made available exclusively for this project.
05. Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Works Engineer, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihinthale** (Tel: 025 2266787) and inspect the bidding documents at the **Assistant Registrar (Capital Works), Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihinthale from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.**
06. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to **Assistant Registrar (Capital Works), Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihinthale** (Tel: 025 2266311) from **11.09.2020 until 02.10.2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.** upon payment of a **non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,500.00** to the Shroff of the University. The method of payment will be by cash.
07. Bids may be sent by Registered post to the **Registrar, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihinthale** or may be deposited at or before **2.00 p.m. on 05.10.2020** in the tender box available at the **Office of Registrar, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka at Mihinthale.** Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
08. Bids shall be valid up to 77 Days from opening date.
09. Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Rs. 115,000.00** obtain from a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or shall be issued by Construction Guarantee Fund which shall be valid up to **18.01.2021** (28 days from the bid validity period) or in cash.
10. Pre bid meeting will be held on **21.09.2020 at 11.00 a.m. at the Faculty Boardroom, Faculty of Management Studies, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihinthale.**

The Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
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Management Systems (Pvt) Ltd	Accountant/Management Accountant	Global Rubber Industries (Pvt) Ltd	Assistant Maintenance Engineer	Edith Cowan University	Head Of Marketing
Kayo Trading (Pvt) Ltd	Assistant Accountant			Company Name Withheld	Marketing Executive
Classic Venture (Pvt) Ltd	Assistant Executive Finance			Orient Finance PLC	Marketing Executive - Leasing/ Credit
University Of Peradeniya	Audit Assistant				Marketing Officer
LB Finance	Compliance Officer			Olemi Credit (Pvt) Ltd	Sales Coordinator
Securities And Exchange - Commission Of Sri Lanka	Director Finance			Medi Textile (Pvt) Ltd	Sales Executives - For a Leading Company
Airport and Aviation Services - (Sri Lanka) Limited	Head Of Finance			Company Name Withheld	Trading In Diesel
University Of Peradeniya	Internal Auditor				Power Generators
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Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka	Superintendent	Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & - Hotel Management	Assistant Director Maintenance / Management Assistant Technical - For Ministry Of Tourism	Market Development Facility (MDF)	Business Adviser - MDF Sri Lanka
		National Livestock Development Board	Deputy General Manager (Corporate Operations) / Deputy General Manager (Livestock & Plantation Development) / Assistant General Manager (Regional) Provincial Coordinators	The Market Development Facility (MDF)	Interim Deputy Country Manager - MDF Sri Lanka
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Company Name Withheld	Travel Trade	University Hospital	Nursing Sisters And Nursing Officers - For General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University		
Apparel / Clothing / Merchandising		HR & Admin/Training/Legal		Secretarial/Receptionist/Clerical	
Dial Textile Industries (Pvt) Ltd	Work Study Officer & Production Executive / Sewing Machine Mechanic	Olemi Credit (Pvt) Ltd	Admin Assistant	Sakura Dental Hospital (Pvt) Ltd	Assistant Secretary / Receptionist Cum Cashiers - Female
		The Embassy Of Italy	Administrative	SPM Corporate Accountant (Pvt) Ltd	Office Coordinator Cum Receptionist - Female
		Edith Cowan University	Admissions Manager	Company Name Withheld	Secretary (Male / Female)
		Orient Finance PLC	Assistant Manager - Legal		
		Medi Textile Pvt Ltd	General Administration Officer		
		Medi Textile (Pvt) Ltd	General Administration Officer		
		Edith Cowan University	Head Of Academic Operations		
		Management Systems (Pvt) Ltd	Head Of Group Human Resources		
		Sri Lanka Medical Council	Judicial Assessor		
		Company Name Withheld	Office Assistant - For a Private Sector Of Importers & Distributors		
Banking/Leasing/Insurance/Stock Brokering		IT - Software/Network/Systems/Telecom		Sports/Recreation/Fitness	
Orient Finance PLC	Manager - Operations / Assistant Manager - Legal / Marketing Executive - (Leasing , Credit) / Marketing Executives - (Fixed Deposits) / Recovery Executives / Marketing Officers - Gold Loan	Management Systems (Pvt) Ltd	Head of IT	Zahira College	Cricket Coaches
		Company Name Withheld	Social Media Officer	Zahira College	Rugby Coaches
		Company Name Withheld	Social Media Officer - For The Leading Cosmetics And Pharmaceutical Items Distributor	Kalutara Vidyalyaya	Senior Coach - Level 1 / Junior Coach - Level 1 / Academy Coach - Level 1
				St.Joseph Vaz College	Senior Head Coach / Junior Head Coach
				University Of Peradeniya	Swimming Pool Supervisor
Call Center/BPO/KPO		Logistics/Warehouse/Transport		Teaching/Academic/Research/Library	
CCPI Management Holdings (Pvt) Ltd	Call Center in Charge/ Collection Executive	Company Name Withheld	Senior Imports Executive - For a Private Sector Importers And Distributors	ACBT	Assistant Librarian
		Management Systems (Pvt) Ltd	Senior Staff Officer (Salvage Tender Processing)	The British School In Colombo	Class Teacher - Junior School
				Zahira College	Cricket Coaches (Senior Coach / Junior Coach / Assistant Coaches)
				University Of Colombo	Lecturer / Senior Lecturer Gr.1,11
				University of Sri Jaywardenapura	Registrar
				National Institute of - Fundamental Studies	Research Assistant
				Zahira College	Rugby Coaches
				Kalutara Vidyalyaya	Senior Coach - Level 1 / Junior Coach - Level 1 / Academy Coach - Level 1
				Ladies College	Teachers - (Mathematics / Sinhala / Tamil Language / Health & Physical Education / Business & Accounting Studies)
Construction/Architect/Quantity Surveying		Manufacturing/Operations			
Nawaloka Construction Company - (Pvt) Ltd	Manager - Contracts Administration	Orient Finance PLC	Manager - Operations		
Organization of Professional - Associations of Sri Lanka	Premises Maintenance Officer	Management Systems (Pvt) Ltd	Manager Plantation Operations		
University Of Peradeniya	Project Manager (Construction Work)	Olemi Credit (Pvt) Ltd	Operation Executive		
Ananda Constructions (Pvt) Ltd	Quantity Surveyors Office (Female) / Site Supervision Work (Male)	Prathapn Chartered Valuation & - Consultancy (Pvt) Ltd	Operational Executive		
Company Name Withheld	Technical Officers - For Road Construction Projects				
Corporate Management/Analyst					
Securities And Exchange - Commission Of Sri Lanka	Director Finance				
National Livestock Development Board	Deputy General Manager (Corporate Operations) / Deputy General Manager (Livestock & Plantation Development) / Assistant General Manager (Regional)				

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