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Govt yet to discuss on

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

The Government has not yet discussed with the Millienum 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 06

OPINIONS OF ALL ARE WELCOME - MINISTER

GOVT READY FOR 20A

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 the Supreme Court's determina-

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

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 follow-

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 10 PAGE 06

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 the weekly Cabinet TOPAG

Tanker oil samples sent to Govt Analyst

MENAKA 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 Marine Environment Protection samples. TO PAGE 06

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 the Government Analyst by the assisted the MEPA to collect the

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 06

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World Health Organization

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 Ghebreyesus, congratulated Sri Lanka for eliminating Rubella and mother to child transmission of HIV and congenital syphilis.

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

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 06

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

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 **06**

to Monday, Co-Cabinet spokesman Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila said.

Island senior journalist Zacki Jabbar found dead

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Senior journalist of The Island dead in his house yesterday. Jab-

bar had been missing for several days and his body was found in his newspaper Zacki Jabbar was found house yesterday. He worked as a senior journalist TO PAGE 06



ing Cabinet approval. TO PAGE 06 CDs thrown away, MPs

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

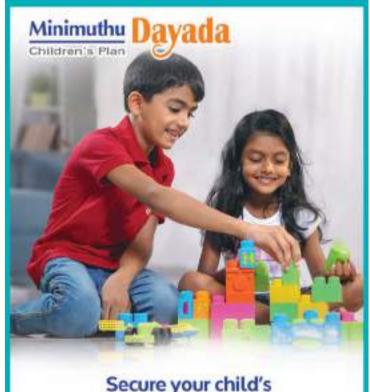
ask for laptops

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.

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 They said that those laptops were thrown away. TO PAGE 06



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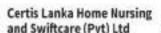
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School canteens to open from Monday

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

The Education Ministry has allowed school heads to open school canteens from next Monday

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 Angammana (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.

Sate Minister Samaraweera said that the port facilities including that of the Colombo Port will be developed very soon. The State Minister hed 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

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. Marathaarachchi 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 programmes 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

Government Information Depart-

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

Media Briefing yesterday at the 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 Girihagama 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 Eraj 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 Ranatunga yesterday said that only a limited number of small groups of foreign tourists will be allowed to arrive in the country after reopening 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 reopening of airports have already been submitted for the Cabinet and the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, the Minister said.

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-inlaw 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

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

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

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 Dharmayathamna Road, Sinhapura in Hokanda-

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

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.

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

Abolish Provincial Councils - PNF

DINESH PERERA

Professionals' The 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.

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 Elec-

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.

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, Kalautara Prison sources

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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Public will never be fooled again – Weerawansa

The public will never be fooled again by the same old slogans by the Opposition to discredit the Government, Minister Wimal Weerawansa said yesterday in Parliament.

Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa said that the Opposition, without learning a lesson from their defeat in the general election, is using the same slogans they used against then President Mahinda Rajapaksa's government prior to 2015.

"These vindictive slogans misled the public and in 2015, a political change took place. The public suffered enough from their choice. They shall never be hoodwinked by these slogans again. The MPs in the Opposition should look into the reasons why they lost. Instead, they have gone back to their old ways. All politi-

cal parties including the

Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna

(JVP) lost the majority of

their vote base in the last



General Election. They are politically bankrupt. During the previous tenure, the local economy collapsed and local entrepreneurs incurred losses," Weerawansa said.

Minister Weerawansa aid that if the Yahapalana government was in power during the COVID-19 pandemic, the plight of Sri Lanka would have been worse than India. "Those were the ones who laughed and made jokes about the Sunday terror

Had they been in power during the pandemic, they would have asked if the USA and India are greatly hit by the pandemic, could

Sri Lanka become an exception. Contrary to this notion, we have proven that we managed the situation well. Now the United Nations has made a video on how Sri Lanka curtailed the pandemic from spreading. Sri Lanka is one country that records the lowest death rates in the pandemic. At the rate the Yahapalana government was going, it is a wonder how the country is left even at this status.



45,000-50,000 awaiting rescue. Seconding the motion, MP Mano Ganesan said that the Government cannot fully celebrate its defeat over the pandemic if the migrant work-

Yahapalana government, he

said. During Aluthgamage's

speech several Opposition

MPs pointed out that he was

not speaking to the topic.

When MP Mujibar Rahuman

attempted to raise the same

Over 31,880 migrant workers stranded abroad repatriated – Minister Siripala de Silva

informed the House yesterday. Minister De Silva said that

The Government has repat- the Government has launched riated 31,880 migrant workers a comprehensive plan to repatstuck in foreign countries in riate migrant workers who are the COVID-19 pandemic, For- awaiting to return to their eign Employment Minister homeland. He said that the Nimal Siripala De Silva Government is addressing the tion yesterday evening. The issues regarding the migrant motion was moved by Samagi

workers with due sensitivity and empathy.

Minister De Silva was speaking in the adjournment for the first time upon election motion moved by the Opposi-Balawegaya (SJB)

National List MP Imthiyas Bakir Makar. Bakir Makar was speaking in Parliament after 16 years. The adjournment motion urged the Government to repatriate the migrant workers numbering

ers are not repatriated

Ranil was strengthened by 19 A, not country – Mahindananda

The 19th Amendment to the Constitution was brought forth by the Yahapalana government with the ulterior motive to strengthen the then Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage said yesterday (10). "With the amendments, Yahapalana government also attempted to bring limitations to stop the Rajapaksas from coming back to power," Aluthgamage

Aluthgamage said that contrary to the opinions of civil activists, the Yahapalana government brought in the 19th Amendment not to strengthen democracy or to make judiciary independent but to strengthen Ranil

Wickremesinghe and "fill the pockets of the supporters of Wickremesinghe." Aluthgamage added, "The Yahapalana government, instead of strengthening the judiciary, attempted to influence it by using politicians like Ranjan Ramanayake," he said. Agriculture Minister

Mahindananda Aluthgamage made was opening the debate on six notifications under the Ports and Airport Development Levy Act, three regulations and six resolutions under the Customs Ordinance that were presented to the House.

Minister Aluthgamage, in reply to Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) queries, assured that the Govern-



ment has a clear 2/3 majority. "Don't ask whether the Government is in short of two or three heads to complete a two-third. Instead, the Opposition better expect about an addition of about 15 heads. Just wait and see how the 'Telephone wires' come off. Former government had to throw away bags full of money to maintain a simple

majority in the House," he Minister Aluthgamage

suggested the MPs in the Opposition to get together and review why they suffered a serious defeat in the last General Election. The United National Party (UNP) that once ruled the political arena ended up not securing a single seat in Parliament other than the national list position, he said. The SJB did not secure the number of votes it expected, Aluthgamage said. Same was the treatment given by the people to Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), to the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) and all such forces that supported the

point, Aluthgamage said, "Who went to Kanjipani's party? Those who had parties with Kanjipani are terrified now. Such people spoke with us concerning these Aluthgamage said that if the first eight months of the SLPP Government and the Yahapalana government are to be compared, it would

reveal how advanced the SLPP Government is and how many promises it has

Next Government will not have any burning issues to resolve – Kanchana

The Government will resolve the burning issues of the people including the drinking water issue within the five year tenure and will not hand them down to the next government, Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish and Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multi-day Fishing Activities and Fish Exports State Minister Kanchana Wijesekara said.

He said that during the four and half years of rule by the

previous government, they had succeeded in almost doubling the debt of the country. "During this period, the debt burden at around Rs. 7,391 billion had increased to Rs. 14,000 billion. Had they ruled for another six months, they would have definitely doubled the debts of the country. Not just that, under their rule, the economic development rate which was at around 6 per cent among the highest in

South Asia, was brought

down to among the lowest in South Asia, even below Afghanistan. Even the taxes were increased by 100 per cent," he said.

Wijesekara said that according to the Central Bank report, over 200,000 jobs had been cut from the job market during the tenure of the previous government.

Wijesekara said that it is shameful for Manusha Nanayakkara to raise this drinking water issue as he was an MP

during this decade and a member of that government during this time, but had done nothing to resolve this issue. You raise the issue of the drinking water crisis in Galle today, but you were a member of Parliament representing the government during this period but did nothing to resolve the issue. You should be ashamed of yourself. You know very well what decisions the Rajapaksa government

made in 2014 to resolve the

water crisis in Galle. Through the Deyata Kirula, they planned to resolve the drinking water crisis in the Galle, Matara and Hambantota districts. Yet, after the good governance regime came to power, it was your government that stopped this pro-

iect. Your government, includ-

ing Mangala Samaraweera

decided that this project was

not required," he said.

Palali Airstrip lands will not be released – Sarath Weerasekara

Provincial Councils and Local Government State Minister Rear Admiral (Rtd) Sarath Weerasekara said in Parliament yesterday that as long as there are MPs who promote separatism, the lands surrounding the Palali Airstrip land will not be released as national security is a vital aspect of the country's econo-

Weerasekara in response to the speech made in Parliament on Wednesday by MP Wigneswaran said that the latter works towards a separa-



tist agenda and never fails to speak in contempt of the Sinhalese and Buddhist monks. "He believes in the Gobel's Theory where a lie spoken repeatedly is eventually taken for the truth. That is why he

keeps repeating these lies in this august assembly."

He said that despite Wigneswaran's claims that the military still occupies vast lands of the Tamils, the Government had returned over 90 per cent of the lands occupied by the military. He said that what Wigneswaran is asking for is the land on the landing path in Palali. But, he said, that these are grounds of tactical importance and especially as long as such MP's promote separatism, these lands will never be returned as they are a significant component of national security, which also has great significance in the country's economy.

He also joined the debate on the six notifications under the Ports and Airport Development Levy Act, three regulations and six resolutions under the Customs Ordinance presented to the House and said that because of steps taken to lower the bank interest paid in respect of special deposits to a level of 4 per cent, the facilitation of the flow of funds into the hands

of entrepreneurs became easy. This step taken by the Central Bank is a positive contribution to prevent downfall of the economy at a time when we are facing a precarious situa-

"I do not wish to treat or consider the Central Bank report as a post mortem, but I consider it as a blood report or a medical report whereas to use the indications in such a report for correcting the deficiencies shown and as a basis of considering remedial measures that we should take.'

BASL called to discuss 20th Amendment

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

President's Counsel Saliya Pieris, a candidate for the Presidency of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) has written to the BASL President regarding certain provisions of the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution which he said could impact on the independence of the judiciary and on the legal

Pieris suggests that the BASL should urge the relevant authorities to have a consultative process with major stakeholders including the BASL, prior to the enactment of constitutional amend-

"The proposed amendment to Article 35 takes away the ability of a person to challenge by way of a Fundamental Rights application, an act or omission of a President. There are several ongoing cases against the acts or omissions of former Presidents including the applications relating to the State's negligence relating in respect of the Easter Sunday attacks and the pardon given to the convict in the Royal Park murder. The BASL itself is a petitioner in the former case

and a respondent in the latter," Pieris said. Saliya Pieris argued that people would deprive the opportunity to challenge an act or omission of a President, if this amendment was passed. He also concerns regarding the amendments relating to the appointments of judges of Superior Courts which provide for only non-binding observations to be obtained from the Parliamentary Council which would consist entirely of Members of Parliament including the Speaker, Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition.

He further said the provisions relating

to the Judicial Service Commission and the Attorney General are matters that need to be concerned. "I understand that the Bar Association is considering constituting a Committee to examine the provisions of the Bill. I request that the aforesaid matters too be considered so that representations could be made regarding the same to the President and the government on what changes could be made to the Bill in order to address the concerns relating to the independence of the judiciary and the legal profession," Pieris

Deaths, crimes will be **investigated properly** – Johnston

The suspicious deaths and other crimes would be properly investigated by the Government, not like the previous good governance government did that let four hundred people be killed and faced the people with smiling faces, Chief Government Whip and Highways Minister Johnston Fernando said.

Minister Fernando made this observation when Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Nalin Bandara said that the security of the country is at stake and the Island journalist Zacky Jabaar was found murdered and a body of another was found near Parliament. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha said that he was not putting the responsibility of the



crimes on the Government, but the security of

the country is at a stake. Kurunegala District SJB MP Nalin Bandara told Parliament yesterday that Jabaar had been found dead in his house in Pelawatte, and a person had been found hacked to death near Parliament. These deaths seem to be mysterious, and the Government should conduct proper investigations into

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena said that the Government should make inquiries and respond to the Opposition MP's request.

Minister Johnston Fernando said that the Government is aware of its responsibilities, and it would investigate the crimes properly.

"Our Government ensures the security of not only people but also of Parliament," Minister Fernando said. "We would not be like the Good Governance Government, which waited to see hundreds of people perish in the Easter Sunday terror attacks," he said.

Economy will revive under new Government - Ajith Nivard Cabraal

The economy which was under the Ports and Airport declined continuously during the last five years breakin the nine years of Mahinda Rajapaksa Government will revive under the new Gotabaya Rajapaksa Government with its policies, Money, Capital Markets and State Enterprises Reforms State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal said in Parliament yesterday.

He was speaking in the debate on six notifications

Development Levy Act, three regulations and six ing the growth momentum resolutions under the Customs Ordinance presented to the House on Wednes-

He said that the Opposition members might be thinking that this Government would not be able revive the destruction that they caused to the economy during the last five years of the Good Governance government.

He said that the economy declined during the last five years which had never seen before due to the inconsistent policies. The economy was affected with the Easter Sunday attack and later it was worsened by the COVID 19 pandemic. Such an economy was inherited by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa last November. We have to revive the economy, face the COVID 19 challenge and to re-instill the confidence.

Country should prepare for its worse budget deficit – Eran

Samagi Jana awegaya (SJB) MP Eran Wickramaratne warned in Parliament yesterday that Sri Lanka should prepare for its worse budget deficit in 35 years and the situation is a result of policy errors of the Government.

"It is fully expected for expenditure to increase during a health crisis to support health expenditure and to support livelihood - but that is not what has happened. During period there has been a reduction in Capi-



tal expenditure. The crisis has occurred due to the collapse of Government revenue. This is a policy error and the sooner it is admitted and corrected the government could get back on the right track,' MP Wickramaratne said.

He was taking part in the debate on six Notifications under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, three Orders under the Customs Ordinance and six Orders under the Revenue Protection Act presented to the House for approval by the Government.

He said that under the previous government, Sri Lanka achieved an improved fiscal position after several years with the budget deficit was kept at 5.3 per cent of GDP during this period.

Women's household chores never given due value – Dr. Harini Amarasooriya

National People's Power (NPP) National List MP Dr. Harini Amarasooriya yesterday said that the economic principles of Sri Lanka have never given a value to the household chores done by women, which never get calculated by the GDP of the coun-

Dr. Amarasooriya said that female domestic workers employed in the Middle East make a major contribution to the economy even though they never get the recognition they deserve from the country. Making the maiden speech

in Parliament, Dr. Amarasoor-



iya said that every woman plays a significant role in her home such as preparing food, caring for children, elderly, sick, people with special needs, and so on. "Whether they get paid or not, this work is done without pay, and society considers it the role and the responsibility of women. Although some women do this work as a job, it is unrecog-

nised, unregulated and often not covered by any labour legislation. But if this work is not done, the economy cannot survive," she said.

"I will explain this further. Unpaid work of women is never included in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). There is no economic data regarding that either. But just imagine, if all the women in this country refused to do these works for a week, do you think that the economy could go further? Even the MPs would not be able to come to Parliament," Amarasooriya

Wele Suda's sibling issued detention orders

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,

Galle Central special correspondent

Galle Chief Magistrate Harshana Rajakaruna yesterday permitted Imaduwa Police in Galle to keep a suspect under their custody for further investigations on detention

The suspect arrested with 1330 grams of heroin, cash worth Rs.

37,500, three mobile phones and a bank account pass book was identified to be the brother-in-law of notorious gangster Gampola Vidanelage Samantha Kumara alis "Wele Suda" who is detained at the Boossa Prisons.

The Magistrate further fined two other persons arrested together with the above suspect with 120 mg of heroin in their possession Rs.10,000 each.



Ninth Year Remembrance In Loving Memory Of

Maimoon (Dr. Maimoon Lebbe Fernando)

THOSE SPECIAL MEMORIES OF YOU WILL ALWAYS BRING A SMILE YOU ALWAYS MEANT SO VERY MUCH AND ALWAYS WILL DO TOO THE FACT THAT YOU ARE NO LONGER HERE WILL ALWAYS CAUSE ME PAIN BUT YOU ARE FOREVER IN MY HEART UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Richard Fernando



Grace Thuraisingham

11.09.1911 - 06.02.2007

Retired Education Officer Kindergartens

IN LOVING BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE OF

OUR DARLING MOTHER AND FATHER

"Amazing Grace How sweet the sound.......

Fondly remembered and sadly missed.

Selvie, Vasa & Lal, Saroj & Indra, Rajan & Ranji

All your Grandchildren & Great - Grandchildren.

......And Grace will lead me home."

Govt ready for 20A draft... From page 01

"It's a progressive decision taken by the government to give a two-week period for public opinions till the draft is tabled in Parliament. Any mistakes in the draft amendment can be corrected at the committee stage. Just like nobody is perfect and nothing is perfect, so the same is applicable to the draft 20th amendment and it is also not a perfect one,"Gammanpila said.

Several Opposition parties and pro-government groups have voiced their opposition against certain Clauses of the draft. The minister said that any shortcomings of the 20th Amendment would be addressed at the Committee Stage debate in Parliament, after listening to the opinions of the Supreme Court and the public.

Responding a question by a journalist with regard to a statement by Opposition leader Sajith Premadasa claiming that the proposed amendment to the constitution is a first step towards a dictatorship, Cabinet Spokesman Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said as the opposition leader it is his democratic right to make such a statement.

"The final decision on the matter will be taken by obtaining the two thirds majority in Parliament and the government is confident of obtaining a two thirds majority in Parliament to pass the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution," he added.

Tanker oil samples... From page 01

He further said the Navy divers were to inspect the area of the oil patch yesterday but the operation was postponed due to rough seas owing to inclement weather. He said the inspection would be carried out in the coming days. De Silva said chemicals were being sprayed to contain the environ-

mental damage from the oil leakage.Researchers observed that the oil patch was not diesel, but solid oil. They also said the crude oil stored in the vessel is safe. On September 3, a sudden fire broke out in the engine room of MT New Diamond ship, which was transporting crude oil to India.

CDs thrown away,... From page 01

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) Matara District MP Buddhika Pathirana raising a point of order said that various documents including annual reports and performance reports of ministries and statutory bodies are provided to MPs

"These CDs are a waste of money," MP Pathirana said. "Years back, these reports came in book format and kept on our tables. Thereafter a positive move was taken to replace books with CDs. As we know many MPs do not use them. They do not take those CDs away with them. It could be seen that some of those CDs are now lying along corridors here. That is not only a financial loss but an environmental hazard. Each MP has been given a laptop. These reports could be saved in those laptops. As per the past few days, CDs for more than 100 reports have been given to each MP. I propose that we should move on to a more modern system that would not cause environmental damage and save

At this stage the Speaker said that the reports have already been sent to the MPs' laptops.

sition MP S.M.Marikkar said that they could not take away the laptops that have already been given to them as they were fixed to their desks.

At this stage Oppo-

IF YOU ARE IN DIFFICULTY SAY THIS PRAYER AND YOUR REQUEST WILL BE GRANTED

Holy Spirit, You who makes me see everything and shows me the way to reach my ideals.

You who gives me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and You who are in all the instances of my life with me I, in this short dialogue want to thank You for everything and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from You, no matter how great the material desires may be.

I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your Perpetual Glory. To this end and submitting to God's Holy will. I ask You (mention your

This prayer should be said for 3 consecutive days. After the 3rd day the request will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. While making the request one must either

1. Promise to publish it on granting of the

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(This is to spread the wonder of the Holy Spirit)

THANK YOU

K.P.L.P.

32nd Year Remembrance A beloved Husband and A darling Thathi



Dr. WALTER **ABEYGUNAWARDENA**

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile If only we could have you back for just a

Then we could sit and talk again, just like we used to do, you always mean so much And always will too.

The fact that you're no longer here Will always cause us pain, But you're forever in our hearts Until we meet again

Affectionately remembered by your loving wife - GLORY Children - Geetha and Jagath Gayani and Ruwan Grandchildren - Malika, Rajith and Baby, Gayanthi & Aken.

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Fertilizer for Maha Season without... From page 01

media briefing at the Government Information Department, that farmers had to face various difficulties due to the absence of a national fertilizer subsidy policy and the non payment of due amounts to fertilizer importing companies during the previous regime.

Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved to implement a programme to continue the programme of providing fertilizer to paddy farmers free and also to promote environment friendly fertilizer among farmers.

Dr.Pathirana said that under the above programme, a decision had been taken to import 230,000 metric tonnes of fertilizer required for paddy cultivation with immediate effect. Permission has also been granted for government fertilizer companies to import another 300,000 MTs of fertilizer required for other crops since only a

stock of 40,000 MTs of such fertilizer currently raimans in their stores.

"Permission has also been granted for other fertilizer companies to import fertilizer for the Maha season subject to a maximum of 5,000 MTs.

Opportunity has been given to purchase a sack of fertilizer of 50 kilograms required for other crops from the open market to any farmer for a price of Rs. 1500 per sack.

Govt yet to discuss on... From page 01

Responding to a question raised by Leader of Opposition Sajith Premadasa, State Minister Cabraal said the government has been able to identify all adverse clauses in the MCC Agreement through the committee appointed to look into it.

He added that the Government had followed the usual procedure when reviving an international treaty, when a Committee was appointed to review the proposed MCC agreement.

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa queried if the government would tear the MCC agreement. He said the MCC proposed agreement was a huge topic during the election campaign of the now ruling party and said that it would refrain from signing the MCC agreement if it comes to power. How-

ever, following the election, members of the government say 70 percent of the agreement is favourable while 30 percent of it is

State Minister Cabraal said Sajith Premadasa had queried several other questions other than what is written in the statement handed over to the government and he could answer only those questions which are noted in the statement.

Chief Government Whip and Highways Minister Johnston Fernando said Sajith Premadasa was in the Cabinet when the MCC agreement was drafted during the Good Governance Government led by the UNP. However, he kept silent then and makes queries now to gain petty political mileage,

Boossa Prison... From page 01

Prison officials said that notorious underworld figures such as "Kanjipani Imran", "Podi Lassie" and "Wele Suda' were also engaged in the hunger strike. According to Ekanayake the inmates were protesting against the thorough search operations carried out on them, and requesting a telephone facility and more time to talk to their lawyers and also demanding to increase the presently allowed Rs 8,000 monthly deposit to buy items from the prison canteen. Presently, the inmates are allowed to meet one visitor per week, and they are demanding to increase the number of visitors too.

The inmates at the Boossa Prison engaged in a hunger strike in June also.

Island

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From page 01

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SC allows former... From page 01

to send him on compulsory leave following the Easter Sunday bomb attacks was yesterday re-fixed for support on January 27, 2021 by the Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, Pujith Jayasundara through his counsel informed court that he would not seek interim relief at this moment since he had been retired from police service. However, the petition will be proceeded for violating the petitioner's fundamental rights.

Through this petition, former IGP Jayasundara had sought an interim order to suspend the appointment and confirmation by the President of Senior DIG C.D. Wickre-

maratne as the Acting Inspector General. In his petition, Jayasundara cited Senior Deputy Inspector General

C.D.Wickremaratne, former Constitutional Council Chairman Karu Jayasuriya, Constitutional Council members former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, former Opposition Leader Mahinda Rajapaksa, former Justice Minister Thalatha Atukorala, R. Sampanthan, Javed Yusuf, N. Selvakkumaran, Mahinda Samarasinghe, Bimal Ratnayake, Dr. Jayantha Dhanapala, State Intelligence Services Director DIG Nilantha Jayawardena, Chief of National Intelligence Sisira Mendis, former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando and the Attorney General as respondents.

Public Day... From page 01

"This decision had been taken after considering the drop in attendance in Parliament on Wednesdays due to the 'Public Day', he said

At last week's Cabinet meeting, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa informed all Cabinet Ministers, State Ministers and Ministry Secretaries to allocate the Public Day only to solve issues of the public.

A special circular will be issued with this regard by the Secretary to the President.

Cattle slaughter... From page 01

decision on 'cattle slaughter' has been postponed by a month. On Tuesday (8), the Parliamentary Group of the ruling party approved a preliminary proposal made by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa to ban cattle slaughter in Sri Lanka and discussions will be held with respective groups prior to reaching a decision.

In Memoriam

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES our beloved departed parents Mr. V. THURAISINGHAM, Retired Director of Education (Birthday 12th June) and Mrs. GRACE THURAISINGHAM, Retired Education Officer - Kindergartens (Birthday 11th September). We cherish all the love and affection shown to us throughout our lives. Fondly remembered by your children Selvi, Vasa, Saroj & Rajan, son-in-law Daya and daughters-in-law Indra and Ranjini. 052288

Obituaries

DISSANAYAKE **GUNASINGHE** MUDIYANSELAGE (GUNE) - Beloved husband of Judy (nee Speldewinde), darling father of Samantha (Medi Lab & Research Technologies (Pvt) Ltd.) and Suzanne (Germany), father-in-law of Camillia and Alfred, grandfather of Tim and Eric. Cortege leaves Jayaratne Funeral Parlour Kalubowila on Friday, 11th September 2020 at 03.30 p.m. for burial at St. Thomas' Church, Kotte Cemetery.

GOONATILLEKE - MRS. B.D.S. (Retired Teacher) wife of late M.D.C. Goonatilleke, loving mother of Prof. Chandana (USA), Mangala, Dhammika, Yasas and Hemantha, mother-in-law of Shyamalie (USA), Dharshika, Yasmin and Nishani, expired. Cortege leaves residence No. 73, off 3rd Lane, Ratmalana on 12th September for cremation at General Cemetery, Mt.Lavinia

at 2.00 p.m.

Funeral Announcement!

V.Thuraisingham

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Retired Director of Education



Directress - Gampaha Isuru Caterers

Mrs. Sathi Savithri Gamage

Her remains lie at Shanthi Road, Gampaha and cortege will leave at 5.30 pm, 11th September 2020, for burial at the Gampaha Crematorium.



Every stakeholder should rally round to uplift Postal

Service - Viyalendran

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

Everyone in the Postal Department is duty bound to create a better future for the department since its financial loss during the last year is about Rs. 5,000 million, Postal Services, Journalism and Professional Development State Minister Sathasivam Viyalendran

The State Minister was participating in an inspection tour of the Batticaloa Head Post Office in the Batticaloa District recently.

"It is reported that about 70 to 80 per cent of the total revenue of the Postal Department is spent on salaries and overtime," he said. He

said that the postal service should be built so as to to overcome the financial burden to the Treasury. "It should stand on its feet," he

"The Postal Service, set up in 1798 with five Post Offices, provides a wide range of services to the people. But it is running at a loss now. However, the President has entrusted me with the responsibility of this institution, which lost about Rs. 5,000 million last year," he added.

The State Minister said that he is studying the Postal Service as it is a new sector for him. "Every week ministers, including him, must submit a report to the President on their institutions," he said..

He added that former Minister Basil Rajapaksa spoke to him via phone recently for about two hours about streamlining the Postal Service and shared idea of introducing digital technology to the service and developing its every aspect. A five year plan from 2021 to 2025 has already been submitted at the departmental level in this regard,

"I have studied this and hope to discuss the matter with the Heads of Ministries and Departments. I will visit all the districts and look



into the shortcomings of the post offices in each district and the problems of the employees. Thereafter, I will take necessary steps to improve the service in the future,"

He urged the Sri Lankans not to divide as Sinhalese, Tamils, Muslims and Buddhists, Catholics, Hindus or Muslims.

"Think as Sri Lankans without deviding into groups and contribute to develop the country," he

Government accomplished many services within short time - ACMC MP Muszarraff

The Government under the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) has done many great things within a short period of time. A parliamentarian needs to appreciate those great things, All Ceylon Makkal Congress (ACMC) Parliamentarian Muszarraff said.

He was speaking to the *Daily News* on Wednesday.

The MP said that the Government has taken steps to eradicate drugs, underworld gangs and poverty. "The Government took immediate steps to control the COVID 19 pandemic and succeeded. Many developed countries are still controlling the pandemic, while Sri Lanka has controlled it successfully," he said.

"Another tragedy struck our country in the sea of Sangamankantha in the Ampara District. The MT New Diamond ship caught fire on September 3 posing a big challenge for the Government.

The ship caught fire 38 miles away from the seashore. It was a big threat to the environment and people of the country," Muszharraff

The MP expressed his sincere gratitude to the Sri Lankan Navy, Air Force, Coast Guards, NARA, MEPA and Indian Coast Guard for their tireless efforts in dousing the fire. "As a result of the concerted efforts of the disaster management teams, MT New Diamond fire has been successfully controlled September 8," he said.

"The Government is taking steps to drive out underworld gangs from. I Fifty million rupees were allocated for the Heda Oya Project. It will enhance the availability of water for drinking and

The Ampara and Moneragala Districts will benefit from it," MP Muszarraff

"The two-third majority strengthened the Government. All the previous twothird majority governments had strengthened their government, not the country. This Government also secured two-third majority in the recently concluded Parliamentary polls.

The President, Prime Minister and Government MPs will use the mandate for the betterment of the country, not for the Government," Muszharraff said.

ADA KOTIPATHI - FRIDAY Draw No.: 1038 Colour: PURPLI

Suspect attempting to smuggle 10 kg of gold arrested

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala

Special Task Force (STF) officers arrested a suspect in Pelaviya, Kalpitiya, while he

was attempting to smuggle 10 kg of gold worth Rs. 120 million on September 8 in Pelaviya, Kalpitiya.

The pieces of gold were in

safe bags. A STF team led by the Commanding Officer DIG Waruna Jayasundara carried out raid. Investigations are continuing.

PS employee arrested with stock of venison

An employee of the Galgamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha (PS) in Kurunegala was arrested on September 8 with a gun, cartridges, knife and axe with 40 kg of stock of venison by Wildlife Officers of Meegalewa Forest Range Office.

The suspect along with three slaughtered deer was arrested in Halmillawatta. The suspect had killed three deer in the Government Forest Reserve of Nikaweratiya in the Kurunegala District. He was to be produced before the Thambuttegama Magistrate today.



Project to resolve human-elephant conflict afoot



NIMAL WIJESINGHE, Anuradhapura Additional District

Electric fences are erected now in the Anuradhapura Anuradhapura Government Agent R.M.Wanninayaka said.

He said that four Zones have been demarcated for erecting electrified fences. The fences will be set up without blocking traditional elephant corridors. Wanninayake said that old fences which block the elephant corridors will be removed. He said the fences would be re-erected circumventing the elephant corridors.

He said that already 32 km has been completed. The human-elephant conflict in the district is, meanwhile, intensifying. The death toll of wild elephants stands at 26 in Anuradhapura in 2020 up to August, whereas 12 human deaths have been reported. The clearing of thick jungles for development projects and by farmers and timber racketeers have caused rapid diminishing of the forest cover depriving the wild elephants

of their homeland. He said that co-existence model was the best way to control the menace. "In the past, the wild elephants avoided humans, but now they chase after humans, kill them and destruct their cul-

tivations. Wanninayake said that many attempts to control the conflict have proved futile in the past. He said President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has appointed a Committee headed by renowned environmentalist Dr. Prithiviraj Fernando to submit proposals to reresolve the conflict.

A World Bank sponsored programme to solve the conflict in Anuradhapura and Kurunegala are also in pro-

WEDNESDAY Total Value of Prizes Date: 09.09.2020 Rs. 5,421,720/-Draw No.: 3366 Colour: PURPLE Winning Numbers Winning tickets are valid only for six months



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Navy nabs two persons with explosives

A team of Navy and Police officers apprehended two persons with explosives during a special operation in Sallimunai. Trincomalee on Wednesday.

The Eastern Naval Command along with the Kuchchaveli Police conducted the operation in Sallimunai, Trincomalee and the two suspects with 50 water gel sticks, five safety fuses, one non-electrical detonator and a sword arrested.

The two suspects are residents of Kuchchaveli aged 41 and 50. Kuchchaveli Police are investigating.

Fake housing contractor

A fake housing contractor selling narcot-

ics from a woman drug dealer was arrested

by the Nugegoda Divisional Drug Raid Unit

He was arrested on his way to deliver

The 45-years-old suspect is a resident of

He has been distributing drugs in Rajagiriya, Malabe and Welikada, investigations

The suspect was to be produced before the Nugegoda Magistrate's The Nugegoda Divi-

with 10.260 grams of heroin recently.

drugs to another person, police said.

sional Drug Raid Unit is investigating.

Water for Hambantota from

The Ginganga and Nilwalaganga will be

diverted to Hambantota under a plan mooted

by Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa to

The engineers in the project said that

2,000,000 acre feet of water from the Gin-

ganga and 1,300000 acre feet of water from

the Nilwalaganga flow into the sea without

They said that water of these rivers would

be diverted to Chandrikawewa in Ebilipitiya

and from there to Hambantota reservoirs.

The project will cost Rs.76 billion, they said.

obtain water to the Hambantota District.

Ginganga, Nilwalaganga

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA.

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PRIYADARSHANI KAHAWALA,

Ingiriya Central Group Corr.

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9/11: 19 years on

ineteen 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.

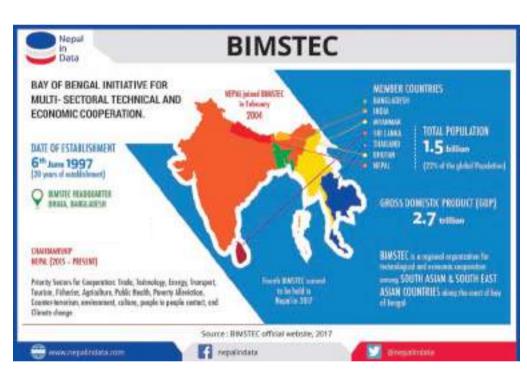
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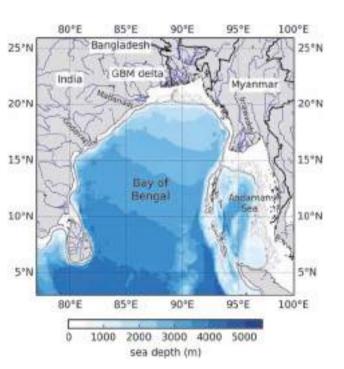
Terrorism is an attack on liberty.

P. J. O'Rourke



BIMSTEC push for Regional Cooperation under 'New Normal'





SUGEESWARA SENADHIRA

ri 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 BIM-STEC 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, disas-

ter 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 re-iterates 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.

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 Colambage 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 BIM-STEC 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 BIM-STEC as 'SAARC minus Pakistan and plus two' (Myanmar and Thai-

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

FOREIGN RELATIONS in the **CONTEXT of GEOPOLITICS**

NEVILLE LADDUWAHETTY

he 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 Derana 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 Nonaligned, 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 Ini-

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

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 Anuradhapu-

It would only be a policy of Neutrality that would enable Sri Lankato 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

any other State or States, is 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 Ouad 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'



oday, 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

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 exqui-

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 architecture of the composition. He had zoom-walked.

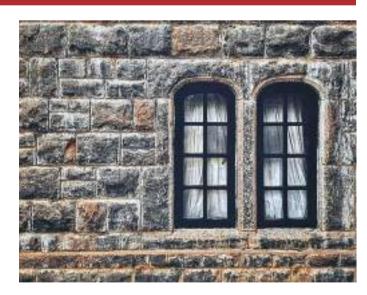
And I remembered a photograph taken by the legendary Nihal Fernando. An ancient stupa marked by the bludgeoning of element and time. I remember seeing it at the exhibition titled 'Eloquence in Stone.' There was a cloud formation which mimicked the shape of the stupa. I believe this was noted by Sinharaja

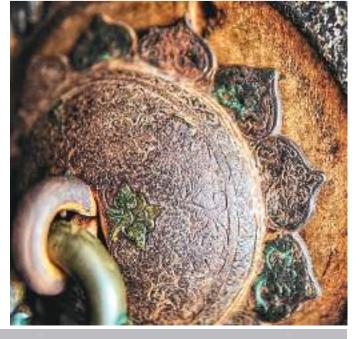
Thammita-Delgoda who I believe wrote the captions for the photographs (later turned into a book by the same name). I remembered Uncle Nihal telling me almost twenty years ago that sometimes you have to wait for hours and hours for the right light. Maybe he waited on this occasion too. Maybe he noticed 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 Sekara'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



DISHAN JOSEPH

rayer 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

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

divine protection.

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, OMI. 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 topmost 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 Cecelia 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 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 11. 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

the Cathedral is her four bells. They were christened in 1903.

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 Pascha sius 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 mau-

soleum, people were shocked

her daughter's marriage.

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

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

ete 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 smalldomed 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 newspa-

"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)

Committee Session of WHO South-East Asia Region

Health leaders call for investments in health, continued joint efforts to combat COVID-19

sion of the WHO South-East Asia Region began on September 9 with systems and continued efforts and collaboration for combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The COVID-19 pandemic underlage where all lives are intertwined. To win we must collaborate and fight

Region needs to invest more and more in public healthcare and build a health leaders emphasising on greater robust health delivery system," said investments for strengthening health Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, India, while opening the proceedings as Chair of the previous year's Session.

Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister scores that the world is a global vil- and Minister of Public Health, Anutin Charnvirakul, said the pandemic demonstrates the interconnectedness of as one. The pandemic has also taught all Sustainable Development Goals. us how important it is to protect our All sectors, public and private, are precious health gains. In order to collaborating. This is really unpreceprotect our health gains, we must dented. While we fight our common opportunity. The whole world can impacted social and economic life like

The 73rd Regional Committee Ses- continuously invest in health. Our enemy COVID-19, we see so many now see that health is an essential no event in living memory. While fourth, focus on the public health social innovations and solidarity. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health Charnvirakul is chairing the annual governing body meeting of the WHO in the Region with Thailand hosting the Session this year. The two-day Session is being held virtually for the first time ever in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Addressing the Session, WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said, "COVID-19 is causing so much pain, sorrow and uncertainty. But it is also giving us an investment in safer, healthier, fairer and more sustainable societies.'

Regional Director WHO South-East Asia Region, Dr. Poonam Khetrapal Singh, said, "greater investment in public health would help achieve better health outcomes, promote sustainable development and a more equitable and just society."

nine months now, countries have acted with speed, scale and solidarity to respond to the COVID-19 crisis that has affected all of humanity and

determined efforts have helped save countless lives, ongoing commitment is needed to save many more lives."

Emphasising on solidarity and cooperation, the Regional Director said this has defined our work for many years now, and which has been central to the response thus far.

The WHO Director-General said Dr. Khetrapal Singh said, "For over countries now need to focus on four priorities. First, prevent amplifying events. Second, save lives by protecting the vulnerable. Third, empower and educate people and communities to protect themselves and others and rupted by the pandemic.

basics - find, isolate, test and care for cases, and trace and quarantine their

All speakers commended the selfless efforts being made by millions of health workers across the world in the midst of the COVID-19 pandem-

On Day Two of the Session, a ministerial round table will be held to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts being made to maintain essential health services and accelerate the resumption of healthcare services dis-



IN THE SUPREME COURT LIST OF CASES FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

JAYANTHA JAYASURIYA P.C. (C.J.) L.T.B. DEHIDÉNIYA J. P. PADMAN SURASENA J. **COURT NO. 502**

(FROM 10.00 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.)
TO BE MENTIONED 1. SC.HC.LA No. 45/19 – HC

1138/16 FOR GRANTING OF **LEAVE**

1. SC.HC.CA.LA 389/19 -HCCA 230/18 (Top of the list) 2. SC.HC.CA.LA 444/15 -

- HCCA 15/13 3. SC.HC.CA.LA 101/18-HCCA 09/16
- 4. SC.HC.CA.LA 104/18 -HCCA 83/16 5. SC.HC.CA.LA 393/18 -
- HCCA 03/17 6. SC.HC.CA.LA 118/19 -
- HCCA 58/14 7. SC.HC.CA.LA 176/19 -
- HCCA 79/13 8. SC.HC.CA.LA 188/19 -
- HCCA 76/12 9. SC.HC.CA.LA 235/19 -
- HCCA 14/15 10. SC. (Spl.) LA 95/20 – CA
 - 703/07 **FOR SUPPORT**

1. SC. Contempt No. 03/18 with 02/18

(FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.) FOR ARGUMENT

1. SC. Appeal No. 48/15 -HCCA 326/09 (Top of the list) 2. SC. Appeal No.12/11 – HCCA 120/08

3. SC. CHC Appeal No. 21/14 – HC. (Civil) No. 293/07 4. SC. Appeal No. 121/17 -

HCCA 05/14 5. SC. Appeal No. 57/19 – HCCA 80/15

JAYANTHA JAYASURIYA P.C. (C.J.) L.T.B. DEHIDENIYA J. S. THURAIRAJA P.C. J.

COURT NO. 502 AT 01.30 P.M. TO BE RESUMED 1. SC. Appeal No. 72/16 -

HCCA 183/10 B.P. ALUVIHARA (P.C.) (J) VIJITH K. MALALGODA P.C. J.

COURT NO. 403 (FROM 10.00 A.M. – 11.30

<u>A.M.)</u> FOR DELIVERY OF

JUDGEMENT 1. SC. Appeal No. 88/12 -CA. 189/96

COURT NO. 403 contd.... TO BE MENTIONED 1. SC. Application FR 105/17

WITH 288/18, 291/18, 297/18, 298/18, 302/18 & 303/18 2. SC. Application FR 369/17 3. SC.HC.CA.LA 153/19 -

- HCCA 19/17 4. SC. Application FR 380/19
- WITH 260/19 5. SC. (Spl.) LA 60/20 - CA
- 457/11
- 6. SC. Application FR 74/20 7. SC. Application FR 179/20

8. SC. Application FR 180/20 9. SC. Application FR 181/20

FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED

- 1. SC. Application FR 280/18 2. SC. Application FR No. 59/19 with 108/19
- 3. SC. Application FR No. 110/20 4. SC. Application FR No.

202/20(FROM 11.30 A.M. – 12.45

P.M.) FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED 1. SC. Application FR 170/20

2. SC. Application FR 175/20 SISIRA J. DE ABREW J. S. THURAIRAJA P.C. J. E.A.G.R. AMARASEKERA

COURT NO. 404 (FROM 10.00 A.M. – 11.30

A.M.) FOR DELIVERY OF **JUDGEMENT**

1. SC. Appeal No. 65/16 – HCCA. 123/11 2. SC. Appeal No. 70/18 –

CA. 133/16 FOR GRANTING OF

- **LEAVE** 1. SC.HC.CA.LA 349/19 HCCA 144/16 WITH CA.LA. 17/15 (Top of the list) 2. SC.HC.CA.LA 110/18-
 - HCCA 100/14 3. SC.HC.CA.LA 371/18 -HCCA 195/16
 - SC.HC.CA.LA 380/18 HCCA 23/17
- 5. SC.HC.CA.LA 384/18 -HCCA 285/14 6. SC.HC.CA.LA 420/18 -
- HCCA 17/15 7. SC.HC.CA.LA 223/19 -
- HCCA 26/12 8. SC.HC..LA 28/20 - HC.
- (Civil) No. 70/18/CO

9. SC.HC.CA.LA 92/20 -HCCA 25/17

10. SC.HC.CA.LA 99/20 -HCCA 31/18

(FROM 11.30 A.M. – 12.45 FOR ARGUMENT

1. SC. Appeal No. 07/15 -HC 25/14 (Top of the list) 2. SC. Application FR 546/12 3. SC. CHC. Appeal No.

75/13 - HC (Civil) 468/09 4. SC. CHC. Appeal No. 42/14 – HC (Civil) 464/10 5. SC. CHC. Appeal No. 47/14 – HC (Civil) 182/10

6. SC. Appeal No. 31/19 -HCCA 995/12 7. SC. Appeal No. 58/19 -

HCCA 72/10 IN THE COURT OF

APPEAL LIST OF CASES FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J) (P/CA)

SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J. COURT NO. 301 <u>AT 10.00 A.M.</u> **FOR ORDER**

1. 04/20 COC TO BE MENTIONED 1. 452/11 Writ of Cert 2. 182/19 Writ of Cert 3. 254/19 Writ of Cert

4. 411/19 Writ of Cert 5. 84/20 Writ of Cert 6. 226/20 Writ of Cert 7. 01/17 MIS 8. 06/14 TAX

9. 09/16 TAX 10. 51/19 TAX 11. 68/17 PA **FOR SUPPORT**

1. 38/20 Writ of Cert 2. 174/20 Writ of Cert 3. 176/20 Writ of Cert 4. 209/20 Writ of Cert **NOTICE RETURNABLE**

1. 37/20 Writ of Cert 2. 104/20 Writ of Cert **FOR INQUIRY**

1. 06/17 COC FOR ARGUMENT 1. 11/13 TAX 2. 53/19 Writ of Cert

3. 02/18 TAX 4. 21/19 TAX

K.K. WICKRAMASINGHE (J.) DEVIKA ABEYRATHNE J.

COURT NO. 107 AT 10.00 A.M. FOR SUPPORT

1. 59/20 PA 2. 103/20 PA COURT NO. 107 AT 10.00 A.M. CONTD...

FOR ARGUMENT 1. 55/13 HC (Top of the list)

- 2. 269 270/14 HC 3. 233/16 HC 4. 359/18 HC 5. 09/19 HC
- 6. 75/19 HC 7. 239/19 HC A. L. S. GOONERATNE J. DR. RUWAN FERNANDO

COURT NO. 204 AT 10.00 A.M. FOR JUDGEMENT

1. 106/09 PHC (Dr. Ruwan Fernando J.) 2. 167/13 PHC (Dr. Ruwan Fernando J.)

3. 39/19 PA (Dr. Ruwan Fernando J.) TO BE MENTIONED 1. 178/16 PHC

2. 09/20 PA WITH PHC 01/203. 03/19 BOR FOR SUPPORT 1. 464/19 Writ of Cert

(A.L.S. Gooneratne J.)

(Sobhitha Rajakaruna J.)

2. 85/20 PA NOTICE RETURNABLE 1. 86/18 PHC FOR ARGUMENT

1. 24/14 PHC 2. 221/15 PHC 3. 72/16 PA

ACHALA WENGAPPULI J. K. PRIYANTHA FERNAN-DO (J) **COURT NO. (110)**

AT 10.00 A.M. FOR JUDGEMENT 1. 20/16 PHC (Achala Wengappuli J.)

2. 260/07 HC (Achala Wengappuli J.) 3. 22 – 23/12 HC (Achala

Wengappuli J.) 4. 180 – 182/17 HC (Achala Wengappuli J.) **FOR SUPPORT** 1. 332/19 HC COURT NO. (110)

AT 10.00 A.M. CONTD.. FOR INQUIRY 1. 66/20 PA **FOR ARGUMENT**

1. 227/10 HC 2. 50/19 HC 3. 246 – 247/19 HC MAHINDA SAMAYAWARD-

HANA J. ARJUNA OBEYESEKERE J. **COURT NO. (206)**

AT 10.00 A.M. **FOR JUDGEMENT** 1. 2196/02 Writ of Cert (

Ariuna Obevsekera J.) 2. 50/14 Writ of Cert (Arjuna Obeysekera J.) 3. 294/15 Writ of Cert (Arjuna Obevsekera J.)

4. 310/17 Writ of Cert (Arjuna Obeysekera J.) 5. 155/18 Writ of Cert (Arjuna Obeysekera J.) TO BE MENTIONED

1. 223/16 Writ of Cert

2. 224/16 Writ of Cert 3. 225/16 Writ of Cert

4. 226/16 Writ of Cert 5. 227/16 Writ of Cert

6. 255/18 Writ of Cert FOR SUPPORT

1. 163/18 Writ of Cert **FOR ARGUMENT** 1. 87/17 Writ of Cert 2. 342/17 Writ of Cert

3. 122/18 Writ of Cert MAHINDA SAMAYAWARD-HANA J.

ARJUNA OBEYESEKERE J. **COURT NO. (206)** AT 01.30 P.M. FOR ARGUMENT

1. 403/16 Writ of Cert (Mahinda Samayawardhana (Arjuna Obeysekera J.) **CIVIL APPEAL WESTERN**

PROVINCE (COLOMBO) LIST OF CASES FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

LAFFAR THAHIR (H.C.J.) SAMPATH B. ABAYAKOON (H.C.J.)

(AT 10.00 A.M.) FOR ORDERS LA 148/19 HCCA/Colombo (Laffar Thahir (H.C.J.)

TO BE MENTIONED 184/18 (F) A,B HCCA/ Colombo 185/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo

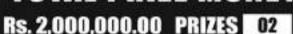
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UN calls for 'quantum leap' in funding for virus fight



day called for an immediate "quantum leap" in funding for global programmes to combat the coronavirus and restore prosperi-

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- "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-

The United Nations on Thurs- Accelerator, calling the virus the dow of opportunity", Guterres being tested on humans, of which

He said typical aid budgets would not cover the costs, urging donors to "go deep" into money set aside for combating coronavi-

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 ing, licensing and regulation

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, manufacturcapacity 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

Rwandan President Paul Kagame called the ACT-Accelerator "one of the most important international initiatives under way in the world today, and perhaps



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

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 con-

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.

Same desire

Turkey has sought to join the EU for over half a century, though analysts say the growing rift President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and the bloc's leaders has made the prospect increasingly unlikely.

Ankara's hunt for gas and oil reserves in waters claimed by Greece, the latest conflict between Turkey and a fellow

NATO member, has further strained rela-

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 docu-

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 UNrecognised 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

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

"I am worried we may end up with having 100 percent TPLF in the council, but let's wait and see," said Girmay 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 rankled 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

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 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 cor-Anti-riot forces arrested 126 protesters, beating some of them and several journalists in

scenes unprecedented in the Balkan country in 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 fivefold 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

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

"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-ofview 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 technosigna-

tures—no sign of intelligent life." Technosignatures are defined as "potentially detectable signatures

Working on a project known as 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 "Earthlike 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 astronomical ocean of other

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-May 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

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

A series of 2,200-year-old 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," they added.

(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

ALLOMENT 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.
- Auctioneer's commission of 2 1/2% (Two and a half percent only) on sale
- 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 forget of the purchase price already paid and resell the property.

11/55 Bogahawatta, Kudabuthgamuwa, Angoda

T.P. 011 2053286,

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E.S Ramanayake **Court Commission Licensed Auctioneer** Valuer and (JP Whole Island) SALE UNDER SECTION 29D OF PEOPLE'S BANK ACT NO. 29 OF 1961 AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 32 OF 1986

PEOPLE'S BANK

AUCTION SALE

BAMBALAPITIYA BRANCH

ALLOMENT OF LAND MARKED: Lot "267C1" 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

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.

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: 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.
- Auctioneer's Commission of 2 1/2% (Two and a half percent only) on sales
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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

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 fur-

Only "smoldering ruins" remained of large parts of the town of Talent, local resiident 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

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 every-thing," 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 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.

nesia have died of Covid-19, including 15 in

"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

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

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 perpetra-

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 confess-

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 desert-

"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

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

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.

The ICC told AFP the men are not in its custody, while the prosecutor's office said it was unable to comment to "ensure the safety and security" of victims and witnesses.

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

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 Rohngva 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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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



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

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 Lebanese 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)

Uvaisul Karnain excellent hockey player and cricketer

Sri Lanka has produced several sportsmen who excelled at International level bringing honour to the country. One of them is Uvaisul Karnain, a double International who represented the country in hockey and cricket in the 1980's. 'Daily News' spoke to him career, he stole the limelight recently for an update on his sporting career.

The now 58-year-old Uvaisul Karnain is an old boy of Isipathana College, Colombo. He hails from a sports loving family. All his six brothers played Cricket and Hockey for school and Club Burgher Recreation Club (BRC). He was very enthusiastic to play rugby for his school but his parents objected and advised him to take up any other sport except rugby. Better known as "Kara" in sporting circles, he then opted to get into hockey and cricket at school in 1975 and 1977 respectively.

He started playing both games from junior level and went on to play in the first eleven cricket team as well as the senior hockey team. Kara recalled his best performance was against St. Joseph's College, Colombo in 1981 at Darley Road. As a prolific all-rounder he captured five Josephian wickets for 28 runs to skittle them out for 130 runs. He then went on to attack, which enabled them to hammer a swashbuckling unbeaten 154 inclusive of seven towering sixes, one of which landed in was his first cricket coach, both the Sri Lanka Freedom Party at school as well as at the club, Office across the road. Then in the second innings he took three him a top player. He represented wickets. The team comprised of Colts from 1977 to 1982 and

pal, Oscar Wanigasekera, Dushantha Peiris and Udaya Rajan, while the Josephians had Ashley de Silva, Hiran Cooray, Ravi de Silva and Hiran Cabraal to

Apart from his cricketing in hockey too. He went on to captain both sports in 1981 during his final year in college. While still a schoolboy he was chosen to represent the National Hockey team at the inaugural Asia Cup in Karachi, Pakistan under Sarath Wimalasinghe's captaincy. He then donned the BRC jersey from 1975 to 1995 in hockey for which they honoured him with a life membership. He was an active member of the National hockey team for about a decade.

He concentrated mostly on cricket and represented the Colts Cricket Club as a school boy. He recalled a memorable incident when he was 18 years old and playing for Colts. They had the challenging task of winning their final match against Moratuwa Sports Club at home to qualify for the final round of the Premier Tournament. He struck a matchwinning innings of 77 runs against a top-class bowling qualify for the final round..

The late Mike Chanmugam who was instrumental in making internationals for the country and claimed over 25 wickets in his short stint with the national team. He has another interest-

ing history of holding on to catches two while being twelfth the man.

In 1994 he retired from all forms of cricket and went on to engage himself in coaching in 1997/8 season. He started his stint with Moors Sports Club for two to

three years and was contracted by the Sri Lanka Cricket Board as Western Province district coach. From there he coached Tamil Union, BRC and Bloomfield in the Premier Tour-

nament. He was then contracted as a match referee to serve in the domestic tournaments by SLC, for which he is grateful to Graham Labrooy and umpire K.T. Francis for motivating him to accept this offer. He also holds a level two coaching certificate with SLC and has many more certificates in the field of coaching granted by other cricketing

playing nations. He served as a member of the women's selection committee and is the manager of the indoor nets at the Sri Lanka Cricket Foundation at present.

Ushan Deemantha to lead Piliyandala Central

DILWIN MENDIS Moratuwa Sports Special Corr. Piliyandala Central College one of the leading cricket playing educational institutions in the island has produced some fine cricketers . During the season they play nearly 15 inter school first eleven matches and play their Annual Big Match and the Limited Over matches against their arch rivals Taxila Central, Horana.

Next year Centralians will be captained by 6th year coloursman, right hand bat, left arm leg spinner, and close in fielder Gamage Ushan Deemantha Perera. He commenced his schooling at Palannoruwa Vidyalaya, Gonapola and after passing the grade five examination he was admitted to Piliyandala Central and his forte was cricket from his younger days. But there were no cricket



Ushan Deemantha

at his previous school during his time.

He attended practices at his new school Cricket Academy and came under Dilshan Chamika. From there he attended under 13 practices under Bimal Amarasinghe in 2014 and got selected and played for two years in 2016 and 2017. In the under 17 tournament his first year he captured 30 wickets

and in the following year captaining the team he was able to bag 15 wickets.

His first year in the first eleven was in 2016 and played only in five matches and took 19 wickets. In his second year he claimed 25 wickets and in 2018 he captured 48 wickets with two five wicket hauls and passed the 200 run mark. In his last year he claimed 63 wickets with three five wickets hauls and scored 320 runs and his coach was former Cambrian cricketer Eranga Gunaratne and MIC was Aruna Liyanage.

He played in three big matches and three limited over matches against Taxila Central and he carried away the Best Bowler's Prize in 2019 and 2020 respectively. His Principal Darshana Udawatte helped him in many ways in his suc-

Wijesekera fine cricketer and coach

UPANANDA JAYASUNDER Kandy Sports Special Corr

Ananda Wijesekera is an outstanding cricketer as well as a fine soccer player who had the privilege of captaining both cricket and soccer teams of Dharmaraja College,Kandy. He was also equally good in coaching cricket at his alma mater and he helped the Under 12 Cricket Team of the College to become Champions at the All Island Schools Cricket tournament under the captaincy of Buwaneka Ekanayake in 2003. the Under 19 all Island Championship under the captaincy of Muditha Wijekoon in the same year, while the Under 17 all Island championship was won under the captaincy of Pubudu Seneviratne in the year 1997.

Ananda Wijesekera's cricket coaching spans over 25 years and in 1971 he led his cricket team to victory in the Dharmaraja/Kingswood 'Big Match' and his other team mates were Kapila Munasinghe, Janaka



Ananda Wijesekera

na and Anura Fernando to name a few. In the same year he was selected to play for the Central Province Schools team under Randy Simms, former Skipper of St Anthony's College,Katugastota. He had the opportunity to coach former Test and Limited over cricketer Chamara Kapugedara and another outstanding club cricketer Pubudu Seneviratne. In 2011, the Cricket team of Dharmaraja College registered vic-Tennakoon, Nimal Yatigamma- tory over Kingswood College

led by Hemal Munaweera after 30 years under Ananda's coaching. He was also a Cricket Umpire who has officiated over 200 matches. He was a Sports Officer attached to the Ministry of Sports, Kandy and helped the Central Province Soccer team to become champions. He has followed the Diploma Course introduced by the Dept. of Sports and ended up as the District Sports Officer. Early in his career he received a scholarship to West Germany to follow an advanced course in physical training and these experiences helped him to coach cricket as well as soccer. He had a coaching assignment in Malaysia in the years 2004 & 2005.

He proudly remembers the former coaches of Dharmaraja College, P.L. Arthur Alwis, T.M.A.Cooray and Upananda Jayasundera who rendered great service to the College and Asoka Herath, Thilak Jayasinghe L.B.Herath as Prefect-of-Games at Dharmaraja College,

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Lankan Romelo played for Qatar in Under 19 World Cup

then shifted

to NCC to play the under-25

tournament. From there he

included him in the squad select-

ed to tour Pakistan with the

under-25 side in 1983/84. Soon

after his return his long-standing

dream of playing for the country

became a reality, as he was cho-

sen to play against New Zealand,

who were on a tour of Sri Lanka.

He made his Sri Lanka debut

with Aravinda de Silva and went

on to bag the Man of the Match

award by scoring 28 runs in 26

balls while claiming five wickets,

which was the only win Sri

Lanka was able to register under

Duleep Mendis' captaincy in that

He has played 19 one day

eyes, as the national selectors

became the cynosure of all

INDIKA WELAGEDARA

Sri Lanka has such Cricketing talent where they can turn in to another young Cricketer cum talented all rounder Romelo Kumarage who has represented Qatar in the Under-19 World Cup

Romelo was just one year old when he moved to Qatar with his family, He is the son of former St. Joseph's College Maradana hockey player Romesh Kumarage and has not looked back since then, after having joined an academy at a very young age under the coaching of Aruna De Silva.

He has been very competitive in Cricket achieving many Man of the tournament, Man of the match and best bowlers awards at the Qatar Cricket Association's inter-school tournament besides the ambassadorial award representing the country Qatar as a Sri Lankan in the 2018 Under-19 Cricket World Cup qualifiers still at a tender age of just 15 years old.

"My late grandfather was a left arm fast bowler so I believe I have got the cricketing background from him, however what inspired me to play cricket is my mother's father, my other grandfather who used to always play cricket with me whenever i visited sri lanka from my toddler days. Also my sporting parents (both were hockey players) also have excelled in sports in their careers.

"In Qatar it was not that easy to find cricket coaching for children, but my tireless father whom i'm very grateful to, found Aruna De Silva Sir and registered me and from there onwards I never looked back," Romelo told the Daily News in an exclusive interview all the way from Doha,

Even though Romello is just 15, has matured beyond his years and knows how to take up criticism and learn from his past mistakes, an aspect that most budding cricketers don't have. "It takes a lot of effort and discipline to do

what I am doing," he said. Romello points out that "My greatest accomplishment was getting the opportunity to represent the Qatar U-19 national team at the age of

Having represented Qatar, Romelo is now hoping one day he will be able to play for Sri

"I'm doing my preparations day in day out and with all my coaches and my loving parents always helping me out in every way possible. Hence it will not be an impossible dream for me to achieve my goal" said Romello.



Romelo Kumarage

opened the bowling and with my very first ball in the international arena I took a wicket In my debut international match which was held in Malaysia against Maldives for the U-19 Asia cup

Qualifiers in 2017* recalled Romello. "Even though I have been living in Qatar it will be a huge honour to represent Sri Lanka as a Test playing nation," said Romelo

Taking us through memory lane Romelo said "Undoubtedly my most memorable knock was my first century in the under 16 cricket tournament in Qatar. I scored my century in just 31 balls which is the fastest century in an under 16 cricket tournament in Qatar".

"Also my best bowling performance is bowling to the Sri Lanka Under 19 squad during a practice match in Sri Lanka and getting 4 wickets in 10 Overs.

Romelo's solid batting has been a bonus to his "My most unforgettable moment was when I prowess with his bowling of being an opening

left arm fast bowler. This has been the main reason why he has been rated as a top cricketer as well as a solid allrounder in Qatar.

Romeo's role model is another top class Sri Lankan left arm fast bowler Chaminda Vaas, whom he adores after he met the retired super

'My favourite Cricketer surely is Chaminda Vaas and my greatest memory was getting the opportunity to have an coaching session with Chaminda Vaas. Also frankly speaking I cannot compare myself to any cricketer but my ambition is to be like Chaminda Vaas "said Romelo.

'When Chaminda Vaas saw me bowling and complimented positively for my bowling and i was really happy because i got the nod from the

Has Romelo been able to achieve what he set about to do in his early steps. When the question was posed to him he replied "I am happy with my current achievements but I am not even 17 yet, so what I have achieved up to now is the beginning and I also consider captaining Stallions Cricket Academy and Warriors cricket academy in multiple tours to Dubai and Srilanka as a great achievement of mine".

"Forevermore I also want to mention that these achievements wouldn't have been possible if not for the array of hardworking coaches who have been working with me tirelessly since U-13". "It is difficult to mention all the coaches who have helped me in one way or another. Coach Aruna De Silva with whom i started cricket and who was the first person to identitfy my potential as a left arm fast bowler. Coach Siddath Tenakoon, Peterite Ashan Perera and Saman Fonseka of Stallions Cricket Academy. Coach Anil Rideegammanagedara from Warriors Cricket Academy and my mentor and head coach Josephian Shenal Warnakula who fine tuned me and built me up

mentally and physically to be who i am today. These are some of the prominent Coaches out of the array of coaches whom have helped me during my career" said Romelo.. He is presently faced with having to take both cricket and studies along the same path.

"Right now I want to finish my final year at school and get into university but at the same time to succeed in my cricket".

Concluding the interview Romelo said "Finally my choice of where to go for higher studies is based entirely on where I surely can continue playing Cricket and further my training and career in cricket,".



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Channa to continue as chairman of Old Trinitians Rugby Scrummage

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Channa Pathirana one of the finest rugby forwards of the mid 1990's will continue as the chairman for the second term of the Old Trinitians Rugby Scrummage, He took over last year from another top rugby player and promoter P. Siva Subramanium. The Annual General Meeting is fixed for Saturday 26th September at 10:00 am. at the CR and FC Old Club house, Longden Place.

The present committee was formed with promoters like vice presidents Ashan Ratwatte and Amil Ramanathan and the treasurtee was made of top players like Janindra Dunuwille, Nilantha Ratnayake, M.T..L.J. Perera, Harris is held up.

Omar, Murad Ramzeen, D.N.R. Fernando, Thusith Inok, Lakmal Tennakoon and S.W. Chang.

Channa as he is popularly known was a lock forward who sported the Trinity College jersey in 1988 under Bindu Dandeniya. Then in 1989 he played under Rohan Ranaraja and led Trinitians in the R. Premadasa knockout tournament that year. In 1989 he played a few games for Kandy SC as a schoolboy and had to keep off from rugby due to higher studies.

This year the spread of corona virus has affected the staging of Thakshala Hettiarchchi both were matches, they were able to play top class players. The secretary only two games against S. Thomas' College and St. Anthony's College er is Asanka Ranhotti. The commit-rest of the matches were halted, even their most looked forward Bradby game against Royal College



Channa Pathirana

Rugby Scrummage was the brainchild of Kenneth Boteju who played for Trinity in the late 1940's as a wing three quarter. Boteju started it around 1992 together

with his friend Rajah 'Dabar' Adihetty. He gathered some former players including M.T.M.Zarook, Dr. Robert Sourjah, Dr. Abeyratne, Dr. Kenneth Gunawardena, Wilhelm Balthazar, and Ken de Joodt.. Dr. Robert Sourjah was the first chairman with Dr. Kenneth Gunawardena as vice chairman, Kenneth Boteju as secretary, DabarAdihetty as treasurer.

With a fifteen member committee in the next few years many stalwarts like Jayantha Jayawardena, Jayantissa Ratwatte, Indrajith Balasooriya who travelled all the way from Matara for meetings joined in. The aim was to help in all aspects of rugby, in an advisory capacity and financial help wherever possible and also getting together of all former players for fellowship.

Dominic Thiem of Austria celebrates the second set win during his Men's Singles quarter-finals match against Alex de Minaur of Australia on Day Ten of the 2020 US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center on Thursday. AFP

eight years, taking her tally for the tournament to 64

The record for the most number of aces in a US Open in the women's singles is 70, set by Williams in 1999 when she won for the first time.

"Sometimes when I'm serving, I just tell myself, I don't care if my arm falls off, I'm going to keep serv-

Williams is looking to match Margaret Court's record for the most number of singles Grand Slam

It has been more than three years since she won her 23rd at the 2017 Australian Open - when she was already pregnant with daughter Olympia. Williams has come close since, reaching four major

finals only to come away empty handed.

In the last four she will renew her rivalry with former world number Azarenka who demolished Mertens

6-1, 6-0 in just 1hr 13 min. Williams defeated Azarenka in the final of the US

Open in 2012 and 2013. The last few years of Azarenka's career have been

interrupted by a custody battle over her son who was born in 2016.

Azarenka said she found it "hard to accept losses" when she was young and at the top of her game, but was now benefiting from a more philosophical attitude. "I enjoy the moment no matter what it is. I take life

as it comes," Azarenka told reporters. "It took me a long road to come here with a lot of struggles, a lot of understanding, forcing me to find this route, this path, if you can say that. But I'm here

and I'm happy.' In the men's draw, Russia's third seed Medvedev downed compatriot and childhood friend Andrey

Rublev 7-6 (8/6), 6-3, 7-6 (7/5).

Twenty-two-year-old Rublev raced to a 5-1 lead in the first-set tie-break before Medvedev, last year's US Open runner-up, hauled back to win it 8-6 with an ace.

Medvedev, 24, smashed 16 aces and won 89 percent of first-serve points. He made 75 percent of returns to Rublev's 54 percent.

"One point decided two sets so it was a really tough match and Andrey was playing unbelievable actually,

Medvedev said Medvedev will play second seed Thiem who demolished Australia's Alex de Minaur, seeded 21st, 6-1, 6-2,

"I had a great feeling from the first moment on," said the Austrian.

Fifth seed Alexander Zverev of Germany faces Spain's 20th seed Pablo Carreno Busta in the competi-

tion's other semi-final. The disqualification of Novak Djokovic for acciden-

tally hitting a line official with a ball during the last 16 means the US Open will crown a first-time Grand Slam winner on Sunday. AFP

Lankan netball to focus beyond Asian level

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sri Lanka Netball Federation officials headed by Lakshmi Victoria are planning to give youth players a break. We are ready to focus on youth players and coaches and will start our development programmes in the outstation areas said Netball Chief Victoria.

Most of the affiliated clubs have already promised to give their support to the Federation and we hope to go ahead with these development programmes. The officials are going to start with their programmes on September 12 and the first step is to go to Kegalle and Kandy.

We have already invited school coaches for these development programmes. The first one will be at Kegalle and the same day on the 12th evening we are going to conduct next programme at Digana for the school coaches from Kandy, Nuwara Eliya and Matale. The senior consultant coach Hyacinth Wijesinghe is giving good support to make these coaching development programmes a success.

The Netball Federation felicitated Sri Lanka under 16 team led by Nethmi Wijenayake which won the South Asian under 16 championships held in Kathmandu, Nepal last year at a simple ceremony at the Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel recently.

The head coach of the team Amalka Gunatilleka and other officials who went on the Nepal tour were welcomed by the Netball officials. The team members received special replicas and certificates on this

Sri Lankan under 16 Netball team emerged champions at the inaugural South Asian Championship by defeating India comfortably 48-28 in the final. Sri Lankan players dominated the tournament from the beginning and they performed well throughout the tournament to clinch the inaugural title.

This is a good start for the Sri Lankan juniors and we have to encourage them with this type of felicitation added a senior official of the Netball Federation. The offi-

cials and coaches were also felicitated on this occasion.

The Netball Federation has already appointed development coaches apart from the Senior and Junior coaches to take the game to a higher level They also focused on North and Eastern Provinces and their affiliated clubs have already promised to give their support to the Federation. Next year there are Junior International tournaments and Sri Lankans have to prepare for these events and we have to find more talented players from the outstations and Netball Chief Victoria has decided to give preference for youngsters This is a good move for this sport and senior players have started their training under the head coach Somitha de Alwis and assistant coach P.D Prasadi.

"There is no doubt that Sri Lanka is the number one netball team in Asia. But when we take part in the World Cup we end up as the last team on most occasions. Sri Lanka also failed to make an impact at the Commonwealth Games. The reason is that the best netball players are in action in these events making it difficult for Sri Lanka and other Asian countries to make an impression. We should focus on closing the gap when we play matches in the World Cup or Commonwealth Games," said National Head coach Somitha de Alwis. She further added the standard of netball has not improved just because Sri Lanka has won the Asian title several times. There is no change in their style of play. Therefore, we cannot win international events other than the Asian tournament and this is a good point to go forward from the Asian level.

Meanwhile Netball Federation is looking to build up a strong relationship with the Schools Federation. The players start their career from the schools and New Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa also has a plan to develop sports from the school level. We also wanted to pay more attention to the school players said Netball Chief Lakshmi Victoria.



A member of the Sri Lankan champion under 16 netball team receiving her certificate from the netball president Lakshmi Victoria during the felicitation ceremony held at the Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel recently. Sri Lankan junior head coach Amalka Gunatilleka is also in the

Matara district athletic Colours Awards on Sept. 12

The Matara district athletic colours awards ceremony conducted by the Matara District Athletic Association will be held on September 12 at the Grand Navro Hall Beach road, Matara, commencing from 5 pm. Altogether 39 school athletes will receive colours and 21 of them are from open events. Meanwhile, 47 junior athletes are to receive colours as well.

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The special merit awards will be given to the Asian high jump medal winner Manjula Kumara Wijesekara, South Asian silver medal winners Tharanga Vinodini, Safreen Ahamad, Asian cross country medal winner Hsanthi Madumali from Sujatha Vidyalaya, Matara.

The organisers also hope to felicitate senior coaches Nihal Abeywickrama and D.S.K. Gamage with presenting merit awards while special merit awards will be given to National athletic coach Y.K Kularatne, Ruhunu University senior sport consultant K.H Keerthi Kumara and Matara district athletic coach Lal Abeywickrama.

Former Southern Province Sports Director Felicia Jayawardena and Director General of the Sports Medical Institute Dr. Lal Ekanavake are also among the special merit awards recipients. The Minister of Power Dullas Alahapperuma will be the chief guest on this colours awards ceremony while Matara district MP Karunadasa Kodituwakku and Sri Lanka Athletics President Major General Palitha Fernando and Former Athletic President Sunil Jayaweera will grace this occasion as special guests. (DR)

Mercantile Hockey Knockout Championship

Eight teams battle for supremacy

Eight teams from leading mercantile firms will compete in the annual "Mercantile Hockey Knockout Championship" to be held at the Astro Turf, Torrington on September 26 and October 3.

One of the popular events in the Mercantile hockey calendar will be the first tournament, after the outbreak of Covid-19 since March this year.

The eight teams are slated in two groups with Hattan National Bank are the reigning champions in the 'A' division category while Allianz Insurance Lanka Limited



are the defending champions in the 'B' division, who apparently got promoted to the higher tier. Commercial Bank PLC will be the only firm to field two sides in this tournament in the respective divi-

On the opening day (September 26), four matches are to be competed commencing from 7.30 a.m. followed the other three matches at 9 a.m., 2.00p.m and 3.30p.m.

On the second day, October 3, third place play off matches will be played in the morning while the knockout matches will be played in the evening including the grand final which is fixed to

be played at 3.30 p.m. This popular tournament which was inaugurated way back in 1953, the champions of the 'A' division will carry away the Hatna Trophy sponsored by Hatton National Bank while the 'B' division winners will receive the Mas Holdings Trophy sponsored by MAS holdings group.

Division 'A'- HNB Group, Allianz Insurance Lanka Limited, Commercial Bank PLC 'A', Sampath Bank PLC

Division 'B'- Seylan Bank PLC, H.S.B.C, Commercial Bank PLC 'B', Hayleys PLC (AN)

England vs Australia: Three ODIs in the cards

MANCHESTER, THURSDAY: England and he going to do?'. "The key to his batting is Australia will renew hostilities in a threematch one-day series starting on Friday, around the ground. There's no particular with the tourists seeking to avenge their painful defeat in last year's World Cup semi-final.

Eoin Morgan's England go into the matches on a high after a 2-1 Twenty20 series victory over Australia but Josh Hazlewood believes the visitors can carry "momentum" into the one-dayers following a five-wicket T20 win in Southampton on Tuesday.

AFP Sport looks at three key match-ups that could help decide the outcome of the series in Manchester. Australia keen to disrupt Buttler service

Jos Buttler impressed as an opener England during the T20s but has generally been deployed as a middle-order batsman in the 50-over format. However, with star all-rounder Ben Stokes missing for family reasons, England may feel they want to give Buttler the opportunity to face as many balls as possible - a role that would contrast with his usual "finishing" role.

If he is moved, Australia will need to find a way to restrict the talented shotmaker. After Buttler made an unbeaten 77 in the second T20, Australia leg-spin great Shane Warne said reining in the batsman was easier said than done.

"It's the perception of what he could do that upsets the bowlers," Warne told Sky Sports. "If you're a bowler standing at the top of the mark you're thinking, 'What is

the way he hits the ball - he hits it all weakness to his batting and when you don't have a weakness it's hard to come up with a plan to bowl to him." Fast bowlers eager to have their say

One-day international cricket is often said to be batsman's game. England, with Jason Roy, Jonny Bairstow and Joe Root in their ranks and Australia, with David Warner, Aaron Finch and Steve Smith, both boast powerful top-orders.

But they also have top-quality fast bowlers, with vice-captain Pat Cummins and left-armer Mitchell Starc set to lead Australia's attack. England can call upon express quicks Jofra Archer and Mark Wood, who showed glimpses of their speed during the Twenty20 series, while Chris Woakes will be looking to repeat his performance in last year's semi-final, when e took 3-37.

England leg-spinner Adil Rashid underlined his status as one of the best whiteball bowlers in the game with 3-21 in the third T20, producing a brilliant googly that clean bowled opening batsman Finch, while he also snared all-rounder Glenn Maxwell and star batsman Smith.

The Yorkshireman's ability to take wickets in the middle overs of the innings has been a key part of England's white-ball revival under Morgan and was in evidence when he took 3-54 during last year's semifinal. AFP

I wasn't appointed to dictate terms to controlling bodies, says Dilantha



NSC Member Dilantha Malagamuwa in discussion with members of the SLAS Council

PRIYAN DE SILVA

"I wasn't appointed to the National Sports Council to dictate terms and conditions to controlling bodies," Sri Lanka's top motor racing driver and member of the National Sports Council Dilantha Malagamuwa told members of the Council of Sri Lanka Automobile Sports (SLAS) last Wednesday.

Ashhar Hameem who was elected President of SLAS a few days ago said that having Namal Rajapaksa a racing enthusiast as Minister of Sports and International Racing driver Dilantha Malagamuwa as a member of the National Sports Council was a shot in the arm for motor

racing. Ashhar added that the safety of drivers would be given priority while facilities would be upgraded to international standards and hoped that the health authorities would give the green light to commence motor racing

At the discussion with Malagamuwa which followed Wednesday's council meeting the need to update the rules for motor racing was brought up while a request was made to the representatives of the Sri Lanka Army Motor Sports Committee to upgrade their race tracks and also consider constructing a tarmac to international standards at the existing Sevanagala track.



Lanka yet to forward serious biz proposal to China - Dr Kohona

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Sri Lanka is yet to put across a serious business proposal to reap economic benefits from China, said new Sri Lankan Ambassador to China, Dr. Palitha Kohona in a special interview with the Daily News.

"My priority would be to change this lethargic and unprofessional attitude and have a structured approach that will allow not only Sri Lankan business to flourish in China but a wider spectrum of Sri Lankan products to move to the shelves of Chinese super markets.

. "See Sri Lanka's export catalogue to

China, it's still the traditional tea and few products. This is absurd and I have to ask what the authorities were doing not to include more products from Sri Lanka to Chinese market. I want to create opportunities and not deals that usually don't work."

The vice Versa meaning, 'more Chinese companies should come invest and do business in Sri Lanka', aspect too would be pursued in a very professional manner, the new Ambassador said. For all this Sri Lanka must have a professional team stationed in Beijing who will firstly make Sri Lanka and then Sri Lan-

kan products and businesses known to the Chinese. They will also display what investment opportunities that are available in Sri Lanka especially like the Colombo Port City.

"I am very disappointed in the manner in which Colombo Port City Marketing is taking place. See its languishing for the past year virtually unknown to China and also the world. The same should be said about Colombo, Hambantota and Trincomalee harbours that are 'just there' without talk! "We must project them to the world saying that there are places where global businessmen can earn money."

Sri Lanka has to create awareness to the global business community which we have not done.

One of the ideal tools to market Sri Lanka globally is the success the country achieved in controlling the covid pandemic. Sadly in global rankings, Lankan successful efforts are played down even below India, where there are nearly 80,000 deaths. "We are the best in the

world but have not marketed this at all."

Sri Lanka can also launch a program
for not only businessmen but also tech
savvy young or people with special skills
who are sick of living in Western coun-

tries to live and start their businesses in Sri Lanka. "However this should be done carefully and they too should bring sizable investment."

In addition a conducive hazel free environment should be created such as allowing them to bring their assets a duty free car for them to start their business and life in Sri Lanka. "This is not rocket science as other countries in the region like Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand are successfully doing this."

He also said that he will study the proposed FTA with China but will have clauses where it favors Sri Lanka as done

by India when negotiating trade deals. "I don't know what Sri Lanka negotiators

were doing at the table."

He also questioned the rationale of the tourist board targeting and promoting high end tourists who are 'dead' scared to travel now. "The Board should look and woo the younger generation who are looking for places to surf, kayak and ect."

China is 99% free of Covid and it may be a good idea to look at this market. "Taking PCR tests regularly is fair enough but there should be minimal restrictions when they travel to Sri



Fabrice Cavallin, Managing Director, Nestlé Lanka PLC receives the award from Arundika Fernando, State Minister - Ministry of Plantations; Dr. Ramesh Pathirana - Minister of Plantations; and Jayantha Wickramasinghe - Chairman of the Coconut Development Authority, the Coconut Cultivation Board and the Coconut Research Institute.

Govt awards Nestlé on World Coconut Day

The Sri Lankan coconut authorities awarded Nestlé at an official event on World Coconut Day, in recognition of its high foreign exchange contribution as one of the world's largest exporters of coconut milk powder, and the strategic planning support extended to the government to help promote the Sri Lankan coconut industry.

Nestlé also supports more than 9,000 local coconut farming families through its business. The award was jointly conferred on the company by Arundhika Fernando, the State Minister of the Ministry of Plantations, Dr. Ramesh Pathirana, the Minister of Plantations, and Jayantha

Wickramasinghe, Chairman of The Coconut Development Authority, The Coconut Cultivation Board, and The Coconut Research Institute.

"We're proud to be consistently recognised for the positive impact we make for everyone across our business. As a Good food, Good life company, we want our products to not just be good for our consumers but also good for our community. With almost 800 employees, we have been locally manufacturing over 90% of our products since 1984, at our state-of-the art multi-production factory in Kurunegala. This, together with our strong exports business, has enabled us

to contribute significantly to Sri Lanka's economy. We remain committed to continuing to do good in Sri Lanka, as we have for the last 114 years' said Fabrice Cavallin, Nestlé's Managing Director, who accepted the award. Nestlé paid Rs. 2.6 billion for coconut purchases, contributing to the livelihoods of more than 6,000 farmers.

The company is also collaborating with the Coconut Cultivation Board for the Nestlé Coconut Plan, where it is helping another 3,000 farmers and outgrowers grow coconut in their farms, home gardens and in nontraditional areas outside of the coconut triangle.

Investors positive on profitability recovery by 2021

With business activity expected to gradually pick and accelerate towards next year, investors are likely to be positive on the recovery of profitability towards 2021 end the Mid-Year Outlook 2020 of First Capital Research

"We believe that the bulk of the earnings dip is already factored into the market and thereby assessing the earnings recovery for 2021E and evaluating businesses on forward earnings makes more sense as an investor. In line with the thinking, we expect stronger market returns during 2020, maintaining our upgraded market fair value range at 5,200-5,600."

"First Capital does not rule out the possibility of a further policy rate cut, which may bring down bond yields further below the bottom of our bond yield bands (1year-5.0%, 5 year-6.5%, 10 year-7.0%) for a short period considering the sizable liquidity in the system."

"With the rise in Government borrowing requirement, we expect a gradual increase in pressure on bond yields towards the end of 4Q-2020 and early



2020 earnings are expected to improve with a major adjustment to Q2

1Q-2021, while also supported by the rising consumer demand and private credit. We expect yields to be on a rising trend and enter the bands during 1Q-2021 and afterwards gradually move up further during 2Q-2021.

Banking Rates (AWPR) to remain low below 7% in 3Q and range from 7 %-8 % over next 12 months.

In line with the 5 year bond, we expect the AWPR to have bottomed out around 6.5%-7.0% and remain below 7 % during 3Q-2020. During 4Q-2020 and 1H-2021 we expect a slight increase in AWPR but is likely to remain within the band of 7.0% - 8.0%.

"With the potentially stable external environment, we expect

the USD/LKR rate to stay stable in the 2H2020 with a marginal depreciation as the Government gradually relaxes import restrictions. We believe restrictions are likely to be lifted in 1H-2021 which may lead to a steep depreciation."

ASPI expected fair value maintained (as per Jul'20 update) to a range of 5,200-5,600 for 2020 and 5,800-6,200 for 2021. Amidst the lack of demand for credit, import restrictions and the slowness in recovery in consumer demand may result in GDP growth turning positive only by 4Q-2020 while the unexpected contraction in 1Q-2020 further hampered prospects of a lower contraction in GDP.

Considering the heavy CBSL Holding volume and inevitable relaxation of import restrictions, the economy may showcase a currency spike followed by an interest rate spike resulting in another shock to the economy which may prevent a V shaped recovery while inducing a W-shape for the recovery process.

'Women representation in parliament important'

Given the myriad of issues Sri Lankan women face; ranging from discriminatory laws, taxes that disproportionately affect women and labour laws that impede their entry and retention in the labour force, it is all the more important that more women are represented in parliament, the Advocata Institute said.

The World Gender Gap Report published by the World Economic Forum ranked Sri Lanka among the top 20 countries in 2006. However, as previously highlighted by the Advocata Institute Sri Lanka has drastically slipped in the rankings and has descended to be ranked 102 out of 153 countries in the year 2020 despite performing well on other indicators such as health and education. This is clearly reflected in our current majoritymale parliament. Despite Sri Lanka's women constituting 52% of the population, they are left unrepresented in parliament and deprived of positions of power and

access to national decision making and policy implementation.

These were spelled out at an Advocata Institute hosted a live online discussion on "Female under-representation and its socio-economic impact" via our YouTube channel on September 6, 2020. The panelists for the discussion were Dr. Sujata Gamage (Advisor to the Advocata Institute), Vraie Cally Balthazaar (Social Entrepreneur, Activist, Media Professional), Lihini Fernando (Member of Moratuwa Municipal Council, Attorney at Law, Women's Activist) and Sherien Perera (Marketer, Corporate Trainer). The session was moderated by Sathya

Karunarathne (Research Executive (Policy) Advocata Institute).

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deprive competent and hardworking women from entering parliament.

Another important issue being the lack of female role models in Sri Lankan politics, highlighting the immediate need to empower female role models both in politics and governance, and the need for a support system within political parties for women.

Implementing policies

that reduce these structural barriers preventing the political empowerment of women would be a starting point to address this issue. As agreed by our panelists, creating a transparent and fair framework to finance election campaigns through the Election Finance Act, encouraging women to obtain a varied education, empowering female leadership in our communities, and introducing a mandatory quota for women in the National list for major political parties would be a progressive step towards increasing female representation in government

Money laundering, terrorist financing increases in region - Survey

Growth in South Asia has far exceeded that of other countries outside the region in the past decade, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India's South Asia Anti Money Laundering Preparedness Survey report 2020 said. Modernisation of the banking and financial services industry has been a major contributor to this growth. This resulted in significant credit availability for businesses and individuals, alongside better governance around managing operations.

However, with availability of formal credit, money laundering and terrorist financing activity has also increased in the region. Fraudsters and criminals have used banks and financial institutions (FIs) as conduits.

(FIs) as conduits. The estimated amount of money laundered globally in one year is 2–5 percent of the global GDP, or in the range of US\$800 billion to US\$2 trillion. Though the margin between these figures is huge, even the lower estimate underlines the seriousness of the problem that governments, banks, and FIs need to address. In South Asia particularly, the rapid adoption of online payments and wallet technologies means banks and FIs have had to fast-track and enhance their know your customer



K.V. Karthik and Uday Bhansali

(KYC) and transaction monitoring processes. "The COVID-19 pandemic has further accelerated digital transaction volumes, changing customer behaviour. New emerging risks have compounded issues pertaining to Anti-Money Laundering (AML) compliance. As a result, efforts to combat money laundering need to be increased. As a result, the efforts to combat money laundering need to be increased," KV Karthik Partner - Forensic, Financial Advisory said.

With criminals using newer ways of laundering money and changing regulatory expectations, banks find it challenging to keep their AML compliance programmes effective, guarding against these increasing complex money laundering activities

In this backdrop, we wanted to understand the preparedness levels of banks in South Asia to meet revised regulatory requirements and challenges faced by them in their AML compliance programmes.

"We undertook a survey of leading banks and FIs in India, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh in January— March 2020.

The survey covers the following areas – AML governance framework, customer due diligence, sanctions and trade-based money laundering, and transaction monitoring systems," Uday Bhansali, President – Financial Advisory said.

The findings outline several key challenges faced by banks and our report outlines certain leading practices to support their compliance efforts.

"We hope that the survey report will influence discussion and debate among banks, practitioners, regulators, and governments on how to improve AML and counter terrorist financing efforts."

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ACL PLASTICS	2,281	164.00	165.90	166.00	163.20	166.00	
ACME	88,013	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.30	4.40	0.00
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BAIRAHA FARMS	389,815	94.80	97.00	103.80	95.00	102.00	7.20
BALANGODA	83,086	14.30	14.30	14.50	14.00	14.00	(0.30)
BUKIT DARAH	3,020	180.00	179.90	180.20	179.80	180.00	0.00
C M HOLDINGS	301	61.30	59.90	61.00	59.90	59.90	
CARGILLS XD	180	185.00	181.00	185.00	181.00	185.00	0.00
CARGO BOAT	2,318	51.30	52.00	52.40	50.00	50.00	(1.30)
CARSONS	1,515	181.50	182.00	195.00	182.00	190.60	9.10
CDB	1,000	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	0.00
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CENTRAL FINANCE	40,726	76.90	76.90	76.90	75.50	75.70	(1.20)
CENTRAL IND.	149,340	59.30	59.50	59.50	58.00	58.00	
CEYLINCO INS. [CINS.X0000]	55	789.90	810.00	810.00	810.00	789.90	0.00
CEYLON GUARDIAN	15,991	76.90	77.00	77.80	75.00	77.50	0.60
CEYLON INV.	13,121	45.00	45.50	45.80	45.40	45.80	0.80
CEYLON TOBACCO	99,064	970.00	969.90	969.90	945.00	950.00	(20.00)
CHEMANEX	336	57.80	57.00	57.80	57.00	57.70	(0.10)
CHEVRON	105,792	78.10	78.20	79.00	78.00	78.80	0.70
CIC	736,707	78.30	78.50	82.00	77.00	80.40	2.10
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	579	660.00	679.80	679.80	660.00	661.60	1.60
	50	730.10	736.00	736.00	736.00	730.10	0.00
COLOMBO CITY COLOMBO LAND COMMERCIAL BANK	20,448 1,424,191	23.70 79.00	24.00 79.90	24.10 80.00	23.50 79.00	23.60 79.00	(0.10)
COMMERCIAL BANK [COMB.)		66.50	67.20	67.60	66.90	67.50	1.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL		7.30	7.30	7.80	7.30	7.70	0.40
DFCC BANK PLC	239,918	67.70	68.00	68.40	67.20	67.50	(0.20)
DIALOG	4,113,943	11.00	11.10	11.20	11.00	11.10	0.10
DIMO	14	285.70	294.00	294.00	294.00	285.70	0.00
DIPPED PRODUCTS	145,656	186.70	187.00	188.00	186.00	187.50	
DOCKYARD	27,493	64.00	64.00	64.00	63.00	63.00	(1.00)
DOLPHIN HOTELS	4,405	21.00	21.00	21.40	21.00	21.00	
DURDANS XD DURDANS [CHL.X0000] XD EAST WEST	2,812	90.00 78.00	90.00 78.10 12.00	90.10 80.00	90.00 78.10	90.00 79.90	0.00 1.90
EAST WEST EASTERN MERCHANT EXPOLANKA	182,540 24,336 21,886,003	12.10 5.30 6.90	5.40 7.00	12.10 5.40 7.30	11.90 5.20 6.80	12.00 5.20 7.00	(0.10) (0.10) 0.10
FIRST CAPITAL FORT LAND	91,319 90,561	60.80 9.70	60.50	61.00 10.10	60.30 9.80	60.40 9.90	(0.40)
GESTETNER	167	84.90	84.80	86.30	84.50	84.70	(0.20)
GRAIN ELEVATORS	935,378	62.60	63.10	72.50	63.00	71.10	
HAYCARB	26,567	297.90	298.00	298.00	294.50	295.10	(2.80)
HAYLEYS	81,963	203.80	205.00	207.80	204.00	207.00	3.20
HAYLEYS FABRIC	1,973,116	15.70	15.80	16.60	15.80	16.50	0.80
HAYLEYS FIBRE	4,600	111.50	110.00	113.00	110.00	112.70	1.20
HDFC	120,404	32.00	32.30	35.40	32.00	33.20	1.20
HEMAS HOLDINGS	1,106,375	59.00	59.00	60.50	59.00	60.00	
HNB	127,783	117.60	118.00	119.00	117.90	118.00	0.40
HNB ASSURANCE	190	135.00	135.00	135.00	134.50	134.80	(0.20)
HNB [HNB.X0000]	78,881	88.90	89.50	89.70	88.50	88.60	(0.30)
HORANA HOTEL SIGIRIYA	45	21.20 52.30	21.50 52.30	21.50 55.00	21.20 52.30	21.20 53.30	0.00
HOTELS CORP.	1,005	10.00	9.90	10.00	9.90	10.00	0.00 (0.50)
HUNTERS	100	400.60	401.00	401.00	400.00	400.10	
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	426,518	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.00
JANASHAKTHI INS.	128,971	30.90	30.90	30.90	30.00	30.10	(0.80)
JKH	4,408,621	135.00	135.50	136.40	135.10	135.90	0.90
KAHAWATTE	21,818	33.90	34.30	35.00	34.30	35.00	1.10
KEGALLE	53,245	67.40	68.10	70.90	68.00	68.30	0.90
KELANI CABLES	608	85.40	83.70	85.00	83.70	85.00	(0.40)
KELANI TYRES	608,492	69.60	70.00	71.80	70.00	70.50	0.90
KELANI VALLEY	121,002	71.00	71.90	73.00	71.00	71.20	0.20
KINGSBURY	34,170	10.10	10.10	10.20	10.10	10.20	
KOTAGALA L O L C HOLDINGS	518,222 634,137	8.00 135.30	8.10	8.20 139.00	7.60 134.00	7.80 136.50	(0.20)
LAKE HOUSE PRIN.	24	144.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	0.00
LANKA ALUMINIUM	150	58.90	60.50	60.90	60.50	60.80	
LANKA HOSPITALS	139,158	37.80	38.00	38.50	38.00	38.00	0.20
LANKA IOC	182,407	17.50	17.50	17.60	17.40	17.60	0.10
LANKA REALTY	154	35.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	1.00
LANKA TILES	16,517	79.80	80.00	80.00	78.80	79.80	0.00
LANKA VENTURES LANKA WALLTILE LANKEM DEV.	7,468	49.00	48.60	49.00	48.00	48.00	(1.00)
	56,760	71.90	72.50	72.80	71.00	71.10	(0.80)
	8,181,821	4.70	4.70	5.20	4.70	5.00	0.30
LAUGFS GAS LAUGFS GAS [LGL.X0000]	11,925	15.10 10.80	14.80 10.80	15.40 10.80	14.70 10.50	14.80 10.60	(0.30)
LAXAPANA	18,646	15.80	16.10	16.10	15.20	15.70	(0.10)
LB FINANCE	21,394	137.00	137.20	137.90	137.00	137.50	
LEE HEDGES	5	74.30	78.90	78.90	78.90	74.30	0.00
LION BREWERY XD	500	555.30	555.30	560.00	555.30	559.50	4.20
LMF	41,516	89.20	91.90	91.90	90.00	90.00	0.80
LVL ENERGY	1,080	8.10	8.10	8.10	8.10	8.10	0.00
MALWATTE [MAL.X0000] MELSTACORP	260,587 450,041	10.40 7.90	10.50 8.00	10.70 8.20 29.00	10.30 7.90	10.40 8.00	0.00
MERC. SHIPPING MERCHANT BANK	1,357,103 10 45,317	28.00 48.10 7.30	28.20 48.80 7.30	48.80 7.40	28.20 48.80 7.20	28.90 48.10 7.30	0.90 0.00 0.00
MULLERS NAMUNUKULA	202,300 9,626	0.90 123.40	0.80 125.00	0.90 125.00	0.80 117.90	0.80 119.30	(0.10)
NAT. DEV. BANK	93,939	84.60	85.00	87.00	85.00	85.10	0.50
NATION LANKA	2,450	0.70	0.80	0.80	0.70	0.80	
NATIONS TRUST	376,166	60.10	60.00	60.40	59.70	60.00	(0.10)
NAWALOKA	118,743	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.30	3.40	0.00
NESTLE	103	1,089.00	1,089.00	13.20	1,089.00	1,089.00	0.00
OVERSEAS REALTY	180,032	13.00	13.20		12.90	12.90	(0.10)
PAN ASIA	78,379	13.00	13.10	13.10	12.70	13.00	0.00
PANASIAN POWER	542,633	3.70	3.70	3.80	3.60	3.70	
PEOPLE'S INS PEOPLES LEASING PIRAMAL GLASS	170,188	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.10	23.20	(0.30)
	780,425	11.90	12.10	12.30	12.00	12.00	0.10
	5,487,544	4.10	4.10	4.10	3.80	4.00	(0.10)
PRINTCARE PLC R I L PROPERTY	100	28.00 5.30	29.00 5.30	29.00 5.30	29.00 5.10	29.00 5.20	1.00
RADIANT GEMS	501	22.10	22.00	23.50	22.00	22.00	(0.10)
REGNIS	173,747	75.00	78.10	84.50	78.10	83.40	
RENUKA AGRI	935,895	3.00	3.00	3.10	3.00	3.10	0.10
RENUKA CITY HOT.	10	199.10	195.00	195.00	195.00	199.10	0.00
RENUKA FOODS		15.50	15.50	16.50	15.50	16.00	0.50
RENUKA FOODS [COCO.X000		10.80	10.80	11.50	10.80	11.20	0.40
RENUKA HOLDINGS	1,110	15.70	16.40	17.90	16.40	17.70	2.00
RENUKA HOLDINGS [RHL.X00	000] 67,513	10.50	10.30	11.00	10.30	10.90	0.40
RESUS ENERGY	8,118	27.10	27.80	27.80	27.00	27.00	(0.10)
RESUS ENERGY RICHARD PIERIS ROYAL CERAMIC	8,118 118,795 244,896	27.10 12.00 88.00	27.80 12.00 87.50	12.10 89.40	27.00 11.80 87.50	12.00 87.90	(0.10) 0.00 (0.10)
S M B LEASING S M B LEASING [SEMB.X0000	113,951	0.40 0.20	0.40 0.30	0.50 0.30	0.40 0.20	0.40 0.20	0.00
SAMPATH SAMSON INTERNAT.	1,464,924	123.30 80.00	124.30 85.00	124.30 85.00	122.00 85.00	122.50 85.00	(0.80) 5.00
SANASA DEV. BANK	23,253	52.50	52.50	53.50	52.50	53.00	0.50
SEYLAN BANK	244,961	45.00	45.80	47.00	45.00	46.70	1.70
SEYLAN BANK [SEYB.X0000]	1,492,599	31.00	31.10	32.90	31.00	32.50	1.50
SEYLAN DEVTS	63,201	11.80	11.90	11.90	11.60	11.90	0.10
SIERRA CABL	7,048,405	4.00	4.00	4.10	3.90	3.90	(0.10)
SINGER FINANCE	459,420	12.00	12.10	12.30	11.90	12.20	
SLT SUNSHINE HOLDING SWISSTEK	40,117 1,360	30.90 50.70 43.20	30.90 51.00	30.90 51.00 44.00	30.00 50.00	30.10 50.10 43.70	(0.80) (0.60) 0.50
TALAWAKELLE TANGERINE	66,767 60,798 979	43.20 53.00 37.30	43.60 53.40 35.80	44.00 56.30 36.50	43.30 53.20 35.50	43.70 54.60 35.50	1.60 (1.80)
TEA SMALLHOLDER	762	35.80	35.70	35.80	33.70	35.60	(0.20)
TEEJAY LANKA	58,172	30.00	30.20	30.30	29.80	29.90	
THREE ACRE FARMS	281,088	104.10	107.90	115.00	106.20	113.90	9.80
TOKYO CEMENT	1,373,052	43.50	43.80	46.00	43.80	45.50	

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NION CHEMICALS NISYST	50 315,277	434.70 12.80	434.00 13.00	434.10 14.00	432.00 13.00	434.70 13.50	0.00
NITED MOTORS	40,453	52.00	52.00	52.20	51.30	52.00	0.00
LLIBEL LLIBEL FINANCE	425,857 9,919	6.30 57.40	6.30 57.90	6.50 57.90	6.30 57.00	6.40 57.20	0.10
DULLANKA ATAWALA	59,867 101,038	5.30 33.00	5.40 32.70	5.40 33.00	5.30 32.50	5.40 32.80	0.10 (0.20
COND BOARD							
BANS FINANCIAL MBEON CAPITAL	1,265 577,053	18.70 4.40	18.60 4.40	18.60 4.70	18.40 4.40	18.50 4.50	(0.20 0.10
RPICO	656	124.90	124.80	124.90	124.80	124.90	0.0
SIA CAPITAL ROWNS BEACH	70,694 839	5.90 9.80	6.00 9.90	6.10 10.50	5.90 9.80	6.00 9.80	0.10
DMM LEASE & FIN ALOG FINANCE	1,169 1,322	3.30 37.90	3.40 41.00	3.40 43.80	3.20 40.00	3.40 40.70	0.10 2.80
STILLERIES	174,367	15.50	15.50	15.90	15.50	15.80	0.30
DO MALAY DLC FINANCE	5 639,444	1,050.40 3.50	959.80 3.50	959.80 3.60	959.80 3.40	1,050.40	0.00
ADULSIMA	62,174	10.00	10.10	10.10	9.80	9.90	(0.10
DEL PLC DL	12,251 100	19.40 141.50	19.40 142.00	21.50 142.00	19.00 142.00	20.80 142.00	1.40 0.50
NGER SRI LANKA	112,264	38.00	40.00	40.00	38.10	39.20	1.20
RI SAVI BOARD SSTAR PLC	375,194	5.80	5.70	6.40	5.70	6.30	0.50
UMEX PLC IANA LIFE	482,929 22	14.10 9.60	14.10 8.00	14.50 9.60	14.10 8.00	14.30 9.60	0.20
IANA TAKAFUL	31,372	6.60	6.50	7.90	6.50	7.10	0.50
MBEON HOLDINGS MF CO LTD	688,608 575	13.00 346.10	13.00 347.10	13.60 350.00	13.00 347.00	13.30 347.20	0.3
PICO INSURANCE	820	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	0.0
IA SIYAKA NSEI RESORTS	491,603 13	3.00 8.00	3.00 8.30	3.10 8.30	2.90 8.20	3.00 8.00	0.0
RUWALA RESORTS MPUTH FINANCE	4,000 23,178	0.80 9.00	0.80 8.00	0.80 9.00	0.80 8.00	0.80	0.00
GALA GRAPHITE	16,106	18.80	18.60	19.00	18.00	18.10	(0.40
GAWANTALAWA PL HOLDINGS	56,017 504,779	14.10 11.30	14.40 11.30	14.40 11.70	13.60 11.30	14.00 11.60	(0.10 0.30
OWNS	23,065	65.80	65.50	67.90	65.00	67.70	1.9
ROWNS INVSTMNTS T LAND	35,345,319 3,066	2.50 28.10	2.50 28.10	2.70 28.40	2.50 26.90	2.60 27.00	0.1
W.MACKIE	10,305	42.10	40.20	41.80	40.20	41.00	(1.10
YLON BEVERAGE YLON TEA BRKRS	50,104 596,389	750.00 3.50	770.00 3.50	770.00 3.60	712.00 3.50	767.20 3.50	17.20
TRUS HIKKADUWA RI SAVI BOARD	75,850	5.50	5.50	5.60	5.50	5.50	0.00
TRUS WASKADUWA	191,565	4.00	4.00	4.10	4.00	4.10	0.10
DM.CREDIT DMMERCIAL DEV.	47,009 479	23.90 81.10	23.50 84.00	23.50 84.00	22.90 81.60	23.00 81.90	(0.90 0.80
LMAH CEYLON	304	666.30	653.00	653.50	653.00	653.00	(13.30
CHANNELLING DEN HOTEL LANKA	1,021 3,239	5.40 11.50	5.40 11.50	5.50 11.50	5.40 11.40	5.40 11.50	0.0
PITIYA	211,184	29.80	30.00	31.50	29.90	30.30	0.5
ORTRESS RESORTS ALADARI	1,849 38,415	10.20 7.30	10.50 7.60	10.50 7.60	10.40 7.50	10.50 7.50	0.30 0.20
JARDIAN CAPITAL APUGASTENNE	2,130 35,657	25.90 20.50	26.40 21.10	26.70 21.10	26.40 19.00	26.50 19.50	0.60 (1.00
TTON	142,281	9.50	9.60	9.80	9.30	9.30	(0.20
IB FINANCE /A FOODS	7,000 43,800	5.30 4.10	5.30 4.10	5.30 4.20	5.30 4.10	5.30 4.10	0.0
HN KEELLS	4,174	46.10	46.20	48.00	46.20	47.80	1.7
ELLS FOOD ELLS HOTELS	36,375 10,680	100.00 7.70	100.00 7.90	100.00 7.90	99.90 7.80	100.00 7.80	0.00
NKA CERAMIC NKEM CEYLON	79 7,952	94.90 25.10	94.00 24.40	94.00 25.40	94.00 24.40	94.90 24.40	0.00 (0.70
UGFS POWER	25,084	4.30	4.40	4.50	4.30	4.40	0.10
UGFS POWER [LPL-X-00 TUS HYDRO	00] 34,801 18,737	3.40 7.30	3.30 7.40	3.40 7.40	3.20 7.00	3.40 7.10	0.00 (0.20
ACKWOODS ENERGY	184,805	1.80	1.90	2.00	1.90	1.90	0.10
AHAWELI COCONUT AHAWELI REACH	12,197 100	28.80 12.80	28.00 13.00	29.00 13.00	27.70 13.00	28.60 13.00	(0.20 0.20
ARAWILA RESORTS	303,969	1.60	1.60 13.50	1.70 13.90	1.60 13.30	1.60	0.0
ASKELIYA LLENNIUM HOUSE	52,822 1,721,647	13.60 6.30	6.60	7.30	6.60	13.40 6.80	(0.20 0.5
l'ALLY RIENT FINANCE	294 28,774	27.20 9.00	26.50 9.00	26.50 9.30	26.50 9.00	26.50 9.20	(0.70 0.20
LM GARDEN HOTL	327	18.50	18.00	18.50	18.00	18.50	0.0
GASUS HOTELS OPLE'S MERCH	375 7,776	28.00 9.00	28.50 9.60	29.00 9.60	28.10 9.50	28.80 9.60	0.8 0.6
IME FINANCE	1,125	11.00	10.90	11.10	10.70	10.70	(0.30
IGAM SALTERNS NUKA CAPITAL	961,889 224,700	3.50 3.60	3.60 3.50	3.70 3.70	3.50 3.50	3.60 3.60	0.1 0.0
CH PIERIS EXP DYAL PALMS	1,882 6,685	252.50 14.50	255.00 14.40	255.00 14.50	253.50 14.40	255.00 14.50	2.5 0.0
THOSA MOTORS	127	231.30	234.50	245.00	234.50	234.80	3.5
RENDIB ENG.GRP RENDIB HOTELS	20,936 895	6.40 18.50	6.70 19.00	6.70 19.00	6.00 19.00	6.20 19.00	(0.20 0.5
NGER IND.	785	60.20	60.00	64.50	60.00	62.60	2.4
NGHE HOSPITALS NHAPUTHRA FIN	13,500 1,870	1.70 6.30	1.70 6.30	1.70 6.30	1.70 6.20	1.70 6.30	0.0 0.0
NHAPUTHRA FIN [SFL.PC DFTLOGIC CAP		4.60 3.80	4.50 3.90	4.60 3.90	4.50 3.70	4.50 3.70	(0.10 (0.10
FTLOGIC FIN	51,647	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.30	11.40	(0.30
ftlogic Life L LANKA	211,302 298	32.90 10.80	32.90 10.80	32.90 10.80	32.00 10.80	32.40 10.80	(0.50 0.00
SS AGRO	102,314	0.50	0.60	0.60	0.50	0.50	0.00
RI SAVI BOARD SS AGRO [TESS.X0000]	13,870	0.40	0.50	0.50	0.40	0.40	0.00
RANS ASIA	398	60.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	3.00
DAPUSSELLAWA NION ASSURANCE	7,873 57	32.30 299.90	30.50 303.90	30.50 308.50	30.00	30.30	(2.00 0.0
LLIBEL ONE	1,190,781	16.90	17.00	18.00	17.00	17.70	0.80
ATCH LIST IILANA HOTELS	108,030	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.00	1.00	(0.10
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The seminar covers; All Act and New Changes will be exchange operations, new regueign Exchange and M D Jayaheld on 29 September 2020 lations; Offences and Penalties wardena, Assistant Director of Bank Managers, Exporters/Importfrom 8.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon at under the Act; Dealers of For- Department of Foreign ers, CFOs & Decision Makers. Chamber eign Exchange and there will be Exchange and R R Jayaratne,

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The Resource Persons will be aspects of the Foreign Exchange G S Kamileen, Senior Assistant Act; Liberalized foreign Director of Department of For-

Department of Foreign Exchange will be the Guest Speaker and will join the Panel Discussion.

The target audience will be Business Owners, Financial Analysts,

Coconuts

Coconut Products - Prices on 10.09.202	0

1. FRESH COCONUT Market Price 14th Aug – 20th	Aug 2020 Wholesale	Retail
(a)Large Size Rs/Nut Small Size	68,00-70.00	75.00-90.00
Rs/Nut	60.00-65.00	60.00-70.00
(b)Coconut Development Auth History Use)	nority - Colombo Auction	09/10/2020 (For
Average Price	52,794,35	
Offers	870,288	
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follow no 11 Duks street col.1 (c)Coconut Development Authority - Colombo Auction 13.08.2020)

Next action on 17/09/2020 10.00 a.m at Coconut development authority

(For Industry Use) Nuts Traded 40,231

Next Auction on 13/10/2020 10.00 a.m. Sanasa building Kuliyapitiya (d)Locally Traded (Farm-gate price)

Rs. 1000 Nuts Rs/Mt (Husked Ex-93,000-96,000 Kurunegala Dist. 50,000-60,000 Puttalam Dist. Gampaha Dist. 55,000-60,000 55,000-60,000 65,000-67,000 95,000-97,000 95,000-97,000 Hambantota Dist 91,000-93,000 2. COPRA - (Locally Traded) (02.09.2020) Copra Edible (Rs. /250 Kg) M.S. No.1 Copra (Rs. /250 Kg 70,000 M.S. No.2 Copra (Rs. /250 Kg) 55,000 MO – (Milling Ordinary) Copra (Rs. /250 Kg) Copra (At Colombo Auction)

Quality of Copra Offered
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M.S. No.1 Copra (Mart Price) (Rs.250kg) M.S. No.2 and 3 Copra(Single Average Price)(Rs.250kg)
M.S. No.2 and 3 Copra (Market Price) (Rs.250kg)

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(1)The average rates of the following currencies quoted by commercial banks in Colombo for Telegraphic Transfers (TT) at 9.30 a.m. are as fol-

Currency **Buying Rate** Selling Rate Australian Dollar Canadian Dollar 130.9240 137.3609 137.1590 142.9062 Euro 214.2133 221.8197 Japanese Yen Sterling Pound US Dollar 1.7007 235.7718 1.7754 243.6280 182.1600 186.5600 (2) The approximate exchange rates of GULF Curre previous day's market weighted average rate for the US\$ are as fol-

Country Bahrain **Currency** Bahrain Dinar Indicative Rate 488.9289 Kuwait Kuwait Dinar 602.5103 Oman Rial 478.8206 Qatar Qatar Riyal 50.6325 Saudi Arabian Rival Saudi Arabia 49.1477 UAE UAE Dirham (3)The Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) and the Lowest Prime Rate

(LPR) during the week ended 04-Sep-2020,by all commercial banks was 6.55 percent and 5.35 percent respectively.

(4)The Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) of commercial banks for the month of August, 2020 was 6.74 percent.



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GBP/USD	1.2996	1.3006	USD/JPY	106.1050	106.21
USD/CHF	0.9114	0.9124	USD/SGD	1.3671	1.3681
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EUR/USD	1.1823	1.1833			
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STERLING	0.05638	0.06138	0.10538	0.19625
EUR	-0.55229	-0.51614	-0.49771	-0.40700
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The only Non-Banking Financial Institution in Sri Lanka to be recognised at ABF

HNB Finance secures multiple wins at Asian Banking & Finance Awards



Chaminda Prabhath - MD - CEO, HNB Finance

HNB Finance secured multiple victories at the prestigious Asian Banking & Finance Awards 2020. The company was lauded as the Marketing & Brand Initiative of the Year - Sri Lanka and as Website of the Year - Sri Lanka; the country's only non-banking financial institution to be thus recognised. Held for the first time as a digital awards presentation ceremony, the Asian Banking and Finance Awards draws entries from a wide spectrum of exceptional financial institutions based all across Asia.

HNB Finance's success is ample testament to its numerous pioneering online and offline marketing & brand initiatives that embody clear business benefits, innovation and implementation excellence, as well as its exceptional digital offering. Over the course of the past year, the company successfully introduced an array of new financial products to a highly-researched target market and made a significant impact through rebranding and strategic investments in technology and innovation

"We are honoured to be recognised at the Asian Banking & Finance Awards alongside numerous other highlyregarded international financial institutions in the Asian region. This victory is testament to the great investments we have made to ensure that our customers are treated to a credible, comprehensive portfolio of financial services that keep up with the revolutionary advancements happening in the world outside," said HNB FINANCE Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Chaminda Prabhath.

Integrated with multilingual capabilities and a spectrum of interactive financial tools, HNB FINANCE's awardwinning, customer-focused website showcases a sleek, futurist design which simplifies the visitor journey by directing visitors seamlessly to the information most relevant to their needs. The site also boasts calculators for loans, leases and fixed deposits, providing users the ability to plan on achieving their own financial goals, as

well as additional features such as downloadable application forms, detailed service pages and call back

"Furthermore, as the face of the organization in the digital sphere, our now award-winning website has grown to become a key component in our integrated digital marketing strategy. It is a clear indication of our evolution over the years to become a major player in the financial sector, and therefore we are pleased to offer our diverse portfolio of services and products to our beloved customers on an easy to navigate platform" he continued to state.

Held for the 9th consecutive year, the Asian Banking & Finance Awards rec-

ognises and honours the most outstanding services, projects, deals and initiatives by banks from over 30 countries in the Asian region. This year's nominations were judged by a panel consisting of Liew Nam Soon, ASEAN Managing Partner, Markets at Ernst and Young; Ho Kok-Yong, Partner, Leader and Financial Services SEA & Singapore at Deloitte & Touche LLP; John Dovaston, APAC Financial Services Leader at PwC; Chia Tek Yew, Head of Financial Services Advisory at KPMG, Gabriel Seow, Audit Partner at BDO LLP, Singapore; Justin Tan, APAC Financial Services Partner at Mazars; and Sean Choo, APAC Financial Ser-

vices Partner at Mazars.

Iqram Cuttilan reappointed as CASA Chairman at 54th AGM

CASA, the voice of the shipping industry held their Annual General Meeting on August 26, 2020 at the Shangri-La Hotel.

Whilst the Shipping industry has been facing numerous challenges during the past decade, 2020 has been an exceptionally tough year for the lines. The COVID 19 pandemic affected the whole world shutting down most countries and affecting cargo movement. Overall cargo movement saw a big dip between April and July. This affected cargo volumes carried by lines resulting in shipping lines having blank sailings, withdrawing certain services resulting in a large number of vessels idling. Cargo which was discharged at ports lay idle as consignees could not clear cargo due to the lock down in most countries. This caused congestion in most ports including Colombo. Lines were called upon to grant demurrage waivers etc. to consignees which further financially burdened the shipping lines, Iqram Cuttilan, Chairman of Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA) said.

This project had got stuck for a long period of time. "We thank the Director General of Customs and his team for the measures taken to implement this, he said. The Port of Colombo, with it's close proximity to the main East West trade lane has benefited due to our geographic location. The port of Colombo recorded a throughput of 7.2 million TEUS is 2019. If we are to remain competitive and grow further we just cannot only rely on our geographic location. We need to build capacity. As the shipping industry, we are extremely concerned on the undue delay in operationalizing East Container Terminal. Despite 450 mtrs of quay length of East Terminal having been built, the terminal is not being made use for the purpose it was built. It is

very unfortunate that this facility has been lying idle for 5 years due to the indecisiveness."

The Indian Government is developing deep water ports which are going to be a threat to Colombo. The Port of Vizhinjam and the ambitious USD 1 billion project in Nicobar Islands will directly compete with Colombo. So, unless we continue adding deep draft capacity in Colombo, we are going to be the losers.

The fall out of this will be that the service strings which have Mega vessels will not call at Colombo which will result in stagnation of volume growth in Colombo as well as our importers and exporters not being able to secure space for their cargoes as well as enjoy the competitive freight rates," he added. Rohitha Abegunawardhane, Minister of Ports & Shipping graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.



Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva Chief of Defense Staff and Commander of the Sri Lanka Army, Major General (Retd.) Kamal Guneratne Secretary of Defence, Mr. U.D.C. Jayalal Secretary to the Ministry of Ports and Shipping, Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhane Minister of Ports and Shipping, General Daya Ratnayake Chairman Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Admiral (Prof.) Jayanath Colombage Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Major General (Retd.) Vijitha Ravipriya Director General of Customs and Mr. Iqram Cuttilan Chairman CASA

SL Merchant Navy Professionals Co Op Association Seafarers Co Op AGM

Gamini Wilson appointed Chairman

The Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Merchant Navy Professionals Co-op Association was held recently where the Advisory Board Members and a new Board of Directors were elected.

Chairman SLPA – Gen. Daya Rathnayake, Group Chairman Ceyline Group and Chairman CINEC Campus – Capt. Ajith Peiris and Chartered Engineer Sudath Ariyananda were appointed as Advisory Board Members.

The following are the office bearers elected to serve for a period of two-years. Chairman – Capt. Gamini Wilson, Vice Chairman – Capt. Sanjeewa Delgoda, Secretary – Capt. Mahesh Kuruppu, Assistant Secretary – Capt. Prawala Perera, Treasurer – Capt. S.M.S Bandara, Director – Capt. H.M. Asiri Herath, Director – Capt. H.R.S.D. Indrananda, Director – Capt. Peshala Medagama, Director – Capt. M.J.C.

The Seafarers' Coop was set up three years back with a view to assist fellow seafarers of all ranks to promote their economic, social and cultural development through mutual support. The main objective therefore was to an organized body that addressed the common interests of fellow seafarers and their families.

The seafarer Coop among other areas, also acts as a consultant ,protector and trainer to the member seafarers to achieve their above objectives .

Speaking at the occasion Chairman SLPA – Gen. Daya Rathnayaka stated that the importance of sea trade is more than highlighted by the fact that the entire country was crippled during the shortage of fuel imports to the country

some time back and despite the trying times during the COVID pandemic, Sri Lanka is able to sustain its economic activity due to the seafaring and port sector continuing to operate.

Capt. Ajith Peiris articulated the strategic importance of the seafaring community in Sri Lanka's quest to generate more foreign exchange to the country by the fact that the seafarers bring over USD 300 million foreign exchange into the country in way of their wages. He further stated that organized and concerted effort to strengthen the trade and its representatives and dependents, will result in unprecedented growth in this

The past few years have seen significant growth, mutual support and contribution to fellow seafarers, their families and the Sri Lankan society. The membership has swelled to over 500 members, with personal loans valued over 15 million rupees disbursed and over 50 bank guarantees for seafarers issued.

In keeping with its objectives, the new Board is to focus on developing a

fully equipped seafarers bank, formulate EPF/ETF / Pension scheme for seafarers, introduce special insurance pool for the seafarers' vehicles, introduce an educational loan system for seafarers' higher education, develop professional development and carrier development programs, provide accommodation facilities near Colombo for our seafarers who live outstations, develop holiday bungalows Island-wide, establish seafarers' centres at Colombo and Galle, develop medical check-up packages for members and their families, facilitate legal / professional advice for our members, establish mechanism for looking after disabled seafarers, provide advice and information for financial management and investment possibilities in Sri Lanka.

The Seafarers Coop invites all seafarers to be members with a view to strengthen its representation in all matters related to the industry while also to give credence and recognition to the 'seafarer' that contributes directly to the worlds logistics and transportation.



New office bearers

CA Sri Lanka Past President's felicitate Minister Cabraal



All Past Presidents of CA Sri Lanka other than Gamini Wikramanayake who was indisposed, gathered together to felicitate the first-ever Minister from the Chartered Accountant fraternity in Sri Lanka, Ajith Nivard Cabraal.

The incumbent CA President Manil Jayasinghe and Vice President Sanjay Bandara were also present at the felicitation ceremony that was held at the Kingsbury Hotel. Standing (Left to Right):Aside Talwatte, Sujeewa Rajapaksha, Sanjaya Bandara, Nishan Fernando, Yohan Perera, Arjuna Herath, Indrajith Fernando, Jagath Perera, Lasantha Wickramasinghe, Sujeewa Mudalige, Ranel Wijesinha Seated (Left to Right):Manil Jayasinghe, Lal Nanayakkara, Lakshman Watawala, Ajith Nivard Cabraal, Uditha Palihakkara, Mohan Abenaike, Reyaz Mihular.

ICC launches high-level advisory group to prime trade finance

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the institutional representative of 45 million businesses worldwide, has announced the creation of a new Advisory Group on Trade Finance (ATF) – a cross-sectoral coalition of leaders in global trade.

The ATF – co-chaired by Victor K. Fung, Chairman of the Fung Group, and Marcus Wallenberg, Chair of SEB – will work to inform policy reforms and interventions to prime the trade credit ecosystem to power a rapid economic recovery from COVID-19.

Despite impressive early actions taken by commercial banks and public bodies in response to the initial phase of the crisis, reports suggest that the commercial trade financing market is showing signs of volatility – raising concerns as to its ability to finance a rebound in global trade in 2021.

On the launch of the Advisory Group, Fung said, "Trade finance is the critical enabler of international trade and key to the revival of the global economy and job creation post COVID-19. We intend to meet the trade finance challenge which has hit SMEs particularly hard to help build a new multilateral global economy that is more sustainable and inclusive."

Trade finance underpins an estimated 80-90% of global trade flows, but

its supply has proven highly vulnerable economic crises in recent decades. With up to US\$5 trillion in credit needed to restore trade to 2019 levels next year, ICC, the B20 and the World Trade Organization recently called for proactive measures to mitigate the risk of trade finance shortages deepening the economic crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

In this context, the ATF will provide strategic insights and lead

external engagement to:
 build awareness of the importance
 of trade financing to a post-pandemic
 recovery; inform interventions from
 governments and multilateral institutions to mitigate risks of short-term
 credit shortages affecting SMEs; and
 provide thought leadership, data and
 strategic guidance to help bridge per sistent trade financing gaps, particularly in emerging markets.

Regarding the objectives of the Advisory Group, Wallenberg added: "Rapid development in new tech-

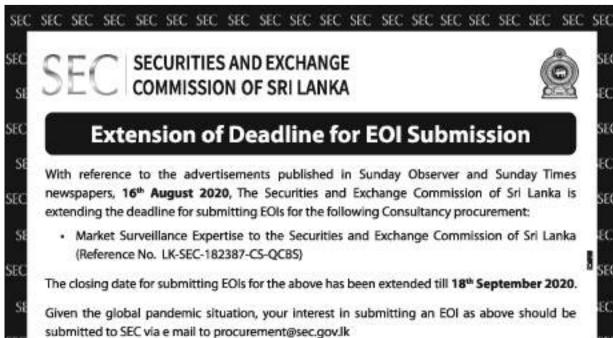
nologies, a strong focus on sustainable supply chains in society and new regulatory requirements in the financial sector all present challenges and opportunities to the trade finance eco-

system. Trade finance providers, such as banks, need to collaborate to deliver new solutions to meet the needs and expectations of the community."

In addition to the two

co-chairs, members of the group will include: Anabel Gonzalez, Former Minister of Trade of Costa Rica and Senior Fellow at the Peter-

> son Institute for International Economics; Amy Jadesimi, Chief Executive Officer of Lagos Deep Offshore Logistics Base (LADOL); Flora Mutahi, Chief Executive Officer of Melvin Marsh; Takeshi Niinami, President and Chief Executive Officer of Suntory Holdings; Samuel Palmisano, Chairman of the Center for Global Enterprise; Kevin Sneader, Global Managing Partner of McKinsey; Mark Tucker, Group Chairman of HSBC Holdings; Jeremy Weir, CEO, Trafigura; and Zhu Min, Chairman of the National Institute of Financial Research at Tsinghua University. ICC Secretary General, John W.H. Denton AO, also joins the ATF as an ex officio member. ICC Global is represented in Sri Lanka by ICC Sri Lanka.



Domestic Payment Cards drive Economic, Social Benefits

groundbreaking research carried out in five major continents across the world by Anthemis Group has found that domestic card schemes and infrastructure are beneficial to the local economy despite the globalization trends. In addition, they also drive significant social benefits. Anthemis Group is a leading digital financial services investment and advisory firm focused on re-inventing financial services for the 21st century. The research found sound reasons why a number of markets will choose to operate domestic payment card schemes as the preferred option for in-country payments. According to the "National Payments Scheme Report" published based on the above research, such domestic payments contributes to more than 95% of the transactions. Routing domestic card transactions via a local switch has the potential to lower the costs, create services more suited to local market needs and minimize significant outflow of foreign exchange. Freedom from the risk of foreign political interference in domestic payments is also going to be increasingly important in the future where domestic providers have a clear advantage.

Economic benefits of domestic schemes

The analysis of the research showed that based on the data collected from the five continents, the cost to the economy by using a domestic scheme compared to an alternative International Card Scheme (ICS) could be as low as 25%. Subsequently, further analysis was performed to assess whether the comparison changes according to the size of the market; the research team tested the comparison with market sizes ranging from 100mn to 2bn transactions per year.

It was found that although unit transaction costs tend to be higher in smaller markets due to lack of scale (average transaction cost in a market of 100mn transactions per year market was approximately 40% higher compared to a 1bn transactions per year market), the above cost reduction aspect broadly remained the same.

The biggest reason to use a domestic scheme is that in most markets less than 5% of cardholders ever transact internationally, but the ICS charge assessment fees on 100% of transactions. This does not appear to be fair.

Most Central Banks are in favour of low-cost domestic payment schemes as an aid to economic efficiency and believe that such schemes and local infrastructures provides a significantly lower cost option; they all stated that there is insufficient transparency in cost information from International players

information from International players. The researchers made a macro-level



analysis by using published data for the past four years from ICS revenue growth and compared it to transaction and payment volume growth.

Through this broad analysis, they found that a majority of the benefits of volume growth has not been shared with the member banks in country by the ICS and on the contrary, there was an average 4% price increase every year.

To validate this high-level finding, the researchers obtained input from the retail banks that were surveyed. The majority of banks complained about rising ICS assessments fees over the 4-year period. All of them stated that there had been a deliberate strategy by ICSs of increasing fees to members in order to deliver financial returns to their shareholders.

In the developing countries, the Central Banks were keen to see value retained locally with a preference for local solutions where possible. A critical factor in launching of a Domestic Card Scheme in a country was that most of the fees for ICS programmes go outside the country resulting in a loss of valuable foreign exchange.

The overall conclusion that appears from the data is that domestic schemes and infrastructures are generally significantly lower cost for a market in aggregate than international solutions and therefore are a positive tool in increasing national economic efficiency.

"We always believed that establishing a National Card Scheme (NCS) in Sri Lanka was going to bring economic benefits to our country by saving millions of dollars in foreign exchange and this research further validates thatfact. This is especially critical considering the current context of our country where a majority of the foreign exchange income sources have significantly dried up due to the Covid-19 Pandemic,"

states LankaClear, General Manager / Chief Executive Officer, Channa de Silva

Need of a level playing field

A network business that spans worldwide enjoys significant economies of scale and can command a substantial advantage in a smaller market; hence, it is important to ensure that all players have a fair chance to compete for business. Central Banks in most countries have openly stated that they wish to see more competition at all levels in the payments market, among payment businesses models, card schemes and payment service providers. Due to the market power and the sheer scale of international providers, it creates a potential case for regulatory intervention to prevent market failure of domestic providers. The domestic schemes surveyed agreed that there is a clear duty and role for Central Banks to promote sustainable competition between payment schemes.

Most of the Central Banks surveyed took the view that up-front incentive payments by card schemes to drive market share to them and away from domestic competitors are a significant issue and a distortion of the market.

The retail banks surveyed each expressed the view that their own organizationlookedat only short-term incentives and did not foresee the long-term programme costs.

Most of the deals offered by ICSs have upfront components, which can be initially attractive as they could be used for marketing and to cover any revenue shortfalls. Once the bank takes this initial bait, there is no way out. In the end, it ends up more expensive than going with a domestic scheme.

ith a domestic scheme. In instances where banks had com



LankaClear, General Manager / Chief Executive Officer, Channa de Silva

mitted to such deals, they were unanimous in stating that any returning of such fees were not entertained by the ICS and they merely extended the time-frames to get banks further entangled in their web.

"Sri Lanka launched its NCS in June 2019 with the primary objective of significantly reducing the cost of domestic card payments wherethe scheme is operated by LankaClear under the guidance of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL)," explains de Silva.

The lower cost structure to operate the scheme results in lower scheme fees and interchange fees, which are regulated by CBSL. De Silva opines, "Our promise to banks in Sri Lanka is that even though interchange fee per transaction earned by an issuer may be lower, there is a significant trade-off of greater merchant acceptance, thus, resulting in much higher revenue from increased volumes."

Prospects of domestic payments providers

According to the same research, domestic schemes are concerned about their lack of investment resources and 46% of them identified this as an issue.

However, they have figured out how to derive maximum benefit from the funds they have and consequently only 25% are concerned about their ability to introduce new services to meet market requirements.

There is an impressive list of announcements of new services from the ICSs targeted to attract new members, generally through acquisitions, but the domestic schemes are also innovating with similar success.

Chip cards have now become ubiquitous, but it was domestic schemes in France that pioneered them. Single message debit was developed by domestic schemes not their international counterparts.

ATMs are often a forgotten area, but there is considerable innovation in this area as shown by two clear examples of the Portuguese and Nigerian ATM networks run by the domestic scheme. In Turkey, BKM the domestic infrastructure provider developed the BKM Express Wallet that met the needs of the Turkish banks.

In UK, there is a determined push by Vocalink the local payment processor and the national ATM network to make the Zapp scheme the preferred solution for mobile payments. Moreover, RuPayin India, which has already issued more than 590 million debit cards, is promoting the use of a range of segmented products including debit cards issued under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana initiative for financial inclusivity.

The preferred option for domestic schemesto enable international acceptance is via a cobranding arrangement with the international schemes. Lanka-Clear decided to partner Japan Credit Bureau (JCB) to implement NCS, as they are one of the six ICSs who are part of a worldwide EMVCo alliance. "We decided to partner JCB due to their superior technical capabilities and strong presence in Asia region where most of our people travel to.

In addition, they are also an Asian country and their culture and values are much closer to ours," states De Silva. JCB has established partnerships with more than 30 million merchants worldwide covering 23 countries and has in excess of 100 million cards circulating across the world.

"We have already introduced an innovation into the market in partnership with JCB, which is the LankaPay-JCB cobranded 2-in1 card.

This card is capable of having "debit' and "stored value" components built into a single chip and allows a customer to carry only a single card and use it for

multiple purposes including as a transport card," explains De Silva.

Social Benefits

One of the deterrents for acceptance of card payments by the merchants has been the high commission or Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) charged by the banks. Based on fees charged by the ICSs, this could be as high as 3%.

This is a real roadblock to popularize the card payment acceptance by the SME sector merchants, as their profits from goods sold is comparatively low. One of the key benefits of domestic card schemes is their ability to significantly lower the MDR for domestic card payments. Even though the fees earned by the banks would be lower, they have a higher gain by more merchants accepting such domestic card scheme payments.

"We have seen that a lot of SME merchants are reluctant to accept card payments in Sri Lanka due to the high MDR for card payments or they try to pass that fee to the customer. The CBSL has determined the maximum MDR for the LankaPay-JCB cobranded card payments would be 1%, which will encourage a significant number of SME merchants to accept such payments," asserts De Silva.

In addition, most of the SME merchants do not transact with their banks as they deal only with cash. Since they only accept cash and in turn make their daily payments via cash, all their transactions are outside the formal banking system.

They do not deposit their daily earnings in banks. Due to this, banks have no way of assessing their income to provide any credit facility to them based on their income. Thus, the only option for such SME merchants is to obtain small loans from loan sharks (Gini Poli Mudalali) who charge almost 10% daily interest.

They pay exorbitant interest charges in desperation and become easy prey for these unscrupulous elements in the society.

However, if they accept domestic card payments, they will start building a credit history because the money will directly go to their bank account. Within few months, they will be eligible for credit facilities from their bank. This will solve a huge social problem, which is widely prevalent in the rural areas of our country.

"We would be able to address this social disparity by attracting more SME merchants to accept LankaPay-JCB cobranded card payments due to its lower MDR. We consider it our duty towork with all local banks in this national initiative and encourage them to support the SME merchants who drive almost 70% of the GDPin our economy," concludes De Silva.

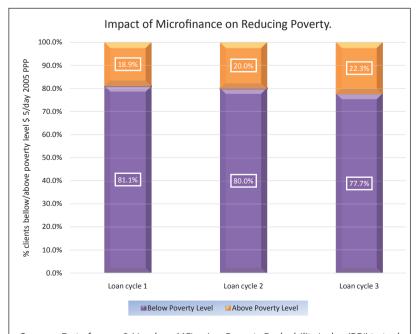
Microfinance -Why Interest Rates are higher than Banking

And Ways and Means to reduce it

BY PRESIDENT OF LANKA MICROFINANCE PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION ANURA ATAPATTU

The Sri Lankan economy benefits tremendously from its Microfinance sector which fulfills financial needs of the country's low income segments in a secure and convenient manner. Amongst many evidence available such as various research findings, thousands of successful entrepreneurs emerging and growing through microfinance, the figure bellow exhibits how poverty level of the microfinance clients are reduced when microfinance clients move from one loans cycle to the next.

efforts to revise the present loan interest rates downward to the benefit of the borrowers, and support development of micro enterprises. However, there are number of practical difficulties for MFIs in achieving this objective and therefore, as the President of the representative body of Microfinance Practioners in Sri Lanka, it is my obligation to bring to the spotlight some of the challenges facing the industry at present especially in the post-pandemic context where many financial institutions have come under pressure to be 'flexible' with clients who are, understandably, affected by the economic downturn owing to complete lockdown of country & economy fortwo to three months.



Source: Data from a Sri Lankan MFI using Poverty Probability Index (PPI) to tack clients' poverty levels at each loan cycle.

As the industry dedicated for helping low income people to move out of poverty towards prosperity, microfinance industry welcomes the government's

MFIs provide loans to micro enterprises whosefinancial requirements are low by amount. The average loan size provided by MFIs is about Rs. 50,000. Despite loan amounts being relatively small, cost to service the same is often relatively higher when compared with commercial banks/finance companies which provide large loans.

The cost of funds of the MFIs is also high. They pay market rates of interest when borrowing from banks or international lenders. As such, almost 17% of the interest income of MFI is spent for paying interest cost of borrowed funds. These MFIs are highly geared having an average of 50% equity funds for which only 2% of the interest income is given as return through MFI's profit which is highly inadequate. Therefore, making arrangements for assuring low cost funds for MFIs would result in lowering the end borrower interest rates.MFIs are not allowed to take public deposits and therefore, current drop in deposit rates in the market has no much help for MFIs.

The initiative by the Secretory to the HE President together with Government banks and LMFPA will contribute in achieving government's objectives to reduced loan interest rates.In most of the countries in South Asia, there is a government managed fund contributed by international Agencies such as the World Bank and ADB for on lending to MFIs at low cost. Sri Lanka also had National Development Trust Fund (NDTF) in the past lending at 7% interest rate to MFIs which on lend to end borrowers at 15%. As this fund is still available with the Sri Lanka Savings Bank same type of low cost funding could be arranged to MFIs which could be provided as low interest loans to end

The above figures also show that 10% of the interest income of the MFIs is paid to the Government as taxes by MFIs. The taxes applicable for MFIs are also same as for banks and other financial institutions (Cooperate TAX at 24% and FVAT at 15%). Financial VAT (FVAT) has to be paid irrespective of whether a MFI makes a profit or not.

Distribution of MFI income

Type of Cost	share of the interest income in the cost items and profit
Finance Cost	17%
Loan Loss Charge	13%
Staff Cost	30%
Admin Cost	28%
Financial VAT	6%
Income Tax	4%
Net Profit / (Loss)	2%
Total	100%

Source:Audited financials of 4 licensed Microfinance Companies which are lending at 10% to 20% flat interest rate

The tax on profits has also to be paid irrespective of profits are made or not due to large portion of disallowable expenses but it is not as burdensome as FVAT. Many countries in South Asia has concessionary tax arrangements for MFIs where it is 0% in Bangladesh. Therefore, removal of FVAT for MFIs and reducing cooperate income tax rate would significantly bring the benefits to majority of low income people while the impact on Government income would not be significantly effected as the turnover and profits of microfinance industry is much lower and insignificant.

Another factor that compels higher interest rate is the risk involved in the microfinance loans. At present the country's Average Risk Ratio measure PAR (30 days) of Microfinance Sector stands at 41% high from 1-2% in 2018; the dramatic change is resultant of Government's ad hoc decision in 2018 to write

off loans in 12 districts subject to certain criteria.

This led to not just the entitled borrowers but many others defaulting their loans willfully causing Microfinance Sector to suffer severely while the credit culture nurtured through decades of service to the poor was damaged.

The microfinance sector again suffered last year during the turbulent period following the Easter Sunday Attack. Due to the impact of the bomb attack on business, many borrowers were unable to pay their loans compelling the MFIs to forego their incomes.In 2020, Covid-19 pandemic which brought the entire country and the world into a standstill had its toll on MFIs too.

The losses had to be absorbed by MFIs. Almost 13% of the interest income had to be allocated provisions for the loans losses in 2019 which is now further increased due to the impact of the pandemic. We believe few years will take MFIs to recover from this loss and reestablish a reduced cost structure for loan losses.

MFIs typically lend to rural, low income customers – the very purpose of these loans is to provide them easy access to credit as livelihood support as well as for their other financial needs. Owing to this, Microfinance sector has a mutual guarantee system in contrast to needing collaterals or high-income-earning guarantors as in Commercial Banks and other Financial Institutions. Besides offering rural households the necessary funds this exercise of vouching for one another also serves to build up social capital in communities.

One of the main reasons why MFIs cannot afford to slash interest rates willy-nilly is because the companies absorb high service& operational costs. In the typical scenario MFIs reach out to the customers to lend as well as for recoveringtheir loans, providing financial services at door step of the poor. Door to door services reduces the costs to the borrower in transacting their loans. For

providing such service, the MFIs have to develop especially skilled set of employees. Human resource and administration costsof a MFI is therefore rises close to 58% while the same cost in banks is around 27%. One should understand that those rural people have to spend a day out of their work if they come to the town to pay a loan installment which is a net savings to microfinance clients due to door step service of MFIs.

However, MFIs also has to be more innovative to cut down their costs by being innovative and increased use of technology etc without taking much time for adaptation in order to contribute in reducing on lending interest rates. It is noteworthy to mention hear that MFIs has created over 22,000 employments opportunities contributing to the employment generation in the country. If microfinance institutions are to

bring down their interest rates, the State will have to intervene to relieve MFIs of the colossal tax burden. Additionally, MFIs can tremendously benefit from low-cost funding and technical assistance ideally from international donor organizations like ADB or JICA. Aggressive pursuing of such possibilities will serve to invigorate the economy by empowering the middle & low income segments especially at this juncture.

Further regulating the lending ecosystem of the country is another area that must be looked into with sense of urgency. We have met some customers, who, had resorted to borrowing from theinformal sector at 220% interest rate partly due to their poor financial illiteracy and desperation. In recent times, a breed of lenders in the market with 'microfinance' branding who are who are no different to traditional money lender apart from their appearance and approaches are immerged.

If MFIs find it difficult to operate due to unbearable interest income loss it paves the way to such illicit money lenders to exploit the poor and low income people at their will.



Mayflower-Asurvival story





Ashley Todd Plymouth's Doomsday farm

ultimately are all one." Lea Sinclair Filsom, 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

being entirely inside the individual. Instead of recognis-

ing the importance of the spirit world that motivates

everything we do and shows the power that oneness

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 under-

stand that there is no place for bigotry or prejudice, and

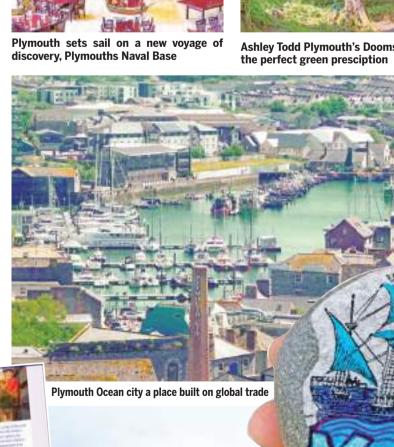
that we are all connected. When you think about it, we

are all made up of multiple strands and cultures, and yet

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 extraordinaty 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 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/

eating fish that have consumed particles of plastic.

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velopment of the Royal

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 extraor-

dinary 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

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 cre-

ates 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.

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 knowl-

edge 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 for-

mer 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 lighthouses and the famous breakwater; an architect whose greatest endeavour has been the restoration and rede-

Nearly all of the 20 characters in the book picked to

all are today on the world stage.

Plymouth Experience pages from the book

Plymouth Ocean City

Excel Restaurants relaunchesThe Four Leafed Clover

tylish 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



dreamy marriage proposals and

Deliciously Italian and authenti-

cally Irish, the menu features an

array of traditional Italian and

Irish dishes made with the finest

ingredients. The traditional Lamb

Shank, Lamb Chops with Rose-

mary 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

surprise birthday parties.

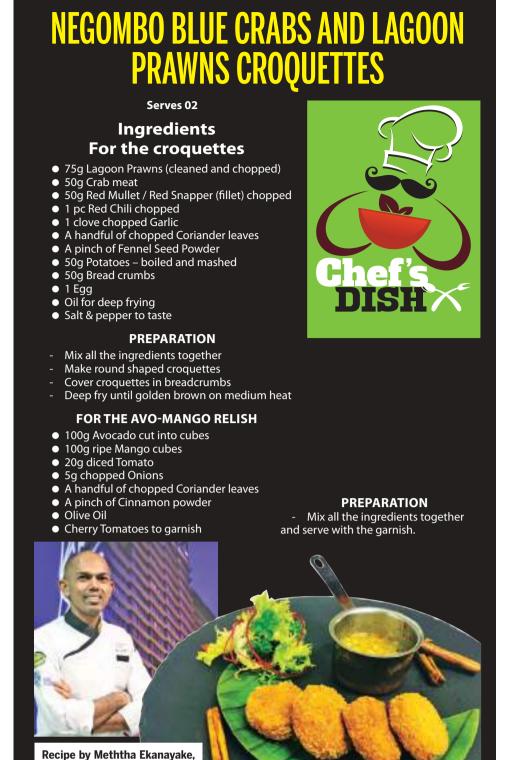
ground floor interspersed with potted tropical plants, sets the ideal place to enjoy al fresco dining. Baristas whip up delectable coffeebased beverages at the dainty cof-

> fee 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

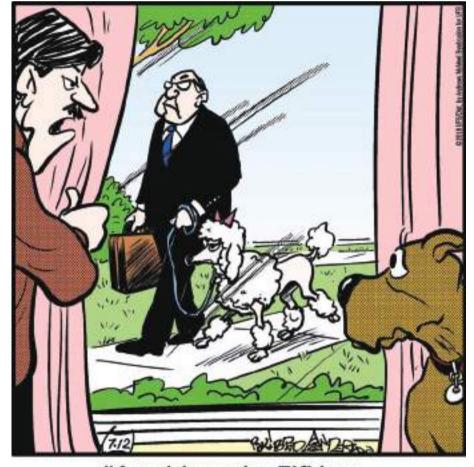
tooth. There is a secret dish being served at The Four Leafed Clover, which is not on the menu - Roasted Bread Kottu - but will be prepared on the request of guests.

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 ambiance, 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.



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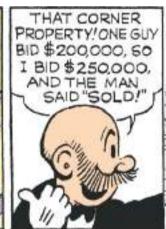
"Any idea why Fifi has her own lawyer?"

MUTT AND JEFF

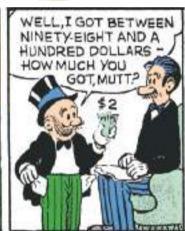
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Executive Chef, Mövenpick





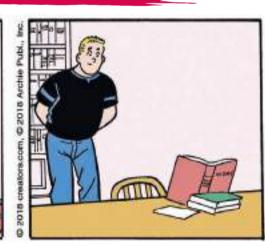




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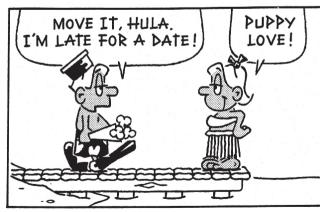




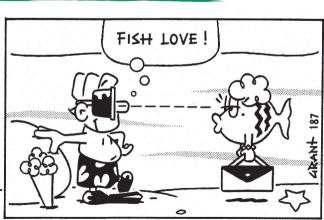


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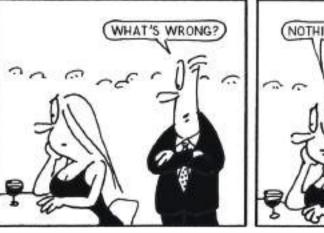








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WHY YOUR CAT LIKES TO SHARE THE

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

Cat's 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).

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 com-

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.

- thecatniptimes.com



hen the whole country ruthless was under Covid 19 lockdown, we did not have much work to do other puppy here. than reading, cooking, No wonder it was a female 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

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

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 than 'breeds.' - Ganga Fernando

human being must have dumped the innocent

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

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

Bruce Willis celebrates his happiness!

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

ruce Willis roamed the streets for years before he was rescued by Sandra. Now 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.

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

She visited him often and checked up on

'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

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

DOG CARE

PUSTULE (ABSCESS)

Dr GCS KURUGALA, Veterinary Surgeon,

(B.V.Sc; M.Sc Poultry Science; Master of Public Administration & Management)

ogs 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.

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

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.

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

Never close a wound having pustule. Cleaning and wound dressing daily or twice a day is necessary for quick wound healing. Until your vet advices 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



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SUCCULENTS FROM CLAY AND PORCELAIN

years old,

didn't re-

but

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

you've ever looked carefully at a 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 just 10

> Mann often photographs his pieces in his own hands, revealing their lifelike -

visit the craft until he was in his mid-

20s. Today, Mann has created over 1,000

clay flowers that immortalize a variety

From peonies to dahlias, each piece

captures the fragility of silk-like petals

and the mesmerizing, spiraling patterns

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

"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

easting on pea nut 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



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 Mai-

son Dutriez jam costs 20 euros (\$24), a 250-gram jar

of manuka honey imported

from New Zealand costs

bread that has gold dust

(manuka honey) and packed with what is probably cheapest ingre-

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

\$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 **Oddity Central**

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

parent knows. sleep can go out the window after the arrival of a

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 a set of cameras to monitogether to create a "smart

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 tor 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 preorder, 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.

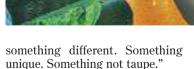
"Sometimes you need to intervene," he added. "Sometimes you need to change some settings.'

'Wizard of Oz' hotel room



here'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



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

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 miles.

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

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



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COLONISING MARS WILL NOT BE EASY - EXPERTS

Elon Musk has spent nearly two decades rallying SpaceX fans around his goal of colonizing Mars, something world governments aren't currently attempting — in part because of the unfathomable price tag such a mission will entail.

Musk, the company's CEO and chief engineer, refers to his interplanetary ambitions more like a sci-fi protagonist with a moral calling than an entrepreneur with a disruptive business plan.

"If there's something terrible that happens on Earth, either made by humans or natural, we want to have, like, life insurance for life as a whole," Musk said during a virtual Mars conference on Aug. 31. "Then, there's the kind of excitement and adventure."

SpaceX's plans for a Red-Planet settlement bring up numerous technological, political and ethical questions. One of the most challenging hurdles may also be financial: Not even Musk has ventured to guess an all-in cost estimate.

The last space program that came close to Musk's interplanetary travel ambitions was NASA's Apollo program, the mid-20th Century effort that landed six spacecraft and 12 astronauts on the moon. Apollo cost well over \$280 billion in today's dollars, and, in some years, NASA was taking up more than 4% of the entire national budget. The space agency, which in more recent years has received less than half of one percent of the federal budget, is mapping its own plans to return humans to the moon and, eventually, a path to Mars.

But the agency has not indicated how much the latter could cost, either.

Musk's personal wealth has ballooned to about \$100 billion — at least on paper thanks in no small part to a series of stock and stock awards from his electric car company, Tesla. Musk has also repeatedly said that he hopes profits from SpaceX's other businesses, including a satellite-internet venture that is currently in beta testing, will help fuel development of his Mars rocket. SpaceX has also raised nearly \$6 billion from banks and venture capitalists, swelling into one of the most highly-valued private companies in the world, according to data firm Pitchbook. Presumably, at least some investors will one day be looking to cash out.

And that begs the question: Is there money to be made on Mars?

SpaceX is likely still many, many years from developing all the technology a Mars settlement would require. The company is in the early stages of developing its Starship, a mas-



Elon Musk

sive rocket and spaceship system that Musk hopes will ferry cargo and convoys of people across the at-minimum 30 million-mile void between Earth and Mars. Musk has estimated Starship development will cost up to \$10 billion, and Musk said Aug. 31 that SpaceX will look to launch "hundreds" of satellites aboard Starship before entrusting it with human lives.

If it proves capable of the trek to Mars, settlers will need air-tight habitats to shield them from toxic air and the deadly radiation that rains down on its surface.

"It's not for the faint of heart," Musk said. "Good chance you'll die, and it's going to be tough going...It'd better be pretty glorious if it works out."

But for at least the first 100 years that humans have a presence on Mars, the economic situation will be dubious, said Michael Meyer, the lead scientist for NASA's Mars Exploration Program, which recently launched the Perseverance rover to further study the planet robotically.

Musk does have a plan for making Mars an attractive destination for long-term living: Terraforming, a hypothetical scenario in which humans make Mars more Earth-like by pumping gases into the atmosphere. It'd be an attempt to use the same greenhouse gases causing the climate crisis on our home planet to make Mars' atmosphere thicker, warmer and more hospitable to life. Musk has promoted the idea that the process could be kicked off by dropping nuclear bombs on the

The idea of terraforming arose from scientists who were kicking around ideas, Meyer that Mars could one day become home to a



Artist's impression of a future Mars base

said, but not from anyone who thought it was something humans could or should do.

"It was an intellectual exercise," Meyer said. But there's barely any oxygen in Mars' atmosphere. And there's an infinitesimally small amount of water, meaning it will be extremely difficult to grow crops, much less create a Mars-wide water cycle. It's not even clear if there are enough resources on Mars to make terraforming possible at all. "I think 'Total Recall' has the right idea," he joked. "You'd need to use some alien technology.'

Musk has also acknowledged that terraforming will be extremely resource-intensive. But the concept is ingrained in SpaceX lore, so much so that the company sells t-shirts saying "Nuke Mars" and "Occupy Mars."

Musk is frequently seen wearing one. There are no known resources on Mars that would be valuable enough to mine and sell back to Earthly businesses, Meyer said. "Part of the reason [scientists are] interested in Mars is — it's pretty much made of the same stuff as Earth," he told CNN Business.

Musk has previously suggested that he agrees, noting that the resources on Mars would likely be valuable only to settlers hoping to build up industries on the planet. He noted eight years ago that the only "economic exchange" between Mars and Earth dwellers would be "intellectual property.'

Money-making ambitions aside, the idea

metropolis and — potentially — a tourist destination is acknowledged by mainstream scientists like Meyer, NASA's lead Mars expert.

Meyer said that, 20 years ago, he attended a presentation about Mars business and tourism. "I went in pretty skeptical of this... and coming away I was thinking, 'Well, [there are] some pretty reasonable ideas," he said, adding that he now embraces the idea that businesspeople could make space travel more accessible. Meyer added that, in his mind, it's not if Mars travel will one day be a profitable venture, but when.

Musk hasn't expanded on his ideas for making money on Mars, but his musings about exporting intellectual property echoed a book written by Robert Zubrin, an influential but polarizing figure in the space community and a longtime Musk ally. "Ideas may be another possible export for

Martian colonists," Zubrin, who heads the Mars Society, wrote in his oft-cited 1996 book, "The Case for Mars." To look towards a potential future of human-

ity, Zubrin looks to its past. "Just as the labor shortage prevalent in colo-

nial and 19th century America drove the creation of Yankee Ingenuity's flood of inventions, so the conditions of extreme labor shortage... will tend to drive Martian ingenuity."

In a recent interview with CNN Business, Zubrin stood by those ideas, arguing American colonization has worked. Zubrin again harkens

back to the colonization of North America as an example of how would-be Mars colonists might fund their trip, either by liquidating their Earthly possessions to fund the trip or by "indentured servitude."

"If you say, okay, you want to go to Mars, you're going to want to offer something," Zubrin said. "If you look at Colonial America, a middle-class person could travel to America by liquidating their farm. But, the proceeds would give them a one-way ticket. But if you are working, what you could do is sell your labor for seven years." Zubrin, who has worked with conservative think tanks but says he is not politically affiliated, also acknowledged that colonization can go hand-in-hand with exploitation: "If somebody says, 'But won't there be exploitation there?' Well sure, that's what people do to each other all the time." To be clear: The story of American colonialism also included chattel slavery and the brutalization and erasure of many native

'There aren't native Martians," Zubrin said. But Damien Williams — a teacher and PhD student at Virginia Tech who studies the intersection of advanced technologies, ethics and societies — warns that the stories we may tell ourselves about America and exploring outer space can leave out key context.

It's still unclear, for example, who Musk envisions as the first Mars settlers. NASA astronauts? Ultra-wealthy thrill-seekers? SpaceX employees?

"This competitive stance of expansion and exploration, it's not necessarily a bad thing," Williams, who also works with the advocacy group Just Space Alliance, said. But, when it comes to a private company using resources that international treaties say do not belong to anyone — "Who's been brought in and how? Who's been left out and why? These things matter." Musk's use of the word "colonization" also belies a long history of Americans and other Western nations enriching themselves by exploiting and enslaving others. And when it comes to colonizing another planet, it's not just the microbial lifeforms that may exist on Mars that should be concerned. Without clearly defined objectives and agreements, SpaceX's colony could create a "contentious sphere of conflict," Williams said.

"The values that we take with us into space exploration should be front and center," he

SpaceX did not respond to requests for comment for this story. (CNN)



The EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement explained

Britain's Brexit deal agreed with the European Union last year is back in the spotlight this week after London unveiled draft legislation that will breach some of its terms.

The EU Withdrawal Agreement is enshrined in international law and resolved the most immediate separation issues arising from Britain's decision to leave the bloc in January.

Transition period

The deal provided for a post-Brexit transition period until December 31, 2020, during which Britain remained bound by EU rules.

The intention was to provide continuity while both sides negotiated the terms of their new partnership, covering everything from trade to fishing rights and security.

When the divorce deal was first drafted, the transition was due to last almost two

But years of British political gridlock over Brexit shortened this to just 11 months and London has repeatedly refused to extend it, even with disruption caused by coronavirus.

Talks on a free trade deal are currently deadlocked, raising the prospect of a socalled no-deal Brexit at the end of the year. EU citizens' rights

The 2019 deal protects the rights to live, work, study and claim healthcare and social benefits of around 3.6 million EU citizens in Britain, and one million Britons living elsewhere in the bloc.

citizens of Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, which are outside the EU but inside Europe's free trade area.

In Britain, European nationals arriving during the transition period must register before June 30, 2021, to retain their rights. Residents of more than five years will be

granted "settled status", or indefinite leave to remain, while more recent arrivals will be allowed to stay until they meet the threshold.

The government has unveiled plans for a points-based immigration system which will treat EU citizens arriving after the transition period in the same way as non-European arrivals.

Britain's financial settlement Britain has agreed to honour commit-

ments made during its EU membership, from investments to staff pensions, which will be payable as payments fall due.

Last year it put the figure at up to 39 billion (44 billion euros, \$51 billion at the

Three subsequent Brexit delays, during which Britain continued paying its full membership fees, mean the final bill is likely to be higher.

Northern Ireland

Arrangements for British-run Northern Ireland have proved the most contentious to resolve throughout Brexit.

All sides agreed on the need to avoid border checks between Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland, to avoid upset-

It also covers similar deals relating to ting the fragile peace in a region plagued by violence between the 1970s and 1990s.

Brexit supporters rejected the original plan to keep Britain under EU trade rules but the system set out in the withdrawal deal remains controversial - and is now being undermined by the UK government.

Under the agreement, Northern Ireland remains in Britain's customs territory, but in practice there would be a sort of customs border with the mainland.

Goods arriving and staying in Northern Ireland from non-EU countries will come under British customs rules, while those going on to the EU via the Republic of Ireland will fall under the EU system.

Northern Ireland would stay aligned with the EU on some standards to ensure food, animals and permitted industrial goods can more easily cross the Irish bor-

In an attempt to allay concerns about the plan, the EU and Britain agreed it would be subject to consent by Northern Ireland's devolved assembly.

They also created a so-called joint committee to resolve any potential disputes by mutual consent.

However, the British government's new draft law would allow UK ministers to sideline the committee in some circumstances and decide unilaterally on some matters related to British trade with Northern Ireland and the impact of state aid there. (AFP)

Greece races to shelter thousands after Lesbos migrant camp fire

Thousands of asylum seekers on the Greek island of Lesbos were camping on roadsides on Thursday after the country's largest camp burnt down, with officials racing to find them shelter and avert a health crisis.

Desperate families, many with young children, spent a second night in the open, many without tents or even basic bed-

Thousands of tents are on the street," junior migration minister Giorgos Koumoutsakos told SKAI TV.

homeless trekked to the nearest villages for water and other supplies. The fire late on Tuesday at Moria camp, Greece's most

notorious migrant facility, sent thousands fleeing for safety into surrounding olive groves. While nobody was seriously hurt, the blaze destroyed the

official part of the camp, which housed 4,000 people, ministers A second fire late on Wednes-

day destroyed most of the remaining camp where another 8,000 lived in tents and makeshift shacks around the perimeter, the migration ministry said in a statement on Thursday.

The ministry said a ferry had dreds of people ahead of the Margaritis Schinas to inspect conditions on the island.

"Today all necessary actions will be taken to immediately shelter families and vulnerable persons to begin with," the ministry said.

Emergency declared

Two Greek navy vessels would provide additional sleeping space, the ministry said.

But plans to build new temporary camps have run afoul of local resistance, Koumoutsakos

'We are facing difficulty Some of the bleary-eyed from local authorities and local society (over where to) put tents to house these people," junior migration minister Yiorgos Koumoutsakos told SKAI Plans earlier this year to

build a new camp on Lesbos

had also stalled after locals clashed with riot police to prevent construction from going The government also said it

had sent three flights to remove 406 unaccompanied minors from the island. The children have been test-

ed for coronavirus and will be housed in "safe" facilities in northern Greece, the prime minister's office said.

Migration minister Notis been sent to accommodate hun- Mitarachi on Wednesday said asylum seekers had started the expected arrival of European fire because of quarantine Commission vice-president measures imposed after 35 people at the camp tested positive for coronavirus.

Officials have declared a four-month emergency on Lesbos and flown in additional riot

Greece's public health authority EODY said eight of the 35 positive cases had been located and isolated along with a significant number of their close contacts.

Tough restrictions

Medical staff from the World Health Organization are expected in Lesbos on Thursday to begin tests on asylum seekers and locals, EODY chief Panagiotis Arkoumaneas told reporters on Wednesday.

European countries from Germany to Norway - along with EU chiefs -- have responded with offers of help as calls intensify for urgent reform of the bloc's asylum system. Since becoming one of the main gateways into Europe for migrants and asylum-seekers in 2015, Greece has built dozens of detention centres around the country.

But with other European nations accepting only a small trickle of refugees, thousands remain trapped in the Greek camps in usually dismal health conditions.

Greece's conservative government has also toughened its asylum restrictions, slashing cash benefits and accommodation provisions to discourage further migration. (AFP)





MULTI FINANCE PLC

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2020

For the Year Ended 31st March	2020 Rs.	2019 Rs.
Income	218,656,172	297,381,813
Interest income Interest expenses Net interest income	194,714,866 (82,822,173) 111,892,693	271,332,009 (100,065,423 171,266,586
Fee and commission income Other income Net income from operations	13,076,871 10,864,435 135,833,999	15, 185,357 10,864,447 197,316,390
Operating expenses Personnel cost Net impairment of financial assets measured at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income- Dispreciation of Property Plant & Equipments and Amortisation of Intangible Assets Amortization of Leased Assets Other operating expenses Total operating expenses	(103,649,440) (12,367,628) (15,112,448) (81,432,468) (212,561,984)	(115,395,597 (32,386 (8,814,853 (100,476,734 (224,719,570
Profit/(Loss) before impairment and taxation	(76,727,985)	(27,403,180
Impairment (charge)/reversal for loans and other losses. Profit/(Loss) before taxation and VAT on Financial Services	(26,694,551) (103,422,536)	(42,774,119 (70,177,299
Tax on Financial Services Profit/(Loss) before taxation	(568,717) (103,991,253)	(8,442,123 (78,619,422
Income Tax (Expense)/Reversal Loss for the period	(37,744,537)	15,510,831
Other comprehensive income Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss Remeasurement of retirement benefit obligation Tax on actuarial gain	536,574 (150,241) 386,333	2,414,010 (675,923 1,738,087
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss Net change in fair value of financial assets measured at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income	15,147 15,147	(48,887 (48,887
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	401,480	1,689,200
Total comprehensive income / (expense) for the period	(141,334,310)	(61,419,391
Loss per share (Rs.) (Annualized)	(2.23)	(0.99

As at 31st March	2020 Rs.	2019 Rs.
ASSETS	no.	KS.
Cash and cash equivalents	6,356,430	41,943,205
Placements with Banks and other financial institutions	112,533,036	61,460,074
Rental receivable on Lease	230,499,827	398,694,138
Rental receivable on Hire Purchase	178,016	4,445,918
Advances and Other Loans	631,057,886	777, 195, 971
Other receivables	59,299,181	64,071,151
Repossessed Stock	5,780,000	15,443,999
Income tax receivables	5,227,629	4,992,927
Financial Assets Measured at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income	2,084,089	8,103,623
Investment Property	66,785,500	16,142,750
Property, plant & equipment	21,544,464	31,827,815
Right of use Assets	32,326,744	
Intangible assets	1,501,783	2,606,397
Deferred Tax Asset	19,547,631	57,442,404
TOTAL ASSETS	1,194,722,216	1,484,570,377
LIABILITIES		
Due to banks and financial institutions	17,367,053	48,509,429
Deposits due to customers	510,705,106	660,625,887
Other payables	49,697,199	52,058,157
Lease Liability	33,065,188	
Retirement benefit obligation	6,736,055	4,891,980
TOTAL LIABILITIES	617,571,601	766,085,453
EQUITY		
Stated capital	898,375,289	898,375,285
Statutory Reserve Fund	5,389,222	5,389,222
General Roserve	11,266,050	11,266,050
Fair Value Reserve	247,199	232,052
Retained Earnings / (Accumulated Losses)	(338,127,145)	(196,777,689
TOTAL EQUITY	577,150,615	718,484,92
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	1,194,722,216	1,484,570,377
Net Assets Per Share (Rs.)	9.07	11.30

As at 31st March	2020	2019
Regulatory Capital Adequacy	100	
Core Capital (Tier 1 Capital), Rs. 1000	576,903	718,253
Total Capital Base, Rt:000	576,903	718,25
Core Capital (Tier 1) Adequacy Ratio, as % of Risk Weighted Assets (Minimum requirement, 6.5%) (Up to 30.06.2019, 6%)	54.61	62.78
Total Capital Adequacy Ratio, as % of Risk Weighted Assets (Minimum requirement, 10.50%) (Up to 30.06.2019, 10%)	54.61	62.71
Capital Funds to Deposit Liabilities Ratio (Minimum requirement, 10%)	107.25	108.77
Assets Quality (Quality of Loan Portfolio)	SO ADERES	d=27019
Gross Non-Performing Accommodations, Rs: 000	418,312	196,921
Gross Non-Performing Accommodations Ratio, %	39.38	14.30
Net Non-Performing Accommodations Rabio, %	18.81	5.79
Profitability (%)		
Net Interest Margin	8.79	11.6
Return on Assets (before tax)	-1.94	-5.0
Return on Equity (after tax)	-24.49	-8.5
Regulatory Liquidity (Rs: 000)		
Required minimum amount of Liquid Assets	51,583	66,38
Available amount of Liquid Assets	89,797	15,710
Required minimum amount of Government Securities	54,367	35.16
Available amount of Government Securities	55,000	-
Memorandum Information		
Number of employees	85	100
Number of branches	7	
Number of service centers		
Number of pawning centres	1	
Contingent liabilities and commitments, Rs: 000	2,392	28,75

CERTIFICATION:

It is certified that these Financial Statements have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act. No.7 of 2007. We the undersigned, being the Director / Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Multi Finance PLC certify jointly that: (a) the above statements have been prepared in compliance with the format and definitions prescribed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) the information contained in these statements have been extracted from the audited financial statements of the Licensed Finance

Company unless indicated as unaudited.

The central bank of sri lanka has imposed temoprary cap of Rs. 600 Mn on total deposits and Rs. 1,300 Mn on loans and advances until the minimum core capital requirment is met.

A. M. Galbadaarachchi Chief Financial Officer

31st August 2020

Colombo

P. Jayasundera

Director / Chief Executive Officer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT To the Shareholders of Multi Finance PLC

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

We have audited the snancial statements of Multi Finance PLC ("the Company"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 21, 2020. and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended. and extes comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information set out on pages 6 to 65.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at March 31, 2020, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards

We conducted our audit in accordance with 5ri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics, issued by CA Sri Lanka (Code of Ethics) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Material uncertainty in relation to going concern We draw attention to Note 42 of the financial statements which indicates that the Company has not compled with the minimum regulatory core capital of 1.500mn as required by the Minimum Core Capital Direction No 82 of 2017

Further the Company has incurred continuous losses over the past 5 years accumulated as at 31 March 2020 amounting to Rs 338, 127, 144. Additionally the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has imposed restrictions on the Company's lending and deposit operations until the regulatory requirements pertaining to the minimum core capital requirements are compled with. In order to apply the going concern basis of accounting the Company has to satisfy the regulatory requirements with the concurrence of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and generate positive conflows and profits to reduce the erosion of capital

Therefore, the material uncertainty impacting the Company's ability to continue as a going concern depends on addressing the conditions set out by the regulatory requirements. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those reatters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. In addition to the matter described in the material uncertainty related to going concern section, we have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

1. Impairment allowance for leases, hire purchase receivables, advances and other loans

As described in Note 4.2.10 (Accounting policies) and Notes 16, 17 and 18, the Company has estimated impairment provision for leases, hire purchase receivables, advances and other loans of Rs. 171,740,058 as at 31st March 2020.

Bisk Description

A high degree of complexity and judgment is involved for the Company in estimating credit losses arising from the lending portfolios.

Given the complexity of SLFRS 9 and its expected pervisive impact on the financial sector we focused on the Company's accounting for the expected impact of measuring credit losses on its lending portfolios and the significant judgment exercised by the Company. The Company's model to calculate Expected Credit Loss (ECL) are inherently complex and judgment is applied in determining the correct construct of the model. There are also a number of key assumptions made by the Company in applying the requirements of SLFRS 9 to the models including the identification of loss stages, forward looking probability of default (PCA), loss given default (LGD), macroeconomic scenarios including their weightages and judgments over the use of data inputs required.

in estimating individually assessed ECL for Stage 3 exposures, judgements and assumptions are applied by the Company to the liming of the expected repayments, the realisable value of collateral, the business prospects for the customers and the likely cost and duration of the process

impairment in relation to leases, hire purchase, advances and other loans remains one of the most significant judgements made by management particularly in light of the uncertain economic outlook in Sn Lanka as at the reporting date due to the potential impact of the COVID-19 outbreak

We have identified the impairment of leases, hire purchases, advances and other loans as a key audit matter because of its significance to the financial statements with the application of significant judgments and estimates which are subject to estimation uncertainty and management bias

Our Response:

Our audit procedures to assess impairment of loans and advances to customers included:

- Assessment of the methodology inherent within the process of provisioning for credit losses against the requirements of SLFRS 9 and the Guidelines issued by the institute of Chartered Accountants of Sn Lanks (ICASL) on the accounting considerations due to COVID 19 outbreak.
- . Assessing how management had factored the impact of CDVID 19 within the ECI, model to determine whether it was appropriately considered in the measurement of ECLs at the reporting date.
- . Challenging the key assumptions in the determination of credit losses and evaluating the reasonableness of management's key judgments and estimates in the scenario-based probability weighted impairment assessment of individually significant customers.
- Testing the accuracy and completeness of the data inputs by testing reconcilations between source systems and ECL models and assessment of economic information used within, and weightages applied to forward looking scenarios.
- Receloulation of ECL for a sample using the key assumptions used in the models, such as staging, PD and LGD;
- . Comparing the economic factors used in the models to murket information to assess whether they were aligned with the market and economic development;
- . Assessing the completeness, accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures in the financial statements in relation to impairment of loans and advances to

2. Accounting for deferred tax assets

As described in Note 4.18 (ii) (Accounting policies) and Note 30 (Deferred tax assets) Company has estimated Rs. 19,547,631 as deferred tax assets as at 31st March 2020.

The Company had recognized Deferred Tax Assets in respect of deductible temporary differences and tax lesses, which management considers would probably on utilized or recovered in the future through the generation of future taxable profits or set off against deferred has liabilities

We identified the recognition of Deferred Tax assets as a key audit matter because of the significant management judgement and estimation required in forecasting future taxable profit which could be subject to error or potential management bias.

Our audit procedures included,

- . Evaluating management's assessment on the sufficiency of future taxable profits in support of the recognition of deferred tax assets by comparing management's forecasts of future taxable profits to historical results and evaluating the assumptions used in those forecasts.
- Challenging management's assessment of the timing of reversal of the existing taxable temporary differences against which the deductible temporary differences could be set off.
- · Assessing the completeness, accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures in the financial statements.

Other Information

fanagement is responsible for the other information. These financial statements do not include the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and for view in accordance with Sri Larkie Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

in preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, metters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless manage ent either into or to cease operations, or has no realistic atternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain masonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to resue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SLAuSs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SLAu5s, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures. responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient, and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not. for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control
- Evaluate the appropriationess of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or if such disclosures are inadequate to modify our opinion. Our condusons are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements. represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with ethical requirements in accordance with the Code of Ethics nucleable with them all relationships and other matters that may maximally be thought to bear on our indepe and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters inour auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

As required by section 163 (2) of the Comparies Act No. 07 of 2007, we have obtained all the information and explanations that were required for the audit and, as far as appears from our examination, proper accounting records have been legst by the Company However, the Company does not fulfill the requirements of the Minimum Core Capital Direction No 02 of 2017 as at 31 March 2020 issued by the Central Bank of Sir Lanka.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report's Membership number is 1798



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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	08	GROUP - 08 - TEXTILE & LEATHER PRODUCTS
	PERIPHERALS AND NETWORKING / COMPUTER ACCESSORIES		GROUP - 09 - REQUIREMENT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES & REPAIRS (PETROL /
03	GROUP - 03 - MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT		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 Kappetipola 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 TENNAKOON

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
 - 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

PROGUREMENT 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.

Se- rial 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.

Dates of Auction Address manazizzie Dotober 2000 NO. 755/1. PANNIFITA ROAD, BATTARAMULIA. October 2020 NO.91, HIGHLEVEL RD, KIRULAPONE, COLOMBO DE 02/08/12/19 02/08/12/19 October 2000 NO. 434, EW PERERA WIN, KOTTE BOAD, PITAKOTTE 00/08/12/19 October 2030 NO. 595, HIGH LEVEL ROAD, GANGODWAYEA, RUGEBOOA NO. 61/1, KANDY KO, THIHARINA, 02/08/12/10 00tober 2030 NO. 59473, XANDY ROAD, MITTAVIBLIN 01/08/12/19 October 2020 NO. 19, MAIN STREET, KEGALLE. 02/08/12/19 02/08/12/19 October 2000 NO. 18. BAUCOHALOKA MANADUHA, GAMPAHA. Gctober 2020 NO.EL, KANDY ROAD, WARKAPOLA 02/08/12/19 NO. 281; AMAGARIKA DHARMARALA MWARTHA, MATARA 02/08/12/19 October 2000 NO. LR STATION ROAD, MATARA. 02/08/12/19 00/08/12/10 October 2030 NO. 66. 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NO 38, KURUNEGALA IUNCTION, DAMBULLA 02/08/12/19 October 2000 02/00/12/10 ANN STREET, MEDITEURINA 00/08/12/10 Dotober 2000 NO. 15, THALAWA ROAD, KEKEUWA NO. 24. CHILAW SOAD, ANAMADUWA 00/08/12/19 October 2020 NO. 95, AGALAWATTA ROAD, MATHUGAMA 02/08/12/19 02/08/12/10 October 2000 NO. 87. MAIN STREET, PITICALA 00/08/12/19 October 2020 NO.14, MAIN STREET ELPITIVA NO.46, BATRAPURA ROAD, BADURALNA Dovober 2000 100/028/12/10 NO. 134, MAIN STREET, WENNAPPLANA 09/09/13/20 October 2020 NO.106C, KURUNESAIA ROVO, PUTTALAM. 08/09/13/20 00/09/13/20 October 2000 NO. 356, MAIN STREET RECOMBO October 2020 NO. 40A, COLOMBO ROAD, CHILAWA 03/09/13/20 NO.110, CHILAW RDAD, KOCHEHKADE October 2030 00/09/13/20 October 2000 NO. 57/JEWINGOON ROAD, WIRWANGOON 09/49/19/20 01/09/11/20 October 2000 NO 229/E. KADAWATHA ROAD, GANEMULIA. October 2000 NO: 69 GIRBULIA KOAD, ONIULAPITINA 03/09/13/20 NO. LOT, STIDSOFH STREET, NEGOMBO (0)/09/13/20 October 2000 75A, CHILAW BOAD, NARAWILA. 09/09/13/20 08/09/13/20 October 2000 NO.661/A, TEWWITA ROAD: RAGAMA NO. 6/1/1, OLD NOSOMBO ROAD, JAIGLA 03/09/13/20 00/09/13/20 October 2020 NO. 39, COLOMBO BOAD, KANDANA 00/09/13/20 October 2000 NO. TH. ELABANDA, HANDALA, WATTALA NO. 17, STATION ROAD, HAMDALA JUNETION, WATTALA. 03/09/13/20 October 2000 October 2000 NO. 350/16, COLOMBO ROAD, DELEDOA 01/09/11/20 NO. 484, AVISSAWELLA RO, KADUWELA 03/09/13/20 October 2000 02/42/12/20 Detaber 2000 NO. 721, WARAGOGA ND, VIHARA JUNCTION, KELANIYA. 03/09/13/20 October 2020 WO 44, MAKOLA ROAD, KIRIBATWGODA NO. 175, KANDY ED, KIRBATHGODA. 03/09/13/20 October 2000 03/09/13/20 NO. 139/6. RANDF ROAD, BADAGAR NO. 145 , MALAY STREET, COLOMBO 02 09/09/13/20 Dotober 2020 08/09/13/20 October 2000 No. 66, GALLE ROAD, MT.LAVINIA. October 2000 NO. 11, KALDOWULLA RDAO, MORATUWA 08/09/13/20 NO. 20. DHARMANALA MANATHA, COLONBO GS. 00/09/11/20 October 2000 01/09/13/20 Dctobwr 2000 NO. 245, SRI SANGHARAJA MAWATHA, COLOMBO 10. NO. 54, D 5 SEMANAYAKE NW, BURELLA. 00/09/13/20 Dctober 2020 NO. 197, DEANS ROAD, COLOMBO 10 01/09/13/20 03/09/13/20 Rotolaw 2000 NO. 556, 558, MARADANA RD, COLOMBO 10. 03/09/13/20 Dictolow 2000 NO. 239, KORUKA ROAD, NARAHENPITA. NO. 10 STATION ROAD, MIDIATUWA 08/09/13/20 October 2020 NO. GE, HORANA ROAD, PILIWADIALA 00/09/13/20 NO.28, DEHWALA ROKD: BORALESGAMUNA 03/09/13/20 October 2000 01/09/11/20 October 2020 NO. 227, DESCNOR REJAKTRATUMULIA, MORATUMA October 2030 NO. 116A, COLOMBO ROAG, KURUNESALA 05/10/14/21 NO. 103A, COLOMBO RDAG, KURUNEGALA 05/10/14/71 October 2020 NO. 21, DAMBOLIA RD, KURUNGGALA. 05/10/14/21 05/10/14/21 October 2000 NO. 12 MAIN STREET, KULIPAPITIYA October 2000 NO. 35, SARASAVI BUILDING, MIGN STREET, NARAMWALA 05/10/14/21 06700/14/21 October 2000 NO. 835/2A, THALANGARA NORTH, MALABE October 2000 NO: 365, HIGH LEVEL BOAD, KOTTAWA 05/10/14/21 05/10/14/21 October 2000 NO. 76, HIGH LEVEL ROAD, HOWAGAMA October 2020 NO. 347A, KOTTE RDAD, BALAGRIPA 05/10/14/21 05/10/14/21 NO. 69, DEHIWALA RC: MAHARAGAMA 05/10/14/21 October 2000 NO. 22T/A, HIGH LEVEL ROAD, WATHTHEGEDARA, MAHARAGAMA. 05/10/14/21 Dotobay 2000 NO. COUVA, BUTTUGEMUNU STREET, KIDHAJWALA. NO. 165, DHARMAPALA MAWATHA, COLOMBO 07. October 2000 05/10/14/21 05/10/14/21 October 2000 NO. 04, PANADURA ROAD, BANDARASAMA NO. 18, KESEDWAFTE , PANADURA. 05/10/14/21 October 2020 05/10/14/21 October 7000 NO. 508, GALLE RO. PANADURA. October 2000 NO. 103, PANADURA ROAD, HORANA 05/10/14/21 NO. 534, GALLE ROAD, WADDUMA 05/10/14/21 Dotober 2000 NO. 334, MAIN STREET, KALUTARA SOUTH. 05/10/14/21 05/10/14/21 Uctober 2000 NO. 358/D; MATHUGAMA BOAD, DARGA TOWN. NO. 175/A, GALLERD, BERLIMAGA. 05/10/14/21 October 2020 NO. 185, GALLE ROAD, ALUTHGAMA 05/10/14/21 NO. 84 A. GALLE ROAD, DEHIWALA. Dotober 2020 05/10/14/21 /10/14/21 October 2030 NO. 124, GALLE ROAD, DEHIWALA October 2000 NO. 224, GALLE BOAD, WELLAWATTE 05/10/14/21 October 2000 NO. 269, MAIN STREET, ATTIONAL 05/10/14/21 Dictolary 2000 NO. 275/75, PROF. STANLY WILESUNDARA MAWKITHA, COLOMBO 67. 05/30/14/21 NO. 676. GALLE ROAD, COLDIMBIO DIS. 05/10/14/21 October 2000 Dctober 2000 NO 150, MAIN STREET GALLE. 05/10/14/21 NO 96/2, GALLE FOND, AMBAG 05/10/14/21 October 2000 05/10/14/21 October 2000 NO. 598 E. HRIMBURA ROAD, KARAPITINA NO. 56,57, EDWIN WERRAMARATHNA SHOPPING COMPLEX, GW15/22/26 October 2020 NEW TOWN, MAJERANGAMMA NO: 44/L NEW BUS STAND BOAD, MONARAGALA. 00/15/12/26 01/15/22/26 October 2020 NO. 10/Z. OPPOSITE BOC, NEW YOWN, DEHIATTAKANDINA. Dotober 2020 NO. 226. DISENANAWAKA VEEDINA, KANDY 06/35/32/26 NO. 151, MADAWALA ROAD, KATUGASTHUTA. 06/15/12/26 October 2000 NO. 251, MAIN STREET, MADALE. 06/15/12/26 01/15/22/26 October 2000 NO. 55, LOWER STREET, BADULLA October 2030 06/05/02/26 NO. 1GT, MAIN STREET BANDARAWELA October 2000 NO. 3, RUWARAELYA ROAD,WELIMADA 06/15/32/76 October 2020 NO. 25, BANK RO BADULLA 06/15/22/26 08/15/32/26 October 2000 NO.71, QUEEN ELISABETH MIN, NUINNIRA ELIYA. October 2000 NO: 473, NUMMBA ELIYA ROAD, PUSSELLAWA 06/15/12/26 NO. 22, NUMARIA EUYA ND, GAMPOLA 08/15/22/26 NO. 115, KOTUGODELIA VEEDINA, KANDY, 00/15/22/26 October 2000 08/15/22/26 October 2000 NO. 13A, KANOY ROAD, GELIOW NO.52, DANBARA ROAD, HATTON 08/15/22/26 October 2030 NO. 175, MAIN STREET, MASKELINA 06/15/22/26 NO. 65 NAWALAPITRA KOND. GAMPOLA October 2030 06/15/22/26 06/15/22/26 October 2020 NO 29E COLDMBD KCAD PLIMATHALAWA October 2000 NO. 3A, LIRBAN COUNCIL ROAD, NAVANLARTINA 08/15/12/26 06/15/22/26 No. 395, GRANDFASS ND, COLOMBO 14 NO. 39T/1, ALUTH MAWATHA, COLOMBO LS. October 2000 06/15/02/26 06/15/12/26 October 2030 NO. 81. MODARA STREET, COLOMBO, 15. NO. GESTAUCIA'S STREET, GOTAHENIA Uctober 2020 09/15/12/26 08/15/22/26 Uctober 2020 NO. 3/729, FARMIRGAD, COLOMBIO 15 06/15/32/26 October 2000 NO. 47, GRUNOPISS ED, COLONIBO 14 06/15/22/26 October 2030 NO. 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MAN'N ROAD, POTHUNE 06/15/20/26 NO 24/A, MAIN STREET, HAVWELLA. 07/16/23/27 Dotobw 2000 07/10/23/21 Dotolay 2000 NO. 25, WATHWATTOTA ROAD, AVESAMELLA 07/16/23/27 Dotober 2020 NO. 141/A, KOLOSRWAWA ROAD, KOLONNAWA October 2000 NO. 25A, MAIN STREET, EHELINAGOON, 00/16/23/27 NO. 49, SENANAWAKE WAWATHA, RATHNAPURA 07/16/23/27 Dotobar 2000 01/16/23/27 October 2000 NO 84, MAIN STREET, TREAMANAMANAMAN 02/16/23/27 October 2020 NO.43, MAIN STREET, EMBILIPITRA October 2030 NO. 19, THANARAM PIVISUM MIC BALANGODA. 07/16/23/27 NO. 275, CENTRAL ROAD, TRINCOMALEE 07/16/29/27 October 2020 07/16/23/27 October 2020 NO. 175, TRINCO ROAD, BATTICALDA NO. 301, MOHAMED ALMAR BUILDING, MAIN STREET, KATTHANKUODY - DL. 07/16/23/27 October 2000 NO SO/2, MAIN STREET, KINNING 07/16/13/21 October 2000 07/16/23/27 MAIN STREET, DIVISION 10, KOKKADICHOLAI 07/16/23/27 October 2000 OFFISITE MARKET, MAIN BOAD, VALACHCHENAI October 2000 OFF SCHOOL HOSPITAL BOAD, KALUWANCHIKUDON 01/16/23/21 OPPOSITE MARKET COMPLEX", MAIN ROAD, CHENKALADY 07/16/23/27 October 2030 NO. 60, MAIN STREET, ATCHUVEN 07/16/23/27 October 2000 NO. 136, KANDY ROAD, CHWARACHCHER NO. 440, HOSPITAL ROAD, JAFFINA Dotolair 2000 07/16/23/27 Dotober 2000 NO. 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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
- 03. All electrical equipment and electronic equipment
- Supply of garbage carts, health equipment
- Building materials (indicate separately materials that could
- Supply of food & beverages
- 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
- 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
 - Metal
 - ii. Sand
 - Gravel Earth Metal 1 1/2"
 - Metal 3/4" ٧.
 - Chips vi.
 - Quarry dust vii.
 - viii. Cement
 - ix. Premix
- Tyre categories and vehicle battery categories with alignment (inclusive of tractors).
- Supply of sports equipment (all kinds of sports equipment)
- Supply of gas
- 24. Supply of 20 Litre drinking water bottles.

(B) SUPPLY OF SERVICES

- 01. Consultation services of Civil Engineering, Architectural Consultancy services, Civil Engineering Planning, preparation of estimates and drawing plans.
- 02. Notary and Legal services
- Surveving services
- Skilled / unskilled labour services
- 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)
- 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
- Supply of vehicles and machinery on hire basis
- 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.

Road Projects

- i. Concreting
- ii. Carpeting
- iii. Tarring
- iv. Laying of slice blocks
- v. Developing by applying gravel earth
- **Construction of Buildings**
- Construction of water projects and public bathing
- Play grounds and other development work

Generally, quotations for supplies would be called from registered

- suppliers. However, the Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right to call for quotations from outside suppliers too whenever
- 02. Quotations should be kept static for a period of 01 year without
- 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.
- Contracts of supplies and services are subjected to Government approved taxes and conditions and rules and regulations of the
- 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

SRI LANKA CUSTOMS



CDU/TS/2020/13

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.

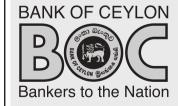
Bidders should adhere to the following.

- 1. Applications will be provided free of charge at the site on
- 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/		changed as "up to 28/09/2020 (from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs.)"		
Clause 3.a	"The Selected Major Contractor's"	e Selected Major Contractor's" is removed		
Clause 3.a	ie 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.

Ministry Procurement Committee,

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

TENDER NOTICE



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



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;
 - a. Bidders shall have valid business registration
- b. 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
- 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 nonrefundable 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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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

- 1. 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).
- 2. 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.
- 7. 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.

Туре	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
Т3	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.
- 10. 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.

Urban Development Authority

GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA





(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

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

HIRE OF PASSENGER VEHICLES

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

S.No	Contract Number	Name of the Contract		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/ Akkaraipathu	01	10,000.00	1500.00

- 02. Bidding will be conducted through Local Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- 03. 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.
- 07. Bids shall be valid up to 91 days from the time of closing of Bids.
- 08. 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

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, $\langle 12. \rangle$ services and civil works for year 2021, of the Eastern Provincial Council in respect of the following

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	C 25	Figh aging House	
G-13	Miscellaneous & Household Items	G-25 Fisheries Item	risneries item	

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).
- Certificates affirming capacity, qualifications and assets should be attached with copies & pre qualification document.
- 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:

- Documents to be furnished with the application,
 - Certified copy of Business Registration
 - Certified copy of Company Registration
 - If catering service copy of certificate obtained from area PHI / MOH.
 - Experience on the relevant trade and customer list.
 - Registration for vehicle repair workshop and service, Recommendation letter should be obtained from Deputy Chief Secretary-Engineering Service, Eastern Province.
- 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.
- Registration will be subject to assessment and evaluation and if found details given are false, the application will be rejected.
- The Chief Secretary reserves the right to accept or reject any application received for registration without indicating any reasons.
- 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.
- The suppliers shall be registered only for related items of goods and services for which the business registration is made.
- Suppliers and Contractors should indicate the preferred district they could supply the items.
- 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:
- 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.
- The suppliers will not be paid cash advances.
- 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.

- 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.
- Applications received after the closing date will be rejected.
- 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

- Business name Business address
- Telephone No. Business Registration No. (copy to be annexed) Nature of the Business
- Items of Goods / Services to be registered:

	Item No.	Goods / Services Description
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- 7. Names of the Bankers
 - Period of credit facilities Names of the Districts, Supply could be made
- 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 (Affix company/ official stamp)

Name of the Applicant

Fax No.

Date

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

Mark ($\sqrt{\ }$) in the appropriate box applied for

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

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Highways Grade Grade

Irrigation Grade

Water Supply & Drainage

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

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

Tel. No.:.... 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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F - FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Continuation.....

Financial Facilities from Banks or other Institutions						
Facility	Value	Name of Institution				
Permanent Overdraft						
Fixed Deposits						
Wealth Certificates						
Current Accounts						
Carring Assounts						

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Extracts From Financial Statement for Last 3 Years				
		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)				

Marks by E.P.C.	

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 12					
b. Chartered Engineer with 10 years Experience 12					
c. Technical Officers with NDT or NCT with 05 years Experience 1					
d. Quantity Surveyor e. 1					
f. Supervisor 1 2					

H - Construction work performed during last 05 years

Year (In the Descending order)	Turnover (Construction only)
Total	

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

WINFINITY HOLDINGS (PVT) LTD PV 00211787

Date - 15.05.2019 A/1/2 Perehara Road, Colombo 03.

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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 Cardiography	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).

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 &	Amount of Bid	Bid Closing		
Contract No.	Description	Security (LKR)	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.
- 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.
- 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.

Department Procurement Committee Sri Lanka Customs Customs House No. 40, Main Street, Colombo 11.

Tel: 011-2221680

11th September 2020

LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

AS AMENDED BY THE

LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT)

ACT NO: 28 OF 1964

Notice Under Section 7 (1)

The allotments of lands which are described in the

following schedule have been acquired for a public

purpose. Refer the Sri Lanka Democratic Socialist

Republic Government's Gazette Extraordinary No.

Schedule

Allotments of lands in extent about 4.3533 Hectares

depicted in Preliminery Plan Ke/3768 dated 13/07/2020 from 1-39 prepared by Surveyor

General situated in the villages of Malwana in 61

B, Pothukoladeniya Grama Niladhari Division

sub division of Kandupita Pattuwa South in the

Divisional Secretary's Division of Galigamuwa in

the District of Kegalle in Sabaragamuva Province.

Names of Claimants:

Chairman,

Managing Director,

General Manager,

Divisional Secretariat,

Galigamuwa.

09/09/2020

Kegalle Plantations Ltd.,

310, High Level Road,

Navinna, Maharagama.

Land Reformation Commission,

Janatha Estate Development Board,

Vauxhall Street, Colombo.

No. C 82, Hector Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,

H.M.C. Susantha Herath,

Divisional Secretary,

Galigamuwa.

2191/10 dated 31.08.2020 for further details.

Mv Ref: GAL/LAN/AQUIS/A13/21 Land Ministry Ref: 4-3/9/2013/VE/497

BANK OF CEYLON Invitation for Bids

Extension of Date and Time of closing Bids BID NO: P/PROC/2020/144

Further to the advertisement on invitation for bids for the "Renting out space for Juice Bar and Fruit Stall at Bank of Ceylon Head Office", which appeared in the Daily News on 21.08.2020.

Please note that the closing date of the bid has now been extended to 13.10.2020 at 1000 hrs.

Bid documents could be obtained from Properties & Procurement Department between 0900 hrs and 1400 hrs on working days upto 12.10.2020.

Bid shall be valid upto 11.01.2021.

Bid security should be valid upto 08.02.2021.

BANK OF CEYLON Bankers to the Nation

Chief Manager

Properties & Procurement Department, 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon,

"BOC Square", No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01.

Telephone: 2544310, 2434786

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

FAMILY HEALTH BUREAU

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE **YEAR 2021**

Applications are invited until 15th Oct 2020 from suppliers and manufactures for the registration of suppliers of under mentioned equipments, materials and services for the year 2021

- 2. A self prepared application according to the specimen shown below should be sent under registered cover and should indicate "Registration of Suppliers 2021" on the left hand corner of the envelope containing the application and sent by registered post to the Director, No 231, Family Heath Bureau, Colombo 10.
- All bidders should pay a non- refundable fee of Rs 500.00 separately in respect of each category of item and service. The payment should be made to the shroff of the Family Health Bureau and the receipt from Gen. 172 obtained should be attached and submitted along with the application. Cheques or money Orders or bank Paying in slip will not be accepted.

01. Items to be supplied

1.1 Stationery

(All Office Stationery including computer paper, Toners, Cartridges)

1.2 Office Equipment

Furniture (Wooden, Steel, Plastic) Tables, Chairs etc. Computers, Computer Accessories, Printers, Calculators, Photocopiers, Fax Machines, Wall Clocks, Electric Kettles/Boilers

1.3 Vehicle Maintenance

Tyres, Tubes, Batteries, Other Spares

1.4 Measuring Equipment (Infants, Children and Adults) Weighing Scale (Mechanical and Digital), Bath Room Scale, Spring Weighing

Scale, Height Measuring Tape, Length Measuring Board, Standard Weight

1.5 Medical / Dental / Laboratory Equipment

1.5.1 Infusion Pump, 1.5.2 Multipara Monitor, 1.5.3 Pulse Oxymeter, 1.5.4 CPAP Machine, 1.5.5 Microscope, 1.5.6 Auto Clave Machine, 1.5.7 Labour Room Bed, 1.5.8 HDU Bed, 1.5.9 Ambu Bag, 1.5.10 Manikin (Neo Natal, Obstetric), 1.5.11 Spot Lamp, 1.5.12 Hand Held Doppler, 1.5.13 Vaccum Extractor(Delivery), 1.5.14 Dental Chair, 1.5.15 Micro Motor, 1.5.16 Tooth Brushing Model, 1.5.17 Instrument Trolley, 1.5.18 Instrument Sterilizer, 1.5.19. Laboratory Glassware 1.5.20. CTG Machine, 1.5.21 Ultra Sound

1.6 Medical / Laboratory Supplies

Chemicals for pap smear, Wooden Spatula, Glucose Strip, 2 para Urine Strips, PAP Kit

1.7 Sanitary Material

Brooms, Ekel Brooms, Brushes, Garbage Bags, Mops, Dust Bins, Soap and Detergent Powder, Duster

02. Construction of Buildings

Minor Constructions

- 03. Production and Installation of Name Boards, Bill Boards and Banners
- 04. Production and Telecasting of Documentaries and Tele Films

05. Services

5.1 Printing

Books, Booklets, Leaflets, Posters,

5.2 Repairs to Motor Vehicles - Heavy / Light Tinkering, Painting, Upholstery Work, Auto Air Conditioning, Electrical

- 5.3 Servicing and Maintenance of Air Conditioners
- 5.4 Servicing and Maintenance of Computers, Printers

Application should contain the under mentioned information

- 1. Name of Supplier:
- 2. Address:
- 3. Email Address: Telephone and Fax No.
- Business Registration No. and Date:
- Nature of Business:
- Supplies and Services expected to be registered
 - i. Supply / Service
 - ii. Relevant Item No.

name should also be attached.

I certify that the above particulars furnished are true and correct.

Date Signature of Applicant

Individual applications should be forwarded for each category of supply/services. If not, applications will be rejected. A copy of the certificates of registration of trade

In the case of specific Medical Equipment / Supplies, Supplier should have registered in National Medicinal Regulatory Authority and copy of the registration should be submitted along with the application.

Whenever there is a necessity to obtain supplies and services, the Family Health Bureau will call for quotations only from the registered supplier registered with the family Health Bureau. However, the Family Health Bureau has the right to call for quotations from unregistered suppliers as well depending on the situation.

Chairman (Procurement Committee)

Family Health Bureau 231, De Saram Place Colombo 10.

Lecture 2020 11th September 2020 @ 5.30 p.m. onwards

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Eng. (Prof)

E Pereira Memorial

Resolving Issues in the **Construction Industry - Some Thoughts**

by Eng (Dr) S B Wijekoon

BSc Eng(Hons), DipArb(ICLP), MEng(Const Mgt), MBA, D.Tech, Cling, FIE(SL), FIPM, MICE

Eng. (Dr.) Wijekoon is a Senior Lecturer attached to the Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya. He was the President of the IESL for the Sessions 2014/2015. He has 41 years' experience as a Professional Engineer in the Industry and as a



CANCELLATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

NISHANTHINY THIYAGARAJANH of No. 12137

Gouin Quest, Pierrefonds, QC, H8Z1V9 do hereby

notify the general public and the Government of

the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that

the Special Power of Attorney dated 28.10.2019

attested by Alex Benmergui, Attorney of 4141
Sherbrooke West, Suite 650, Westmount, Queber,
H32 1B8 granted by us to JEYACHANDRAN
SAKUNTHALA (holder of National Identity card

bearing No. 677772891V) of No. 37-7/3, Rudra

Mawatha, Colombo 06 in the said Republic of Sri

Lanka is hereby revoked and cancelled and behold

no responsibility on any transaction effected by the

No. N6891760) of No. 40, Edward

Street, Rexham, United Kingdom

do hereby infrom that the Power

of Attorney granted by me to

Madduma Kaluge Nadee Hemali

of No. 611/13, Daranagama,

Delgoda by Power of Attorney,

No. 73 dated 25.11.2019 attested

Weerawardhana Notary Public is

Chathurika

cancelled.

JAYAWICKRAMA

(Passport

Sandamali

Power of Attorney henceforth.

GAYATHRI

ABEYGUNAWARDHANA

04th September 2020

certify the above statements are true.

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IESI, members should recister online (www.iesl.lk) to receive REGISTRATION Invitation link to join the online session & to receive event remind- ALL ARE WELCOME ers. Pre - registration is necessary in order to join this program

Organized by Civil Engineering Sectional Committee of IESL

MATARA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited for the leasing out of the Public Vehicle Park Hear the New Trading Complex behind the Matara General Hospital, as stated in the schedule below, for the period from 01.10.2020 up to 31.12.2021.

Relevant tender forms and tender conditions will be issued from 11.09.2020 up to 2.00 p.m. on 24.09.2020, on payment of a non-refundable fee and the refundable tender deposit. Acceptance of tenders will be closed at 2.30 p.m. on **24.09.2020** and will be opened at **3.00 p.m.** on the same day.

Tenderer or one of his authorized representatives can be present at the opening.

Tenders, the relevant cover marked "Leasing out of the Public Vehicle Park near the New Trading Complex behind the Matara General Hospital" at the left side top corner, could either be sent by registered post addressed to the Municipal Commissioner of the Matara Municipal Council or placed in the Tender Box kept at the Matara Municipal Council, to be received at or before 2.30 p.m. on 24.09.2020. Every tender application should be accompanied with a signed tender condition document.

SCHEDULE

Matter	Monthly minimum Bid Amount (Rs.)	Deposit for electricity bill (Rs.)	Non- refundable tender fee (Rs.)	Refundable tender deposit (Rs.)
1. Leasing out of the Vehicle Park near the New Trading Complex behind the Matara General Hospital	30,000/-	20,000/-	1,000.00	15,000/-

Further details are stated in the conditions document issued with the Tender applications and relevant information can be obtained on the telephone No. 041-222275.

> Kanchana K. Thalpawila Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Council, Matara.

Office of the Matara Muncipal Council

Date: 03.09.2020

THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT AS AMENDED BY THE LAND **ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964**

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7

My Ref. No. AMB KO/3/5/A/167

Ministry of Lands & Parliamentary Reforms Reference No: 4-3/2/2013/FR/387

The Government intends to acquire the land which is described in the following schedule. Please see the Part III of the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2141/17 dated 18th September 2019 and No. 2185/72 dated 24th July 2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

i. District : Nuwara Eliya

ii. Divisional Secretariat Division : Ambagamuwa

Koralaya iii. Village : Maskeliya

iv. Grama Niladari Division : 320/N - Brownlow

v. Name of the Land: Gorthie, Dunkeld,

Glentilet, Castlereagh, Braemar

vi. Plan & Lot No. : Lot Nos. 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06 in P.P. Nu

3219 : 27.1689 Hectares

Sithara Ruwini Gamage,

Divisional Secretary, Ambagamuwa Koralaya **Divisional Secretariat**

Ambagamuwa Koralaya. 31.08.2020

vii.Extent

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

I have instructed to inform the public of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka by my client Mr. Sulaima Lebbe Rivas of No. 08, Ali Vanniyar Road, Sammanthurai that,

- 01. My Client Mr. Sulaima Lebbe Riyas has no direct or indirect connection with CCAS and BAU collaborated Honorary Doctorate awarding ceremony held in Colombo recently. 02. S.L.Riyas was in connection with the
- BAU 5 years ago and left BAU in 2015. During his period, he has not issued any Honorary or Academic degree qualifications on behalf of BAU. 03. My Client S.L.Riyas is a legal owner of
- the George Washington University of Peace LLC registered in Florida USA to function as a University from 2030. 04. The George Washington University of

Peace LLC has no authority to issue

any educational Qualifications and

the University still has not issued any educational qualifications in Sri Lanka. So, I wish to inform you that all allegations made in the Social Media and other sources against my client Mr S.L.Riyas in connection

with the above said event are fabricated by an

In case of violating the above in future, I have instructed to file legal action against those who are involved in using his name, address and pictures in this type of allegations.

Y.M. Anver Siyath (LLB) Sammanthurai.

unknown group.

09.09.2020

My Ref. No. WGSWD&EIP/ACQ/KB/01 Land Min's Ref No: 4/3/10/2012/LRB/13 Weras Ganga Storm Water Drainage & **Environment Improvement Project,** Land Acquisition Office, No. 03, Sri Jayawardanapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya.

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 07 OF LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

inquiry for ownership and compensations under Section 9 of the land Acquuisition Act regarding the lands described below which have been acquired by the Government, will be held on 23.09.2020. For more details, please see the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2187/24 dated 07.08.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Schedule

1. Province : Western 2. District : Colombo 3. D/S Division : Kesbewa

4. Location within the Grama Niladari Division of No. 533A of Raththanapitiya.

: Divulpitiya 6. Preliminary Plan No. : P.P. Co. 9481

7. Names of the Lands:

Lands bearing Assessment No. 318/3, 79/39,

30B, 38/7, 70/36A, 337 (a part of) 337/2, 60B, 60, 56, 50/3, 50/2, 50/1, 70/36A,

01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38,

337 at Old Kesbewa Road and some other allotments that could not be traced.

39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46. C.W. Abeysuriya Acquiring Officer

Weras Ganga Storm Water Drainage & Environment Improvement Project **Divisional Secretary's Division -**Kesbewa

Weras Ganga Storm Water Drainage & Environment Improvement Project No. 03, Sri Jayawardanapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya.



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

ENGINEERING ORGANIZATION

Western Province - Provincial Council

- 1. 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.
- 2. The Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- 3. 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.

	(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	С9	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	С9	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	С9	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	Bandaragaama 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	С9	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	ЕМ3	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.T.V	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	С9	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	С9	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

- 4. Qualifications should be fulfilled as in the Bidding Document.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security/cash deposit (As in the Table).
- All bids shall be accompared.
 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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Please Contact

MANAGER FRONT OFFICE

Hotline: 1949





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** Tel: 0812498679 / 0812498680



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

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1.	Name of Institu	tion:	
2	Address:		
3. '	Telephone No.		
	i Mobile Pho	ne.	
	ii. Fax No		
	iii. Email Addr	ess:	
4.	Coordinating O	ficer :	
	i. Name:		
	ii. Telephone	No	
	iii Position:		
		Officer:	
	iv. Aumonzeu	Officer.	
5.	Items Supplied		
	Serial No.	No.	Item

Seri	al No.	No.	Item

- i. Maximum Credit Period: 7. Details regarding Bankers
- Name:
- 8. VAT Registration No.
- 9. Business Registration Certificate No.....

For Office use only.

Date

Signature

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

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 www.peoplesbank.lk Web:







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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.
- Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (3) years.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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", Inparsiddy,

On behalf of the above company Thangarajah Thanushan Company Secretary

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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.

Union Place, Kadawatha, Gampaha, Negombo, Kottawa, Kaluthara, Moratuwa, Galle, Nugegoda, Kotahena, Kurunegala, Anuradhapura, Rathnapura, Ambalangoda, Ampara, Ambalanthota, Avissawella, Bandarawela Batticaloa, Chilaw, Dambulla, Deniyaya, Embilipitiya, Tissamaharamaya, Hingurakgoda, Horana, Hatton, Ja-ela, Jaffna, Kandy, Kiribathgoda, Kilinochchi Kekirawa, Kandana, Kuliyapitiya, Maharagama, Metro, Monaragala, Matara, Mathugama, Nittambuwa, Puttalama, 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



INVITATION OF TENDERS FOR YEAR 2021

MATARA PRADESHIYA SABHA

Leasing of the Yields of Lands owned by Matara Pradeshiya Sabha

- 01. 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
- 02. 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.
- 03. All tenders will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 28.09.2020 at the Head Office of the Matara Pradeshiya Sabha.
- 04. 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

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, Batticoloa, Chankanai, Chawakachcheri, Chilaw, Chunnagam, Dambulla, Galewela, Monaragala, Hatton, Homagama, Horana, Ja Ela, Jaffna, Kadawatha, Kaduruwela, Kaduwela, Kalawanjikudi, Kalpitiya, Kelaniya, Kilinochchi, Kiribathgoda, Kirindiwela, Malabe, Matara, Negombo, Nittambuwa, NuwaraEliya, Panadura, Filiyandala, Point Pedro, Pugoda, Ratnapura, Rikillagaskada, Thirunelveli, Trincomalee, Vauniya, Welimada.

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: nmcaccbk@gmail.com

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.

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(Boys / Girls)	(No. of Pairs of Shoes required – 1000)
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12 - 1 Size	
2 – 4 Size	
5 – 8 Size	
5 – 10 Size	
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120 Page Exercise Book	Rs (No. of Books required – 4000)
Note:	
1. Samples of the releva	ant goods should be submitted with the

- quotations.
- 2. 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

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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 grantedby 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 : Rs. 6,979,500/00

Karunathilaka Weerakkody, 4, Romilly Avenue, Lower Templestowe, State of Victoria, Australia

DECEASED

And now:

Tharanga Sri Weerakkody 7, Ashton Street, Glen Waverley Victoria, Australia

Appearing by his Attorney:

Hennayake Mudiyanselage 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. Samanthi Lanka Weerakkody 89, Pulsford Street, Prospect State of Adelaide,

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

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 protest 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.
- iii. Health Insurance Scheme of CPSTL employees and family members.
- iv. Insurance Clams.

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**

- (i) Member of the Institute of Risk Management (UK) or Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institution (ACII) or equivalent and
- (ii) 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;
- b) Status to the company/expert with Business Registration etc. including the names of the owners and names and qualifications of the key staff.
- c) Any other relevant information

EOI proposal must be delivered no later than at 1630 hrs on **25.09.2020** by hand delivery / currier / 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 Procurement Function, Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya. Tel: 0094-112572156 / 0094-115750764 Fax: 0094-112572155 E-mail: procure@cpstl.lk

INVITATION FOR BIDS



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:
- a) Should be a company registered and operating in Sri Lanka.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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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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 Ouotation 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 : 200 Pkts. Milk Powder

Place to be supplied: to the Moragahakanda Main Stores

Instructions & Conditions:

Obtaining of tender documents:

1. 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.
- 4 It is compulsory to mention the Tender No. on the top left-hand corner of the
- ❖ 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

- 1. 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





STATE MINISTRY OF PROVINCIAL COUNCILS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

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
 - (ii) 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
 - (iii) 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 he 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
1	Bid Package No. / Item No.	SL P116/NP/RR/2020/04	SL P116/NP/RR/2020/05	SL P116/UP/RR/2020/01
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 0203.2021)
5	Non-Refundable Fee (LKR)	30,000.00	30,000.00	25,000.00
6	Eligibility Criteria		registration in highway construct r of Companies in Sri Lanka (iii) for	
7	Names of Roads & Length (km)	Construction and completion of improvements to 7.52 kin 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) Nedunkerny - 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 (ii) 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, North Kaithady, Jaffna.	hern Provincial Council, A9 Road,	Office for the Project Implementation Unit, UVA Province, 37/2, Bandaranayaka 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.

Ministry Procurement Committee State Ministry of Provincial Councils & Local Government Affairs, No. 330, Union Place, Colombo-02. Telephone: 011-2399735, Fax: 011-2329725

Email: secretary@pclg.gov.lk

Date: 11.09.2020

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THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT, NO. 28 OF 1964

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 (1)

My Reference No: KDS/AKU/4/2/1/61

Reference No. of the Ministry of Lands: 4-3/9/2015/WS/113

The Government intends to acquire the land/ servitude, which is described in the following schedule. Please see the Part (III) of the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2166/6, dated 10th March 2020 and No. 2189/9 dated 19th August 2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for further details;

Schedule

District : Kandy

Divisional Secretary's Division : Akurana

Grama Niladhari

: No. 578, Dunuwila North Division

Name of the Village : Dunuwila

Name of the Land : Amuheiyawa Preliminary Plan No. : Maha 6985

Lot No. : 1

A.H.M. Indika Kumari Abeysinghe **Divisional Secretary** and

Land Acquiring Officer Akurana **Divisional Secretary's Office**

Akurana 08 September 2020

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 (1)

My Reference No: KDS/AKU/4/2/1/57

Reference No. of the Ministry of Lands: 4-3/9/2015/WS/130

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Schedule

: Akurana

District : Kandy Divisional Secretary's

Division

Grama Niladhari

Division : No. 580, Mawathupola

Name of the Village : Mawathupola Name of the Land : Zynston Estate Preliminary Plan No. : Maha 6934

: 1 A.H.M. Indika Kumari Abeysinghe **Divisional Secretary**

Land Acquiring Officer

Divisional Secretary's Office Akurana

08 September 2020

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Schedule

District Divisional Secretary's

Division

Grama Niladhari Division : No. 586, Dippitiya

Name of the Village : Dippitiya Name of the Land : Zynston Seed Division

Preliminary Plan No. : Maha 6942

Lot Nos. : 1 & 2

A.H.M. Indika Kumari Abeysinghe

Divisional Secretary and **Land Acquiring Officer** Akurana

Divisional Secretary's Office

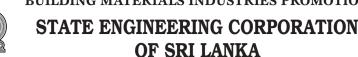
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Bid for Selection of an Agent for Renting Out of State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka Owned Areas for **Use of Advertising Panels & Telecommunication Antenna.** Bid No: C&P/HO/100/2020/037

- 1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (DPC) on behalf of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka (SEC) invites Sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for "Selection of an Agent for Renting Out of State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka Owned Areas for Use of Advertising Panels and Telecommunication Antenna" for initial duration of one year, renewable thereafter on the terms and conditions agreeable to both
- 2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure & basis for evaluation and contract award shall be on package basis. (Package 01 - Package 08).
- 3. Fabrication, installation & maintenance of the proposed advertising panels / antenna should be carried out by the Lessee as appropriate to the relevant premises adhere to the General terms & conditions in the bidding document.
- 4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Chief Engineer (Contracts & Planning), Contracts & Planning Division, State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka, 130, W.A.D. Ramanayaka Mawatha, Colombo 02 and inspect the bidding documents at the same address on any working day from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs and contact numbers are 011-2451151, 011-2430061-5.
- 5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language, may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the above address from 11.09.2020 until 24.09.2020 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees Two Thousand (Rs. 2,000.00) to the Cashier, Accounts Division at 7th Floor, State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka, 130, W.A.D. Ramanayaka Mawatha, Colombo 02.
- 6. Bids should be delivered in duplicate to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka, Ground Floor, Head Office Building, 130, W.A.D. Ramanayaka Mawatha, Colombo 02 on or before 14.00 hrs, 25.09.2020.
- 7. Bid name should be marked at the top left hand corner of the Bid. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who wish to attend.
- 8. Bids shall be accompanied by a bid Security for an amount as per the bid documents and should be valid up to **08.01.2021**. Bid not accompanied by a Bid Security will be rejected.

Department Procurement Committee, State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka, 130, W.A.D. Ramanayaka Mawatha, Colombo 02.

11.09.2020

QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF 70 GSM WOODFREE OFFSET WHITE PRINTING PAPER

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Sealed quotations are hereby invited from foreign principals and local suppliers for the supply of "70 GSM Woodfree Offset White Printing Paper" specified below.

Quantity

Description

60 MT

70 GSM - Woodfree Offset White Printing Paper - Size: 24" x 30"

Packing: Palletized packets with extra Seaworthy Export packing with moisture

Foreign Offers:

The bidders should quote both FOB and CIF Colombo prices (on at sight as well as 90 days usance). CIF offers should clearly indicate detailed Cost, Freight & Insurance charges separately. ANCL reserves the right to place the order on FOB or on CIF term.

Offers with samples and specifications should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as "Quotations for 70 GSM - Woodfree White Printing Paper" on the top left hand corner.

Local Offers:

Ex-stock price indicating transport charges, VAT and other levies separately with samples should be submitted in a separate cover in the same manner.

Offers should be sent to the **Head of Procurement to reach on or before** 23rd September 2020 at 2.30 p.m. which will be opened immediately. No separate documents will be issued. Suppliers may use their own formalities.

Probable date of delivery, validity of price, terms of payment, etc.to be clearly indicated on the offers.

Acceptance of new sources / product is subject to a quality test.

The successful bidder should provide a Performance Bond to the value of 05% with a validity period of 90 days.

Bidders or accredited representatives will be allowed to be present at the opening. However, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.



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ATTANAGALLA PRADESHIYA SABHA

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS FOR THE YEAR 2021

Applications are invited from reputed manufacturers, suppliers and contractors who wish to be registered for the supply of the undermentioned goods and services, for the year

Applications prepared in accordance with the specimen given below, could either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha, Nittambuwa" or hand delivered, to be received on or before 06.10.2020. The cover containing the application should be marked "Registration of Suppliers for the year 2021" at the left side top corner. Applications received after the closing date will be rejected.

GOODS / MATERIALS

- 1. Office Stationery (pens, pencils, varieties of paper, file covers, date stamps, rubber
- 2. Supply of Office furniture etc. (wooden furniture, steel chairs, tables, etc)
- Supply of Office equipment and spare parts (typewriters, calculators, photocopiers and spare parts).
- 4. All electrical equipment including street lamps required for street lighting.
- Supply of Vehicle spare parts (tyres, tubes, batteries and spare parts)
- Computers and computer equipment, etc (printers, UPS, toners, ribbons, CD, DVD,
- 7. Hardware items including varieties of paint (mammoties, shovels, katties, manna knives, etc)
- Various number plates and belts (assessment, animals, bicycles, etc.)
- Health/sanitary materials and equipment (brooms, ekel brooms, brushes, garbage bins, mops, toilet brushes, disinfectants, gum boots, gloves, etc.)
- Requirements of the works section (metal chips, metal, river sand, cement, earth, building materials, etc)
- 11. Supply of tar
- 12. Medical equipment and drugs including injection needles and syringes (including Ayurvedic drugs) 13. Food items including short eats
- 14. Supply of Musical goods, pre-school equipment and sports goods
- 15. Supply of Uniforms and uniform materials
- 16. Supply of Granite plaques, monuments
- 17. Processing of official Identity cards
- 18. Supply of Insecticides, weedicides, fertilizer 19. Hume pipes (drain blocks)
- 20. Varieties of huts (canopy huts, sheet huts)

SERVICES

- 21. All types of printing work (Stationery, banners, name boards etc.)
- 22. Repairing of office furniture (Tables / Chairs / Cupboards etc.)
- 23. Repairing and servicing of computers, Duplo Machines, Photocopiers
- 24. Surveying services
- 25. Legal services 26. Supply of vehicles and machinery on hire basis (backhoe machines, road rollers,
- three wheelers, trucks, etc.) 27. Cutting of trees (Residents of each of the sub offices should submit applications)
- 28. Repairing of Vehicles 29. Servicing of vehicles
- 30. Supply of skilled and unskilled labour 31. Leasing out of lands for garbage disposal
- 32. Photographing, printing, framing and videoing 33. Supply of gas for crematorium incinerators.
- 34. Purchase of empty bottles, old iron, old newspapers. 35. Tube jointing, tyre retreading, vulcanizing work

	Construction contractors	Registration
1.	Up to Rs. 500,000.00	Rs. 586.50
2.	From Rs. 500,000.00 up to Rs. 1,500,000.00	Rs. 1173.00
3.	From Rs. 1,500,000.00 up to Rs. 2,000,000.00	Rs. 1759.50
4.	Rs. 2,000,000.00 upwards	Rs. 2346.00

ATTANAGALLA PRADESHIYA SABHA APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A SUPPLIER FOR THE YEAR 2021

Fee

1. Name of Applicant: Name and Address of Business:

Nature of Business: Item No. expected to be registered

(As mentioned in the above Notice): Name of Item expected to be registered:.....

Details of Assets (Not relevant for suppliers) Experience in the relevant field:....

Telephone No. :.... Fax No :

9. VAT Registration No.:.... 10. A cheque for Rs...... No. is enclosed herewith. Please grant me registration as a supplier/contractor for the year 2021.

Signature of Applicant

General Conditions

Date

- All prospective suppliers seeking registration should submit separate applications for each item and it is mandatory to submit a copy of the Business Registration Certificate. If VAT is being claimed (If a VAT registered Institution) a copy of the VAT Registration Certificate should be submitted. Those registering for the supply of goods and services should pay a fee of Rs. 500.00 and contractors should pay the amount stated against the value.
- If applied by mail, payment should be made only by a cheque drawn in favour of "Chairman, Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha". Postal Orders and Money Orders will not be accepted.
- Generally, quotations will be called from the registered suppliers and contractors. However, the Pradeshiya Sabha retains the right to call for quotations and make purchases from sources outside the registered list whenever such needs arise and also to follow other procurement methods.
- Please be noted that whenever a supplier whose quotation has been accepted and the supplier fails to supply goods and services within the required time frame, the next accepted supplier will be given the opportunity without any intimation to the defaulted supplier to that effect. Names of suppliers / contractors who fail to supply goods and services on time and to the agreed standards will be deleted from the registration list and blacklisted.
- Further details regarding this may be obtained by calling **Tel. No. 033-2287277.**

Priyantha Pushpa Kumara

Chairman Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha

07.09.2020

Nittambuwa



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 nonrefundable 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,

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.

Departmental Procurement Committee C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores) **Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,** 01st Floor, No. 609,

Dr Danister De Silva Mw., Colombo 09.

Tele: 5455330, 5666225 Fax: 5455424



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Invitation for Bids

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



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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.
- Further details regarding this may be obtained from the Ministry of Provincial Road Development during working hours by calling Tel. No. 045-2223154.
- Procurement Committee of the Ministry of Provincial Road Development reserves the right to accept or reject bids in full or part thereof.
- 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

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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
	Maize Seeds Extractor	Knapsack Sprayer	297 Nos.	
GOSL/EP/25/ PRO/Agriculture Machinery & Inputs/2020	Grass Cutter Multi-Function Machine	Inter cultivator with Multi- Function Machine	297 Nos.	SAPP
	Tarpaulin	Tarpaulin	297 Nos.	
	Sprinkler 1/2 Ac	Sprinkler 1/2 Ac	100 Nos.	Ministry of Agriculture, Colombo

Telephone: 0262222665, 0262223077 Fax: 026-2223077 / 0262222153

Provincial Director

Chairman, Department Procurement Committee,

Department of Agriculture,

Kanniya Road, Varothayanagar, Trincomalee.



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

Applications are invited from the permanent residents of North Western Province for the below mentioned position of our Company

Store-Keeper

Salary Scale:

1/2015 OL Rs. 17500.00 - 225x10 - 270x10 - 320x10 =25,650.00.

Age Limit: 23-45 yrs.

Educational & Other Qualifications:

- (a) Satisfactory Service experience of not less than 05 years in an MSSL salary scale position with completion of a course on Storekeeping with not less than 06 months.
- (b) Passed G.C.E. (A/L) and completion of a course on Storekeeping from a recognized Institute with an academic period of not less than 06 months and not less than 03 years of experience in the

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

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.,

Tel: 0322254272

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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

- (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).

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)**.

Ministry of Justice (MOJ)

26.08.2020



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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,

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.

RAJARATA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA AT MIHINTHALE

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

The Construction Period is 120 days.

02. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.

- 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:
 - Average of the annual volume of construction work performed in the last five years shall be at least
- 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.
- 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. 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, Mininthale
- 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.
- 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 Mihinthale 11.09.2020



SRI LANKA TELECOM SERVICES LTD

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS YEAR 2020 SEP. - 2021 SEP.

Applications are invited from suppliers who wish to register with Sri Lanka Telecom Services Ltd (Subsidiary of Sri Lanka Telecom PLC) for the supply of following items and services for the year 2020-2021

- ✓ Network equipment's & Accessories
- ✓ Branded Computers & Accessories / Printers
- ✓ Servers & Accessories / Storage Devices
- ✓ Telecommunication Outside Plant equipment (OSP) & Accessories
- ✓ CCTV Camera & Accessories
- ✓ Network Cables / Electrical Cables & Accessories
- ✓ Safety equipment & Accessories
- ✓ Hardware Accessories / Ladders
- ✓ PVC/Conduit Pipes and Accessories
- ✓ Network Equipment Racks & Accessories
- ✓ Computer Toners
- ✓ Computer UPSs
- ✓ Telephones (Basic & CLI) / Fax Machines
- ✓ Licence Software
- ✓ Concrete Work Concrete slab, manhole, concrete Pole
- ✓ Antivirus / Firewall Security Protections
- ✓ Office Equipment' (Cupboards, Lockers & Chairs)
- ✓ PABX Systems & Accessories
- ✓ Door Access Control Systems / Finger print Machines

SERVICES

- ✓ Sub contractors for network installation / Labour contract for OSP project
- ✓ Software outsourcing,
- ✓ Janitorial services for office
- ✓ Vehicle Service & Repairs
- ✓ Vehicle hiring (Vans/Cars/Boom Tracks, Crew Cabs)

Areas: Colombo, Kandy, Matale, Panadura, Negombo, Gampaha, Hambantota

- ✓ Printing
- ✓ IT Maintenance
- ✓ Power wiring subcontractors / Maintenance
- ✓ Consultation (Data centre/enterprise solutions)
- ✓ Printers On loan Supplying
- ✓ AC repair and services
- ✓ Event management (customer forum organizing/ Road show/x banner design and printing/all marketing activities)
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- ✓ Import Shipments Local Insurance Coverages
- ✓ Building, Renovations & Civil Works ✓ Manpower Outsourcing

Suppliers, who wish to register with Sri Lanka Telecom (Services) Ltd, may obtain application forms at the address given below by making a payment of Rs. 2500/- as registration fee. Registration will be closed at 5.00 p.m on 28/09/2020.

Suppliers who fail to quote for two or three consecutive quotations when required, or fail to deliver goods and services on time, after receiving orders or suppliers who do not supply in conformity with the specifications or samples, will be liable to be deleted form the register without notice. The management reserves the right to purchase from suppliers who are not registered under special circumstances.

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 **SLT Premises,**

No 148/15, Lesley Ranagala Mawatha, Colombo-08

07/09/2020

Application for Registration as a Supplier

Sri Lanka Telecom Services Ltd. (2020-09 / 2021-09)

- 01. Name & address of the Business Organization :-....
- 02. Telephone Fax Numbers, E-mail address etc. :-....
- 03. Name of the owner :-04. Whether Manufacturer, Sole Importer, Sole Agent, Sole Distributor or Stockist etc:-
- 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:-.... (A copy of the business registration certificate is annexed)

Approve annual renewal of supplier registration considering the experience of the previous year performance and previous year financial statements etc. (Or at least a 06 month bank Statement)

Signature of Supplier

Registration Fee :- Rs. 2,500.00

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The following employment vacancies were published in the Sunday Observer on 6th September 2020.

COMPANY DESIGNATION

Accounting / Auditing / Finance

Sakura Dental Hospital (Pvt) Ltd Management Systems (Pvt) Ltd Kayo Trading (Pvt) Ltd Classic Venture (Pvt) Ltd University Of Peradeniya LB Finance Securities And Exchange -Commission Of Sri Lanka

Airport and Aviation Services -(Sri Lanka) Limited University Of Peradeniya Telecommunications Regulatory -Commission of Sri Lanka Orient Finance PLC

Account Assistant Accountant/Management Accountant Assistant Accountant Assistant Executive Finance Audit Assistant Compliance Officer Director Finance

Internal Auditor Internal Auditor (Technical)

Recovery Executive

Head Of Finance

Agriculture / Dairy / Environment

Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka

Superintendent

Airline/Marine/Ticketing

Appollo Shipping Company (Pvt) Ltd

Seaman - For Leading Shipping Company Travel Trade

Apparel / Clothing / Merchandising

Dial Textile Industries (Pvt) Ltd

Company Name Withheld

Work Study Officer & Production Executive / Sewing Machine Mechanic

Banking/Leasing/Insurance/Stock Brokering

Orient Finance PLC

Manager - Operations / Assistant Manager - Legal / Marketing Executive - (Leasing , Credit) / Marketing Executives -(Fixed Deposits)/Recovery Executives / Marketing Officers -Gold Loan

Call Center/BPO/KPO

CCPI Management Holdings (Pvt) Ltd

Call Center in Charge/ Collection Executive

Construction/Architect/Quantity Surveying

Nawaloka Construction Company -(Pvt) Ltd Organization of Professional -

Associations of Sri Lanka University Of Peradeniya Ananda Constructions (Pvt) Ltd

Company Name Withheld

Manager - Contracts Administration

Premises Maintenance Officer

Project Manager (Construction Work) Quantity Surveyors Office (Female)/ Site Supervision Work (Male) Technical Officers -

For Road Construction Projects

Corporate Management/Analyst

Securities And Exchange Commission Of Sri Lanka

National Livestock Development Board

Deputy General Manager (Corporate Operations)/Deputy General Manager (Livestock & Plantation Development) / Assistant General Manager (Regional)

Director Finance

COMPANY

DESIGNATION

Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & -Hotel Management

Assistant Director Maintenance Assistant Maintenance Engineer Global Rubber Industries (Pvt) Ltd

Dental Surgeons /

Admin Assistant

Dental Surgery Assistant

Assistant Director Maintenance /

Management Assistant Technical -

Government and Public Administration

Engineering (Mech/Civil/Elect/Auto)

Sri Lanka institute of Tourism & -Hotel Management

National Livestock Development Board

For Ministry Of Tourism Deputy General Manager (Corporate Operations)/ Deputy General Manager (Livestock & Plantation Development) / Assistant General Manager (Regional) Information and Communication -**Provincial Coordinators** Technology Agency of Sri Lanka

Healthcare/Nursing

Sakura Dental Hospital (Pvt) Ltd

(Female) University Hospital Nursing Sisters And Nursing Officers -For General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University

HR & Admin/Training/Legal

Olemi Credit (Pvt) Ltd The Embassy Of Italy Edith Cowan University Orient Finance PLC Medi Textile Pvt Ltd Medi Textile (Pvt) Ltd **Edith Cowan University** Management Systems (Pvt) Ltd Sri Lanka Medical Council Company Name Withheld

Administrative Admissions Manager Assistant Manager - Legal General Administration Officer General Administration Officer Head Of Academic Operations Head Of Group Human Resources Judicial Assessor Office Assistant -For a Private Sector Of Importers & Distributors

IT - Software/Network/Systems/Telecom

Management Systems (Pvt) Ltd Company Name Withheld Company Name Withheld

Head of IT Social Media Officer Social Media Officer - For The Leading Cosmetics And Pharmacutical Items Distributor

Senior Imports Executive -

Logistics/Warehouse/Transport

Company Name Withheld

For a Private Sector Importers And Distributors Management Systems (Pvt) Ltd Senior Staff Officer (Salvage Tender Processing)

Manufacturing/Operations

Orient Finance PLC

Management Systems (Pvt) Ltd Olemi Credit (Pvt) Ltd Prathapn Chartered Valuation & -Consultancy (Pvt) Ltd

Manager -

Operations

Manager Plantation Operations Operation Executive Operational Executive

COMPANY DESIGNATION

Management Systems (Pvt) Ltd Edith Cowan University Company Name Withheld Orient Finance PLC

Marketing & Sales/Branding

Olemi Credit (Pvt) Ltd Medi Textile (Pvt) Ltd Company Name Withheld

Drtv Products (Pvt) Ltd Prime Residencies

Brand Marketing Manager Head Of Marketing Marketing Executive Marketing Executive -Leasing/Credit Marketing Officer Sales Coordinator Sales Executives -For a Leading Company Trading In Diesel Power Generators

Sales Promoter

Business Adviser -

MDF Sri Lanka

Senior Sales Managers

NGO and Non Profit Organizations

Market Development Facility (MDF)

The Market Development Facility (MDF) Interim Deputy Country Manager -

MDF Sri Lanka International Organization for Migration National Monitoring & **Evaluation Officer**

QA/QC/Supervisory/Technical

Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & -Hotel Management

Management Assistant Technical

Assistant Secretary /

Receptionist Cum Cashiers -

Secretarial/Receptionist/Clerical

Sakura Dental Hospital (Pvt) Ltd

Female Office Coordinator Cum SPM Corporate Accountant (Pvt) Ltd Receptionist - Female

Company Name Withheld Secretary (Male / Female)

Sports/Recreation/Fitness

Zahira College Zahira College Kalutara Vidyalaya

St. Joseph Vaz College University Of Peradeniya Cricket Coaches Rugby Coaches Senior Coach - Level 1 / Junior Coach - Level 1 / Academy Coach - Level 1 Senior Head Coach / Junior Head Coach Swimming Pool Supervisor

Teaching/Academic/Research/Library

The British School In Colombo Zahira College

University Of Colombo University of Sri Jayawardenapura National Institute of -Fundamental Studies Zahira College Kalutara Vidyalaya

Ladies College

Assistant Librarian Class Teacher - Junior School Cricket Coaches (Senior Coach / Junior Coach / Assistant Coaches) Lecturer / Senior Lecturer Gr.1,11 Registrar Research Assistant

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