

UNICEF commends Sri Lanka for child friendly legal reforms

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) commended the Government for adopting two critical policy reforms that will increase the minimum age of labour, and ensure that no child enters the adult prison system.

The decision to increase the minimum age of labour from 14 years to 16 years will align labour laws to fit

within the mandatory age of education, which is also 16. This initiative, which was led by the Labour Ministry enables meaningful realisation of children's right to compulsory education.

A policy decision to amend the Children and Young Persons Ordinance and the Youthful Offenders (Training Schools) Ordinance was also taken by the Cabinet. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Foreigner found COVID positive in Matara

All contacts to undergo quarantine, PCR tests

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

A 57-year-old person attached to an airline crew who was staying in a hotel in Polhena, Matara tested positive for COVID-19 and admitted to the Hambantota Hospital, Health officials said. Chief Epidemiologist Dr. Sudath Samaraweera said that this person has had contacts with society at a time but the entire situation is under control now and there is no reason to panic. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

COMPANY TO PAY RS.340 MN FOR TANKER FIRE DOUSE

ATTORNEY GENERAL SUBMITS ANOTHER CLAIM OF RS.100 MN

DILSHAN THARAKA

The Greek company that owns the fire stricken crude oil tanker 'MT New Diamond' vessel has agreed to pay Rs.340 million as initial compensation to local companies involved in extinguishing the fire.

The Attorney General's coordinating officer, State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne told news media that the owners of the ship had informed the Attorney General about this.

The Attorney General had submitted a written claim on September 16 to the lawyers of the owners of the vessel for costs incurred to assist in extinguishing the fire and the costs incurred in connection with the fire.



The Navy, the Air Force, the Sri Lankan Port Authority, the Colombo Dockyard, MEPA (Marine Environmental Protection Authority) and the Coast

Guard have all calculated the cost of extinguishing the fire that broke out in the vessel. Meanwhile, the Attorney General has submitted a further claim of Rs.100 million to the owners of the fire stricken crude oil tanker 'MT New Diamond' vessel.

State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne said that the request was sent in writing to the owners of the vessel by Attorney General Dappula de Livera.

Meanwhile, the report on the damage caused to the marine environment due to the fire had been handed over to the Attorney General yesterday.

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President steers revival of EDC

National Trade Policy to be revised

The Export Development Council (EDC) was convened under the patronage of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa after a lapse of 28 years.

The Export Development Council was set up under Export Development Act in 1979 with the objective to resolve prevailing issues in the export sector by strengthening exporters. The Council is entrusted with the responsibility of policy formulation and issue approvals and recommendations.

The President stated that the scope of the Council include the development of exports by both



public and private sectors and to accelerate the building of people centric economy through winning the global market. Activating the Export Development Council, the first meeting was held at the Presidential Secretariat on Wednesday (23). **▶ TO PAGE 02**

PCol cautions former President, his personal secretary, auxiliary bishops over media releases

DILSHAN THARAKA

The Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) probing the Easter Sunday attacks yesterday cautioned former President Maithripala Sirisena, his personal secretary and the three Auxiliary Bishops of Colombo to refrain from issuing controversial press releases regarding certain statements made by witnesses at the Commission.

The Chairman of the Commission stated that the Commission had unanimously decid-

ed to issue such a warning in view of all the submissions made to the Commission regarding media commentary. The Commission also directed them to refrain from issuing any press releases regarding certain statements made by witnesses in the Commission.

The Presidential Commission to Investigate the Easter Attack has been set up according to Article 9 of the Constitution and the Commission has the jurisdiction to act in accordance with the Constitution. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Yahapalanaya gave TRC funds for private purposes - Counsel

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Yahapalanaya regime on a number of occasions had utilised Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) funds for private purposes, Faiz Mustapha PC informed the Court of Appeal yesterday.

President's Counsel Faiz Mustapha made these remarks while appearing for former Secretary to the President and former Chairman of Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) Lalith Weeratunga in an appeal petition filed challenging Colombo High Court's judgement to convict him regarding the *Sil Redi* distribution case.

Former Secretary to the President Lalith Weeratunga and former TRC **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Former President must take responsibility for Easter attacks - Pujith

DILSHAN THARAKA

Former Inspector General of Police (IGP) Pujith Jayasundara yesterday testifying before the Presidential Commission of inquiry probing the Easter Sunday Attacks strongly stated that former President Maithripala Sirisena must take responsibility for the Easter Sunday attacks.

He added that the attacks took place due to a breakdown in long-term political plans. Testifying further former IGP Jayasundara said before the Commission that following intelligence information that there was going to be bomb attacks **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Gangster Roha killed in shootout

Ragama Group Corr.

A member of an organized crime gang and a drug trafficker, Devamuni Rohana Harold de Silva alias 'Rathmalane Roha', was killed in a shootout with police in the Kochchikade area in Negombo yesterday morning, police said.

He was in hiding after allegedly committing a number of murders, including the murder of a police inspector in the Balagane area in Kurunegala in 2016. He is a leading criminal wanted by the police. Police reports indicate that the suspect was directly or indirectly involved in more than 18 murders. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

UNP not decided on National List slot yet - Akila

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

Denying claims made by former Minister John Amararatunge that he will be UNP's national list member, the UNP General Secretary Akila Viraj Kariyawasam yesterday said no such decision has been made by the party as yet. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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Sri Lankans have't seen real gravity of Corona yet - Chief Epidemiologist

Hugging on reality shows, no one metre distance now

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Sri Lankans did not see the gravity of Corona and now they are careless and do not follow health guidelines which is a pathetic situation, Chief Epidemiologist Dr. Sudath Samaraweera said.

Addressing a press conference held at the Health Promotion Bureau in Colombo yesterday he said Sri Lanka had done the required number of PCR tests so far and that all Sri Lankans must follow all health guidelines to prevent a COVID-19 outbreak but they do not do it. "They are not scared because they did not see the real crisis which Sri Lanka had overcome successfully. The most impor-

tant rule is keeping at least one meter distance from each other all the time.

Dr. Samaraweera pointed out that television channels set a very bad example by showing hugging during reality shows, especially showing how popular personalities such as actors and singers hug others during those shows.

"People think hugging is all right. But we should not hug and always keep at least a one metre distance from each other all the time in order to prevent COVID-19. Health authorities cannot play the role of watch dogs all the time making sure that every person follows health guidelines and it is the responsibility

of the public to follow all health guidelines all the time and protect themselves from the COVID-19.

They are wearing a mask in public, keeping at least a one metre distance from another, wash hands with soap and water, use a hand sanitizer whenever soap and water not available and avoid touching the face.

Colombo Municipal Council's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ruwan Wijayamuni said the ongoing book exhibition at the BMICH should be stopped if the organizers cannot make sure that the health guidelines issued to them by the health authorities are followed by the visitors.



Chief Epidemiologist Dr. Sudath Samaraweera and Colombo Municipal Council's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ruwan Wijayamuni addressing the media. Picture by Samantha Weerasiri.

Counterfeit cigarettes worth over Rs.2 mn found from Negombo

T.K.G.KAPILA,
Katunayaka group corr.

Excise officials attached to the Negombo office on Wednesday succeeded in recovering a stock of counterfeit cigarettes worth over Rs.2 million from a house in Negombo

A 65-year-old businessman was arrested during the raid. Over 30,000 sticks of counterfeit cigarettes were found in 150 cartons and Excise Department Deputy Commissioner Kapila Kumarasinghe said that the contraband carried a 'Duty Free' tag.

Officials suspect that this businessman in question might have received this stock of counterfeit cigarettes from a third party to be sold to retailers.

Gampaha District Excise Department officials are conducting further investigations.



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday participated in the opening ceremony of the Suvisi Vivarana Mandiraya built at the Pannipitiya Sri Devram Maha Viharaya. The event was held to coincide with the birthday of the Chief Prelate of the Siri-Sumana Chapter of the Amarapura Maha Nikaya, Ven. Dr. Kolonnawe Siri Sumangala Maha Nayaka Thera. Picture by PM's Media.



Colombo Auxiliary Bishop Rt. Rev. Maxwell Silva leaving the Presidential Commission of Inquiry probing the Easter Sunday carnage after he and two other auxiliary bishops were summoned by the Commission yesterday. Picture by Roshan Pitipana.

UNP not decided...

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Kariyawasam told the *Daily News* that a nomination for the party National List slot has still not been made and this will be made by the UNP working committee.

He said: "It is the UNP working committee that will decide who will be nominated from the UNP to fill the national list slot. A decision will be made in the next few days. Plans to appoint Amarantunga is news to me as well. Maybe that is what he thinks.

He is on the UNP national list but so are 28 others," he said. Kariyawasam said all other new UNP appointments will be made in the days to come and so far nothing has been finalised.

Yesterday, former minister John Amarantunga had told the media that he will be appointed as the United National Party national list member to Parliament.

Former President must take responsibility...

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on April 09, 2019 as the IGP, he informed Senior DIGs Nandana Munasinghe, Latheef, Priyalal Dasanayake and Waruna Jayasundara who had been appointed to cover the whole island, regarding the attack that such an attack was possible. And also he said that the provincial officers were also informed regarding the attack.

This intelligence information was received from abroad, and it was not confirmed by the State Intelligence Service. That is the reason why I informed several people to look into this information, thinking that if this information was said in public, there

would be a public uproar. Then, the Commission asked if he had informed the President or the Prime Minister about this information.

Answering to the query he said that they were not informed as this was not confirmed as intelligence information. Further he said that "I was under a lot of stress because of the President. He did not have a good relationship with me and at no time in history has the IGP provided intelligence to the President. He also told the Commission that the reason for not having telephone conversations but he spoke to may be the brother of the former

President. "At that time the brother of former President Maithripala Sirisena was the Chairman of the Telecom, Mobitel and he should be the only reason I lost what I was talking", he said.

Former IGP Pujitha Jayasundara told the Commission that President Maithripala Sirisena had informed him on April 23 after the Easter attack that he could not take responsibility for the Easter attack as he could not accept responsibility for it.

President Maithripala Sirisena invited me to come on April 23 after the Easter attack. I went at around 8 pm. There were three MPs Lasantha

Alagiyawanna, Thilanga Sumathipala, and Mahinda Amaraweera, he said.

After they left the place President Maithripala came and said, "I was not even informed by you of this attack. Hemasiri was not informed and I cannot take this responsibility. Therefore, you should take responsibility for the attack.

I suggest that I give you a high post or an ambassadorial post abroad. I was told that the Malalgoda Commission could save me and they will take care of it". I did not say anything at that time and left the place," Jayasundara said.

"Then Mr. Udaya R. Seneviratne told me on April 26 that I should take responsibility. I said why am I the only one accepting this responsibility. I have 34 years of service in the Police Department.

"I told him my wife and children would be orphaned if anything happened to me," he said.

He also said that the CID had charged me and former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando with murder without any recommendation. Former IGP Jayasundara was ordered to appear before the Commission on September 28 for further testimony.



Former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando and former IGP Pujitha Jayasundara arriving at the Presidential Commission of Inquiry probing the Easter Sunday carnage yesterday. Picture by Roshan Pitipana

Foreigner found COVID...

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He was with a group of 15 Russians who arrived at the Mattala Airport on September 13 and were staying in the hotel after confirming negative for COVID-19 after the first PCR test. Only one had contracted the virus so far.

According to Health officials from Matara state health institutions, around 30 had already been identified as first contacts and 150 had been identified as other contacts of the COVID-19 patient. They are now being quarantined.

The 23 employees in the hotel and the members of their families are now being self-quarantined. The driver and the vehicle used to transport this group have already been traced and will be quarantined. PCR Tests will be done for all.



Gangster Roha killed...

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The raid to nab Roha was carried out yesterday morning in the Kochchikade Kammalthota area following a lengthy investigation. At the time of the raid Roha was trying to flee to India by boat, Police sources said.

Roha had been in hiding in a wooden shack until the trawler arrived.

He was killed in a shootout with the police when they raided the place on the 24th morning on information that he was hiding in a wooden shack at a construction site in the Kochchikade Kammalthota area in Negombo, planning to flee from Sri Lanka to India in a trawler due to the prevailing situation in the country.

Police said a Czechoslovakian-made firearm too was found in the area, a small two-finger-wide firearm which can be carried in the pocket of a shirt.

Police have seized a T-56 assault rifle, 13 live bullets, 300,000 Indian rupees and five Nokia mobile phones worth Rs. 10 million.

President steers revival...

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the President's media division in a statement said.

According to the Act, the President is the Chairman of the Council.

It was agreed to convene the Council once a month to review future activities and to resolve current issues in the sector.

Emphasizing the responsibility delegated to the Export Development Council to seek new market opportunities for exporters President elaborated on the necessity of diversifying the export sector to cater to different demands of different countries.

Most of the trade agreements signed in the past are not favourable to the country.

The President highlighted the need to review these agreements immediately to bring more benefits to the country.

He also pointed out the requirement of revising and modernising the National Trade Policy expeditiously to address the issues in the export sector and to ensure its progress.

The establishment of export production villages



in order to promote primary products of farmers in line with export market requirements was also discussed.

"The damage caused to the export sector in the past due to re-export is formidable. Re-exportation should be done in a manner to ensure safety of high quality crops which are endemic to the country while safeguarding both the farmer and the producer," the President said.

Import of raw materials required for value added products should meet the highest standard under strict supervision.

President said he had personally instructed High Commissioners and Ambassadors to vigorously promote domestic prod-

ucts in the global market and to attract more investors.

He said the targets will be set for everyone to achieve in the future and pointed out the need to improve the efficiency of trade promotion officers in foreign missions.

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa said it is important to create an attractive atmosphere for businessmen and investors by expanding facilities at Airports.

Head of the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival Basil Rajapaksa said that unnecessary rules and regulations that discourage exporters should be removed.

Ministers Dinesh Gunawardene, Bandula Gunawardene, Douglas Devananda, Wimal Weerawansa, Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Ramesh Pathirana and Rohitha Abeygunawardene, State Ministers Dayasiri Jayasekara and Prasanna Ranaweera, Secretary to the President P. B. Jayasundara, Secretaries to Cabinet and State Ministries and heads of several government institutes were present during the discussion.

Yahapalanaya regime gave TRC...

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Director General Anusha Palpita had been sentenced to three-year-rigorous imprisonment by Colombo High Court for misappropriating Rs. 600 million of funds belonging to the TRC.

Mustapha informed the Court of Appeal that during the Yahapalanaya regime, TRC funds had been allocated to make a film and publish a book. He contended that there are precedents of releasing TRC funds on several occasions including allocation of funds to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in 2013.

Mustapha argued that the *Sil Redi* distribution program had been initiated by then President taking into consideration the request made by various parties including Buddhist monks, long before the declaration of the 2015-Presidential Election. He informed the court that his client being the most senior public officer in the county is duty-bound to implement the policy decision taken by the executive. Mustapha further alleged that the conduct and the language used by the trial judge throughout the trial was questionable and unsupported by evidence. He stated that the trial judge had come to a conclusion that the accused had always acted in compliance with the political culture which prevailed in the country without evidence.

Counsel Kanchana Ratwatte who appeared on behalf of former TRC Director General Anusha Palpita is to commence his submission on the next date.

Accordingly the appeal petitions filed by former Secretary to the President

Lalith Weeratunge and former Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) Director General Anusha Palpita challenging the judgment of Colombo High Court were yesterday fixed for further argument on September 30 by Court of Appeal Judges Kumuduni Wickremasinghe and Devika Abeyratne.

On September 7, 2017, Lalith Weeratunga and Anusha Palpita were found guilty of misappropriating Rs. 600 million of funds belonging to TRC over Controversial *Sil Redi* (fabrics used by devotees to observe sil) distribution case. Through their appeal applications, two accused-appellants stated that they were seeking the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal to review and set aside their conviction imposed by the High Court dated September 7, 2017.

In their petitions, the accused-appellants stated that neither a sum of Rs. 600 million nor a part of it were utilised by them for their personal gains. They further stated that the High Court Judge had given them a short period (13 days) to pay off the compensations.

Each accused was further ordered to pay a fine of two million rupees and in default of the payment of fine they will have to serve additional one year imprisonment.

President's Counsel Faiz Mustapha with Shavindra Fernando, Counsel Kanchana Ratwatte and Janaka Ranatunga appeared for the appellant accused. Deputy Solicitor General Thushith Mudalige with State Counsel Chathuri Wijesinghe appeared for the Attorney General.

UNICEF commends Sri Lanka...

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This will critically ensure that youth offenders will be rehabilitated through the Department of Probation and Childcare Services rather than entering a prison system meant for adults.

"This landmark decision by the Government, importantly demonstrates Sri Lanka's commitment to upholding children's rights and ensuring fairness and justice for children" UNICEF Sri Lanka Representative Tim Sutton said.

"When children come into contact with the law, they are first and foremost children. The deprivation of their liberty through imprisonment has very negative and far-reaching consequences to their overall development and future well-being," he said. Last year, as part of the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the

Rights of the Child (UNCRC), Sri Lanka became the first country in South Asia to recommit to the UNCRC on behalf of its children. The reforms further illustrate Sri Lanka's commitment, notably to Article 28 - which recognizes that children and young people have the right to education and Article 37 - (b) which states that arrest, detention and imprisonment should be used only as a last resort.

In 2019, according to the Department of Prisons statistics, there had been 168 children under 16 years of age and 11,203 young people between the ages 16 to 22 directly admitted to prisons as unconvicted prisoners. Moreover, 1,933 young people between the ages of 16 and 22 years were directly admitted to the prison system along with adults as convicted prison-

ers. While the Child Activity Survey conducted by the Department of Census Statistics in 2016 estimated that there were 43,714 children engaged in child labour, of which 39,007 were working in hazardous forms of labour including mining, quarrying, construction sites, fishing and providing security for persons and/or property.

UNICEF has been working to support Sri Lanka to ensure that its justice systems are equipped to fulfil the rights and needs of children including building a comprehensive national child protection system that can prevent and respond to all forms of child neglect, violence, abuse, exploitation and harmful practices and in ensuring fairness and justice for every child.

PCol warns former President,...

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The Chairman of the Commission also pointed out that this kind of a behaviour could be punished as contempt of commission and that the penalty could be imposed by the Court of Appeal under Section 10 of the Constitution.

The Commission has instructed former President Maithripala Sirisena to listen to the evidence presented before the Commission. Opportunity has been given to cross-examine the testimony of a witness. Also, since the inception of this Commission, there has been legal representation on behalf of Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith. However, there is no need to issue press releases. Announcing the order, the Commission's presiding judge warned witnesses not act in this manner.

The former President's personal secre-

tary, in a letter issued on Sunday (20), had alleged that former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando has been maliciously lying before the Commission.

In the meantime, the three Auxiliary Bishops of Colombo had released a statement dismissing the controversial testimony made by Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Harin Fernando that Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith could have been aware of the Easter attacks beforehand.

Accordingly, the PCol issued notices on the former President, his personal secretary and three Auxiliary Bishops on Wednesday to appear before the PCol on Easter Attacks yesterday.

However, former President Maithripala Sirisena did not appear before the Commission while President's Counsel Maithree Gunaratne appeared for him.

Look for investors to promote innovations, President instructs officials

- Advertising campaign to attract foreign investors
- Local businessmen should aim global market
- Maximum justice for depositors of bankrupt finance companies
- Steps to promote share market

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa advised the officials to divert both institutional and independent innovations to the production market immediately with the assistance of investors.

Researches by a number of institutes had led to groundbreaking innovations that could eventually triumph the global market. The President stated that the production of these would earn foreign exchange income for the Sri Lankan economy and in addition the inventors would be further inspired in their innovations.

The President made these remarks during a discussion with the State Finance Ministry and the Capital Markets and Public Enterprise Reforms with regard to its future activities at the Presidential Secretariat on Wednesday, the President's media division in a statement said.

State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal noted that it has been observed that the interest rate, currency and market stability now remain at a satisfactory state and added that his ministry is enthusiastically striving to identify 10 new priorities to pave the way for a swift development in the economy.

When compared with the rest of the world, Sri Lanka has a favourable and appealing economy for foreign investors. "With the assistance of Sri Lanka's ambassadors abroad and a proper advertisement program, we should devise plans to attract foreign



investors to our country," the President added.

The President highlighted the requirement of identifying investment opportunities and improving infrastructure facilities along with necessary prior approval accordingly.

It was also discussed to establish an office for pioneering foreign investors in Colombo.

The President noted the significance of State Institutes reaching out to village areas and bank loan accessibility for small scale and medium scale entrepreneurs that would ensure rapid development in the country. The President directed the officials to inquire into the feasibility of lowering prices for cement and steel to decrease construction cost in the country.

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa stated that it is imperative to recover the background suitable for development that existed before 2015. He added that fragmentation of the lands used for coconut plantations should be banned immediately.

Two hundred eighty nine large scale projects have been launched in the country.

Head of the Presidential Task Force for Economic Revival Basil Rajapaksa advised them to be completed immediately and added that the conclusion of planned development projects such as roads, water supply and school infrastructure facilities and other planned projects would boost the construction sector.

President showed the importance of planning the transactions of the share market so as to attract young and other local investors. "Use of Sinhala language for simplicity and clarity would easily attract the local investors into the share market," the President added.

The President advised the officials to take steps to compensate the investors who had invested in bankrupt finance companies. The President further instructed them to ascertain the assets of these finance companies and compensate depositors accordingly.

Secretary to the President P.B. Jayasundera, Secretaries to the Cabinet and State Ministries, Heads of the Line Institutes were present.

A/L, Grade V tuition, seminars banned from October 6

SITHARA SENANI

Organising and conducting tuition classes for this year's GCE Advanced Level examination, conducting subject related lectures, seminars and workshops, printing and distributing question papers will be banned from 12 midnight on October 6 until the end of the examination on November 6, the Examinations Department said.

The Department of Examinations also informs that

such activities pertaining to the Grade V Scholarship Examination will be prohibited from 12 midnight on October 7 until the end of the examination on October 12 in accordance with the orders issued under Section 22 of the Public Examinations Act No. 25 of 1968.

The Department also states that if any person or institution disregards these orders, that person or institution will be found guilty under the Act.

Five injured in Kotikawatta crematorium explosion

A.SUMANASENA, KOLONNAWA GROUP CORR.

Five people including two schoolchildren were injured in an explosion at the crematorium in Kotikawatta Cemetery around 5 pm yesterday.

The Police believe that a gas leakage at the crematorium caused the explosion.

Workers at the cemetery were preparing for a cremation when the explosion occurred. The injured men were admitted to hospital, sources said.

Man arrested for killing wife

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

Hiniduma Police arrested a man for allegedly killing his wife, a mother of two. She was found dead in the bathroom of a house in Thalanga, Hiniduma.

The suspect is an ex-navy man (44). Karapitiya Teaching Hospital Assistant Judicial Medical Officer Samadhi Dandeniya held the autopsy.

The suspect had informed the police that he noticed his wife lying dead on the floor of the bathroom, when he came home with their two children from school.

Bulldozing prawn tank

PS member Jagath Samantha bailed

PRASAD POORNAMAL,

Putalam District Group Corr.

Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha (PS) member Jagath Samantha, who was remanded after surrendering to the Chilaw Magistrate's Court on September 22 for bulldozing a prawn tank in the Anavilundawa Ramsar wetland, was granted bail by the Chilaw Magistrate's Court yesterday (24).

Jagath Samantha was not produced before court when the case was taken up before the Chilaw Magistrate and District Judge yesterday afternoon.

The Magistrate ordered the release of Jagath Samantha on two sureties of one million rupees each.

He has been ordered to report to the Arachchikattuwa Police on the last Sunday of every month.

Earlier, the other two suspects in the case were granted bail by the Chilaw Magistrate's Court.

The Magistrate also ordered the Arachchikattuwa Police to report the progress of the case on November 16.

Jagath Samantha is a former Chairman of the Arachchikattuwa PS.



Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella launching the website. Picture by Saman Sri Wedage

Government official SMS news alert service re-launched

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The re-launching ceremony of the Government official SMS news alert service functioned by the Government Information Department was held yesterday at the Department under the patronage of Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella.

Minister Rambukwella said that the main objective of re-launching the SMS news alert service is to provide trustworthy, accurate and reliable news to the public.

Recalling two previous instances where the Government had to make the decision of cancelling the licence of news providers for pub-

lishing wrong information, the Minister said that the importance of paying more attention to the accuracy and reliability of news is paramount.

The Minister said safeguarding and promoting the public trust and confidence in the Government Information Department is important.

Director General of Information Nalaka Kaluwewa said that as a most trusted official news provider of the Government, the Information Department constantly provides political, economic, social and Government development news to the

public through the websites www.news.lk and www.dgi.gov.lk and the Government official SMS news alert service has been launched to further accelerate the process and provide a broader range of service to the public.

This SMS alert service is available on Mobitel and Dialog mobile networks and anybody can activate the service from Mobitel by typing REG (space) and sending a SMS to 2299, from Dialog by typing info and sending a SMS to 678.

Mass Media Ministry Secretary Jagath P. Wijeweera participated.

Over 2.4 million home gardens to be set up

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Presidential Task Force in Poverty Alleviation Programme Chief Basil Rajapaksa told the media in Kurunegala on Wednesday (23) that the Government will set up about 2.4 million home gardens to increase the food production in the country.

Quality seeds, carbonic manure and know-how will be provided to the people who maintain these home gardens, he said. The Agriculture Ministry, Samurdhi Development Officers, Divisional Secretaries and District Secretaries will be involved in this massive food production drive to do away with the possible shortage of food that may arise due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he said.

Since international trade activities are still not functioning, Sri Lanka may perhaps face a food shortage in the future and the programme will be launched to meet the challenge, he said. If the quantity of our agricultural products exceed our demands, steps will be taken to export them to other countries, he added.

Drug peddler sentenced to death

DILSHAN THARAKA

A man who was found guilty for possessing and peddling over 106 grams of heroin was yesterday sentenced to death by the Colombo High Court.

The accused was arrested with heroin by the Police Narcotics Unit from Pettah on December 14, 1994.

The case was taken up before the High Court Judge Pradeep Hettiarachchi. He observed that the prosecution has proved the case beyond reasonable doubts.

DN Diary

Memorial Oration at Visakha Vidyalaya

The 30th Annual Susan George Pulimood Memorial Oration of Visakha Vidyalaya, will be held this year on Tuesday, October 6 at 5 pm in the Jeremias Dias Hall of the school. The event was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year Oration on 'Novel Era of Eye Care' will be delivered by Dr. Champa Priyadarsini Banagala (nee Kaluarchchi).

Free health camps

Two free health camps by family physician Dr. Lakshman Weerasena will be held at the Nuwaragala Mahaweli block office and at the Hennanigala South Government School on September 25 and 26 from 9am to 2 pm.

Heroin parcel found from Egodawella sea

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

Ahungalla Police found a parcel of one kilogram of heroin from the sea near Egodawella, Ahungalla.

The police made the detection following information they received by a group of fishermen about a suspicious parcel floating in sea. Ahungalla police are investigating.

Case proceedings against Prof. Ananda Samarasekara terminated

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

Colombo High Court Judge Manjula Tillekaratne yesterday ordered to terminate case proceedings against former Colombo Chief Judicial Medical Officer Prof. Ananda Samarasekara over his alleged role in the cover up of evidence when conducting the first post mortem on murdered Havelocks Sports Club captain Wasim Thajudeen's body.

The Defence Counsel informed court that his client Prof. Ananda Samarasekara has passed away few months ago.

Accordingly, a copy of death

certificate was submitted to court by the Defence Counsel. Former rugby player Thajudeen was killed, apparently, in a road accident in Colombo in May 2012.

The indictments had been

filed against the former Chief JMO under the Section 198 of the Penal Code for causing disappearance of evidence or giving false information in connection with the death of Wasim Thajudeen.

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40mm gun battery in Colombo



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The important contribution of radar and telecommunications play a crucial role in any theatre of combat. Radar has become the guardian eyes of the skies especially in coastal air defence systems. However, in 1942 there were deep doubts about the radar detection capability of the British Royal Air Force. This was owing to the successful air raids carried over Ceylon by the Imperial Japanese Forces. Didn't the RAF know of an impending attack? If they did, what was their counter measure? RAF Fighter Operations did not realize that the invading Japanese fleet and long-range dive bombers had almost reached Colombo city. This narrative attempts to recreate the surprise aerial assault on Colombo and Trincomalee.

April 5 was a beautiful Easter Sunday morning in Colombo. Many Christians had gone to church and other citizens were busy with their routine weekend chores. The serenity of that morning was shattered when 75 Japanese aircraft suddenly appeared over Colombo and began bombing preselected strategic targets. The bombs hit ships within Colombo Harbour, the Ratmalana airport and Railway workshops and oil installations located at Kolonnawa.

The Angoda Mental Hospital, which was a short distance away from the oil tanks, was mistakenly bombed. The citizens of Colombo went into panic mode and ran in all directions. Recovering from the initial surprise, the British and Ceylonese soldiers swung into action and retaliated with anti-aircraft gun fire. Few British planes took off from the Colombo Racecourse to join the counter attack. Twenty-five of the invading Japanese planes were shot down. Some of the Japanese pilots made crash landings. One plane crash landed on the playground at S.Thomas College, Mount Lavinia. A stone monument stands to this day remembering this crash. The pilot and gunner both died.

The British Admiralty had several ships in Ceylon as part of their fleet strategy. One wonders how the Japanese intelligence managed to know the whereabouts of these ships, because when the raiders of the Japanese Imperial Force attacked they successfully hit the important vessels of the British fleet. The Japanese pilots found two Royal Navy cruisers, the *Cornwall* and the *Dorsetshire*. The ships were anchored within Colombo Harbour. The British sailors put up a gallant resistance lasting nearly an hour, but the two vessels were crippled and sank. Nearly 440 sailors went down with their ships firing her guns until their last breath. The water was stained with blood. The merchant vessel *Hector* also sank after her steam funnel was hit.

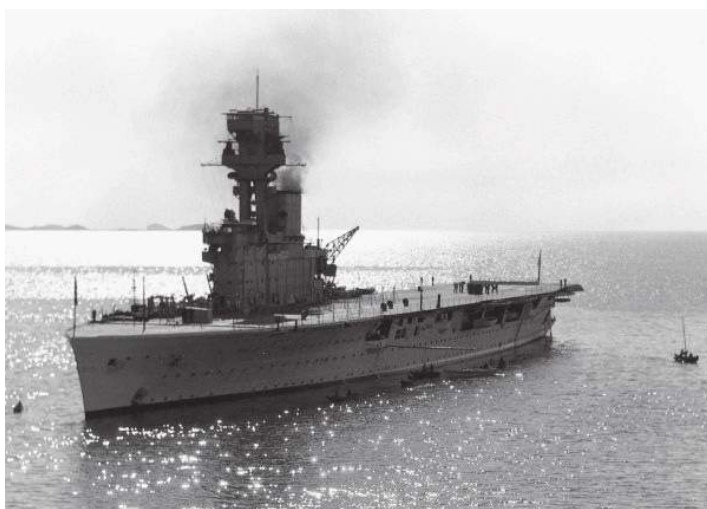
The air raid over the city by almost 180 Japanese planes had lasted about 20 minutes leaving behind civilian casualties. The people of Ceylon had never experienced an aerial bombardment. In keeping with the highest traditions of journalism, our predecessors at the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd (ANCL) faithfully remained on duty. The printing press rolled undeterred at Lake House. On Monday morning the then *Ceylon Daily News* carried the air raid as its headline story, being the first and only newspaper to inform the rest of the country about the attack. By Tuesday, most of the civilian population in Colombo had sought refuge with relatives and friends in the suburbs.

An allied pilot on routine patrol, Squadron Leader Leonard Birchall of the Royal Canadian Air Force (413 Squadron) had managed to update Air Defence Head Quarters in Ceylon of the approaching Japanese naval fleet with one message, before the enemy shot down his Catalina aircraft, off Koggala. Leonard Birchall was later rescued and subsequently promoted Air Commodore.

In his book, *The Most Dangerous Moment*, Michael Tomlinson recalls his service at the RAF Station in Ratmalana. The airfield at Ratmalana was hurriedly constructed as part of the air defence capability of Ceylon. The Japanese planes under the command of Captain Fuchida were flying over Galle by 7.15 am and flew along the coast for more than half an hour at an aerial ceiling of 8,000 feet. Captain Fuchida was the officer who led the raid on Pearl Harbour causing damage to many American Navy ships. Tomlinson writes, "It was said, watches were being changed at the crucial moment and the radar had gone unmanned for some time. Furthermore, since no one realized the great range of the Japanese aircraft, the radar operators seem to have clung to the view that the carriers would need to approach much closer and the attack would most likely develop much later in the day."

The Japanese pilots motivated by their recent victory at Pearl Harbour took off from the aircraft carriers, *Akagi*, *Hiryu* and *Soryu*, moving about 200 miles south of Ceylon (with a displacement of 36,500 tons

THE MOST DANGEROUS MOMENT IN CEYLON



HMS Hermes



RAF Hurricane



War graves, Trincomalee



Cenotaph in Colombo



HMAS Vampire

the Japanese carrier *Akagi* was a massive ship with a speed of 31 knots and crew of 1,360. She carried 66 assault aircraft). The first attacking formation comprised 36 fighter planes, 54 dive bombers and 90 level bombers. After causing heavy damage, Captain Fuchida and his pilots returned to their flagship *Akagi*. Later, a second wave of divebombers continued the air raid.

ATTACK ON TRINCOMALEE

Trincomalee was a strategic naval base of the British Admiralty. The Navy had wisely moved its key vessels out of the harbour on

April 8, probably anticipating an air raid. The *HMS Hermes* a light aircraft carrier with a displacement of 10,850 tons was undergoing some repairs in the sea off Batticaloa. *HMS Hermes* was minus her 12 aircraft at this stage, and escorted by the Australian ship *HMAS Vampire*. The ship *HMS Hollyhock* was also sailing seven nautical miles around the *HMS Hermes*. The other ship at anchor near Trincomalee was the *SS Sagaing*. The steam ship *SS Sagaing* had reached Ceylon on April 3, carrying a dangerous cargo of ammunition, including 22,000 depth charges. In addition, her lower

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deck carried 20,000 cases of whisky and beer. She was berthed within Malay Cove.

Four days after the attack on Colombo, on April 9, the Japanese pilots unleashed their fury on the British Eastern Fleet. According to Tomlinson, 125 Japanese fighter aircraft took part in this raid. The low-level bombers carried bombs that weighed 800 kilograms. The thunder of their combined engines was audible as the squadrons zeroed in on their high value targets. As the dive bombers swept over the Trincomalee Naval Base, the air raid sirens screamed, activating the Ceylon Garrison Artillery to respond opening up their anti-aircraft guns. Armour piercing rounds whizzed into the morning sky. Responding to the attack, 15 Royal Air Force Hurricanes scrambled from the airfield at China Bay. The RAF pilots engaged the invading aircraft at 22,000 feet in the Eastern sky.

Another battle was about to unfold off Batticaloa. Records indicate that a scout plane from the Japanese carrier *Haruna* had sighted the position of *HMS Hermes*. Within minutes, 90 Japanese aircraft took wing in a frenzied rush to attack the prized British ship. The crew of the *HMS Hermes* had no air cover, and in a final attempt tried to sail back to Trincomalee Harbour. She absorbed 40 direct hits. She desperately sent out her distress calls. With intense fighting at Trincomalee, perhaps there was no one to respond to the stricken vessel. Within 10 minutes, she sank to her final rest in the ocean with her crew of 308 men. Shortly *HMAS Vampire* was also sunk by enemy fire. The *HMS Hollyhock* was hit on her starboard side, and later her boilers and magazine were damaged by another bomb. The ship blew apart and sank.

During this air raid, one Japanese pilot deliberately crashed his plane into a massive fuel tank north of China Bay, in a classic kamikaze style attack.

The British had set up 101 storage tanks in 1924, each with a capacity of 12,000 tons of oil. Tank number 91 which was subject to attack had burnt continuously for seven days. Its burned ruins can be seen today covered with weeds. The Japanese planes dive bombed the *HMS Hollyhock* and *SS Sagaing*. The deck of the *SS Sagaing* was ripped apart as her cargo of ammunition exploded violently, igniting the boxes of whisky. Some estimate that 700 lives were lost in this surprise air raid. The air raid on Ceylon was a turning point in the war. However, the bold Ceylonese soldiers and airmen fought side by side with the British to defend our motherland. I have visited the War Cemetery at Trincomalee, where hundreds of white stone markers remember these unsung heroes. The Borella Cemetery at Colombo also has some graves of these servicemen. The large Cenotaph at Colombo 7 (near the Public Library) also commemorates these brave military men who fought decades ago.

As a prudent Winston Churchill stated, "This is no time for ease and comfort, it is the time to dare and endure."

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Ponnambalam's statement cannot be allowed as it's *sub judice* - Speaker



Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena yesterday announced that the statement by Ahila Iankai Tamil Congress (AITC) MP G. K. Ponnambalam under Standing Order 27(2) could not be allowed as it was *sub judice*.

The opposition objected to the decision and debated requesting to reverse it stating it was not *sub judice*. At the end of more than one hour debate, G K Ponnambalam said that he was ready to remove the section of the statement pertaining the Court matter and make the statement Chief Government Whip and Minister Johnston Fernando pointed out that the Ponnambalam himself agreed that the matter was *sub judice* though he said otherwise.

Then the Speaker Abeywardena observed that some said the matter was not *sub judice* and Ponnambalam himself said it was *sub judice*. Then Leader of the House and Minister Dinesh Gunawardena moved the business of the day should be commenced and did accordingly.

The full announcement of the Speaker is as follows: "I wish to inform the House that a question under Standing Order 27 (2) of the Parliament received from

MP G. K. Ponnambalam, Member of Parliament as the Leader of recognised Political Party.

"It has been brought to my notice and also it is self explanatory in paragraph 3 of the question intended to be raised by him is a matter which is under adjudication by a Court of Law.

"Under these circumstances, I wish to inform this House that I am not in a position to allow this matter to be raised by him on the floor of the House today in terms of the Provisions stipulated in Standing Order 36(f) of the Parliament.

"I also wish to bring to the notice of the House that only one of the leaders of recognised political parties including the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament will be allowed to raise any question relating to a matter of urgent public importance as per Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament at the conclusion of Parliamentary Questions on any sitting day of Parliament."

Following the announcement, Jathika Jana Balawegaya Parliamentarian Anura Kumara Dissanayake said that they didn't agree with the order by the Chair. He added that it was a right of the party leaders of the



Parliament. He added the decision was delivered without any discussion.

Leader of the House and Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said that at the Party Leaders' meeting the matter of Opposition Leader's rights was discussed. Now this order is based on Standing Order 36(f), which clearly says that a *sub judice* matter or on which a judicial decision is pending would not be discussed in the House. It is the General practice of 27(2) statement, to handover a written copy of the statement to the Speaker. The Speaker after going through the statement has given the ruling.

Minister Gunawardena fur-

ther said that with regard to what Anura Dissanayake is raising, during the previous tenure, the Opposition was not given opportunity but after discussing for a long period only the opposition was given the opportunity. The minutes of the then Party Leaders' meeting will prove, the Leader of the Opposition would be given priority and the rest would get the alternative dates. The Speaker hence in this ruling does not deprive any leader of any recognised political party. But in regard to the MP Ponnambalam's matter it is a matter of *sub judice*, which all of us have to respect.

ALTC MP G. K. Ponnambalam said that according to the Standing Order 36(f), a question shall not refer to any matter under adjudication under Court of Law or on which a judicial decision is pending, and it should be read along with Standing Order 91, which also says that the Speaker could allow if there is no impact on the outcome of the matter before the Court. He added that the matter before the Court of Law is decided. So, I request my statement. The other matter is that we, too, have a mandate and should be given equal time as the

Opposition leader. Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa said the Standing Orders have no provision to restrict the 27(2) statements. It is a privilege of the party leaders. Anura Kumara Dissanayake said that Parliament can come to an agreement, and it does not say that we deprive of the right.

Samagi Jana Bala Wegaya MP Lakshman Kiriella said that the sittings could commence early if more time is needed.

Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said that the order of the Speaker says that that the matter is *sub judice*. MP GG Ponnambalam said that the matter is not *Sub Judice* as the case is completed. "So Allow my statement, or let the House decide if the matter is *sub Judice*," Ponnambalam said.

MP Kiriella said that Ponnambalam should be allowed in the Business Committee to which Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said that it is not a matter of the Government to allow Ponnambalam to attend the Business Committees. It was the Opposition Leader who had to nominate members.

Public institutions should prepare detailed progressive reports - State Minister Cabraal



Public institutions should adopt a new culture to prepare detailed progressive reports so that their achievements, failures and all similar vital details can be properly evaluated, Finance and Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal yesterday said.

Delivering the reply speech for the debate on the adjournment motion moved on the progressive report of the Finance Commission for the last quarter of the year 2019, State Minister Cabraal said that such microscopic analysis will enable to increase the efficiency of all public institutes.

Taking the progress report of the Finance Commission, State Minister Cabraal observed that the report should have been more detailed. "I am not blaming the Commission for preparing this. What I wanted to highlight is that all public institutes should be given strict guidelines to record all details that are relevant when measuring their progress. It would be beneficial to the country's economy if such progress reports are prepared. For example, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has assigned detailed tasks to all ministers and state ministers. I think they should give similar guidance to their ministry staff. These progressive reports can be monitored by the Opposition and the media. As President Rajapaksa always says, it is important that we should think out of the box."

State Minister Cabraal said, "Now my friend MP Harsha de

Silva is asking me where is money for the Government to repay loans. Let me tell you where the money is. In 2014, the Government needed Rs. 400 BN to meet the interest of loans we have obtained. By 2019, it has increased to 900 BN. We have lost Rs. 500 BN. The rupee is depreciated from 130 to 185. Imagine when we attempt to meet the debts taken in dollars. The Opposition is trying to implicate that our relaxation of taxes is the cause of everything. We cannot suppress people with taxes. We need to impose tax in a manner that will not burden the ordinary people. When taxes are low, people invest. When the economy expands, we will get more taxes. Even with a lockdown, our economy did not completely collapse. We have made new arrangements, so that new monies will flow into the country. It will result in the appreciation of the rupee."

State Minister Cabraal said that the Opposition is frightened that there would be an increased money inflow to the country as it will make them stay in the opposition for a very long time. I can assure that the money shall flow in, Cabraal said.

SJB MP Bandara questions less focus on Opposition Leader



Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena responding to a Point of Order by Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Nalin Bandara said that the microphone and the camera would be focused on the relevant opposition member as long as they behave in a decent manner and do not act in a disruptive manner.

He was responding to a Point of Order by MP Nalin Bandara as to why the camera was not focused on Opposition Leader

Sajith Premadasa despite being given the microphone to speak during the commotion in Parliament when the 20th Amendment was presented on Tuesday (22).

"The camera was not focused on Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa, when he was speaking while the microphone was on, but MP Shehan Semasinghe and MP Kabir Hashim were given the

camera while he was speaking?" Bandara asked.

The Speaker said that a decision had been made during the time V.J.M Lokubandara was the Speaker that whenever there was a commotion in the House or members act in an unruly manner, the camera would be focused on the Speaker and the Maize.

"Yes, that was specifically when there was a commotion in the House and it is understandable if the camera was not focused

during such a commotion and the mike was not given. But in this instance, the mike was given to Opposition Leader Premadasa, and he was speaking, but the mike was not focused on him. I want to know, why only he was deprived of the camera?" Nalin Bandara questioned.

The Speaker said, "Yes if all of you sit peacefully and behave in an acceptable manner, I will give you the camera without any restriction."

added. Muzammil asked whether the Trade Ministry is holding an inquiry on this alleged tax fraud. Dr. Gunawardena said that the Trade Ministry could not hold such an inquiry. "The Finance Ministry should do it. I request the Prime Minister to look into the matter and present a report to the House," he said.

"The time period from 2005-2015 is the most successful ruling period of Sri Lanka. During this period, the world went through economic depression and food shortage. While finding solutions to these global issues, the Sri Lanka Government had to deal with an internal war. We defeated the LTTE and finished a war which lasted for 30 years. We ended the war that everybody said which cannot be ended. We were able to rescue the people of the North who were devastated by the mis-

eries of war. With all these hardships, we were able to revive the economy of the country," he said.

Government MP Akila Saliya Ellawala seconding the motion said, "Provincial councils were beneficial to fulfill the specific needs of people living in those areas and to carry out economic development projects. The Provincial Councils were able to provide specified and customized service to people. Most of the recurrent expenditure of Provincial Councils is salaries for employees. Even if these employees are absorbed into the Government, the same payments should be made. So, abolishing PCs to cut costs is not a valid argument. The PCs should focus on research and development to improve local industries."



Rs. 291 billion spent on importing sugar in last five years - Trade Minister

Trade Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena said that between 2015 and 2019, the total expenditure of importing sugar into Sri Lanka was Rs. 291 billion.

He was replying to Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SJB) MP Mohamed Muzammil in Parliament yesterday. Dr. Gunawardena said that during the period, 2,896 million kilograms

of sugar had been imported from 68 countries at a cost of Rs. 191 billion.

Muzammil then asked, "There were reports that low quality sugar stocks had been imported into the country in recent times. What do you have to say about it?"

The Minister then said that Former Finance Minister Mangala Samaraweera in July 2016

reduced the import tax on a kg of sugar by 25 cents from Rs. 30. "For the first time in Sri Lanka, many companies imported sugar without any control. And then Samaraweera suddenly increased import tax on sugar to Rs. 13 in August 2016.

This resulted in several importers of sugar earning millions of rupees in profits," he

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Strengthening Executive Presidency vital for rapid development - SB

Strengthening the Executive Presidency is vital if the country expects rapid development as achieved by newly developed countries like Singapore, Malaysia and South Korea, Government MP S.B. Dissanayake yesterday said.

Dissanayake said that most of the countries reached developed status within the last few decades because they had an authoritative leadership backed by a powerful Executive Presidency.

Dissanayake was moving an adjournment motion on the progressive report of the Finance Commission in 2019 last quarter and several other ancillary reports of the Public Service Commission.

"This Finance Commission was established by the 13th Amendment. The 19th Amend-

ment placed this Commission as an interim commission under the Constitutional Council. During the last government, there was a major fall back in the Sri Lankan economy. In 2010, the development rate was around 8 per cent. Now it has gone down to less than 2 per cent. Inflation has gone up from 4.1 per cent. The Central Bank bond scam is one of the main reasons causing the country's economy to go downhill. The 19th amendment separated the executive power into four different entities. This created a major inconsistency. Security of the country, the economy and political stability rapidly decreased. The President, the Prime Minister, the Speaker and the Commissions used the powers they have been vested with. They were mostly in disagreement. They could not

find solutions. When the Prime Minister appointed one commission, the president appointed another," Dissanayake said.

Dissanayake said that the 20th Amendment is to rectify these catastrophic errors resulting from the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. "Countries like Singapore, Malaysia, and South Korea were developed



with strong leadership. Most of the leaders of these countries were revived by leaders with powerful executive powers. This justifies the necessity of the 20th amendment to the Constitution. It is vital for the benefit of the country to strengthen the Executive Presidency," he said.

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Responding to Fonseka's statement on the educational standards of MPs he asked, "What was D.S. Senanayake's qualifications? He had passed only the fifth standard. How many Prime Ministers have we had who have only passed the 8th grade? Didn't they govern this country? On the contrary, where is the most qualified and intelligent United National Party (UNP) leader? He is not even in this Parliament today. Was he able to govern this country successfully?" he asked.

He said that they had come to Parliament with great trust in it. He said that there were no thugs in this Parliament and no room will be spared to turn the 9th Parliament into the same situation as the 8th Parliament.

Standing Orders 50 (2) and 111 of Parliament suspended

The House yesterday agreed to suspend Standing Orders 50 (2) and 111 of Parliament from September 25 until the appointment of members to the Sectoral Oversight Committees is completed.

Leader of the House Minister Dinesh Gunawardena informed the House of the motion.

Leader of the Opposition Sajith Premadasa and MP Anura Dissanayake objected to it and requested that the

Committee not be suspended.

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena stated that MP Mayantha Dissanayake has been assigned to study the matter and submit a report. He pointed out that a decision had to be made until the report is submitted.

The House agreed and the suspension was passed until the members were appointed to the Sectoral Oversight Committees.

Taxation policies should be regulated - Patali Champika

The Government should regulate its taxation policies or else the repercussions will have severe effects on the payment of foreign debts in the coming year, Opposition MP Patali Champika Ranawaka yesterday said.

He was speaking in the debate of the adjournment motion moved by Government MP S.B. Dissanayake.

"The Government, in between 2005-2015, took loans from foreign countries and created a credit bubble and as a result of which, the economic growth rapidly increased while the construction sector grew rapidly. If it wasn't for these foreign debts during 2005-



2015, no such economic growth rate would have been recorded. The Government needs to work on its tax policies, if it wants to meet the foreign debts coming up in next year," MP Ranawaka said. MP Ranawaka spoke on the Government's policy decision to stop the Light Railway Transit project. "This project was given to

Sri Lanka with extremely beneficial conditions for our country. The loan only had 0.1 per cent interest rate. The loan payment period starts from 14 years from its completion. We were given a concessionary debt repayment time period of 40 years. LTR is a part of the transportation plan for Sri Lanka. This plan was designed by Sri Lankan experts. We selected Malabe-Pettah road to develop a LTR following a scientific study. Stopping this project is a major setback in finding solutions to the traffic congestion in the Colombo city. We are moving towards IT and innovation based smart

futures. That is why we were designing the Tech City. We cannot base our economy on garment factories. Our labour is not cheap. Our new generation is based on knowledge not labour. Vocational education cannot make its full benefit as there is no government investment done on knowledge based development. So, I kindly request the President and the Prime Minister to restart these projects to revive the country's economy."

Ranawaka commended the Government for implementing priority bus lanes as a solution to minimise traffic congestion.



NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Delegate Members of the Bar Council of the Bar Association of the Sri Lanka (BASL) 2020/2021 of a Special Meeting of the Bar Council of the BASL under Article 12.4 (b) of the BASL Constitution: -

Date : Saturday, 26th September 2020
Time : 11.30 A.M.
Venue : BASL Auditorium

Agenda : To consider the Report submitted by the Committee appointed to study the 20th Amendment to the Constitution Bill (Copies of the Report have been circulated to the members of the Bar Council).

Rajeev Amarasuriya
Secretary
Bar Association of Sri Lanka.

174 Indian nationals repatriated from Sri Lanka

174 Indian nationals including an infant were repatriated from Sri Lanka on a special Air India flight AI 1284 from Colombo to Mumbai and Delhi yesterday.

The flight was scheduled as part of 'Vande Bharat Mission' a Government of India initiative to undertake the largest ever repatriation from all over the world for the return of Indian nationals stranded abroad due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Indian High Commission in a statement said.

Over 1.3 million Indians have been repatriated so far through different modes of the Vande Bharat Mission including Air India, private and foreign carriers, chartered flights, naval ships and land border crossings from around the world. The Phase-6 of Vande Bharat Mission became operational on 1st September.

The Indian nationals who were stranded in Sri Lanka due to restrictions on international travel because of COVID-19 pandemic have expressed their happiness at the opportunity to return home. Nearly 2,000 Indian nationals have been repatriated from Sri Lanka so far including this flight through nine special Air India flights, an Indian Naval Ship Jalashwa, which made a voyage from Colombo to



Tuticorin on June 01 and through various charter flights.

Based on the registrations received by the High Commission of India, a passenger manifest is prepared for the special repatriation flights.

Priority is given to compelling cases in distress, including migrant workers/labourers who have been laid off, short term visa holders faced with expiry of visa, people with medical emergency, pregnant

women, elderly, those required to return to India due to death of a family member, and students as stated in the Standard Operating Procedure issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

The High Commission said those stranded Indian nationals who have not yet registered with the High Commission may do so on the following link -https://hccolombo.gov.in/COVID_helpline.

The 30th Annual Susan George Pulimood Memorial

Oration of Visakha Vidyalyaya, will be held this year on Tuesday, October 6 at 5.00 p.m in the Jeremias Dias Hall of the school. The event was postponed from July due to the Covid pandemic situation.

This year, the Oration will be delivered by Dr.Champa Priyadarsini Banagala (nee Kaluarchchi) MBBS (Colombo), Diploma in Ophthalmology (PGIM), Master of Surgery in Ophthalmology (PGIM), FRCS

(Edinburgh) and Consultant Ophthalmologist at National Eye Hospital (1989-2013).

The subject of the oration is 'Novel Era of Eye Care: Marvels and Concerns'

Robbers posing as cops loot cash and jewellery

ARIYAPALA WANSATHILAKE
-Kurunegala Central Special Correspondent

A gang of robbers recently allegedly played the old trick of pretending to be police and robbed cash and jewellery worth over Rs.110,000 from

a house at Polpithigama, Polpithigama Police said.

It is alleged that after gaining entry into the house on the pretext of police men engaged in a search operation, the residents were threatened

at gunpoint and the robbers had got away with the loot.

The leader of the gang has been released from prison recently after being convicted of felony earlier, police said.

Wellawa Police detects live grenades

(S.M.WIJAYARATNE -
Kurunegala Daily News Corr.)

Acting on a tip-off, the police officers of Wellawa Police in Kurunegala have detected about eight (8) live grenades hidden at a railway crossing near Porapola area on September 23. The detected hand grenades are reported to be manufactured in a foreign country. Kurunegala District DIG Anil Priyantha and IP Weerasooriya, OIC of Wellawa Police are further investigating this incident.



Captured stocks of Turmeric and Cannabis

Samagi Tharuna Balawegaya files petitions against 20th Amendment

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

Two activists of Samagi Tharuna Balawegaya, the youth wing attached to the Samagi Jana Balawegaya yesterday filed two Special Determination petitions challenging the constitutionality of proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution bringing the total petitions to twelve.

The petitioners Samagi Tharuna Balawegaya Propaganda Secretary Rasika Jayakody and Lihini Fernando had named the Attorney General as respondent and seeking a declaration that the Bill in whole or in part thereby requires the approval by people at a referendum and

requires a two-third majority in Parliament.

Twelve petitions have been filed so far against the Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution. They are filed by Attorney-at-Law Indika Gallage, TNA leader R. Sampanthan, Centre for Policy Alternative, SJB General Secretary Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Anil Kariyawasam, Nagananda Koditwakku, S.S.C. Elankovan, Sithara Shreen Abdul Saroor, Transparency International, former Central Province Governor Keerthi Tennakoon, Rasika Jayakody and Lihini Fernando.

In their petitions, Rasika Jaya-

kody and Attorney-at-law Lihini Fernando argued that the proposed 20th Amendment is in violation of Article 3 and Article 4 of the Constitution.

The petitioner stated that the proposed amendment would grant executive immunity on any fundamental rights violations the President may commit.

Therefore, any diminution of the scope of the ability to vindicate their fundamental rights directly impairs the sovereignty of the people recognized under Article 3 of the Constitution.

The petitioner stated that the existing Constitutional Council is

to be replaced with a Parliamentary Council and the function of the Parliamentary Council does not check the powers of the President.

The petitioners maintained that proposed amendment would permit the President to make appointments of members, chairpersons to specified independent commissions, as well as appointment of the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court, the President of Court of Appeal and judges of the Court of Appeal and other specified constitutional functionaries acting purely in his own discretion.

Troops nab Turmeric and Kerala Cannabis in Mannar

The Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment (VIR) troops and 15 (Volunteer) Gemunu Watch troops of the 54 Division HQ in Mannar on intelligence received nabbed illegally smuggled 205.7 kgs of turmeric and 104 kgs of Kerala cannabis (Ganja) and also arrested four suspects on Wednesday evening.

Troops manning a roadblock in 543 Brigade area along Medawachchiya-Mannar Road on suspicion had stopped a mini lorry (dimo batta) and searched the vehicle and found the stock of turmeric, worth about 8.2 lakhs, the Army media unit said. Two suspects were arrested in connection with the incident.

In another incident Gemunu Watch troops of the 542 Brigade

under the 54 Division at Kunchikulam roadblock captured a stock of 104 kgs of smuggled Kerala cannabis (Ganja) with two suspects.

These were being taken to another destination from Mannar in a freezer vehicle.

The value of the detected Kerala cannabis (Ganja) stands at Rs 20.8 million.

Army, Navy and Air Force troops throwing their full-weight behind the government's all-out war against narcotics, drugs and smuggling of contraband have in the past few days recovered drugs, turmeric and other contraband from Mannar and elsewhere.

Investigations are underway, the Army media statement added.



One of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) ships

Two JMSDF ships arrive at the Colombo Port

The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) ships 'Kaga' and 'Ikazuchi' arrived at the Port of Colombo on a two-day goodwill visit on Wednesday.

The JMSDF ship 'Kaga' - a multi-purpose operation destroyer, is 248m in length and is manned by 380 crew members. Meanwhile, the JMSDF ship 'Ikazuchi' - a destroyer class ship, which has a 151m long platform is manned by a crew of 170.

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Navy and Commander Western Naval Area, Rear Admiral Sumith Weerasinghe met with the Flag Officer aboard 'JS Kaga', Rear Admiral Konno Yasushige, at the pier side Colombo Harbour.

Mementoes were also exchanged, in compliance with naval traditions to mark this occasion. Further, the commanding officers of 'JS Kaga', 'JS Ikazuchi' as well as SLNS 'Gajabahu' were present on this

occasion and mementoes had also been exchanged among them. The customary proceedings on the occasion were held maintaining social distancing, adhering to the health guidelines stipulated for the prevention of COVID-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, the two ships are scheduled to conduct a naval exercise with Sri Lanka Navy ships before they set sail from the island on September 24, 2020, the navy media unit said.

Saudi Arabia to open for foreign Umrah pilgrims from Nov. 1 and domestic visitors from Oct. 4

MOHAMMED RASOOLDEEN

COLOMBO : Saudi Arabia said on Wednesday that it would start allowing foreign and local pilgrims to perform Umrah in gradual stages, while taking the necessary precautions.

According to a statement from the Saudi Ministry of Interior, the decision was made after assessing the developments of the coronavirus and in response to the desire of Muslims around the world to perform the ritual.

The first phase of the gradual return will include allowing citizens and expatriates from within the Kingdom to perform Umrah at a capacity of 30 percent from Oct. 4. This is the equivalent of 6,000 pilgrims per day. The second phase will increase the capacity of the Grand Mosque to 75 percent, which would include 15,000 pilgrims and 40,000 worshippers per day from Oct. 18.

In the third phase, pilgrims from abroad would be allowed to perform Umrah as of Nov. 1 with the full capacity of 20,000 pilgrims and 60,000 worshippers per day. The fourth stage will see the Grand Mosque return to normal, when all the COVID-19 risks have gone away. The entry of pilgrims, worshippers and visitors will be regulated through an application called 'T tamarna.' The app is to be launched by the

Ministry of Hajj and Umrah, with the aim of enforcing health standards and making it easier for pilgrims to book their travels. The app will be available from Sept. 27.

The Ministry of Interior called on all people attending the holy sites to adhere to the preventive measures, wear face masks, maintain a safe distance from others, and refrain from physical contact.

The ministry said Saudi Arabia wants to "empower pilgrims, both from inside and outside the Kingdom, to be able to perform "the ritual in a safe and healthy manner," while protecting them from the threats of the pandemic.

Reacting to the news happily, a local Umrah travel operator told the Daily News that not only the Sri Lankan Muslims, but also the world Muslims would welcome this new development in the field of Umrah pilgrimage.

However, he said, Sri Lanka will have some teething problems of this new scheme since Sri Lanka's airports have to be opened by that time to organize back to back journeys.

"Unless Sri Lanka open its airports from November, the Sri Lankan Muslims will not be able to make use of these new services as announced by the Saudi Government," he added. Trust Your Lord but Tie Your Camel !!!

Obituaries

PEIRIS - VIRANI. Dearly beloved wife of Meredith Peiris, beloved mother of Dr. Mevan (Dental Surgeon, General Hospital, Polonnaruwa), Dr. Vishan (Registrar in Psychiatry, NIMH) and Vipuni (LLB), loving mother-in-law of Dr. Hiruni and Dr. Sharmila, daughter of Vernon (Dr. V.J.M. de Silva (Retired Chief Port Health Officer, Colombo), sister of Vasanthi, sister-in-law of Sunimal Ferdinando, Chiranth Peiris and Manohari Joseph. Remains lie at residence **7, Dharmaratne Avenue, Rawatawatte, Moratuwa.** Cortège leaves residence Friday 25th at 2.30 p.m. for service and burial at Holy Emmanuel Church, Moratuwa at 3.00 p.m. 057983

SENEVIRATNE - A.J. NISHAN - Darling son of Nishanta & Lorraine, grandson of late Noel & Theo Seneviratne & Dudley & Myrtle Perera, nephew of Sandra, He-loise, Errol, Annabella, Maxine, Howard, Avril, Nihal, Lalith and Sabrina. Remains lie at residence **3, 2nd Lane, Uswatte, Moratuwa.** Cortège leaves residence on Friday 25th September at 2 p.m. for burial at General Cemetery Borella (Roman Catholic Section). 057502

WEERAGUNARATNE SAHABANDU - NANDA (nee WEERASINGHE GUNAWARDENA). Dearly beloved wife of late Clement Weeragunaratne Sahabandu, precious mother of Shirani, Surangi, Oswald and Eardley, loving father-in-law of Gamini Makawita, Joyce, Nadee, loving grandmother of Earl, Melissa and Dyan, expired on 23.09.2020. Remains lie at **Jayarathne VIP Parlour, Borella.** Cremation at General Cemetery Borella on Friday 25.09.2020 at 3.00 p.m. 057868

Late Obituaries - I

RANAWEERA - W.K.G. (MANIKE). Beloved wife of late Dr. Kalyanaratne Peiris of Panadura, loving mother of Anoja (USA), Koshala (Hayleys), Rajeev (Australia), mother-in-law of Lakal Nanayakkara (USA), Nadini (NTB), Modisha (Australia), loving grandmother of Kavishka, Chamalka, Thiuni, Pamod & Heshan. Cremation at Borella cemetery at 3.00 p.m. Cortège leaves residence **12, Temple Road, Nawala** on 26th September at 2.30 p.m. 058091

Presidential Commission of Inquiry investigating allegations of Political Victimization

Ranil and other Anti-corruption Committee members issued notice

ROSHAN THUSHARA

The Presidential Commission of Inquiry investigating allegations of Political Victimization again issued notice to members of the Yahapalana

government 'Anti-Corruption Committee' including former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe to appear before the Commission on October 8.

In addition to Wickremesinghe,

the Commission noticed former Ministers Mangala Samaraweera, Sarath Fonseka, Patali Champika, Rauff Hakeem, TNA leader R.Sampanthan, Parliamentarian M.A Sumanthiran,

JVP leader Anura Dissanayake, Attorney-at-Law J.C.Weliamuna, Jayampathy Wickramaratne and Ananda Wijepala to appear before it among others. They were summoned to

appear before the Commission with regard to a complaint filed by former Managing Director of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Piyadasa Kudabalage.

Over 100,000 bamboo saplings planted on World Bamboo Day

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

Over 100,000 bamboo saplings were planted in the Sabaragamuwa Province to mark the International World Bamboo Day on September 18, Sabaragamuwa Province Governor Tikiri Kobbekaduwa said.

He was speaking at a function to mark the International Bamboo Day at the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council in Ratnapura recently.

The International World Bamboo Day was first celebrated on September 18, 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand, and is celebrated annually on September 18.

He said that during his tenure as the Governor, steps were taken to popularise bamboo cultivation in the Kandy, Matale and Nuwara Eliya Districts. The project contributes immensely to conserve environment, especially to protect river banks since bamboo prevents soil erosion.

Bamboo is used as a substitute for flooring and plastic equipment.

Parallel to the World Bamboo



Governor Tikiri Kobbekaduwa distributing bamboo saplings.

Day, an exhibition of bamboo products was held and bamboo plants were distributed among the gathering.

The event was organised jointly by the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Governor's Office, Agriculture Ministry and Rural

Industries Ministry Senior government officials in the Province, schoolchildren, teachers and industrialists were present.

CWW Kannangara's 51st Death Anniversary commemorated

The 51st Death Anniversary Commemoration of Dr. C.W.W. Kannangara, who is hailed as the father of free education, was held under the patronage of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday.

The President and the Prime Minister paid floral tributes to the Kannangara statue at the Presidential Secretariat.

Students of the Sirimavo Bandaranaike Vidyalaya, Colombo and the Piliyandala Central College sang the Kannangara commemorative song. Dr. Kannangara was instrumental in passing the Free Education Act of 1943 to extend free education to all children from Grade 1 to university level. The free education that usher in a structural transformation of Sri Lankan society has paved the way for hundreds of thousands of children of underprivileged families to achieve a higher standard of living as well as to reduce social inequality.

Numerous political leaders since then contributed to nurture the free education system following its establishment in 1943. A member of the State Council and subsequently of Parliament D.A. Rajapaksa was a pioneer in this regard.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has prioritised to revise and revamp the Kannangara education policy to match modern times. A number of amendments in education policies under the

theme "Equal academic opportunities for every child," is now being implemented under the guidance of the President.

Education Minister Prof. G.L. Pieris, Secretary to the President P.B. Jayasundera, Secretary to the Education Ministry Prof. Kapila Perera, officials of the Education Ministry, Old Pupils of the All Island Central Schools' Association, Chartered Accountant J.M.U.B. Jayasekara and several others were present. A communiqué was issued on the occasion by the President's Media Division said.

'PCs render commendable public service'



Former SPC Chairman Somawansa Kodagoda addressing the press conference - Picture by Mahinda P. Liyanage, Galle Central Special Corr.

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,
Galle Central Special Corr.

Provincial Councils render a commendable service to the people. Therefore, we denounce the recent statement by a minister that Provincial Councils are white elephants. It is neither truth nor a notion of the Government, a group of former Southern Provincial Councillors led by ex-council Chairman Somawansa Kodagoda said.

They were speaking at a press conference at the Southern Provincial

Council Secretariat in Kalegana, Galle yesterday. About 15 ex-councillors were present.

Since the establishment of Provincial Councils under the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, the PCs have rendered commendable national services in social and cultural development, the former Chairman said.

"The statement by a minister demanding the abolition of the Provincial Councils citing them as white elephants is not an opinion of the Government.

Petitions challenging presidential pardon to Sunil Ratnayake fixed for support

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

Several fundamental rights petitions challenging the presidential pardon given to ex-soldier Sunil Ratnayake were yesterday fixed for support by the Supreme Court.

Former Army Staff Sergeant R.M. Sunil Ratnayake, who was convicted and sentenced to death for the Mirusuvil murder case in 2000 had been released after he received presidential clemency.

Supreme Court Justice Priyantha Jayawardena recused himself from hearing the petitions, since he served as a member of the Supreme Court five-judge-bench, which heard the appeal petition filed by Sunil Ratnayake.

The Supreme Court three-judge-bench comprising Justice Priyantha Jayawardena, Justice Preethi Padman Surasena and Justice Yasantha Kodagoda fixed the petition for support on February 8.

Several petitioners including the Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA) and its Executive Director Dr. Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu had filed the petitions naming Commissioner General of Prisons, the Justice Minister,

the Secretary to the President and the National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crimes and Witnesses as respondents.

The Petitioners say the decision to pardon Ratnayake is arbitrary, unreasonable, ultra vires and has not been done in the interest of the public.

R.M. Sunil Ratnayake, a staff sergeant of the Sri Lanka Army was sentenced to death by a Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar bench on June 25, 2015 after he was found guilty for murdering eight civilians at Mirusuvil in Jaffna on December 19, 2000.

On November 27, 2002, the Attorney General indicted five accused on 19 charges in the murder of eight civilians in Mirusuvil of the Jaffna peninsula before a High Court at Trial-at-Bar in Colombo. The Trial-at-bar bench found former Staff Sergeant R.M. Sunil Ratnayake guilty for multiple counts including the murder. On May 20, 2017, Supreme Court five-judge-bench had also unanimously affirmed the conviction and the death sentence imposed on former army staff sergeant.

Two drunken car drivers fined Rs. 156,000

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Two drunken car drivers who failed to present driving licences, revenue certificates and insurance certificates were fined Rs. 156,000 by Galgamuwa Magistrate Rasika Mallawaarachchi

on September 23. They, G.Chandrakumara and R. Isanka, are residents of Galgamuwa, Kurunegala. About 2,234 drunken drivers have been arrested and fined in the Kurunegala District during the past three weeks, police said.

In Memory of My Father DR. RANDALL GOONERATNE



*Sadly, missed along life's way
Quietly remembered every day
No longer in our life to share,
But in our hearts,
you are always there.,*

Friday night and returned on Saturday evening after watching me on Friday and/or Saturday. After all this travel up and down it is no wonder that you were very cross when I got run out. "An absolute waste" was your conclusion.

I also remember the faith that you had in our Saviour Jesus Christ. In Anuradhapura, after a hard day's work, coming home around 7.30 in the evening, the first thing that you did was the evening prayers. When we were in town, all 4 of us prayed together in your dispensary room at home before dinner every day. The spiritual effect that you had on our lives is immense and this has also thankfully passed on to the grandchildren.

Thatha, your standing, reputation and recognition that you had from the people in Anuradhapura had to be seen and heard to be believed. The common people, many your patients, Officers in many establishments, Politicians and the Clergy, including the High priests in the temples in Anuradhapura all knew and respected you for your dedication towards the people and that historic city. This was further highlighted when one year after your demise the local council, taking into consideration requests from various groups, dedicated the roundabout next to your Dispensary to you with a commemorative plaque.

There were many a time when you reached out to the poor people in Anuradhapura, be it providing medicine and consultation at no cost, visiting their homes when the person was too sick to travel, arranging hospital entry through known contacts, purchasing pharmacy medicine for people at your own cost etc. I recollect numerous instances when out with you, seeing people coming up to you and after the customary greeting, getting their children to worship you at your feet in the time honoured Buddhists tradition for the help that you have been to them.

You lived such a simple life and never used your position nor standing in society to your advantage. I remember many instances when you would go to the Anuradhapura market and unobtrusively stand in a queue patiently awaiting your turn. However most of the vendors who were invariably your patients would stop attending to whatever chore they were engaged in at that moment and come running to you, requesting you to step away from the queue and accompany them - so that they could attend to your requirements without further delay, which to you seemed to be an embarrassment. Another similar instance that comes to my mind is when we were travelling to Colombo and we were stopped at the military check point, we as your children were surprised as to why you never announced your Army Rank which would have facilitated a smooth and speedy exit. However you always refrained from doing so and allowed the military personnel to do their job unhindered.

Thatha, your patients showed their loyalty to you in spades. They came from all over the island even from places like Matara, Galle, Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Puttalam. Most of them did not have any appointment and they just expected you to be there for them, which you did not disappoint. Further, your patients were from many generations, with your capability, dedication and generosity passed down the family line. A true reflection of the loyalty that they had for you was, as mentioned to us by the neighbours, that even after 8-10 years after your demise, patients from a far places used to come to see you and knock at the gate looking for the good Doctor.

You were a tower of strength to Amma. The transition that she made to come to Colombo to support our schooling was made possible by all the sacrifices that you made at the time. Running your practice together with the related Administrative work and running the house by yourself was done without any complaints and this allowed Amma to have a smooth transition. Amma, been more adventurous and often the risk taker, would nevertheless consult and value your opinions greatly before any important decision is made. Thatha, Akka and I would always look to you for advice when faced with a tricky/risky decision. You would always provide us with a solution and only point out our mistakes once the dust has settled. We always cherished your calm attitude in these types of situations.

Thatha, I know you must be proud that your Grandson Tharindra has followed in your footsteps. I have heard of many instances when he was still around 8-10 years, where you have given him an array of Basic First Aid kits and demonstrated the methodology on using them whilst showing him visuals of various medical conditions and the relevant treatments etc. I am certain that these initial lessons and demonstrations have been an invaluable source of inspiration towards directing and formulating his final decision to pursue a carrier in medicine.

We are privileged and blessed to have had you Thatha, and the values and beliefs that you have inculcated in us, will carry us forward to attain God's almighty grace. Thatha, I know that you are sitting comfortably in the presence of our Saviour and I will meet you there one day.

Your loving Son Dinesh, on behalf of the family.

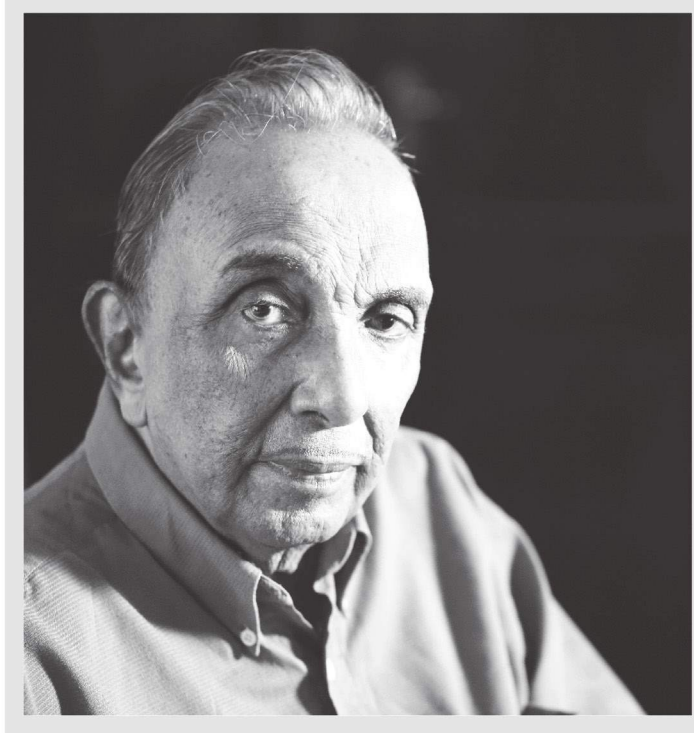
Court summons PS Chairman

SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN,
Batticaloa Special Corr.

The Batticaloa Magistrate's Court has summoned Manmunai Pattu Arayampathy Pradeshiya Sabha (PS) Chairman Somasundram Mahendralingam yesterday for a charge that he has declared a 40-acre private land as a graveyard.

The chairman had by Gazette notification no. 2,182 on 26.06.2020 had declared it as a graveyard. The affected families had gone to court and the case was taken for September 22 by Magistrate A.C.Rizwan.

Counsel Ariff Samuddeen and M.I.M. Insaif pointed out that 120 families are living on that land and that the Chairman had no rights to make that declaration.



T.P. WEERASINGHE

Architect

Deshamanya, Deshakeerthi, J.P. All Island

(1932-2020)

The death is announced of

Deshamanya, Deshakeerthi T.P. Weerasinghe J.P. All Island.

Retired architect Town & Country Planning Department,
former Chairman of Design Team Three architectural company,
beloved husband of Mrs. Suneetha Weerasinghe.

Remains will lie at 'Respect', Jayaratne Funeral Parlour

483, Baudhdhaloka Mawatha,, Colombo 8

from Friday, September 25th to Saturday 26th.

Cremation at 4.30 p.m. on 26.9.2020 at

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MPs' security

A big stir was kicked up in Parliament on Wednesday by sections of the Samagi Balavegaya (SJB) Opposition calling for the restoration of the full police security of all MPs which had been slashed by the Government to meet other exigencies.

Leading the charge was the lone SJB member elected from the Matara District Buddhika Pathirana. The MP complained that policemen assigned to each MP had been reduced, demanding that their full security be restored. The Parliamentarian said he was making this plea since there could be a very real threat posed by the drugs underworld to some MPs who had been raising their voices against drug kingpins. Added to this is the death threats made against the President and the Defence Secretary by a drug baron in prison. "Such is the power of the drug lords. So the policemen assigned to MPs should be increased," he wailed.

Chamal Rajapaksa, the minister in charge of the Police service responded by saying that the police were there for the protection of the people and not carry files and bags of MPs. Of the 85,000 policemen in the country some 38,000 were assigned to protect MPs and others. He said presently there was a shortage of policemen for more urgent policing tasks. Hence, a decision had been taken to reduce the number of policemen assigned to MPs to two (from four).

The police service, as everybody is aware, is overworked these days, hunting down drug runners, big time narcotic traffickers and taking the fight to the underworld as can be seen by the almost daily arrested of drug king pins and leaders of crime rings. In other words, the police are striving to ensure a peaceful climate for the citizens to live in and ensure law and order is maintained in society, which, needless to say, is the primary duty and function of the police service. There can be no deviation from this principal role by the police by other distractions and less important functions such as providing protection to politicians. MPs, after all, are representatives, nay, servants of the people and it is the people's well being and security that should be foremost in their minds over and above that of their own. Why, politicians even go to the extent of claiming that they are even ready to die for their people. What better way to demonstrate this than exposing themselves to danger - if indeed there is a danger - as feared by MP Pathirana.

At any rate, the fight against the underworld and narcotics business is being led by the President and the Defence Secretary, and, as the MP rightly opined, are the prime targets of the drug lords as the chief source of their nemesis just like High Court Judge Sarath Ambepitiya was the nemesis of the notorious drug baron who engineered his assassination from prison. An MP, especially an Opposition MP, who is merely a bystander in the fight against drugs mafia surely cannot be in the cross-hairs of any would be or imagined assassin of the underworld. Hence, for MP Pathirana to say that his life, or that of his fellow MPs, could be in jeopardy by the reduction of their police security is indeed stretching one's imagination.

A more likely explanation is that pruning down the security of MPs could be taken as a diminution of their status and an attack on their ego, particularly by Opposition Parliamentarians, who, not long ago, were used to having policemen at their beck and call and attending to chores outside their assigned duties, as portrayed by Minister Chamal Rajapaksa. Let this be a start for doing away with all unnecessary security of all MPs and Ministers. The President, no less, has shown the way by having only the minimum amount of security, as was seen during his twin journeys to Parliament for their inaugurations. Not only slashing the security of MPs, the days when politicians lorded it over on the highways with their retinues of security personnel, stopping traffic, dashing through signal lights and putting road users into unnecessary inconvenience should also be brought to an end once and for all. It is such conduct on the part of the people's representatives in the past that, no doubt, generated public hostility towards Parliamentarians and all politicians in general.

Besides, money voted for the Police service in the national budget is strictly for the maintenance of law and order and the creation of a peaceful environment for the citizens to live in. Utilizing the police, therefore, for other purposes outside these parameters such as to guard and provide protection to MPs tantamount to a misuse of public funds. Like Minister Rajapaksa said, the Government is more than capable of providing security not only to MPs but to all the people of the country. Therefore, security for MPs should only be based on a threat assessment. Besides, MPs need not fear for their security if they have not committed any offence or engaged in criminal activity to draw reprisals. In any event, the magnitude of the current anti-crime operations will need all the resources and manpower the Police could muster. And its undivided attention.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Security is mostly a superstition.
Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.
-Helen Keller.

STERN LAWS REQUIRED TO STOP GLORIFYING TERRORISM



Sri Lanka Army soldiers engaged in battle with the LTTE.

SUGEESWARA SENADHIRA

Former Member of Parliament M.K. Sivajilingam was arrested by the police in Kopy for organizing an illegal celebration in memory of the late Tiger Terrorist, Rasaiah Pradeepan alias Thileepan who died while on a fast in 1987.

This is not the first time, the maverick politician was behind bars. Shivajilingam was detained almost every year for organizing so-called 'Mahaviru Day' to glorify Tiger Supremo, Velupillai Prabhakaran. He was arrested by Velvettiturai Police when Jaffna Magistrate issued an arrest warrant over a case where he had evaded court proceedings in 2018. He was apprehended at his residence in Amman Koviladi and was produced before the Point Pedro Magistrate Court after recording a statement from him. The TELO Chairman was arrested by the Velvettiturai police over celebrating the birthday of Prabhakaran. Although he celebrated Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) leader's events, he was the leader of rival organization, TELO.

Terrorism expert Dr. Rohan Gunaratna, commenting on former Shivajilingam's commemorating Thileepan on his 33rd fast-unto-death anniversary, said that those who commemorate terrorists should be given maximum punishment. He has called for the arrest and trial of Shivajilingam and others who glorify terrorists.

"They should be given the maximum punishment to deter others from following their destructive path," said internationally renowned terrorism expert Dr. Gunaratna, who is now a Honorary Professor at the Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. "Maximum punishment should be given as there is a public interest in this case. It will deter others funded by LTTE front organisations in the Tamil Diaspora from reviving the separatist agenda of the LTTE. Collective and decisive leadership is vital to restore stability and security, the foundation of ethnic and religious harmony in Sri Lanka," he argued.

The LTTE's propaganda and paraphernalia should remain banned forever just as Germany banned Nazi symbols and activities after World War II, he suggested, pointing out that it is LTTE propaganda that fosters an environment for LTTE plots, plans and preparation aimed at revival.

Thileepan had sat on a fast-unto-death on 11 September, 1987, to secure a five-point charter of demands including the setting up of an LTTE-dominated Interim Administrative Council for the Tamil dominated Northern-Eastern province as part of the India-Sri Lanka Accord to resolve the ethnic issue. With both Colombo and New Delhi going by the letter of the agreements already entered into, and refusing to accept the LTTE's fresh demands, Thileepan refused to give up his fast and died after 11 days on 26 September, 1987. He was a cancer patient and was not in a condition to undertake a fast. His death was the first major incident that soured the relations between the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) and the LTTE, that finally led to a long-drawn battle between the two from October 1987 to March 1991, the month in which the IPKF departed after President Ranasinghe Premadasa gave them marching orders.

Shivajilingam, who is related to Prabhakaran, had sought permission to hold the commemoration ceremony of the fast-unto-death at the Thileepa memorial in Nallur, but the Jaffna police got a court order banning it on the grounds that a leader of a banned organisation like the LTTE could not be commemorated and glorified.

The argument that the previous



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Defence Secretary Priti Patel.



Dr. Rohan Gunaratna.



M.K. Sivajilingam.

United National Party (UNP)-led Government had allowed the commemoration, did not cut ice with the Jaffna magistrate, who acceded to the police request to ban it.

However, Shivajilingam secretly changed the venue of the commemoration to Kondavil and performed a ceremony there on Tuesday. He was arrested and was subsequently released by a court on bail.

Speaking to News-In-Asia, Dr. Gunaratna said: "After the US declared victory in Afghanistan and Iraq, terrorism re-emerged because the terrorists' support infrastructure remained intact. The tolerance of democracies revived violence." Therefore he recommended that the security and intelligence platform in Sri Lanka's north and east should continue for one generation until the separatist ideology disappears.

Most of the European countries introduced harsh laws against terrorism after they experienced brutal terrorist attacks in recent years. The British drafted new laws to eliminate terrorism. Justice Secretary & Lord Chancellor, Rt Hon Robert Buckland QC MP, said, that terrorists and their hateful ideologies should not have any place on British streets. "They can now expect to go to prison for longer and face tougher controls on release. From introducing a 14-year minimum for the most dangerous offenders, to putting in place stricter monitoring measures, the British government is pursuing every option available to tackle the threat of terrorism and keep communities safe," he said.

The new Bill in UK also allows the courts to consider if any serious offence is terror-related, for example an offence involving firearms where there is a proven terrorist connection, and allow tougher sentences to be

imposed. This would rule out any possibility of a serious terror offender being released automatically before the end of their sentence.

Dr. Rohan Gunaratna said that research demonstrates that if there is looseness (Government neglect) as opposed to tightness (Government vigilance), terrorist groups exploit the gaps and loopholes and come back. The groups and personalities that glorify terrorism should be identified and punished to deter future violence. Most terrorist groups abuse the freedom of expression to promote their vicious ideology to radicalise the youth into a culture of hate and violence, he added.

"If a democracy permits display of terrorist paraphernalia and allows the dissemination of propaganda, the next step will be protests and demonstrations breaking out into violence. Like the Islamic State and al Qaeda, LTTE glorified death. If commemoration and celebration of death is permitted, it will lead to a culture of destruction." According to Dr. Gunaratna, there have been a dozen plots by the LTTE to revive since the end of Eelam War IV in May 2009. Most of the LTTE plots were supported by LTTE fronts overseas. The number of plots increased due to the delisting of LTTE fronts overseas in the last few years, he pointed out.

The new Bill on terrorism in UK include, a new 'Serious Terrorism Sentence' for dangerous offenders with a 14-year minimum jail term and up to 25 years spent on licence, ending early release for the most serious offenders who receive Extended Determinate Sentences - instead the whole term will be served in custody, increasing the maximum penalty from 10 to 14 years for a number of terror offences, including membership of a proscribed

organization, ensuring a minimum period of 12 months on licence for all terror offenders as well as requiring adult offenders to take polygraph tests, widening the list of offences that can be classed as terror-related to ensure they carry tougher sentences and boosting the monitoring and disruption tools available to the security services and counter-terrorism police, by strengthening Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures and supporting the use of Serious Crime Prevention Orders in terrorism cases.

Dr. Gunaratna noted that the ideology of separatism is fading but there are a few trying to revive it. "Most Tamils both in Sri Lanka and overseas have left the LTTE and its erstwhile proxy the Tamil National Alliance (TNA). However, a few racist politicians continue to promote the separatist agenda," he said.

It is essential for the Government to relist the delisted LTTE fronts overseas as some of them are operating in Sri Lanka, the expert stressed. Dr. Gunaratna recommended that the Northern and Eastern provinces be economically developed and the Sri Lankan identity should be promoted.

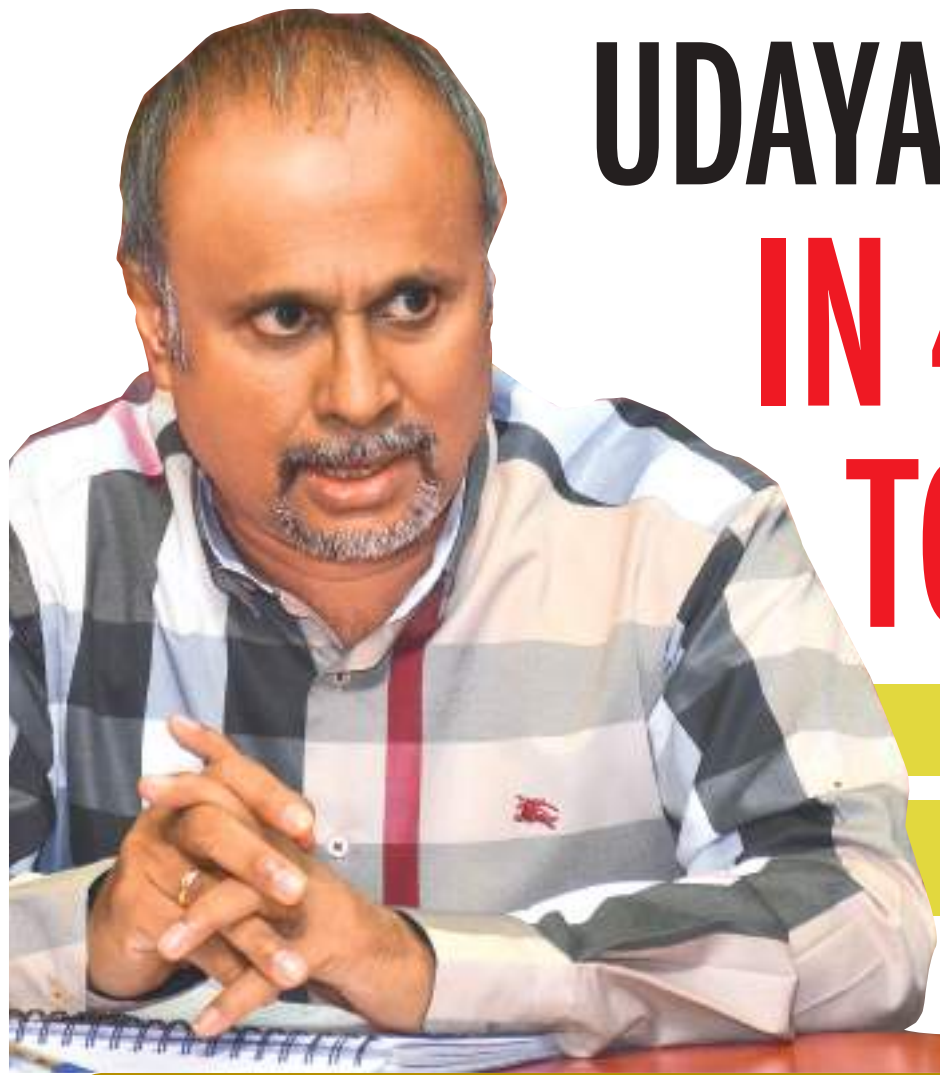
"The best strategy to counter racism is for Sri Lanka to develop a proper national education policy where Sinhalese, Tamils, and Muslims study together," he said.

He warned that without regulating the ethnic and religious space, Sri Lanka can never have social harmony, political stability and economic prosperity.

British Home Secretary Priti Patel said that the shocking attacks at Fishmongers' Hall and Streatam revealed serious flaws in the way terrorist offenders are dealt with. We promised to act and today we are delivering on that promise. "Those who senselessly seek to damage and destroy lives need to know we will do whatever it takes to stop them," he said.

The Bill follows emergency legislation passed earlier which retrospectively ended automatic early release for terrorist offenders serving standard determinate sentences. This forced them to spend a minimum two-thirds of their term behind bars before being considered for release by the Parole Board. In addition a nationwide network of counter-terrorism specialists is now embedded throughout the prison and probation service and supported by the 29,000 staff who are trained to spot the signs of extremism.

When the government implements the policy of 'one country, one law', it will be necessary to include harsh punishments for glorification, aiding and abetting terrorism.



UDAYANGA GEARS TO BRING IN 40,000 RUSSIAN TOURISTS HERE

All measures to ensure health guidelines

Beach resorts to get priority under this project

Former Sri Lankan Ambassador to Russia Udayanga Weeratunga.
Pictures by Ranjith Asanka.

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Opening new vistas in the Sri Lankan tourism landscape, former Sri Lankan Ambassador to Russia Udayanga Weeratunga has successfully launched a mega tourism campaign in Russia to woo their tourists to visit Sri Lanka from next month.

Tourists from Russia and the former breakaway states of USSR are already flying to the Dominican Republic, Turkey's beach destinations and the Maldives. They are also keen to enjoy the Sri Lankan hospitality, spicy food and most importantly the beaches.

The winter season in Russia will start next month and will go on till April. Russians are looking at new horizons to travel during this period. "I saw that there is tremendous opportunity to field Sri Lanka to this emerging slot and have successfully made initiatives which were well received by the Russian Travel sector," he told the *Daily News*.

"Now they are ready to travel to Sri Lanka and our country too needs to make new adjustments to welcome them."

A proposal to the Cabinet in this regard has already been made and is awaiting approval allowing Russian tourists to visit and stay in Sri Lanka.

Updating the current development he said: "I have interacted with the Russian Travel Agents and airlines who say they are ready to send over 140 flights flying in more than 40,000 Russian tourists to Sri Lanka from October 2020 to April.

Outlining the modus operandi he said that all these tourists bound to Sri Lanka will first have to take a compulsory PCR test 3 days prior to departure. Due to lesser population and other logistical advantages, the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) has been selected as the airport to welcome these tourists.

Usually a second PCR test should be done upon landing but we have made a slight adjustment for this due to the 'jet lag' factor of the tourist flying nearly nine hours and other additional domestic travelling hours.

He explained that it takes around minimum three hours to perform a PCR test and a total in the excess of 10 hours will spoil the holiday mood of any tourist and this is the reason they are proposing a PCR test to be done in the hotel itself. "To overcome this we will conduct the second compulsory PCR test in their designated hotel."

Special precautions would be taken at the hotel when accommodating guests and the staff would be specially

trained by the local health authorities to meet, greet and accommodate the Russians.

The former Ambassador said since Russians are looking for a holiday by a sea, local hotels with beach frontage will get preference in this programme. Subsequently the beach frontage area would be encircled not allowing any Sri Lankans to venture into it.

"This is done as a precaution to safeguard locals and the spread of the Corona virus to Sri Lankans." The hotel too will have to ensure that the staff does not leave the premises until this winter programme is completed.

The Russians can enjoy the beach and only would be allowed to travel out of the hotel after 15 days of their stay. "However observing the average 'Russian night's stay of 10 days' I think they will leave after two weeks since flights too would be arriving and departing every week."

The guests returning back to Russia after staying for two weeks stay would not be subject to any PCR tests as they have completed the 'danger' period of 14 days.

Tourist arrivals from Russia have hit an all-time high in 2019, with its flag carrier Aeroflot's expansion of services to Colombo playing a key part. As per provisional data, Russian tourists last year amounted to around 86,549 and surpassed the previous highest of 69,718, achieved in 2014. In 2020, Russia was the only top 10 source country in which a growth was recorded. Statistics reported that 5,761 Russian holidaymakers arrived in the island showing a growth of 86 percent.

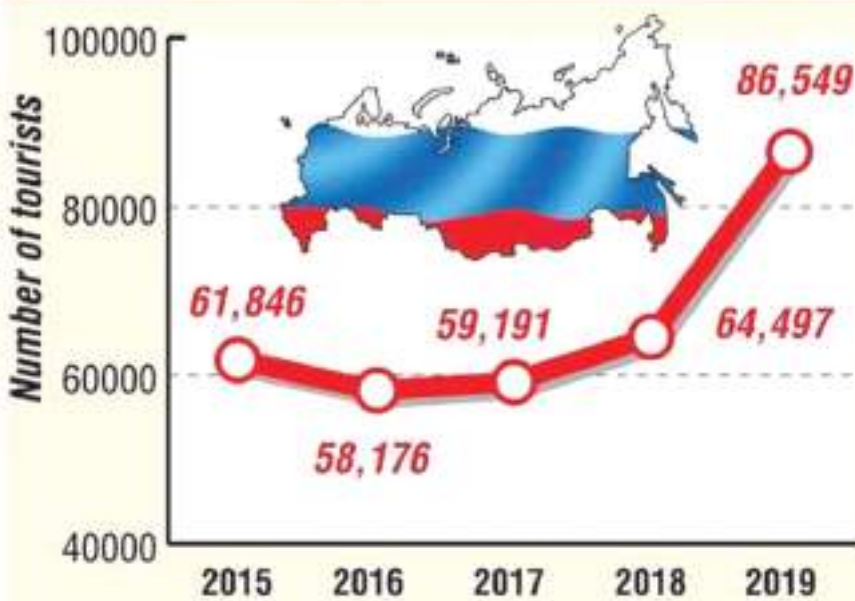
Weeratunga said prior to him being appointed Ambassador to Russia arrivals to Sri Lanka were less than 7,000 and he increased it by over hundredfold. Many people in Russia did not even know that a country such as Sri Lanka even existed and I coordinated with several local companies and held road shows and events to promote Sri Lanka.

I went out of my way and printed a 300 page Sri Lanka hotel catalogue to the Russian market with details of local hotels and other tourist attractions in both languages. "However I was sad to note that this book was burnt and thrown away by the previous government simply because former President Mahinda Rajapaksa, former Tourism Minister Basil Rajapaksa and my name and photographs were printed in the first three pages.

The Russian Embassy staffers knowing the value of this book had pleaded with the then management of the Embassy to tear off the first three pages and distribute it but this request too was not heeded.

He also said that under his Amba-

RUSSIAN TOURIST ARRIVALS TO SRI LANKA



Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

sadorship mega trade promotions too were done to promote Sri Lankan products especially for tea and spices but lamented that this enthusiasm was not seen by his successors. It was in one of these promotion programmes that one of my staffers suffered an accident and I was accused of it.

Kenyan tea which is cheaper is fast catching the Russian market and a more aggressive tea marketing campaign to Russia is needed, he said.

Russian tourists are lavish spenders and hence it is an important market to Sri Lanka. The hotels must come out with more cultural, animation programmes and specially events to keep children occupied and not make their holiday an 'ordinary' vacation.

Weeratunga said that it would be a good idea to employ Russian speaking staff. The SME sector like mini gem shops, souvenir sellers too can set up small shops in the hotels but will have to remain in the hotel itself until such time this programme is completed.

He said that he does have any tourist hotels nor travel agencies and is purely doing this promotion to provide some kind of incentive to the COVID battered tourism industry. "There are over two million employed in the tourism sector in Sri Lanka and I feel that this initiative can give some kind of 'breathing space' for them".

The successful launch of this programme can be treated as a 'model project' and a catalyst for Sri Lanka Tourism to woo other countries like China to follow.

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Nearly 3 million Russian tourists visited Antalya Turkey in 2018.



NEGOMBO: A hive of culture, heritage and modernity



St. Sebastian's Church, Wellawidiya, Negombo



A still from the Duwa Passion Play

Though Negombo is known for its churches and a large Christian community, it boasts a harmonious balance of a wider multi-faith community.

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The Negombo Lagoon

PHILIP LIONEL FERNANDO, C.A.

Negombo, on the western coast draws tourists in their thousands each year. It is a little over 37 kilometres north of Colombo. Many refer to it as a town, but this bustling city is affectionately known as 'Little Rome' as it is a stronghold of Catholicism of Sri Lanka.

Negombo boasts ancestral Roman and Gothic styled churches on what seems like every street corner. One only needs to stroll through the streets on a Sunday morning to hear melodic hymns and thousands of devotees offering their prayers at Sunday services. This city refuses to be defined by the horrific memories of the Easter Sunday terror attacks of 2019, and instead prefers to be known for its rich heritage, its welcoming warmth, delicious aromas of alluring street food and most of all, the unwavering resilience of its people.

As far as grand churches go, Negombo makes claim to some big contenders. The Grand Street and Sea Street churches attract the many a foreign traveller. The luminous ceiling of the Grand Street church is definitely a marvellous masterpiece at the nave of the church. The Sea Street church was built in the Gothic style of architecture. The two tall spires flanking a grand façade is reminiscent of grandeur seen in churches in famous European cities such as Cologne, Milan and Paris.

The fishing island Duwa surrounded by the Negombo Lagoon is famous for its Easter Passion Play. The dramatization strives to re-create the agony of Jesus leading to the crucifixion of Christ on the cross. This famous Easter ritual is acted only by local villagers. The Passion Play is woven into the fabric of the Duwa community and the treasured dialogue and the garments safeguarded and passed on from one generation to the next.

Though Negombo is known for its churches and a large Christian community, it boasts a harmonious balance of a wider multi-faith community. The city is jewelled with grand religious structures of the Hindu, Muslim and Buddhist faiths. One such is the Buddhist temple Sri Bodhiraja Ramaya. This vast temple attracts many international and local visitors each year. During the Vesak festival, this spectacular temple attracts devotees from faraway places.

The Sinhala name for Negombo, 'Meegamuwa' literally means 'beehive' and is said to be linked to Viharamahadevi (a prominent Queen of around 200BC). A folktale tells of Viharamahadevi when pregnant with her son King Dutugemunu, had the ardent desire to eat bee's honey from a 10 foot long beehive. According to folklore, the royal servants searched the entire island beating drums in search of such a huge beehive. Finally, their search ended in Negombo where this beehive was found under an ancient vessel on the beach. Surprised by this, Viharamahadevi's husband, then ruling King Kelanitsa named this place 'Meegamuwa' (beehive). Though it is not confirmed to be recorded in the Mahavamsa, this folktale has been passed down through the generations of proud Negombians.

The English name 'Negombo' is thought to have been given centuries later during the colonial era. Folklore goes to tell of how a British Governor visiting Negombo on an official tour was barked at by stray dogs. Upon enquiring from a bystander, the Governor was told "nikang buranawa" (in Sinhala

roughly translated to mean "they are not barking for any reason"). Using the phonetic sound of the phrase "nikangburanawa" (pronounced with a rather English accent) the Governor named the town 'Negombo'. Once again, it is possible that this is mere folklore, but nonetheless Negombians have passed this story down through the generations of colonial reminiscences.

During the colonial era, in 1876 Walasinghe Harischandra was born in Maha Hunupitiya in Negombo. He had his early education at St. Mary's College and he remained as a Bramacharya. Later in life, he joined the Maha Bodhi Society and was a close associate of Anagarika Dharmapala. He was an excellent orator and his eloquent speeches attacking imperialism, attracted citizens during that time. He was supposed to have done a great service in restoring ancient shrines in the sacred city of Anuradhapura. The house where he lived still exists in Maha Hunupitiya and is preserved as heritage site. Harischandra College in Negombo is dedicated to him and he is considered as a patriotic hero of our nation.

There are few other remnants of the colonial era still visible in Negombo today built by Dutch, Portuguese and British colonists. The Portuguese and Dutch Fort and Clock Tower still stand today. These ruins are situated in the area between Negombo Lagoon and the sea. Though these structures may not be as they originally were, remnants still remain such as the gate of the Dutch Fort. Part of the Dutch Fort was thought to have been demolished by the British likely as a show of force of the completing colonial power at the time. The Britishers built the current prison in its place.

Negombo has also given birth to a few famous Sri Lankans. In 1947, B.A.W. Jayamanne produced and directed *Kadawuna Poronduwa* (Broken Promise). The film was the first ever black and white film created in Sri Lanka. This was a love story of historic

importance. B.A.W. Jayamanne's brother Eddie Jayamanne did play a pivotal role as Manappuwa with Rukmani Devi - the glamour queen of the Sinhala silver screen. The Sri Lankan comedian Eddie Jayamanne afterwards became very popular and acted in many films. In *Kadawuna Poronduwa*, *Colompura Sriya Sriya* was a popular song during those twilight years. B.A.W. as well as Eddie Jayamanne were former teachers at Maris Stella College, Negombo. B.A.W. and Eddie had laid deep roots in Negombo before realising their fame.

The Negombo of today, welcomes many a weary traveller away from the hustle and bustle of Colombo, as Negombo is popular for tranquil beaches. The hotel-lined Browns Beach Road offers everything from luxury five star hotels to guest lodges. At night, Browns Beach Road and Lewis Place comes alive with pubs, bars and restaurants offering gastronomic servings to satisfy any craving. In the night, one could stroll down the streets taking in the balmy evening air and pick up some of the best street food Sri Lanka has to offer.

Whether you are an international traveller looking for a retreat near the airport (Negombo is a mere seven kilometres from Bandaranaike International Airport), a local on pilgrimage to a religious site or an expat visiting home - Negombo has so much to offer. From its rich heritage to the tranquil beaches, to entertainment, nightlife and culinary offerings, you are spoiled for choice. Your experience is likely to be rounded out by some of the best hospitality you will find on the island. The warmth of Negombians comes from being a seaside town accustomed to welcoming visitors for holidays where hospitality is in their very genes.

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St. Mary's Church on Grand Street

RRIC 102: The neglected rubber clone

In the full article that was published on September 18, 2020, it was erroneously stated that the potential yield of the clone RRIC 102 was 300 kg/ha/year. The correct amount is 3,000 kg/ha/year.

Following is the corrected version:

Dr Priyani Seneviratne

Potential yield of the clone RRIC 102

The objective of this article is to discuss the true performance of clones that we are using at present. Though the breeders generally declare a potential yield or productivity for each clone along with the tapping system, a huge variation is observed from one clearing to the other of the same clone. The productivity of a clone is generally given as the yield in kilos per hectare per year. Rubber clearings, irrespective of the clone show 3-4 times yield variation, mainly owing to the stand per hectare and the growth condition.

The average yield potential of the clones RRIC 100, RRIC 102, and RRIC 121 is about 2000 kg/ha/year. But the potential yield of

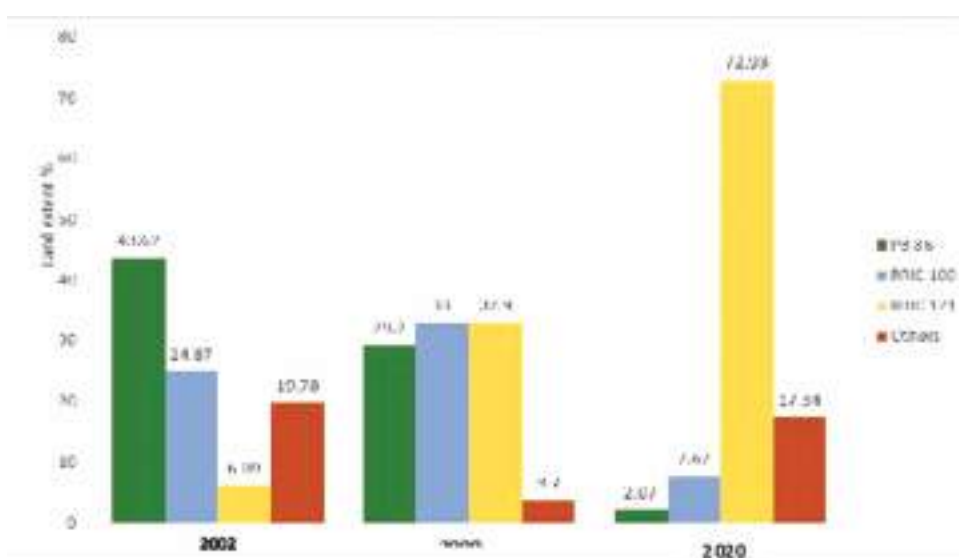
these clones is higher if cultivated properly as per the RRISL recommendations and harvested judiciously.

The actual yields obtained from one such field of clone RRIC 102 are discussed here to highlight the true performance of clones and the importance of adopting RRISL recommendations in cultivating rubber.

This observation was done in a block of clones RRIC 102, in Kegalle district. Plants have been received from the government rubber nursery at Welikadamulla, Attanagalla. Planting had been taken place in 2003 and tapping commenced in 2008, after 5 years.

When tapping practices were considered for up to five years of tapping, the panel position indicated that even the recommended d2 frequency has not been practised but a lower frequency. Under S/2 d2 tapping, about 160 tappings are allowed per year, but on average only 90 days had been tapped per year, as evident by the bark consumption.

As far as the growth of the trees is concerned, the average girth at the age of 10 years of planting is 72 cm measured at 120 cm. Twenty percent of the trees show girth above 80 cm also.



Rubber clone balance in Sri Lanka

All RRISL recommendations have been fully adopted from planting up to date including correct use of fertilizer. The growth condition; the harvesting frequency and the

quality of the tapping speak for the yield of this clearing which is above 3,000 kg/ha/year and individual tree yield per tapping is above 80 grams. No extra effort had been

taken to increase the number of tapping days through recovery tappings or the yield per tapping by applying any yield stimulant. This is a good insight and food for thought for the growers who continuously complain about the low price per kilo of rubber leaving behind all other important agro-management practices. There is no secret behind the attractive yield, but the growth condition of the trees.

The tapping system adopted is S/2 d2 but the actual number of tappings per year is similar to d3, but without stimulation or rain-gard as said before.

Similarly, yield below 800 kg/ha/year is achieved in many rubber clearings belongs to the RRIC 100, RRIC 121, and rest of the clones in the recommended clone list. For each of these clearings, the yield obtained can be well explained in the context of the number of trees in the land area, growth condition, tapping frequency, tapping quality, number of dry trees, and also the adoption of agro-management practices.

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NP Governor takes steps to end gang wars

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North Special Corr.

Northern Province Governor P.S.M. Charles has requested the Defence Secretary to take steps to curb the crimes of the growing sword gangs in the Northern Province.

September 23 has urged the Defence Secretary to take immediate action to crack down on the gangs as they pose a serious threat to the people of the North.

The Governor in her letter has pointed out that initially there was only one such gang in the area, but now there were reports of several

such gangs terrorizing the people. She has said that the activities of these gangs have spread to areas outside Jaffna such as Mullaitivu.

Pointing out the threat posed by these gangs to civilian life, the Governor has urged the Defence Secretary to crack down on these sword gangs.



NP Governor P.S.M. Charles

Namal inspects land for first housing project for youth



Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa and State Minister Indika Anurudda visited Werallawatta in Yakkala to inspect the land allocated for this project.

ASHRAF A. SAMAD

The Housing Ministry and the Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry have taken a joint effort to construct 300 flats in a housing scheme for youth in Yakkala.

Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa and State Minister Indika Anurudda visited Werallawatta in Yakkala in the Gampaha district on Monday (21) to inspect the three-acre plot of land owned by the National Housing Development Authority on which this housing scheme would be built.

Construction on the housing project will begin on October 5 to mark World Habitat Day, on the advice of Prime Min-

ister Mahinda Rajapaksa who is also Urban Development and Housing Minister.

Minister Namal Rajapaksa said that these houses will be provided at a low interest rate of 6.2 percent under an easy payment plan.

The National Housing Development Authority will be responsible for this project. The scheme will be extended to other districts in the near future.

This project in Yakkala in the Gampaha district is close to Colombo and will benefit the youth in this country, Minister Namal Rajapaksa said.

Trap gun kills woman

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA
Tissamaharama Special Corr.

A woman who was clearing a plot of sugarcane was killed by a trap gun, the Siyabalanduwa Police said. The victim was identified as R.M. Premawathie, aged 52, a mother of three, resident of Henamulla. The husband of the deceased has been taken into custody by the Ambalantota Police. Police said that the suspects had 1850mil-

Three nabbed for drug peddling

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA
Tissamaharama Special Corr.

A woman, her daughter and her grandson who were involved in drug trafficking in Ambalantota and its outskirts were taken into custody by the Ambalantota Police.

Police said that the suspects had 1850mil-

grams of heroin and Rs.74, 000 in their possession.

Police also said that they were convicted for a similar offence and were released on bail on a previous occasion.

Ambalantota OIC Jagath Wijegunaratna and a team of police officers are investigating.

Agricultural farm opened



The opening of the agricultural farm

SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN
Batticaloa Spl. Corr.

An agricultural farm for families living below the poverty line who have been affected by conflict or natural disasters was inaugurated at Kaluvankerny in the Eravur Pattu divisional secretarial division on Wednesday (23).

This programme which will ensure a permanent source of income for education, health and sustainability of these families has been funded by the European Union and WE EFFECT and implemented by the Alaimagal Self-Employment Development Co-operative Society of Kaluvankerny and the Kaviya women's organization.

This project will be supervised by the government Co-op Department.

Kaviya Executive Director Yogamalar Ajithkumar, WE EFFECT National Planning Director Priyantha Jayakody, Finance Manager Puvuthu Perera,

Villagers taught to recycle waste into fertilizer

NAVARATNA BANDARA
Mahaweli Systems Group Corr.

A group of people from the villages around Welimada, off Badulla, have been made aware of how to convert household refuse into carbonic fertilizer, which is a cost-effective method of fertilizing soil for crop growing.

They participated in a recent workshop

organized Samurdhi bank society of Welimada. The workshop participants were also made aware of how to recycle any waste material they discard into materials that they could use. The workshop had been organized to contribute to the national waste management effort as well as to the effort to develop the economy of low-income-earning families in Welimada.

Water purification plant for Beligalla

NAVARATNA BANDARA
Mahaweli Systems Group Corr.

A water purification plant has been located at the Buddhist Centre in Beligalla in Mahiyangana, for the benefit of people of the area, as part of the government's programme to prevent kidney diseases.

About 300 families in the area around the plant are now able to collect potable water for their daily requirement.

Currently, there are about 50 water purification plants located around Mahiyangana for people prone to kidney diseases which occur owing to a dearth of potable water.

Navy nabs several persons for illegal fishing

Naval operations conducted in the Eastern, North Central, Northern and North Western Naval Commands in the past week led to the apprehension of persons who had engaged in illegal fishing.

The Eastern Naval Command had apprehended nine persons who engaged in illegal fishing without a valid licence and using unauthorized fishing nets, during search operations conducted in the sea areas off the Round Island and Coconut Point in Trincomalee as well as in the lagoon of Kattankudy.

Meanwhile, the North Central Naval Command, during a search in the sea area off the Talaimannar Lighthouse, nabbed 10 persons without valid licences along with two dinghies and fishing nets which are banned. Another

search carried out in Erukulam-piddy led to the apprehension of a suspect who had stored over 724kg of dried sea cucumber, exceeding the legal limit.

In another operation, the Northern Naval Command collared three persons engaged in illegal diving activities in the sea area off Talayaddy and seized one dinghy, 13 illegally harvested sea cucumbers and fishing gear owned by the suspects.

Three persons and two dinghies were held by the North-western Naval Command for engaging in trawling at the Soththupitiya Fishing Point. Along with the suspects over 59 kg of illegally caught fish were also seized by the Navy.

The accused engaged in these illegal acts have been identified as residents of Kinniya,



Some of the gear that the Navy seized.

Talaimannar, Mannar and Talawila areas, aged between 21 and 52 years.

The apprehended persons and their belongings were handed

over to the Assistant Directors of Fisheries of Batticaloa and Mannar and Fisheries Inspectors of Point Pedro and Kalpitiya for onward investigations.

Budget advisory meeting held

SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN
Batticaloa Special Corr.

The advisory committee meeting for the preparation of the 2021 budget of the Batticaloa Municipal Council was held at the Batticaloa Town Hall on Wednesday (22).

Accountant Helen Sivaraja explained the rules and regulations governing the allocation of

funds for the various services rendered by the Municipal Council. The estimated income was to be Rs. 512 million and the administration expenses Rs. 213 million.

Mayor Thiagaraja Saravanapan explained that the current position of the expenditure and the unexpected expenses incurred due to the COVID-19

pandemic. The traders of the Municipal Market had complained that vendors from other districts were selling their goods on the roadside. This was affecting their income and also leading to road accidents. They requested that in 2021 budget this problem would be resolved.

The draft budget incorporating the views of the taxpayers and

other civic bodies were to be presented in December 2020 at the meeting of the Municipal Council.

Batticaloa Municipal Commissioner K. Chithravel, Deputy Mayor K. Sathiyaseelan, Engineer Chithradevi Lingeswaran, Deputy Commissioner U. Sivaraja and Municipal Councillors participated.

World River Day Awareness programmes for protection of rivers

NIMAL WIJESINGHE

Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

The Riverine Management unit established in 2018 under the Irrigation Department has organized a World River Day commemoration programme with public participation at 14 major rivers in the 14 irrigation regions in the country.

World River Day falls on September 27. The United Nations declared World River Day in 2005 for the protection of river basins around the world.

A spokesman for the Riverine Management unit said that the zonal irrigation directors and their staff will hold open air workshops and awareness programmes for the public, schoolchildren and

government officials. The focus of the programmes would be flood prevention, pollution of rivers, and encroachment of riverbanks.

The Malwathu Oya in Anuradhapura and Nilwala Ganga in the Matara District are two major rivers out of 14 selected for riverine protection.

It is reported that including Sri Lanka, around 70 countries celebrate the annual World River Day. Sri Lanka commenced adhering to the international event in 2018. In 2019, the national World River Day was celebrated at the Attanagala Oya river basin at Thihariya.

It is learnt that although a MOU has been signed in 2019 between the Irrigation

Department and Samurdhi Development Department for the implementation of the Pivithuru Ganga programme for prohibiting garbage to be dumped into rivers, the project is not progressing well. The proposal for deploying Samurdhi recipients to be river caretakers has also not been undertaken.

The Irrigation Department's spokesman said that there are 103 major rivers in the country out of which around 27 rivers are on the verge of destruction due to sand mining, excavation of clay and gem mining. Among those affected rivers are the Malwathu Oya, Deduru Oya, Gin Ganga, Nilwala Ganga, Mahaweli Ganga, Kelani Ganga, Kalu Ganga and Ma Oya.

ADA KOTIPATHI - FRIDAY
Draw No.: 1052 Colour: PURPLE
Date: 25.09.2020

Today's Jackpot
Rs. 72,620,755/-

Winning tickets are valid for 6 months.

Development Lotteries Board
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Tel: 2 333 546-47 Fax: 2 333 545 Website: www.dlb.lk
Hotline: 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778

WEDNESDAY
Date: 23.09.2020
Draw No.: 1050
Colour: PINK

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 4,605,700/-

Winning Numbers: 13, 17, 22, 62
English Letter: M

Winning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes: 2352
Winning number for Rs. 100/- cash prizes: 261

Winning tickets are valid only for six months

Draw Number: 1224 Colour: Orange
Draw Date: 23.09.2020 Date: Wednesday

Winning English Letter and Numbers
F 26 42 54 77

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,953,340/-

Winning Numbers: 2, 2, 6, 2
SPECIAL NUMBER: 2

Winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.

WEDNESDAY
Date: 23.09.2020
Draw No.: 3380
Colour: PURPLE

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 5,712,280/-

Winning Numbers: 28, 37, 42, 44
English Letter: C

Winning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes: 2873

Winning tickets are valid only for six months

Date: 23-09-2020
Draw Number: 1692 Colour: Orange

Super Jackpot
Rs. 53,888,460/-

Winning Numbers: 01, 32, 59, 63
ENGLISH LETTER: N

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,407,020/-

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 54,055,324/-

The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.

Date: 23-09-2020
Draw Number: 2931 Colour: Green

Super Jackpot
Rs. 3,301,095/-

Winning Numbers: 06, 24, 40, 41
Pisces

Total value of prizes
Rs. 9,492,820/-

For Rs.500 prizes: 5853
For Rs.100 prizes: 998

The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.

O/L will be considered base qualification for JP posts – Justice Minister

When granting appointments to the Justices of Peace, the Government consider GCE Ordinary Level Examination as a base qualification for those under 60 years of age, Justice Minister Ali Sabry PC yesterday said.

The Justice Minister said that when appointing persons above 60 years of age as Justices of Peace, their social work will be taken as a benchmark.

The Justice Minister was answering a question by Government MP Shantha Bandara during the oral

questions round about the appointments of Justices of Peace.

Minister Ali Sabry said that he understands that educational qualifications should not be the only benchmark when appointing Justices of Peace. "There are people

who have immense experience in working with communities, who have done great social work, so we shall take GCE O/L as a base while giving priority to people who have time to communicate and bond with people," he added.



Sandasen Marasinghe, Camelia Nathaniel and Amali Mallawaarachchi

Government seeks possibility to print train tickets here – Minister Lokuge

The Government is seeking the possibility of printing the train tickets locally, Transport Minister Gamage Lokuuge yesterday told. Minister Lokuge said that they have already invited the Government Press to sit with the Railway Department to discuss the matter.



Minister Lokuge was responding to Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Heshu Withanage during the oral question round about the railway facility.

The Minister said the Government received an income of Rs. 6386.96 million last year from railway commute service. The Minister said that the Government has spent Rs. 131.62 million to print 51 million tickets last year.

SJB MP Heshu Withanage said that many use the train facility from the public transportation systems. "So it is important that the facilities given to this service are properly increased, so that we can make it efficient. We hope

commenced the project to develop the Kelaniweli Railway Line.

We are working on the timetable and the facilities that should be added to train facilities," he said.

MP Withanage said that a large sum of money is spent on printing train tickets. Large sums of monies are allocated to print lotteries and train tickets. During our government, we questioned about this as there seemed to be many corruptions in this regard.

It has been alleged that subject ministers give contracts of printing tickets to their close associates. As a senior Minister, I would like to know what steps you have taken on this matter," he said.

Minister Lokuge said that he does not know what the previous government did. "However, we have invited the Government Press to hold discussions with the Railway Department on printing train tickets," the Minister said.

Government not against truly independent commissions – Minister Prasanna

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said that the Government has no objections regarding independent commissions, but these should be truly independent. He was joining the adjournment motion on the progressive report of the Election Commission (EC) in Parliament yesterday.

After three officers were appointed to the EC in 2015, although the its Chairman made great efforts to act transparently, certain members clearly displayed their partiality at times. The Good Governance regime took steps to appoint Hoole as a EC member on the basis that during our Government he had been regarded as a person who was aligned towards the LTTE Diaspora. He did not act as an



and credibility of the commissions. If such independent commissions are to be appointed, then members of them need to truly be independent and impartial individuals," he said.

He said that the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was brought about as a plaster to the 'Rajapaksa phobia'. "Several of the key features in it were brought with the belief that these would have a direct

impact on the Rajapaksa's. They prevented those with dual citizenship from contesting elections targeting Basil and Gotabaya Rajapaksa. They brought in a clause preventing a person from holding the office of the Presidency for a third time to prevent Mahinda Rajapaksa from contesting. The age limit of 35 years was brought in targeting Namal Rajapaksa. During the election campaign, that is why we pledged to change this 19th Amendment. That is why we brought in the 20th Amendment where some features would be adopted and implemented and some may not. The President has said that this is only a short term solution and when the new Constitution is formulated, Parliament would be given

the responsibility of formulating it where every segment of society and ethnic group is represented and they are benefitted equally," the Minister said.

He said that it was the government of J.R. Jayewardena that brought in the Executive Presidency, but 6.9 million people had voted for President Gotabaya Rajapaksa having placed their trust in him. They gave the Government a 2/3rd majority on that trust on the President and the Prime Minister," he added.

Minister Ranatunga said that therefore, they will bring in the 20th Amendment and thereafter, formulate a Constitution that would realise the aspirations of all citizens without discriminating any community.

Mullaithivu public stadium construction stalled due to land ownership issue – Sports Minister Namal

Sports and Youth Minister Namal Rajapaksa said that the site for a public stadium in Mullaithivu has been selected and the coordinating committee had approved the project. "However, someone had claimed ownership of this land and the project had been stalled," he said.

He was responding to a question by MP Charles Nirmalanathan during the round of questions for oral answers in Parliament yesterday. Minister Namal Rajapaksa said that 32 acres from Silawatte, Mullaithivu had been selected and the District Secretary had been notified. After the feasibility report, the approval of the District Committee will be obtained. "We will include this project in the 2021 budget allocations,"

he added. Rajapaksa said that the public stadium construction in Mannar was ongoing and then it had been discovered that this site was an archaeological site. "When selecting this land, proper attention had not been given to look into whether this land had any historic significance. However, it had been notified later that this site was not

an archaeologically significant site and the construction will commence. We will allocate funds to construct the second stage of this project in next year's budget allocations."



He, however, said that basic facilities will be completed by next year and the children of the area could use the ground for sports now.

Number of EC members should be increased – Minister De Silva

The number of Election Commission (EC) members should be increased to five, while its quorum remains three to prevent any delays in elections in the future, Labour Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva said.



He was speaking during the Wednesday's adjournment motion by the Government on the progressive report of the EC.

Minister De Silva said that many Opposition MPs got the adjournment motion mixed up. "We are discussing the EC performance. What are the achievements and what areas need evaluation. But the Opposition completely focused on the 20th Amendment to the Constitution. The EC conducted the General Election 2020 effectively despite the COVID-19 pandemic. So we need to extend our gratitude to all the public employees committed to this task. How-

ever, we are critical of EC member Hoole, who represents the foreign forces that attempt to meddle with internal affairs. We completely condemn his behaviour, which disrespected the independent Commission. But there is no way to take action against such misconducts as per the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. That is why we need to introduce more amendments to the Constitution," the Minister said.

Minister De Silva said that there are only three members in the EC. Its quorum is the same. If Hoole decides to run away and hide somewhere, we will not be able to hold an election. We are going to increase the members of the Commission from three to five and keep the quorum as three," he said.

The Minister said that the electoral system needs amendments. "When we were in the opposition, we proposed a mixed electoral system.

When we get the 20th Amendment, we need to be committed to present the 21st Amendment to the Constitution and draft a new Constitution. During the election, some candidates distributed alcohol and food items. Was EC able to stop it? No they were not. Removing posters and cutouts is not enough.

This is why that we need to do away with the preferential voting," the Minister said.

One EC member said not to vote for SLPP – Chandrasena

"The independence of the Election Commission (EC) is reflected by one of its member's request not to vote to the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP). "Hoole said so during the last election period," Land Minister Chandrasena said. "Is that Election Commission independent?" he asked.

He was speaking in the debate on the adjournment motion by Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Parliamentarian Sagara Kariyawasam. The Government has had to introduce the 20th Amendment and to pass the new Constitution, which the previous United National Party (UNP) led Good Governance Government pledged, attempted but failed to fulfill, Minister S. M. Chandrasena said.



He said that during the 1980s, the ballot boxes were filled illegally. "Now they have been changed. The culture of poster free election

was introduced by our leader President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The Local Government elections were

delayed. When we queried it from the EC, they said that the Government had to take actions to do so. The EC introduced under the 19th Amendment is not independent and it has no due powers," he said.

Minister Chandrasena said that even the IGP is an issue today. "We have an acting IGP and not an IGP. It was created by the Police Commission. He added that all these issues were created by the 19th Amendment that was introduced by the

Good Governance Government. They got the vote from the Opposition promising to bring about the 20th Amendment without delay and promising to change the electoral system. The UNP Government did not keep the pledge. That is the reason why we have had to bring the 20th Amendment to the Constitution," Minister Chandrasena said.

He said that on the other hand, they commenced drafting a Constitution but it was a white elephant.

Inadequate rules and shortcomings in implementing them resulted in Kandy tragedy – MP Harini

Inadequate regulations and shortcomings in implementing regulations resulted in the death of a young family, National People's Power (NPP) MP Harini Amarasooriya yesterday said in Parliament referring to the Boowelikada tragedy in Kandy.

She was speaking in the debate on the adjournment motion moved by Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Parliamentarian Sagara Kariyawasam. She said that it is a well known that no matter what laws or regulations are introduced, the issue is the failure in implementing them properly.

She said that despite certain shortfalls, the Election Commission had done a commendable service and it should be appreciated. "Just because of the actions of one member of the Commission, it is not fair to criticise or condemn the entire Commission," she said.

"Referring to a survey carried out in 1990 on youth depression where youngsters were interviewed and majority of them had spoken about the disparity in Sri Lanka among various social classes, she

said that they had stated that society is heavily influenced politically, and people are treated very unfairly. "That Commission had thereafter issued a report that said, "The oral and written statements made to the Commission indicated virtual unanimity that politicisation and perceptions about the abuse of political power are some of the main causes of youth unrest in Sri Lanka. The Commission is well aware of the role that politics plays in a democratic society, however, what was underscored during our deliberations as not politics as the

art of governance but the abuses and excesses of politicisation which gave rise to a strong perception of injustice, especially among the youth. It was this Commission that recommended that Sri Lanka needs independent commissions and a constitutional council," she said.

She said that it was a result that the 19th Amendment was formulated. "Ironically, a professor in the Government had also signed the report and endorsed the recommendations. It is questionable how he changed so fast. Democracy can-

not be fulfilled immediately, it is a long process.

We should proceed towards a path that expands democracy and not resort to policy and constitutional amendments that would restrict that process.

I think the Election Commission was one of the main arms in ensuring that a democratic culture prevails in our society.

I do not think that the situation under this capitalist system, we could ever reach that ideal of democracy, but we must always reach towards that ideal," she said.



No heroes other than those in Tri-forces, police – SLPP MP



There are no heroes in the country other than those of the Tri-forces and the Police to be commemorated, Colombo District Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Parliamentarian Pradeep Udugodu said.

He was speaking in the adjournment motion debate on the progressive report of the Finance Commission in 2019 last quarter and several other

ancillary reports of the Public Service Commission.

He was responding to Jaffna District Tamil National Alliance Parliamentarian C. V. Vigneshwaran, who demanded the heroes in the North and East be commemorated.

MP Udugodu said that around 30,000 war heroes of the Tri-forces and the Police sacrificed their lives to protect the unitary status of the country and

bring about peace, while many others were injured. He added they are the heroes. He said that he expressed his displeasure over Vigneshwaran's request.

He added that everybody saw how the war heroes were treated during the previous regime of Good Governance Government led by the United National Party (UNP). He added that they were really ill-treated and such things hap-

pen when there are no strong leaders to protect the country. He added that the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is directing the country now in the right path.

C. V. Vigneshwaran joining the same debate, before MP Pradeep Udugodu, said that as the Provincial Council Chief Minister he had spent all the funds allocated by the Government to the Northern Province for its development programmes. He added that the

funds which were directed to the District Secretaries in the Northern Province were not used effectively and most of them were returned to the Central Government at the year end.

He also queried why the Government banned the commemoration of the youth in the North and East who died in the Military Operations. He requested those heroes to be allowed to be commemorated.

Two policemen shot amid protests in US

LONDON: Two policemen have been shot amid protests in the US over a decision not to charge any officers over the killing of Breonna Taylor.

Ms Taylor, 26, a black hospital worker, was shot six times as three officers raided her home on 13 March.

A grand jury in the city of Louisville returned only one minor charge against one of the officers, for shots which hit a neighbouring apartment.

The attorney general said the two other officers' actions had been justified.

One had been hit by a shot fired by Ms Taylor's boyfriend, who later told police he thought it was an ex-boyfriend of Ms Taylor who had broken into the apartment.

A judge had granted a warrant to search Ms Taylor's home because investigators suspected her ex-boyfriend, a convicted drug dealer, was using the address to receive packages. Ms Taylor had no criminal record.

Cases of killings of unarmed black people by police have fuelled anger across the US and beyond, spurred especially by the death of George Floyd in police custody in Minneapolis in May.

(BBC)



Community members hold a banner in support of CPAC (Civilian Police Accountability Council) during a rally on September 23, 2020 in Chicago, Illinois. Across the country, protesters have taken to the streets after the grand jury's decision to only charge one Louisville Metro Police officer in the raid in which Taylor was killed. Officer Brett Hankison, who was fired in June, was charged three counts of wanton endangerment for shooting into neighboring apartments. Bond was set at \$15,000 for Hankison. Taylor, a 26-year-old emergency medical technician, was killed in her home during a no-knock raid on March 13, 2020. AFP

Australian rescuers forced to euthanise beached whales as toll rises



Rescuers work to save a whale stranded on a sandbar in Macquarie Harbour on the rugged west coast of Tasmania on September 24, 2020, as Australian rescuers were forced to begin euthanising some surviving whales from a mass stranding that has already killed 380 members of the giant pod. (AFP)

MACQUARIE HARBOUR:

Australian rescuers were forced Thursday to begin euthanising some surviving whales from a mass stranding that has already killed 380 members of the giant pod.

While 88 pilot whales have been saved since the pod was discovered beached on Tasmania's rugged western seaboard four days ago, the death toll is expected to rise as the window for rescue closes.

"We still have a few more live animals that we think are going to be viable to move," said Tasmania's Parks and Wildlife Service manager Nic Dekka, praising the hard "yakka" (work) of rescuers who will continue until nightfall and into Friday.

"There is a likelihood that we'll be continuing the rescue effort tomorrow... our focus has been on those that appear the most viable and have the most chance of success," he said.

A crew of around 60 conservationists and expert volunteers have spent days wading in the chilly waters of Macquarie Harbour, surrounded by the anguishing cries of dying whales.

"It is emotional," said rescuer Sam Thalmann.

"There are animals swimming around,

they are vocalising. We can see the bonds and the pairings within them." Pilot whales - which can grow up to six metres (20 feet) long and weigh a tonne - are highly social.

Some animals have resisted rescue or tried to return to the pod after being freed, becoming beached for a second time.

Such is the level of distress that authorities said they had to carry out mercy killings of at least four whales.

"Those four whales were euthanized earlier today," using firearms and specialist ammunition, said Tasmanian environment department marine biologist Kris Carlyon.

"We've got a few others that we currently giving veterinary assessment." "That's based purely on animal welfare grounds," he said.

The crews are now focusing efforts on a group of 20-25 partially submerged whales, using boats fitted with special slings to guide them back to the open ocean.

But, increasingly, attention is turning to how to safely dispose of the carcasses of the nearly 400 whales that have already died. AFP

Belarus's Lukashenko shrugs off Western vote rejection



MINSK: Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko on Thursday responded defiantly to the European Union and the United States which refused to recognise his inauguration as president citing rigged polls.

"They're shouting that they don't recognise us," Lukashenko said at a meeting with the Chinese Ambassador Cui Qiming.

A number of Western countries have refused to acknowledge Lukashenko as president, following his inauguration on Wednesday.

He claimed to have won 80 percent of the vote in August 9 polls despite huge support for his opposition rival, Svetlana Tikhanovskaya.

The United States described the

elections as "fraudulent." Lukashenko insisted: "We never asked anyone to recognise or not recognise our elections, or to recognise the legitimacy of the re-elected president or not." On Thursday, the European Union said that Lukashenko's inauguration for a sixth term the day before lacked "any democratic legitimacy" and was reviewing its relations with Minsk.

Earlier on Wednesday, the United States and European countries including Germany said they refused to recognise Lukashenko as the president of the ex-Soviet state because the elections were not free or fair.

The non-transparent ballot included several days of early voting while Belarus failed to invite



Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko

international observer group OSCE in time.

The opposition has called for fresh elections to be held according to international standards.

The authoritarian leader - in power since 1994 - said of the

inauguration that "the main thing is that this should correspond to our country's constitution. And if they see contradictions, let them say so." Lukashenko also responded to criticism of his decision to hold his inauguration without prior announcement and without live television coverage, in an apparent move to prevent protesters gathering.

The Belarusian strongman said that his motorcade drove through the city and some 2,000 people were invited to the ceremony including the military, arguing "there was no secret." Several thousand protesters took to the streets of Minsk on Wednesday evening and the interior ministry said police detained 252 demonstrators in the capital. AFP

Thieves steal John Paul II relic from Italian church

ROME: Thieves have stolen a vial containing several drops of blood of the late pope John Paul II from a church in the Italian city of Spoleto, the Vatican news site said Thursday.

Police have opened an investigation into the theft of the relic Wednesday night from the church in Umbria in central Italy, Vatican News reported.

"I dare to hope that it's a shallow act that was not intended to offend the sensibilities of the faithful," the report quoted Spoleto Archbishop Renato Boccardo as saying. "I also dare to hope that this rash act wasn't done to make money." AFP

Maddie suspect loses bid for prison release

LUXEMBOURG: The prime suspect in the disappearance of British toddler Madeleine McCann on Thursday lost his bid to be freed from jail, with the European Court of Justice rejecting his appeal against a separate rape conviction.

German police investigating a suspect identified as Christian B. believe he had killed McCann, whose disappearance in 2007 had sparked a huge international manhunt.

The German man's challenge had been against a conviction in Germany for the rape of a 72-year-old woman in Portugal in 2005.

While the case before the ECJ is separate to the inquiry into McCann's disappearance, investigators in Germany were watching the case anxiously as it has a bearing on whether the suspect could be released from prison in the coming months.

With Thursday's ruling, the ECJ dealt a huge blow to the 43-year-old suspect's hopes to be freed.

It found the rape conviction justified because Italian authorities, who had arrested and handed the him over to German authorities, had given their consent for him to be prosecuted for that case. Christian B., who has a string of convictions for different crimes, is now serving his sentence for drug trafficking in the northern German city of Kiel which ends on January 7, 2021. AFP



Legendary newspaper editor Harold Evans dies aged 92

LONDON: Crusading British newspaper editor Harold Evans has died in New York aged 92, his wife Tina Brown said Thursday, prompting a flood of tributes.

UK Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden, whose brief includes media, described Evans as a "giant of investigative journalism", a reputation he established at the helm of the Sunday Times. Ian Murray, executive director of the Society of Editors, paid tribute to Evans, who died of congestive heart failure on Wednesday.

"Sir Harold Evans was a giant among journalists who strove to put the ordinary man and woman at the heart of his reporting. He took on the establishment without fear or favour and earned a deserved reputation as one of the world's greatest editors."

"In his 70 years as a journalist he never lost sight of the need to maintain integrity in our profession. He was a true champion of a free press and holding the powerful to account," Murray said.

Stephen J Adler, editor-in-chief of the international



news agency Reuters, where Evans worked as editor at large from 2011, said "his example will continue to guide us".

Evans' most famous expose was on the birth defects caused by the drug thalidomide, which eventually led to compensation payouts for the victims.

Glen Harrison, a thalidomide survivor and deputy chairman of the campaign group Thalidomide UK, called him "an outstanding human being for our cause" and a "true gentleman".

"We wouldn't know where we would be without him," he said.

Campaigner Guy Tweedy said: "If it wasn't for him fighting against the Establishment, and having the courage to expose this horrendous scandal, we would never have got any justice at all." "All I tried to do - all I hoped to do - was to shed a

little light," Evans recalled in an interview with the Independent in 2014.

Under Evans' tenure from 1967 to 1981, the Sunday Times also revealed that British intelligence agent Kim Philby was a double agent working for the Soviet Union. He also published the diaries of a former government minister, Richard Crossman, despite risking prosecution under the Official Secrets Act.

Evans had humble roots, growing up in a working-class family near Manchester, northwest England, and beginning his career at the regional publication the Manchester Evening News.

He edited his first newspaper at the age of 32, the Northern Echo, in northeast England where he had attended university at Durham, before moving on to Fleet Street in London.

He called journalism his "basic passion" and summed up his own philosophy to the profession by saying "attempting to get at truth means rejecting stereotypes and clichés." Evans left the Sunday Times in 1981 to become editor of sister paper The Times when media mogul Rupert Murdoch took over. AFP

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Russia's season of war games unites West-weary allies

MOSCOW: Russia is staging a series of military exercises with China and other allies amid growing alarm over fresh tensions with the West.

The largest of these games, Caucasus-2020, kicked off in southern Russia this week and include land and naval exercises involving a total of 80,000 people including more than 12,000 troops.

China, Iran and Myanmar are taking part along with several ex-Soviet countries including Belarus.

"These exercises are the

main annual test of the Russian armed forces' readiness to engage in a large-scale conflict," Vasily Kashin, a Moscow-based military analyst, told AFP.

The drills that last until Saturday and feature naval deployments on the Black Sea and the Caspian have been organised "for the top echelons of the military leadership", he said.

According to the defence ministry, up to 250 tanks and around 450 infantry combat vehicles and armoured personnel carriers are taking part in the drills along with artillery systems

and rocket launchers. The Russian forces will test the TOS-2 heavy flamethrower systems first paraded through Moscow's Red Square during Victory Day celebrations in June.

President Vladimir Putin has made reviving the army one of the top priorities of his 20-year rule.

After years of post-Soviet neglect, the armed forces received new aircraft, tanks and missiles, opened new bases in the Arctic and resumed Cold War-style strategic bomber patrols.

Moscow has staged more frequent large-scale military

exercises in the Caucasus, the Baltic and the Arctic in recent years.

In 2018, Russia held what it has called its largest ever military drills, with 300,000 Russian troops joining Chinese soldiers in a show of force condemned by NATO.

Russia's drills this autumn are also viewed as a show of support for Belarusian strongman Alexander Lukashenko who has faced unprecedented protests against his disputed re-election last month and was sworn in during a secret ceremony Wednesday. AFP

Lanil played for Sri Lanka even without playing for his school

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Any person to mature as a reputed sportsman has to start from the grass root, which is the school level which plays a pivotal role in one's life. But Lanil Tennekoon, a yesteryear rugby legend was an extraordinary talented player who never involved himself at school in competitive rugby who later went on to lead the Sri Lanka Rugby team at International tournaments.

He hails from a sporting family as his father John Tennekoon was one of the great products of St. Anthony's College, Katugastota, representing his alma mater at Cricket and Boxing. He later joined the Police force and played rugby and Boxed for them during the pre-war period.

Lanil was a great product of Trinity College, Kandy. From his childhood he had a liking for sports especially towards rugby football. Even though he rose to a top class rugby player, never represented the college rugby team, but took part only in the inter house rugby matches captaining the house team.

In 1970, soon after he left school after the academic career he joined Dickoya Maskeliya Cricket Club to engage in Rugby under the captaincy of Malin Goonatilleke and at Cricket under the captaincy of Bede Johnpillai. While maturing as a senior player he opted to come to Colombo to engage in competitive rugby playing for CH & FC 'Kabaragoyas' in 1971. He was then selected for the senior side making his debut in 1972 under the captaincy of Darrel Wimalaratne, which year they remained unbeaten League Champions and lost to Police 9-12 in the

Clifford Cup finals, in injury time with Nizam Hadireen firing the all-important penalty, incidentally they had beaten Police in both outings in the league tournament.

He was a blessed player with some unstinted kicking skills which enabled them to win from the knockout stages putting over all the penalty kicks on offer up to the finals. The CH team consisted of some top players in that era like Y.C. Chang, Ron Hutchinson, Boga Gunasekera, Nizar, Kumar Bastianpillai. With Bryan Baptist and Noel Brohier he played in the third row as a flanker The others were Michael Hauck, Hamish Paternott and Tony Amith to name a few. The Police side consisted of some star studded players led by Anton Benedict, Rock Banda, Tuan Morseth, J B Kularatne, R P Linton, Nimal Abeysinghe, Bandula. Wijesinghe, Nizam Hajireen, Abdul Majeed and Ibrahim Hamid are a few to be named.

Two years later he moved to Kandy and was selected to represent Sri Lanka at the 4th Rugby Asiad under Indrajith Coomaraswamy in Sri Lanka. He was shifted to play as a second row forward and played along with Nizar Hadji Omar, Alphonso Rodrigo, Jeyarodriguez, Dr. Maiya Gunasekera, Jeffrey de Jong, Anton Benedict, Hanzil, Samad, Hafid Abdeen, Reginald Bartholomeusz, Didacus de Almeida, Omar Sherif, Mahesh Sabaratnam, Shafie Jainudeen, M.F. Fernando, Harendra Gunasekera, B.ryan Baptist, Jeffery Yu, G.B.Gunadasa, Clifford Elhart NT B Dassanayake and Charles Wijewardena. They subsequently lost to Japan 6-44 in



Lanil Tennekoon

the final which incidentally was the first time that Sri Lanka ever played in an Asiad final, where all countries had their proper national teams in the fray.

He wants to recall the strenuous training period they underwent in preparation for this tournament at the Army Training Camp, Diyatalawa under the watchful eyes of coach Major Bertie Dias. In the curtain raiser the Lankans edged out Singapore 10-4, where two penalties were courtesy Lanil and the solitary try was scored by skipper Indrajith Coomarasawmy. They also beat Malaysia 12-6 and Laos 39-3. As a result this side was placed number two in Asia in 1974, which turned out to be a fine performance.

His father inspired him to maintain his fitness where he

did regular road running every day in the evening. In 1975, he had other ideas and finally decided to come to Colombo again to don Havelock's jersey under the captaincy of Shafi Jainudeen. He continued playing for them until 1978 under the captaincy of Thajone Savangan, Jeffrey De Jong and finally under Anton Benedict's captaincy in 1978, where they won the Triple Crown. Due to his job commitment, he swapped clubs to join Uva and Dimbula. He was selected to represent Sri Lanka at the Asiad and went on to play at the Hong Kong(HK) sevens until 1980, where he was appointed as the captain of the National team for both HK sevens and the Asiad held in Taiwan. He also was fortunate to be a member in the inaugural HK Sevens team in 1976 under the captaincy of Indrajith Coomaraswamy including Dr. Maiya Gunasekera, Mohan Balasuriya, Ronald Rodrigo, G B Gunadasa, Jeffrey de Jong and T A Omerdeen.

The unforgettable moment in his rugby career was when he got selected to play as a second overseas player along with Michael Jayasekera for the Invitation International Rugby XV captained by Wallabies skipper Mark Loane in 1978 against the Hong Kong national side. The Invitation International Rugby XV consisted of several international players who participated at the Hong Kong Sevens. This match was played after the Hong Kong sevens which their team won by 18-10. The winning team's score was off a goal, three tries against a goal and a try. He was instrumental in scoring a try to put them ahead at one point.

After hanging up his boots, he served as a National Rugby selector in 2008 and went on to serve in the SLRFU Committee in 1996 and 1997 as the Up-Country representative. In 1994 and 2005, he was appointed as the interim President of the Uva Provincial Rugby Union. In 1993 was responsible along with Nalin De Silva in organizing an All-Island Inter-Club Rugby Sevens Tournament in Badulla for which Kishin Butani gave him a big hand.

In the 1980s he was invited to captain the Trinity College Old Boys(TCOB) team against the Old Royalists captained by Dr. Maiya Gunasekera. This match was played in connection with the opening of the Royal College Sports Complex at Reid Avenue. He also led the TCOB team against the Old Ispathanians captained by Nalin de Silva at a charity match organized by the Old Ispathanians.

His coaching stint started with Dharmaraja College Rugby team on two occasions in 1974 and 1980. After four decades of planting in Sri Lanka he moved to Africa in 2013 to continue his Tea Planting career in Mozambique and Rwanda. He returned to Sri Lanka at the end of 2019 and presently is managing a Tea Factory as General Manager owned by a former Trinitian and renowned Up country Rugby player Jivaka Atapattu.

He is married to Sandra who was an athlete at Good Shepherd Convent, Kandy, and is the loving father of two sons Devaka and Dulanga who went to Trinity and a daughter Yoshani who was a good athlete at Ladies College Colombo.

Mervyn Rodrigo was a fine cricketer and athlete

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA
Kandy Sports Special correspondent



Mervyn Rodrigo

Mervyn Rodrigo, former Outstation Schoolboy Cricketer produced by St. Sylvester's College, Kandy is a rare person who was equally good in sports as well as studies and he became a graduate in Science at the University of Peradeniya.

He was able to score five centuries and among them are against Carey College, Colombo, Maliyadewa College, Kurunegala and St. Anthony's College, Katugastota, hence he was selected as the first Outstations Schoolboy cricketer. He started his cricket career at the age of 14 years under the coaching of Robert Wright and Chandra de Silva and he had the opportunity to captain the School Cricket team along with Maithiri Rajapakse, Jagath Wijesekera (who became Doctors in Medicine later on) Neville Herathge, Hinton Karunathillake and Jerry Alexander to name a few.

He was also an outstanding athlete who started his athletic career at the age of 13 years and won the Championship in all Age Groups and his Coaches were Bobby Jayaweera and Captain Wijekoon. He set a record in Triple Jump at the Public Schools Meet in the Sixties and that record remained for a long time and he toured Australia with the National Schools team under P.Gaminiratne and scored a half century against the Western Australian combined Schools team.

He continued Athletics along with Cricket in his University career and

became The Best Athlete at the Freshers' Meet and also became the Best Sportsman in his final year in the University Mervyn Rodrigo played cricket along with Cyril Ernest, Ranjith Boyagoda, C.Balakrishnan and Sugri Rajaratnam to name a few. He also participated in the All India Inter University Cricket tournament. After his University career he was employed in the Mercantile Sector as an Executive and ended up as a Director of a Company.

He told this Correspondent that there is a lot of talent in the outstation Schools and Sri Lanka Cricket should give all possible assistance towards the development of the game in these schools.

He said that another aspect seen in our present National Level Cricket is that while we have very talented Batsmen, we do not have match winning bowlers (after Murali, Vaz and Malinga) and as such we should concentrate on developing good bowlers from School level. Every young Sportsman should take an example from Mervyn Rodrigo.

Charuka Peiris a cricketing star in the making

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Second year player, right hand middle order batsman, right arm off spinner, safe fielder, and colourman Charuka Kalhara Peiris has performed well during his cricket career at Sri Sumangala College, Panadura.

Charuka commenced his schooling at Sri Sumangala College and in the year 2014 as a nine year old player he was selected to the under 13 team and his first year itself he scored 180 runs and claimed 35 wickets. In his second year he got 224 runs and 16 outs and in his third year in four outings he scored 67 runs and bagged 12 wickets. In his final year he was the Vice Captain of the team and scored 285 runs and took 13 wickets.

Under Mr. Ranasinghe in the under 15 first year he scored 153 runs and took 13 wickets and in his second year he collected 248 runs and claimed 18 wickets and



he was the Vice Captain of the team, and was selected to the Kalutara District Team for the Prima Cup and he represented the Western Province South Outer team too.

As an under 15 player Charuka was selected for the first eleven team and in his first year in 2018/19 he was able to take 17 scalps and in 2019/20 season he



Sri Sumangala College First Eleven Cricket Pool 2019/2020 with the Officials Front Row Seated L/R - Mihiranga Fernando, Deshan Fernando (Asst. Coach), Anuka Jayasinghe (Captain), Dimuthu Deranagoda (Principal), Tharana de Silva (Vice Captain), Priyankara Nandasena (Master in Charge of Cricket), Manoj Chanaka (Head Coach), Imeth Gampola Back Row Standing L/R - Kavindu Gayathra, Charuka Peiris, Sathira Fernando, Imalka Madushan, Vidusha Peiris, Heshan Duminda, Charuka Jayathilaka, Sasindu de Silva, Shenal Buddhina, Prabash Jayasekera, Heshan Jayalath Arachchi, Vishwa Lahiru (Picture by Dilwin Mendis Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

played only in eight matches and scored 157 runs and bagged eight wickets. In his first year itself he was selected for their Big Match against their arch rivals Moratuwa Vidyalaya and in the following year too he played in the Big

Match and the limited over match and Sumangalians beat Vidyalayans.

Charuka got selected for the 80 member Sri Lanka Development Squad which was later reduced to 30 members

Sivasubramaniam did a lot to promote rugby at Kandy SC

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Every rugby lover speaks about the good work done by Duraisamy Sivasubramaniam, who was renowned for his leadership skills and his passion for rugby, and he was one of the most-capped forwards and a top class official of Kandy SC and cemented his place as one of the most successful officials. He was one of the finest rugby forwards of the mid 1980's Duraisamy Sivasubramaniam was one time chairman of the Old Trinitians Rugby Scrummage.

Siva, as he is popularly known was a top front row



forward who sported Trinity College jersey in 1983, for the first time under the leadership of Ashan Ratwatte, and some of his first team mates of the 1983 team were Ravi Gunasekera, Rohan Abeyakoon, Ravi Pillai, Arjuna de Silva, Nalin, Wethasinghe, Channa Kalugampitiya, N de Silva, Channa Brodie, Dilakshan, Ratwatte, Hassan Ally, Manoj Jayatissa, Jeevana Handunge and Jayanthasiri Perera. In his first year he won his colorus and the following year 1984 he led the side in five games when the regular captain was injured, and guided Trinity to win

were L.V. Ekanyake, Ashan Ratwatte, C.S. Ekanayake, Athula Manchanayake, Nihal Viper Gunaratne, A. Dayasiri, Anil Jayasinghe, S. Katuriarachchi, L. Ellepola, A. Kaviratne, M. Rasheed, Roy Ibrahim, S. Ranaweera, Lakshman Dullewe, Priyantha Ekanayake and he is a man who never forget his rugby days like today's people.

That is the year he won the coveted Lion and it was the one and only award for that season. He played for Outstation Schools against Colombo Schools in the Gratiaen Cup and also for the Combined Schools XV. Straight

from school he joined Kandy Sports Club and played for many years and also for Up-Country, and later was in the committee of Kandy SC as a treasurer, vice president and rugby chairman for well over ten years. It was under his chairmanship that Kandy SC won the first League title in 1994. He was involved with Kandy SC for nearly 25 years. He was also the Up Country Lions SC rugby chairman. Recently Siva has extended his support for most sports in Kandy. He also has given his maximum support for cricket, hockey and football.

Addalaichenai Ashraff Youth Club kabaddi champions.

Text and Pictures by: **MOHAMED RIZAN**

Addalaichenai Central Correspondent Addalaichenai Ashraff Youth Club won the Addalaichenai DS division Kabaddi Championship beating Wisdom Youth Club, Addalaichenai by 50 points to 31 in the final at the Addalaichenai Ashraff Memorial Public Play Grounds recently.

This tournament was organized by the Addalaichenai Divisional Secretariat Youth Services Officer B.M.Riyath under the guidance and supervision of Addalaichenai Divisional Secretary J.Liyakath Ali successfully and the champions team have been selected for the upcoming Ampara District Inter Youth Club Kabaddi championship-2020.



The champions Addalaichenai Ashraff Youth Club Kabaddi team with officials

The Kabaddi tournament was held as a part of Addalaichenai inter division youth sports meet -2020. Several registered youth clubs

kabaddi teams from Addalaichenai DS division took part.

The champion Ashraff Youth Club players at this competition will have to contest at Ampara Dis-

trict Kabaddi competition shortly as they are the Addalaichenai Divisional Champions. It will be conducted by the National Youth Services Council.

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Twenty National athletes to foster with sponsorships

ALTHAF NAWAZ

The National Olympic Council (NOC) joined hands with Crysbro and signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to launch the "NOC SL-Crysbro Next Camp", a vision of taking talented Sri Lankan Athletes to the international sports arena, at a press conference held at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute yesterday.

Twenty deserving athletes scouted by NOCSL, who have the potential of qualifying for the Youth Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and the South Asian Games in 2022, will be sponsored according to the MOU, which will be effective for two years.

This ground breaking agreement comes at a juncture where the sponsors Crysbro looks to fulfill 50 years as the country's first totally integrated poultry company by 2022. Their overarching ambition to foster development in the rural economy has been a massive success with its numerous initiatives to uplift the lives and families of farmers, including the small and medium scale broiler chicken growers originated from these communities.

To coincide with this partnership



Amores Sellar, Senior Manager-Sales and Marketing, Crysbro (second from left) exchanging the agreement with Maxwell de Silva, Secretary General, NOC SL soon after signing the MOU. Others in the picture are from left-Nalin Aluthgamage, representative, Crysbro, Suresh Subramaniam, President NOC SL, Susanthika Jayasinghe, Silver Medalist(200m) at 2000 Sydney Olympics Games. Picture by Sulochana Gamage

they will launch an online portal, which for the very first time in Sri Lanka will enable members of the public to financially sponsor the rural athletes, school's sports associations and sports clubs and chambers. All funds collected through this portal will be fully disbursed to the entities to which

they were contributed, a process carefully overlooked and strictly managed by NOCSL.

Meanwhile, the scholarship will cover the costs such as nutrition, transportation costs, coaching fees, accommodation, logistics such as clothing, sports gear and medical

expenses necessary for the training, grooming and development of each selected athlete. This will also enable the athletes to access to a combined of high value tools and world class Mentors including training exposures.

The joint venture project scholarship programme is phase II of Crysbro Next Camp scholarship programme, which up to date has groomed and supported the dreams of 120 young athletes from the under-privileged regions of the Country. The initiative has also successfully produced a collection of athletes who secured gold and silver medals at recent SAG in Nepal.

Crysbro Next Camp not only recognizes and rewards young sporting talent from all corners of the country, but also budding athletes from multiple sporting disciplines with the guidance from experts on aspects such as proper training methods and a suitable diet. The projects founding vision sought to bolster Crysbro's already significant social contribution as a key pillar of the country's rural economy plus creating sporting opportunities and promoting the message of staying physically and mentally active.

SLC T20 Cricket Tournery to begin next month



CCC are the defending T20 champions (Picture courtesy SLC)

CHANDRIKA FERNANDO

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) will conduct their second competition for the 2020/21 season when the Major Inter-Club Twenty20 Tournament gets underway next month.

The tournament will commence on October 23 with the participation of 26 teams and will conclude with the final scheduled for November 8 at the SSC Grounds in Maitland Place.

Meanwhile, the Sebastianites SC will make a re-entry into Division-1 cricket as they are drawn in Group 'D' along with Ragama CC, Badureliya CC, Lankan CC, Panadura SC, Tamil Union and Navy SC.

The defending champions CCC will battle it out in Group 'A' together with SSC, Moors SC, Air Force SC, Kalutara TC, Sri Lanka Ports Authority SC and Kurunegala YCC.

The last year runner-up Chilaw Marians SC are included in Group 'B' together with Army SC, BRC, Police SC, Galle CC and Nugegoda SC while

Group 'C' will have NCC, Colts CC, Saracens SC, Negombo SC, Bloomfield and Kandy Customs CC.

The preliminary round fixtures will be worked off until November 3 and thereafter, the two top teams of each group would progress towards the quarter-finals scheduled for November 6.

The two semi-finals of the tournament will be worked off on November 7 at the NCC Grounds in Maitland Place.

The teams:

Group 'A': CCC, SSC, Moors SC, Air Force SC, Kalutara TC, SLPA SC and Kurunegala YCC.

Group 'B': Chilaw Marians SC, Army SC, BRC, Police SC, Galle CC and Nugegoda SC.

Group 'C': NCC, Colts CC, Saracens SC, Negombo SC, Bloomfield and Kandy Customs CC.

Group 'D': Ragama CC, Badureliya CC, Lankan CC, Panadura SC, Tamil Union, Navy SC and Sebastianites SC.

Shooting sport back on right track

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka (NSSF) held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2020 at the Mega Pharma Auditorium in Kohuwala recently with Affiliates of NSSF also participated.

NSSF was one of the sports bodies highly affected by COVID-19 and the calendar for 2020, which had 10 local and 11 international meets, was limited to only one international event this year.

At the AGM, Gamini Costa, the Project Officer for shooting sports (representing the Ministry of Sports as an observer), assured that he would do his utmost to ensure that NSSF obtains a national shooting range, a venture initiated by the incumbent President Peries in 2015, and which is at a stand-still.

The AGM was conducted smoothly and the account reports and the annual report tabled were adopted and approved without any objections. This is a good result as most of the sports bodies have many internal issues. As usual, it's an overwhelming sight for any officer from the Ministry of Sport to come in as an observer of one of its affiliated bodies, which maintains good relationship among themselves and upholds camaraderie," Costa said.

NSSF President Shirantha Peries was optimistic that the current developments taking place post-COVID era, would ideally give them hope of con-



NSSF President Shirantha Peries

ducting at least the most important local events lined up for 2020.

"The final decisions on the events that would happen during the remainder of this year will be taken at the relevant committee meetings. "We can guarantee that shooting events will happen and the final list of events will be revealed very soon," NSSF President stated. Among the 10 local meets planned were four Rifle, Pistol and Air Gun competitions (at the SLNS Gemunu Range in Welisara), with the remaining six - all Trap and Skeet Shot Gun competitions - slated to be held at the Shooting Range in Payagala. A post-COVID revival event was held on August 15 for members of Clay Target Shooting Club of Colombo.

NSSF President further stated that they are now more focused on getting the shooters and activities back on track after the Covid 19 pandemic.

Use available resources to win medals - Sports Minister

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa said that athletes should not make lack of infrastructure facilities as an excuse for not winning medals and questioned whether the athletes are making the maximum use of the resources that we have. He was speaking in an event at the Colombo School of Business and Management recently. The Minister further added 'We hear a lot of people making statements saying that there are no proper facilities nowadays to engage in sports, I am not comparing 2020 with the 1990s but when we won so many medals what sort of facilities did we have? Susanthika Jayasinghe won an Olympic medal but in comparison to the current day she didn't have facilities, and the same goes when we won the 1996 cricket World Cup.

"We are a country that is surrounded by the sea, so why can't we practice and win medals at the 2 mile event. Many people say since we don't have swimming pools we are not in a position to qualify for Olympics, but still, we have the sea and the 2 mile swim is one event we should focus more. Every youth in the country rides a bicycle and for instance, if you consider the Sinhala and Tamil New Year, I guess no other country has more marathons and bicycle

target we can earn money from sports. Today sportsmen and women are heavily depending on their parents who are living in villages. Parents find it difficult to give money for talented athletes. This system will change after developing a sports economy".

"This year we are planning to provide 333 functional training centres for the sports clubs which are not belong to Government institutions and located in rural areas. If we can change the education system the most problems of the Sports Ministry and Youth Ministry will be solved. The new education system will avoid the unemployment and produce professional athletes. This functional training centres and syntactic tracks construction will finish within next three years. We also make plans to digitalization the 25 National sports schools with the support of private companies. We will provide video technology for the training at sports schools. The nutrition facilities for the sports school athletes also will be considered. We already have lack of coaches and some times coaches haven't qualifications. These are the important areas to look. Our first target is Asian and Commonwealth Games and then we can go beyond to Olympic level", said Sports Minister.

races than Sri Lanka. These are the events that we should focus more and try to win at international level". The Minister also said the importance of providing mental happiness and strength to a sports personality that would help to bring the winning attitude out. He also pointed out the value of Sugathadasa Stadium.

"Actually we were unable to build up a sports culture in the country mainly due to certain issues that arose from time to time. In 1983 there were insurgencies, people were more concerned about saving lives than engaging in sports. The same happened in 1988-89. The brutal terrorism that existed in the country for 30 years didn't allow the public to concentrate on building a sports culture in the island. But, we also shouldn't forget that it is during the same period we won an Olympic medal, Asian medals and a Cricket World Cup".

"We have to change the system. Normally we are waiting until the construction of the grounds but it has to change to first make performances and then ask for facilities and this is the system we wanted in future. If someone elect to a sports body he has to dedicate lot for the sport. However some Presidents are elected for the sports body after spending a lot of money and that amount is



Sports & Youth affairs Minister Namal Rajapaksa

bigger than the expenses of National Sport Festival. I think that money should be spent for athletes benefit, added Minister Namal Rajapaksa.

"Normally Sports Minister is appointing selection committees and that system has to be changed. Selections has to come from the professional body (National Sports Council) and get the approval from the Minister. Already we have identified main three sports segments, leisure sports, competitive sports and sports economy. My target is to increase sports economy to billion dollars. If we can reach that we can reach international level. If we get that

Former Australia batsman Dean Jones dies

MUMBAI, THURSDAY: Former Australia batsman and cricket commentator Dean Jones, who had been covering the ongoing Indian Premier League from Mumbai, has died of a heart attack, his employer Star India said Thursday.

"It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing away of Mr. Dean Mervyn Jones," the broadcaster said in a statement.

"He died of a sudden cardiac arrest. We express our deep condolences to his family and stand ready to support them in this difficult time."

Jones, who played 52 Tests and 164 one-day internationals in the 1980s and 1990s, winning the World Cup in 1987, was one of Australia's most popular cricketers.

In 1986, he famously struck 210 in the blistering heat of Chennai during cricket's second-ever tied Test.

He coached in the Pakistan Super League and was also a widely travelled commentator.

"Shocked to hear about the tragic loss of Dean Jones. Praying for strength and courage to his family and friends," said India's skipper Virat Kohli on Twitter.

"Really shocking to lose a colleague and a dear friend - Dean Jones. Gone so young. Condolences to the family and may his soul rest



Dean Jones

in peace," tweeted India's head coach Ravi Shastri.

Star India called Jones "one of the great ambassadors of the game" and praised him for his involvement with the sport's development across cricket-mad South Asia.

"He was passionate about discovering new talent and nurturing young cricketers... He will be sorely missed by everyone at Star and his millions of fans across the globe."

Jones attracted controversy in 2006 during a series in Sri Lanka when he described South African batsman Hashim Amla, a Muslim, as looking "like a terrorist" due to his long beard.

He was sacked by Ten Sports as a commentator for the remark, for which he later apologised. AFP

Sharma hits 80 as Mumbai break UAE jinx in IPL

DUBAI, WEDNESDAY: Skipper Rohit Sharma Wednesday struck a brisk 80 to help holders Mumbai Indians win their first match in the United Arab Emirates in seven attempts during two IPL editions.

Mumbai lost five matches in the 2014 season - the first half of which was played in the UAE due to elections in India - and went down in the opener of the Twenty20 tournament this season.

Sharma put on a key second-wicket stand of 90 with Suryakumar Yadav, who hit 47, to guide Mumbai to 195 for five and a 49-run win over Kolkata Knight Riders in Abu Dhabi.

"It was only two players (Sharma and Kieron Pollard) from the 2014 squad (that are with Mumbai this season)," Sharma, named man of the match, said.

"It was all about how we executed our plans today, we were in good positions and it was all about being ruthless."

Sharma hit sixes in his 54-ball knock to take his sixes count to 200 in the IPL.

Mumbai bowlers including Trent Boult, James Pattinson, Jasprit Bumrah and Rahul Chahar took two wickets each to restrict Kolkata to 146 for nine.

Meanwhile Kolkata's Australian quick Pat Cummins - the most expensive foreign player for the 2020 season with a \$2.17 million fee - gave away 49 runs in his three overs.

But later Cummins, who played three one-day matches in England ending September 16 before coming to the UAE, smashed 33 runs off 12 balls while coming in to bat at number seven.



Rohit Sharma

"It is very unfair to judge him right now. He is off quarantine," KKR skipper Dinesh Karthik told reporters.

"He is a world champion bowler. From whatever I have heard and seen he is one of the best going around in the world. I trust him completely. I am sure he will come good."

The 13th edition of the world's richest T20 league is being held in the UAE behind closed doors after being shifted out of India due to the rising coronavirus cases. AFP

Tokyo Olympics could take place without vaccine: IOC Chief

TOKYO, THURSDAY: Olympic boss Thomas Bach said Thursday that the Tokyo Games could take place next year even without a coronavirus vaccine, pointing to the success of the Tour de France.

Striking an optimistic note at a meeting with Tokyo 2020 organisers, he vowed to make the postponed event a triumph despite the uncertainties of the pandemic.

"We can see that sport is coming back slowly but surely, and that a number of big sport events have been successfully organised recently, including matches in different Japanese leagues," he said via videolink.

"Also very complex events like the Tour de France and others, which showed to us and showed to the world that we can organise safe sport events even without a vaccine."

But a vaccine and progress in rapid testing "would of course greatly facilitate" holding the event, said Bach, head of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The 2020 Games were postponed earlier this year as the deadly new illness spread around the globe.

They are now set to open on July 23, 2021, and organisers are insisting they will go ahead in some form - and be safe for all involved.

Drugs companies are racing to produce an effective jab to counter a virus that has now killed more than 970,000 people around the world and infected almost 32 million.

Several leading vaccine candidates are currently in late-stage trials.

Bach said it was impossible to make a contingency plan for every scenario, and said organisers would not be pressured into making premature announcements on how the Games would take place. "We have to work diligently and we have to work comprehensively, and then at the appropriate time take the right decisions," he said. "I'm sure that we will make... these Olympic Games, which will be historic in different respects, we will make it a success, and we will make it a success together," he said. AFP



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Russian winter tourism bonanza to muster USD 26 mn to SL

Country to open up leisure industry after 6 months

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Sri Lanka is planning to open its doors for the Russian and former Soviet breakaway State tourists from next month under strict health guidelines, former Sri Lankan Ambassador to Russia Udayanga Weeratunga said. This is targeting the Russian winter season traffic.

This is the first time after nearly six months that Sri Lanka is planning to accommodate tourists. He said that a mega promotion in this regard was done in Russia and its surrounding countries and the outcome was very positive.

"Tour Operators are eagerly waiting for final approval from the government of Sri Lanka and health authorities to fly in tourists from the Russian Union."

Speaking to 'Daily News Business' he said, "the Russian Union will send 144 flights operated by 6 airlines on a weekly basis to Sri Lanka from October 2020 to April bringing in an average of around

44,000 former Soviet Bloc tourists. They will spend around USD 26 million in Sri Lanka giving the much needed revenue to the industry."

"We expect them to occupy around 10,000 rooms during this period."

He said that former Soviet Union Bloc tourists have identified Dominican Republic, Turkey, Thailand, Vietnam and the Maldives as 'preferred' destinations for the upcoming winter and his proposal to include Sri Lanka into this list was well accepted by the tour operators.

Despite the covid pandemic, the Russian people's purchasing power has not dipped (among the 30 plus group) and they would be the traveller category to Sri Lanka.

He explained that due to logistical reasons Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) has been selected as the airport for this tour package. Asked why Jaffna



Udayanga Weeratunga
Picture by Ranjith Asanka

Airport was not included to this he said that it was because there is no destination marketing done for Jaffna and the Northern city is unknown in Russia.

Tourists visiting Sri Lanka under this program will have to pay a visa fee of USD 100 and take compulsory PCR test, 3 days prior to departure. The second PCR test would be taken in their pre planned designated hotel in Sri Lanka and would not be allowed to move out of the hotel unless they stay for 15 days.

"To provide them leisure activities we plan to offer them an exclusive beach area in front of the hotel which would be restricted to Sri Lankans.

These are being coordinated and executed under health authority guidelines. A proposal to the Cabinet has been forwarded in this regard.

Weeratunga said that this initiative has given a new lease of life for local hotels and they should contact Russian tour operators to offer accommodation to Russian tourists.

(Full interview with Udayanga Weeratunga on page 9)

Stock market up 27% in four months

RAVI LADDUWAHETTY

The All Share Price Index has gained 27% reaching pre-COVID levels, closing at 5,810.75 points as of yesterday.

The S&P SL20 Index which represents the twenty largest and most liquid stocks on

the Exchange has also moved upward with the index also gaining 27% to close at 2,483.93 points. The overall value of the stock market, which is represented by the market capitalization, has also improved adding Rs. 380.64 billion since May 11.

"Import restrictions to continue"

CAMELLIA NATHANIEL

State Minister for Money and Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms Ajith Nivard Cabraal said that the government is aware of the importance of motorcycles in the average man's life, but said that imports have been suspended to deal with the negative effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

He said, "We had to take many quick steps to protect the economy when the whole world was hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. This import restriction is one of them. We will definitely start local businesses that will manufacture motorcycles in Sri Lanka, unlike the UNF Government established the Volkswagen factory. The import restrictions will be relaxed from time to time considering all the economic factors."

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa said that there is a scarcity of motorcycles in the country and the middle-class and small and medium business people are suffering as a result.

Raising a question under Standing Order 27(2), Premadasa pointed out that motorcycles are the most famous vehicle used by



the common people. People in rural areas used motorcycles as an affordable mode of transport. But as a result of the Government's ban on importing motorcycles, these people are suffering, he said.

"Furthermore, businesses which imported motorcycles are about to go bankrupt due to the import ban. Workers at such businesses are not getting paid and their jobs are at risk right now. On the other hand, this import ban results in a huge loss of tax revenue to the Government too," the Opposition Leader said.



The Sri Lanka@100 Platform being officially launched by (from L-R) Reed J. Aeschliman, Mission Director of USAID; Dr. Kumudu Gunasekera, Co Founder of SL@100 & MD of Stax; Ruwindhu Peiris, Co-Founder of SL@100 MD of Stax; Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister of Regional Cooperation and Alaina B. Teplitz, U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives

'US Embassy to promote tie ups with medium-sized businesses'

The US Embassy in Sri Lanka will actively promote tie ups with medium-sized businesses with Sri Lanka companies, U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, Alaina B. Teplitz said.

She was speaking at the Sri Lanka@100, a private sector-led initiative focused on the growth of mid-market enterprises, funded by the U.S. Government's international development agency, USAID, and administered by Stax that was launched yesterday at the Galle Face Hotel.

"We believe that medium-sized businesses are the engine that will power Sri Lanka's prosperity and the United States counter parts too will be keen to engage with local companies," she said.

She noted that U.S. companies have invested over US\$ 300 million in Sri Lanka over the past several decades and expressed hope that this platform would generate more opportunities for mutually

beneficial trade and investments between the two countries

Stax Managing Director and Co-Founder of SL@100, Dr. Kumudu Gunasekera, said that the Purpose of the initiative is to enable Sri Lanka to become a high-income country within 100 years of independence (by 2048) — with equitable and inclusive growth fueled by the value creation of mid-market firms. "The Platform will, in particular, support businesses in underserved segments."

Explaining the rationale behind setting up this Platform, Dr. Gunasekera said, "While we may have been born in a developing country, we don't have to continue to live in one. We are incredibly resilient as a people, as a nation. Our SME owners and entrepreneurs have weathered many storms to stay afloat."

Mid-sized firms in Sri Lanka face many challenges when preparing for the next stage of growth—

such as dependency on a small domestic market for revenue, limited access to high quality business development services, and lack of access to varied forms of capital.

The SL@100 Platform is building an ecosystem of trusted vendors and partners who can provide such services and also bring innovative ideas to the table to help mid-market firms grow. "We are now accepting applications from mid-sized firms that are seeking support for rapid growth."

State Minister for Regional Cooperation, Tharaka Balasuriya, also highlighted the importance of supporting medium-scale businesses that have the power to recharge Sri Lanka's economy. "Programmes such as Sri Lanka@100 help businesses fulfill their potential in an increasingly competitive environment, and will play a large part in the economy's post-Covid recovery," he stated. (SS)

Sampath Bank among Top 1000 World Banks

Sampath Bank PLC was recently rated amongst the Top 1000 World Banks 2020 by the UK's Banker magazine on the 50th anniversary of the rankings.

The Banker is the world's premier banking and finance resource, providing global financial intelligence since 1926.

"It is an honour to be ranked alongside the world's leading financial service providers in the Banker magazine's Top 1000 World Banks 2020," said Nanda Fernando, Managing Director of Sampath Bank PLC. "Coming at a time when we were faced with challenging market conditions for over a year, this is a reflection of our strong fundamentals. This wouldn't have been possible without the guidance of



The Sampath Bank Head Office

our Board of Directors, the support of my entire team at Sampath Bank and the love and trust placed in us by countless Sri Lankans. We will continue to strive to deliver greater value to the nation."

Earlier this year, Sampath Bank's asset base surpassed Rs. 1 trillion, making it the youngest

bank in Sri Lanka and one of very few in the country's banking sector to achieve this. The Bank managed to grow its asset base despite the volatile market conditions during the last one and a half years. This is a true testament to the strength and stability of Sampath Bank and the confidence placed in it by investors and customers alike.

Sampath Bank was recognized as Sri Lanka's 'Best Retail Bank' and 'Best Commercial Bank' yet again, at the prestigious World Finance Banking Awards organized by the UK based World Finance magazine.

Sampath Bank is a 100% local bank that has deeply rooted itself in the lives of the people of Sri Lanka.

LB Finance tops K Seeds Investments' ranking report again

K Seeds Investments identified LB Finance PLC as the best performing Finance Company under the first category among the 31 listed Finance Companies in Sri Lanka through a ranking carried out based on their financial performance for the fourth quarter of 2019/20.

The report segregates the finance companies based on the size of their asset base, and ranks them in their respective categories among their peers based on nine financial metrics, which are calculated from the quarterly financial statements.

LB Finance topped the overall spectrum by belonging to "Category 1" (asset base > Rs 100 billion).

Although the quarter under review from January 1, to March 31, 2020 was in most part prior to the devastating consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic, it witnessed unfavorable macro-economic and market conditions.



Lasan Algama, Mashood Nazraar, Prarthana Sewwandi, Financial Analysts of K Seeds Investments presenting the report to the Managing Director of LB Finance, Sumith Adhithetty

This environment created a significant impact on the financial health and status of finance companies as they have a significant exposure to higher risk individuals and institutions as compared to licensed commercial banks. However, despite all these factors LB Finance managed to maintain their top rank for the fourth consecutive time in the series of ranking reports released by K Seeds Investments on the finance sector of Sri Lanka.

The report ranks the Finance Companies according to their financial results released through interim reports on the Colombo Stock Exchange across 9 key performance indicators (KPIs).

K Seeds Investments is a boutique investment banking firm, specializing in mergers and acquisitions, balance sheet structuring, equity/debt placements, treasury management, corporate restructuring and talent management.

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Sri Lankan made medical equipment to market

International standard medical equipment manufactured in Sri Lanka on foreign direct investment is to be released to local and foreign markets shortly.

"The release of these medical equipment will help fulfill local medical equipment needs and also support economic development through exports," Basil Rajapaksa, Chairman

of the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival and Poverty Alleviation, said. Rajapaksa stated this at a discussion held at Temple Trees on Wednesday with the officials of Tech-

nomedix Flexicare Investment Pvt. Ltd. a statement issued by the Prime Minister's office said. Sanjewa Jayasinghe, General Manager, Technomedix - Flexicare, said the UK had

invested over US \$15 million in the project. "The factory is now fully operational and the first container can be approved for export in another month", he said. To Page 18



Shares - Colombo Stock Exchange

Main table containing Market Statistics on 24.09.2020 with columns for Security, Volume, V.W.A. Previous Close, Open, High, Low, V.W.A. Yesterday's Close, Change (Rs.), and a list of various stocks and their prices.

Coconuts

Table listing Coconut Products - Prices on 24.09.2020, including categories like FRESH COCONUT, COCONUT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, and LOCAL COCONUT OIL with their respective prices.

Exchange Rates

Table showing 24-SEP-2020 exchange rates for various currencies including Australian Dollar, Canadian Dollar, Euro, Japanese Yen, etc.

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He further said that the government has given its full support to set up the factory expeditiously and all the manufactured equipment will be released to the international market under the 'Made in Sri Lanka' logo.

Setmil Logistics to enter European markets next year

Setmil Logistics Pvt. Limited Colombo 15 in a bid to expand its global footprint is planning to enter several European markets next year, said Director and Head of Commercial, Ravika De Silva.



After serving many years and gaining a host of experiences overseas, Ravika returned to his motherland and joined Setmil Logistics as Director and Head of Commercial.

In a bid to give his experience and knowledge to youth he founded the Old Peterites Batch Group of 93/94 with his batchmates where he held many positions up to 2017. He is presently the Honorary General Secretary of the St. Peter's College Old Boys' Union.

Mastercard to support CBSL's 'Cash Wade' campaign

- To expand digital transactions
- Launches rewards offer for online utility payments

Mastercard has pledged its support for the Central Bank of Sri Lanka's (CBSL) 'Cash Wade' campaign which aims to increase the adoption of digital transactions in Sri Lanka.

The global technology company is set to embark on several initiatives aimed at encouraging consumers and businesses around Sri Lanka to enjoy the convenience and security offered by its digital payments solutions.

As part of this endeavor, Mastercard has launched a cashback rewards promotion on utility bill payments. Cardholders can avail a cashback of Rs.250 on payments of Rs.1,000 and above to utility service providers such as Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) and Sri Lanka Telecom as well as other select



Left - D. Kumaratunge, Director - Payments and Settlements, CBSL Right - Rajesh Mani, Country Manager, Sri Lanka & Maldives, Mastercard

partners. The offer is applicable to all payments made on the partner merchant's website or mobile app using any Mastercard debit or credit card issued in Sri Lanka.

D. Kumaratunge, Director - Payments and Settlements, Central Bank of Sri Lanka said, "Having declared 2020

as the 'Year of Digital Transactions,' we launched the 'Cash Wade' campaign earlier this year to highlight the issues related to using cash and the benefits of switching over to digital payments. We welcome Mastercard, a company that has been driving the adoption of digital pay-

ments in Sri Lanka and around the world, onboard this campaign. Partnerships such as this will allow us to take our message to more Sri Lankans."

"With a shared conviction in the potential for technology, and digital payments in particular, to drive economic growth and prosperity for Sri Lanka's people and businesses, Mastercard is delighted to expand our partnership with the Central Bank and to bring the company's deep resources and expertise to support the 'Cash Wade' campaign to drive adoption of digital payments nationwide," said Rajesh Mani, Country Manager, Sri Lanka & Maldives, Mastercard. "Mastercard remains steadfastly committed to supporting Sri Lanka's post-pandemic recovery and

growth and looks forward to continuing its work with the Central Bank and every partner in the ecosystem."

Mastercard has been actively engaging with local partners banks, non-banking financial institutions, mobile networks, fintechs and merchants to roll out solutions for the Sri Lanka market. This includes powering simpler QR payments through Mastercard QR enabled Lanka QR, enabling cross-border, person-to-person money transfers via Mastercard Send, enabling more SMEs to go online with Mastercard Payment Gateway Services (MPGS), the Simplify Commerce solution and more. Left - D. Kumaratunge, Director - Payments and Settlements, Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

VG Printers strikes Gold at Sri Lanka Print Awards 2020



Vasantha Ramanayeka, Managing Director of VG printers Pvt Ltd receives the award

VG Printers reaffirmed their quality and innovation of service at the Sri Lanka Print Excellence Awards 2020, winning in two main categories at the highly anticipated industry.

VG Printers won the gold Award in the Marketing Material category for the NJ Consultants Company Profile and Silver Award in the Prestigious Print Innovation category, for the Thurstan College Annual Dinner Dance Ticket.

The Sri Lanka Print Excellence Awards is organized by the Sri Lanka Association of Printers (SLPA), and attracted over 850 entries this year. The awards were presented under 27 categories, including the new Print Innovation category, in which VG Printers were awarded the first ever Silver. The event was graced by the Government Printer, Gangani Liyanage as the Chief Guest,

and Past Presidents of SLAP as Guests of Honour.

Marking 30 years in the industry, VG Printers has continued to service their wide clientele with best quality printing material and innovative print solutions. The team derives inspiration to continue their valuable services as a result of the loyal clientele who have consistently patronized the company over the years.

VG Printers adopted the facility of digital paper printing as early as 2007, when the concept was new to the local context. Since then, the team has evolved in providing printing solutions in line with the industry's constant innovations, and explored untapped potential in the industry to take it to the next level. This vision has been rewarded by the recognition VG Printers has claimed in the industry proving their print service excellence.

HNB launches revamped Student Savings Unit at Royal College

Ramping up efforts to encourage a flourishing savings habits among young Sri Lankans, premier retail bank, HNB PLC, celebrated the opening of a fully revamped Student Savings Unit at the most respected public school in the island, Royal College, Colombo.

The new unit was declared open during a special ceremony at the school with the participation of Royal College Principal, B. A. Abeyrathna, together with HNB Deputy General Manager - Retail and SME Banking, Sanjay Wijemanne, Royal College Senior Deputy Principal, V. S. Gunathilake, Royal College Deputy Principal - Academics, Krishantha Silva, Royal College Assistant Principal - Primary, Yugantha Liyanage, Royal College, Student Development Society - Secretary, Asanga Peiris, Royal College Union - Secretary, Mithila Mendis, teachers, parents and students.

"We are pleased and grateful to celebrate this important milestone with the opening of a brand-new HNB Student Savings Unit. With HNB's assistance, we will now be able to give students a powerful head start on essential skills needed to flourish in life, such as being financially responsible and developing a savings habit while gaining familiarity with new technologies that will be foundational for greater success in future," Royal College, Principal, B.A. Abeyrathna stated.

Notably, Student savings units were first introduced to the Sri Lankan banking landscape at Royal College by HNB in 1994. Since then, the Bank has expanded its service to cover 162 Students Savings Units across Sri Lanka. Through the units, student managers are groomed to take leadership in running a mini bank in school and get actively involved in promoting the savings habit among fellow students. The



bank trains over 1,000 students annually in this capacity, of student managers and interns. The bank fully refurbished and reopened the student savings unit of the school recently to facilitate HNB's latest technological advancements and banking innovations. Over the years, HNB has been the key banking partner of a number of prominent events organized by Royal College. "It is truly an honour for myself and all of my fellow Royal College old boys to have launched our state-of-the-art HNB Student Savings Unit. With

continuous digitalization, the future of banking and finance is changing at an increasingly rapid pace. Through these units, we are able to give our future leaders here at Royal an early, in-depth, first-hand experience of these systems. In this manner, we hope to give each of them a firm foundation for financial success throughout their life," HNB Deputy General Manager - Retail and SME

Banking, Sanjay Wijemanne stated. The Student Development Society (SDS) of the College has continued to support the bank in revamping and developing the HNB Student unit at the school premises. Additionally, the unit will be managed by the HNB Kollupitiya Customer Centre.



Virtual Queuing - Service Queue Management for Social Distancing

Research indicates that people spend between two to five years of their lifetime waiting in queues to obtain services. That is between 17 to 43 thousand hours of an average human lifespan. The dominant cost of this is both physical and emotional stress. Prior to the inception of virtual queuing, we had no choice other than to be in the dubious position of finding the correct queue and physically stand in-line until it's our turn to be served.

What is Virtual Queuing?

Virtual queuing empowers customers to access services without the need to physically wait in-line. It enables customers to wait anywhere, monitor their queue position in real-time, and receive notifications when it's their turn to be served. Upon arrival, a customer can be identified by name, phone number, social security number etc. and placed in a virtual queue. The virtual queue is invisible in the sense that customers are not confined to a specific queue position, so they don't know their position in the queue relative to others. A customer's position in the queue is secured by a physical ticket printed by a ticket printer or a mobile ticket sent to the customer's phone as a text message.

How does it work?

With a virtual queue management



Nalaka Hewage

technology, customers can remotely get in-line through a mobile ticket - an online ticket that can be viewed on a mobile phone.

The process starts with the customer checking-in by scanning a QR code or being assisted by a mobile concierge who is a staff member of the service organisation.

There are several ways a customer could "virtually" get in-line. Below are the most common:

Customers use their mobile phones to scan a QR code which is posted outside the service premise (e.g. at the main entrance/door or window)

A web page or a mobile application will present a list of services from which the customer can choose a service and get in-line a virtual queue.

If a customer has confirmed an appointment in advance:

Customer will receive an email or a text message when the appointment is created and enable the appointment for committing a self-arrival through the system.

Customer will be able to "self-arrive" and get in-line for the appointment within a pre-defined time period decided by the system based on the actual appointment time.

Subsequently, Customers can wait remotely (may be at the convenience of their home or car) and monitor their position in the queue through their mobile phones. They will be able to view queue movement progress on a real-time basis (i.e. how they move forward in the queue from one position to another, expected waiting time etc.) and also receive notifications when they reach a certain position (e.g. 3rd in-line) in the queue.

When their turn arrives to be served, a staff member will send a notification to the customer through a virtual queuing staff app. Upon receiving this notification, the customer can visit the service desk and be served while maintaining a safe distance.

Next week: How can Virtual Queuing help Social Distancing?

VIRTUAL QUEUING



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Commercial Leasing & Finance expands branch network

Commercial Leasing & Finance PLC (CLC), one of the leading financial institutions in Sri Lanka has further expanded its branch network bringing their total reach to 68 locations. The new branches were opened in Kochchikade and Akuressa respectively within a week. CLC believes that these two one stop shops for financial needs will bring great progress and support for the people in Kochchikade and Akuressa.

Commercial Leasing & Finance has assisted many communities across the island to enhance their lives and livelihoods over the past and the company looks forward to serve the communities in Akuressa and Kochchikade through their unmatched range of financial solutions such as business financing, vehicle loans and leases, pawning services, alternate finance along with attractive returns for savings and deposits. Further, CLC's digital platform brings greater convenience to the customers who wish to perform all their transactions with a simple click of a button.

For over 30 years, CLC has been able to win the trust of its customers mostly due to the strength, stability, reliability and convenience as one of the leading NBFIs in the country. Commercial Leasing & Finance is rated SL (A) stable by ICRA Lanka limited and is licensed by the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka under the Finance Business Act No. 42 of 2011.



Front view of the CLC Akuressa Branch



Director, CEO of CLC Krishnan Thilakarathne presents a key to one of the first leasing customers at the Akuressa branch opening.

VIVO to launch Y20

vivo, will be launching its latest mid-range smartphone, Y20, to the Sri Lanka market in early October 2020.

It will be powered by massive 5000 mAh battery, Y20 comes with an AI Triple rear camera setup (13MP+2MP+2MP) and multiple camera features including macro & bokeh camera and selfie features to seamlessly capture the moments of your life with enough detail and perfection. The key highlight of vivo Y20 is its long-lasting battery life complemented by AI power-saving technology, which also supports reverse charging. Y20 also features Side-Mounted Fingerprint Scanner, this clever new design unlocks your phone in a split second.

"We are strengthening our Y series family with the latest addition of Y20 packed with loads of features in the camera, big battery, eye-popping colors and ultra-game mode for a complete smartphone experience for users in the mid-range price segment. As an evolving youth-centric brand, we are continuously innovating to deliver stylish smartphones infused with trending technologies at the most competitive price points. Keeping in mind user's day-to-day lives, Y20 has been designed to be user-friendly, support various multimedia activities with eye protection screen and gaming functions with large size battery and strong processor," stated Kevin Jiang, CEO, vivo Mobile Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.

vivo's youth-oriented Y series is known for its innovative technologies and elegant design that support day-to-day lives of the tech-savvy young audience. Keeping its commitment towards customer-centric designs and innovation, the vivo Y20 is a lightweight, sleek, and perfectly polished smartphone with an ergonomic 2.5D elegant body. It comes in two eye-popping color options - Obsidian Black and Nebula Blue to complement the young audiences' everyday lifestyle.

The new vivo Y20 will be available in the stylish colour schemes of Obsidian Black and Nebula Blue from early October 2020.



Star class vacation for Lotus Tyre Marketing Promotion winners



Marketing promotion winners

Samson Rubber Industries (Pvt.) Ltd. the manufacturer and distributor of Lotus Tyres fully trusted by customers over the years; recently organised a star class domestic vacation for their valued trade partners and their family members.

Lotus Tyres trade partners and their family members spent two days in relaxing and enjoying

themselves at the top of the line star class RIU Hotel - Ahungalle. At a time when most organisations have suspended marketing promotional activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this program by Lotus Tyres was highly commended by the dealers. The lucky winners of the marketing promotion organized for dealers who met

sales targets in the past year, were given this valuable opportunity. The event was held with the participation of the Board of Directors of Samson Rubber Industries, and the Sales and Marketing team of Lotus Tyres.

"Lotus Tyres has a close relationship with our trade partners, who are constant support in our

journey towards success. This program is held with the aim of strengthening those bonds beyond meeting sales targets," said Kavinda Rajapaksa, Director, Samson Rubber Industries, commenting on the initiative. Lotus Tyres has won over customers island wide for several decades, becoming a much talked about brand, under the tag-

line 'Niyama Milata Niyama Durak'. It transcends what you pay for them and is accompanied by the maximum justice, safety and quality. Lotus Tyres are renowned for their value for money, with a high-quality product range that includes bicycle tyres and tubes, motorcycle tyres and tubes and three-wheeler tyres and tubes.

ComBank actively drives CBSL programme to propagate LANKAQR payments

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon was recognised by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) for its pioneering efforts in enhancing the digital payments landscape of the country, including the launch of 'ComBank Q+', the first Quick Response (QR) based Payment App to be certified and launched under LANKAQR. This recognition was bestowed on the Bank at the 'Mataleta LANKAQR' event held to commemorate the inauguration by the CBSL of an island-wide awareness campaign to promote cashless payments.

Commercial Bank is an active supporter of this campaign launched to encourage the usage of LANKAQR QR code based digital payments due to the numerous benefits to the public and the economy.

The first QR code based app certified by LANKAQR, Com-



Thusitha Suraweera, the Bank's Head of Card Centre, accepting a plaque of appreciation on behalf of Commercial Bank from Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Deshamanya Professor W D Lakshman at the Central Bank's Mataleta Regional Office.

Bank Q+ offers options for both retail customers and merchants. All recently launched Point-of-Sale (POS) machines issued by the Bank are also enabled with QR code compatibility. The Bank also launched the Flash Digital Bank Account, a revolutionary account that features a complete suite of

financial management and financial wellness tools in one seamless application, which is also certified by LANKAQR.

Commercial Bank is a pioneer with its extensive efforts to promote digital payments with other related state-of-the-art products and services.

OPPO celebrates 16th Anniversary

Tech brand OPPO celebrated its 16th anniversary, marking a milestone in the company's constant technological innovation and growth. Over the past few years, OPPO has developed from a phone manufacturer to a smart device innovator.

The company continues to grow its global footprint, through its offer of high quality aesthetically designed tech products and services to its partners and users whilst looking at ways in the future to drive the industry forward.

"We are very excited to reach this anniversary milestone. I am also very grateful to those that have joined OPPO throughout our journey, as customers, partners, and employees, whose support and commitment in the past 16 years made the success of this company possible," said OPPO founder and CEO Tony Chen.

This year, OPPO experienced a series of breakthroughs across

frontier technologies of 5G, AI, imaging and VOOC Flash Charging, presenting its latest insights and achievements in the consumer technologies.

In August, OPPO has released its next generation hybrid zoom technology which pushes the standard of image quality to a new level. In addition, a new flash charge lineup, represented by 125W flash charge, has also been launched, consolidating OPPO's position as an industry leader in flash charge technology.

OPPO has also successfully deployed the first 5G Standalone (SA) networks in the UK and provided Europe's first 5G SA network slicing services. Currently, OPPO has worked with more than 50 global operators, continuing to accelerate large-scale commercialization of 5G around the world.

In addition, the company has also achieved two First-Place Awards in AI category at CVPR

2020, and established the Department of Intelligent Perception and Interaction to explore cutting-edge AI technologies. Aiming to become an integrated tech firm, OPPO has evolved tremendously to meet the needs of its users in different contexts. With the establishment of the Intelligent Mobile Devices Business Unit, kinds of IoT products including ear buds, smart watches and 5G CPE have been released. In addition to the smartphone market, OPPO is striving to create a new intelligent ecosystem.

OPPO has developed core technologies in hardware, software and Internet services. As a consumer-oriented brand, the latest version of OPPO ColorOS supports users with visual, hearing, and physical disabilities by optimizing barrier-free functions such as Talk-Back, flash on-call, and Accessibility Menu. Currently, monthly active users (MAUs)

of ColorOS reach over 370 million around the globe.

For years, OPPO has kept to its core value—to make technology more familiar, accessible and personalized. Guided by this vision, OPPO hopes to share close and strong collaborations with global supply chain partners alongside leading network operators and retailers to bring more people-centric designs and products to global users in the future.

OPPO founder and CEO Tony Chen stated that "Technology should not only enhance our life, but also bring the world and humanity closer together."

This is the initial belief and commitment when OPPO started its journey. In the long term, OPPO will constantly bring a better technological experience to consumers around the world with our friends, eventually creating an open and intelligent ecosystem."

NSB honoured as 'Company with Great Managers'

National Savings Bank (NSB) was recognized as a "Company with Great Managers" with five individuals of the Bank winning awards under four different categories at the 'Great Manager Awards 2020' hosted by the Colombo Leadership Academy for Leadership Excellence. Accordingly, NSB was honored to be the first state bank in Sri Lanka to receive this award.

The Managers of the Bank, C. N. Ekanayake, J. M. A. K. Jayasinghe and Dulakshi Tashiya Perera were awarded the 'Great Manager Awards 2020' under three different categories, namely, 'Driving Results and Execution', 'Coaching others for growth' and 'Aligning Organizational Vision' respectively while V S Fernando and D C Olaboduwa was awarded under the

category, 'Team Effectiveness and Collaboration'

Keasila Jayawardana said that the Bank is proud to have committed leaders at many levels within the organization thanks to very good HR practices adopted which is recognized by the facilitators of the Great Manager Awards.

'The Companies with Great Manag-

ers and 'The Great Managers Awards' is an initiative taken towards identifying, assessing and recognizing organizations with 'Great Managers' bench marking with the best of best in the arena. The Awards, through a set of stringent leadership competency evaluations strives to define and build an eco-system and culture that nurtures great managers in Sri Lanka.



The CEO of Colombo Leadership Academy, Riaz Hassen, the Chairperson of National Savings Bank, Keasila Jayawardana and the members of the Senior Management of the Bank and Colombo Leadership Academy were present at the occasion.

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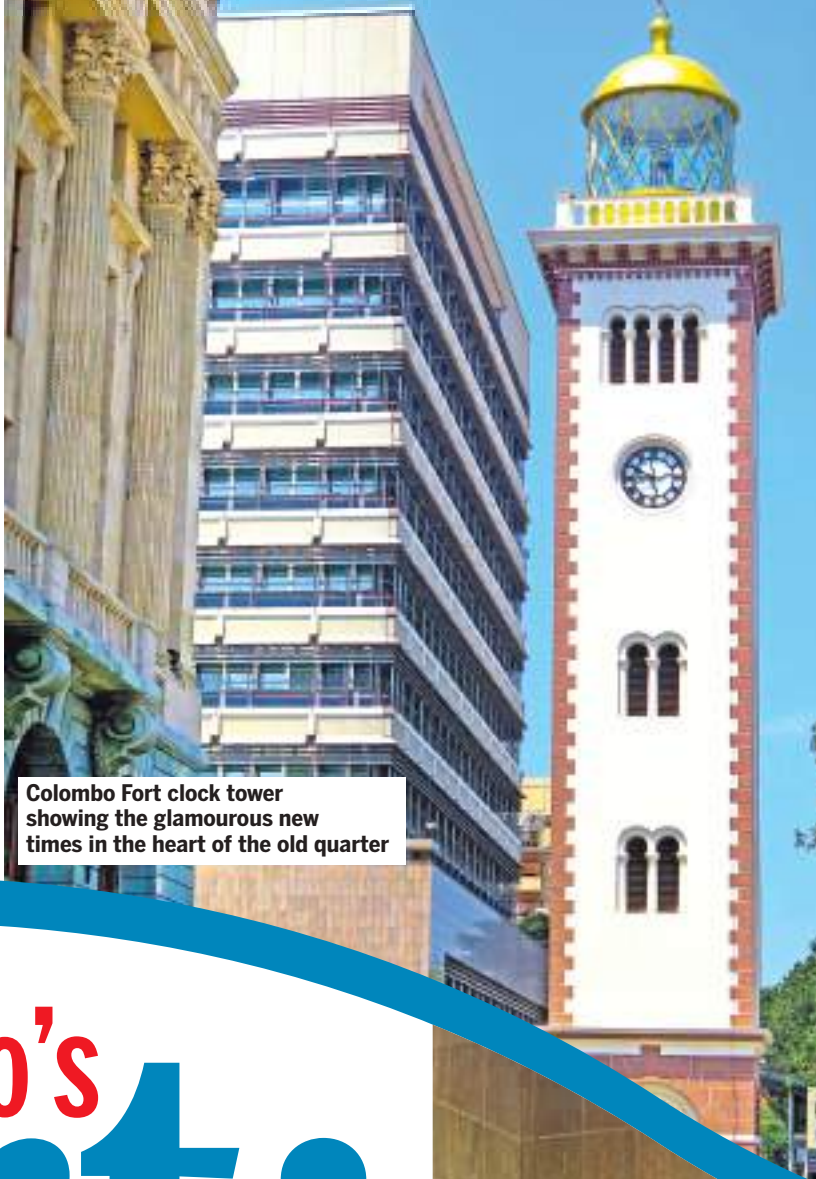
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Vintage glamour



Colombo Fort clock tower showing the glamorous new times in the heart of the old quarter



So much to see in Colombo Fort - Take a walk back in time

Colombo's Fort: a trading gem

JULIET COOMBE

Colombo – the city that never sleeps was until a hundred years ago, considered a sleepy country town, a stopping off point for the foreign invaders to stop and pick up spices like cinnamon, and use it as a base to invade the rest of the country rich in mineral resources. The initial meagre port was located close to the mouth of the Kelani River, and so got the name Kolonthota – port near the river according to the former director of the National Archives – Haris De Silva, and this is how the name Colombo originated, and it is here that the city took seed.

Due to its location on the map, in the middle of major maritime trading routes, it was constantly used by the Romans, the Chinese and the Arabs, some of whom settled in the country, and it is the descendants of these Arabs that make up the Moor community today in Colombo and Galle Fort. After two previous successive invasions by two different colonists, the British invaded the country, and then in 1815, declared Colombo as the capital city, and in the 1860's, deemed it the country's primary merchant harbour. With the development of the plantation industry and it being a strategic naval location, Colombo gained more significance in the British Empire, and hence the world too at the time, and has moulded Ceylon then and Sri Lanka now, to be what it is today as international brand in products like tea. Archaeological excavations show the area was inhabited for at least 30,000 years and during this period, the islanders traded in spices, wild animals and gemstones, something Sri Lanka is renowned for. Europeans recognising its pivotal trading position halfway in the middle of the world. Francisco de Almeida, first explored the island in 1505 for trade, and found this place deeply divided into seven warring kingdoms, which was in many ways an advantage as the island people were unable to fend off intruders. The Portuguese founded the Colombo Fort where it stands

today, which is still the main harbour point into the city

Colombo Fort is a great spot to explore as it is full of colonial gems built during the British rule of Sri Lanka between the early 1900s and several can be found next door to the beautifully restored Lloyd's building. Abandoned during three decades of civil war the Whiteaway Laidlaw And Co. building went into deep decay and was in 2009 in desperate need of restoration. Many debated its importance with its regal crown like gabled roof top that is still described by architectural historians as the Harrods of the East. The building's site on Sir Baron Jayatilaka Mw. is reported to also be the original site of St. Andrew's Church. However due to the development and popularity of the Fort at the time, it was taken down to make way for a city centre of trade with Europe, Asia and the Middle East. This building was erected as the trading fraternity were crying out for the culture of imported luxuries such as fine silks and linen. The Church was according to books produced by the Lions Club rebuilt in Kollupitiya. Restoration was a massive undertaking as the arches were full of decades of rubbish and pieces of the building that had collapsed onto the roadside, original residents of the area say their own parents eyes light up when they talk about its western opulence and are thrilled it has finally had a make over. In its day

Walk around the old quarter of Colombo which has been a central trading spot for thousands of years and today is a historically fascinating time locked enclave of buildings left from a time when the British ruled the waves and waved the rules!



Central Bank memorial statue reflecting the era of conflict



Colombo Fort a world in its own right



Lloyds made over by Central Bank

was regarded as the finest department store aimed at the tastes of the wealthy inhabitants of Ceylon, rivaling Cargills stake in the market, Whiteaway Laidlaw and Co. became 'the' fashionable colonial emporium that made a small fortune in sales during its glory days.

Looking back in time one discovers that each building has a fascinating traditions and stories behind them and in the case of the Whiteaway Laidlaw And Co it was first established in Calcutta in India in 1882 and became a household name throughout the East. With branches in over 20 cities, in India, the Straits Settlements, Singapore and in Malaysia was nicknamed 'Right-away and Paid-for' because it operated on cash payments only, no credit was given for goods or cheques accepted. The founder of Whiteaway Laidlaw And Co. was a highly ambitious trader by the name of Robert Laidlaw whose early career was in wholesale textile trade in London. In 1877, Laidlaw went to India and began his 20 year residency in Calcutta and there in 1882, Laidlaw opened the first store that bought sewing machine tailoring, textiles and imported status trinkets to the colonies. The building itself was constructed between 1901 and 1908, although the Deeds did not reveal a specific date, as many of them do not go back beyond the 1930s. Its façade is in the sturdy, squat but elegant Victorian era, (perhaps a direct tribute to Her Majesty Queen Victoria whose statue can be found nearby) and its ornate plaster motifs are Art Nouveau in style and should be pre-

served for all time due to their historical architectural importance.

Like so many other places in the once high security zone it became impossible during the 26 year war to sell goods in an area where no one could go in any safety. Even Whiteaway Laidlaw and Co like so many other top businesses moved on to leave the heavily security monitored ghost town of the once fashionable shopping and trading area of Colombo 1. The company moved out of the retailing trade selling this onto GUS (formerly the 'Great Universal Stores') along with another British icon, Burberry. The financial section of the business remained as a bank that rebranded to become Shawbrook Bank in 2011. Whiteaway Laidlaw and Co. is today no more.

In Colombo 1 the building is still known as 'Whiteaway's'. However once the glory days of the finest sari store in Ceylon, it then became Sathosa - a co-operative wholesale retailer, where discounted fruit and vegetables filled the aisles where silk scarfs once did. Today the site has a new lease of life after years of being derelict, chained and boarded up. Its future is under consultation by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka is a bright one. To add to their development portfolio with the fully restored Lloyds Building next door, which due to its quick two-year restoration, currently doesn't look a day older than the first time it opened for business in the Colonial period.

The Central Bank correctly says "Our colonial heritage must be preserved for the future as these buildings

are unique period pieces of their time and to allow them to be replaced by high rises as has happened in so many cases in the area already would be a crime and great loss to the amazing history of Colombo."

Explore down side alley ways and you will find remains of the Dutch Gate and a bit of the Delft historical walls that once protected the ancient fort from attack. If you need to stop and rest from the tropical sun do so in the amazing Dutch Hospital shopping and eating complex a short distance from the old parliament. To get great views of the area check into the Hilton or climb the Buddhist temple near the old lighthouse overlooking the Indian Ocean. Now the area has so much to offer think about combining tea with a spectacular view at Colombo's Grand old Dame the G.O.H.

Present day Colombo is the result of centuries of evolution, colonisation, independence and development, twisted turns of fate, decades of war, moments of ceasefire and peace, generations of individuals, all leaving their mark on it, each bit adding to make it glow with speciality and resilience.

The 21st century Kolonthota is on track despite the global pandemic to being one of the most diverse and exciting cities in the world, but its people and its architecture layered with rich and every changing history are ever grateful to the different periods through time that have come to trade on its shores leaving behind an exciting mix of architectural styles – that once little port by the Kelani river is a great place to explore a city full of fascinating history.

Salute from the heart

NIPUNA WICKRAMAGE

Five months after being identified, Covid-19 quickly snowballed, paralysing most countries in the world - even the richest - both economically and socially. Humanity is put at the ultimate test when the virus withstands conventional measures, hence, can no longer be treated as a common pneumonia encountered during the flu seasons.

For all we know, Covid-19 is a deadly pandemic that you and I can catch, anytime and anywhere. To staunch its spread, affected countries took certain action with Sri Lanka imposing the movement control order (MCO).

While most of us are reading this at the comfort of our home, there were courageous people out there who knowingly enter the virus epicenter and play with 'the fire'. They are the heroes in scrubs and layers of suffocating protective gears.

First and foremost the pandemic wouldn't have been under control without the leadership and guidance of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. His initiatives and decisions were always subjected to the betterment of the country and its citizens. His slogan on One Nation One Rule made every citizens feel safe and secure under his governance and guidance.

While most of the countries are still struggling from the pandemic in larger scale as a small island in the Indian Ocean we have been a forefront examples to them.

Thanks to the Sri Lankan Army and IDH Staff (Doctors, Paramedics, First responders, Nurses, Pharmacists and everyone in the IDH healthcare service) who put the nation first before self and risk their life to contain the pandemic, for us. Indeed, many had expressed due credit to the frontline heroes in the healthcare service for making sure the exposed are screened, the infected are treated and the vulnerable are cared for.



'COVID

19' Pandemic has been brought under control within a short time period in Sri Lanka comparing to other countries. Without the sacrifices and the dedications of SL Army and IDH Staffs it wouldn't be possible.

They were the backbone of the Operations and also who took individual care of all the human beings. Their sacrifices for the country and the citizens will be cherished for decades.

Unwittingly, there are also other people we should be thanking - the invisible supporting the visible, specifically those who are not able to stay at home because they work in the essential services. The people who long to be at home with the families but had to make sacrifices beyond their call of duty. They too, work round the clock tirelessly. There was never any outcry amid not being highly recognized nor accolade.

While juggling with their role as

a Father, a Mother, a Brother, a sister at home, these Heroes are out in the offices and sites braving the outbreak to keep government operations going. They had no guarantee of not being exposed to the virus.

Thank you for not staying at home and for benevolently serving the nation as the backbones in the essential services.

The least we could do to return their favor is, ironically, to stay at home. Thanks may cost nothing, but this time it costs us to stay put where we are. Flaunting the order is taking a chance of opening a Pandora box - not just it immediately put us at risk, but it also frustrate all the effort to stymie the pandemic.

House of Fashions (South Asia's Largest Single Owner Department Store) salutes the heroes and made them overwhelming through our industrial products by offering them a 30% discount for the total bill of their purchased items.

Whatever happens, as Sri Lankans are in this together, we sink and survive as a nation. We could be physically isolated from each other but in reality, we are staying together in spirit.

We are not put on this earth for ourselves, but are placed here for each other. If you are there always for others, then in time of need, someone will be there for you.

Jaffna flavour

The yearly Jaffna food festival "YAAL VIRUNDU" will take place from September 23 to 27 from 7pm to 11 pm.

The YAAL VIRINDU Jaffna Food festival is a long-established tradition as Ramada Colombo was the first to introduce the authentic Jaffna flavours in Colombo. This annual tradition has been taking place at Ramada Colombo for 18 years in a row.

This year the YAAL VIRINDU Jaffna food festival is being held in collaboration with Thushara Innasithamby and Danu Innasithamby from "My Sister's Kitchen". Thushara & Danu who are originally from Jaffna will be bringing

their local flavours to life at the kitchen this September, with Thushara bringing in her grandmother's traditional recipes passed down to her through generations.

YAAL VIRINDU has been a massive success throughout the years and has brought tremendous exposure and awareness to Jaffna cuisine here in Colombo, especially since it's an integral and vital component of Sri Lanka's culinary identity.

There will be plenty of attention given to the cuisine to bring out the flavours of the North, all the fresh produce will be locally purchased and all

spices will be brought directly from Jaffna to the kitchen to create this beautiful authentic buffet spread for you at the Gardenia.

The buffet includes Nelli Crush, Odial Kool (prepared in a traditional manner by the pool) served with fried ash plantains, Mutton bone soup, Suara Varai, Nandu Varuval, Fried fish with mango pickle dip & an extensive variety of vegetarian, seafood and crab curries. The ambiance displays a traditional Jaffna feel as well as traditional local music and the famous captivating décor that includes the traditional arch entrance.



From left: Ramada Colombo Sales Manager, Pavithra Vidanagamage, Sales Manager, Ramesh Vidanarachchi, Danu Innasithamby, Ramada Colombo General Manager, Wasim Cader, My Sisters Kitchen Thushara Innasithamby, Strategic Planning and Development Director, M. Shanthikumar, Food and Beverage Manager, Rifath Mansoor, Director of Culinary Chef, Philippe Wagenfuhrer, Senior Sous Chef Chef, Dharmapriya, Marketing and PR Specialist, Nahaziya Irshad and Sales Manager, Prasanna Cooray at the YAAL VIRINDU Jaffna food festival press launch. Picture by Ruwan de Silva

Discussion on Tsunami film

The Monthly Film Screening and Discussion conducted by Centre for Society and Religion (CSR) on Dr Somaratne Disanayaka's latest film "Tsunami" will be held at the CSR Auditorium, 281, Deans Road, Maradana, on September 26 at 1 pm. Moderated by Nuwan Jude Liyanage, the key speeches will be delivered by Ajith Galappatty, Tusitha Jayasundara, Sujith Akkarawatta and Thivanka Vishvanath Jayasekara. Entrance is free.



MARMADUKE



"That's enough! Stop licking each other's food!"

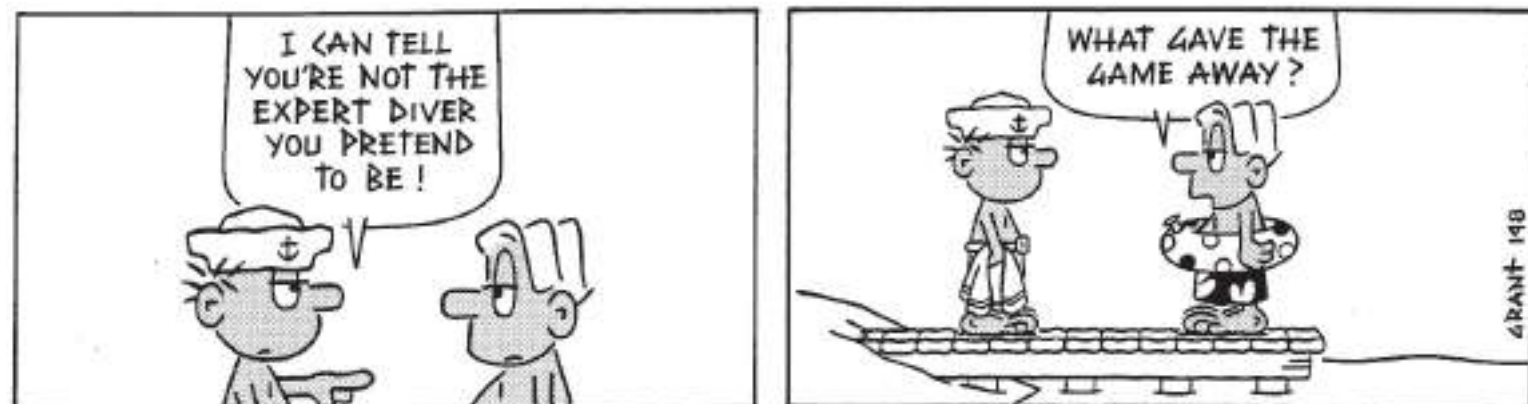
MUTT AND JEFF



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UP & RUNNING





Sri Lankan Wildlife Parks



Walking tracks



Transportation system

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

As practitioners in the Architectural profession, they are endowed in his noble art of creativity, carving-out and implanting their designs of 'built structures' and gently nestling these designs into the natural environment where none existed before. ArchWorld speaks to Chartered Architect, Archt. Rehan Tilakaratna who says that Architecture is an enormous task, due to the permanency of the built forms in the environment - it is a task that has to be handled with care and crafted with much effort, consideration and humility at all times.

Tilakaratne points out that Urban design is the process of instilling 'discipline amongst chaos'. Urban Design sets out to plan, design and shapes the physical features of cities, towns and villages within a 'macro-environment' dealing with the larger scale of groups of buildings. Urban Design is of streets and public spaces, whole neighbourhoods and districts, and entire cities, intending to make urban areas functional, attractive, and sustainable. It is engineered for the mutually beneficial interaction of human beings within the built-up environments and for creating a harmonious relationship between these and other stakeholders; un-built natural forms vs built-up form.

VIBRANT ENTITY

"The city of Colombo, like other cities in our country has no identity. They are faceless and have no soul or spirit. They are congested, disorderly, haphazard and polluted, filled with belching automobiles, noise, visual pollution, haphazard and un-regulated developments. It is where chaos and the 'law of the jungle' rule. Our urban centre like the city of Colombo must be envisioned as clean, green, yet a vibrant entity with a distinctively identifiable image and a charm of its own.

It must be a city that thrives, that pulsates and resonates for its inhabitants and its visitors. In this context, our cities are not those which our citizenry can be proud of," explained Tilakaratna.

Tilakaratna raises the question - who is responsible for this chaos, the 'mess' we find ourselves in? The 'fault-line' traverses our collective psyche, although we would be most tempted to point-out the policymakers, the politicians, the administrators, the ordinary citizens and even us professionals. Great Cities throughout the world as Paris, Venice, Geneva, Zurich, Melbourne and Chicago to name a few are cities that are adjacent to water bodies. The City of Colombo with the Beira Lake is no exception. Today this water body is neglected and has become polluted, and unregulated, our proverbial 'backyard'.

Tilakaratna has a warning! Before it is too late, we must now 'take-back' our cities with a sense of urgency, for our next generation of inhabitants, he says. "Therefore as Urban Designers/

IN HARMONY WITH MOTHER NATURE



Green City in Sri Lanka



Sri Lankan beaches



Urban Designs

Architects, we must be the catalysts for an 'earth-shaking paradigm shift', a move towards creating a city which will be the envy of all the cities, its citizenry and its visitors. An absolute oasis! I envision the day our cities of the future move away from 'motorized accessibility', within the city centre or 'core', where practically possible, and embrace non-motorized transport, ensuring a network of dedicated pedestrian and bicycle tracks. Alternative 'water-based' transportation via the 'Beira Lake' basin and the numerous water bodies, which like our five fingers, are different from each other, spreading out from the City of Colombo linking its suburbs and onwards throughout the island," pointed out Tilakaratna.

Tilakaratne further added that in his opinion a comprehensive 'Traffic Management' plan has to be implemented across all motorable roadways across all wards of the City. Motorized accessibility should be regulated with 'permits', adopting a concept of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) roadway/lane usages at specific times, on these specific days, on specific roads. Moving vehicles along our roadway, without 'grid-lock' must be the priority.

'Connectivity' between the city centre and the hinterland must be conceived as a robust dependable and efficient, public transportation system. A network consisting of 'Peak-Time' high frequency Electrified Railway systems, Light Rail Transit systems (LTRs) and MASS Rapid Transit systems (MRTs) that can enter the city regularly must be considered. These 'systems' have to 'bring-in' and 'take-out' commuters to the city centre, as 'looped- circular transportation network' to and fro, as a cost-effective, reliable, safe and hygienic alternative.

Tilakaratne further explained that at the city edge, 'Refuge zones' with 'Park and Ride' facilities must be created encircling immediately outside of the city limits in the hinterland, as 'multi-modal' hubs, which will link the outer cities, towns and villages by transporta-

tion systems consisting of a network of electrified 'Inter City-Regional' trains and shuttle bus systems.

Tilakaratne stated that over the past years, our dazzling island of Sri Lanka, with many UNESCO heritage sites, beaches, wildlife parks and hill country resorts was voted the best holiday destinations waiting to be discovered and celebrated, identified as a global tourism 'hotspot', a 'must-see' tourist destination, winning accolades from various travel guides and travel magazines including Lonely Planet, Condé Nast and National Geographic Traveller.

GLOBAL PATRONAGE

Politicians, Administrators together with real estate moguls, developers and investors, both local and international, in anticipation of an inflow of Foreign Direct Investments and a vast influx of 'global patronage' envisioned the City of Colombo, Sri Lanka's most populous region, home to almost 6 million people as the next Asian 'gateway city', a 'Megapolis', like Beijing, Kuala Lumpur, Mumbai, Hong Kong, Tokyo and the likes, adopting the Asian developing nations model/concept.

"The Western Region Megapolis Planning Project was initiated, earmarked as a \$40 billion redevelopment of the country's capital and its surrounding districts to be realized over 15 years and comprises 150 smaller projects. Under this project, a trade hub, a high-rise central business district including at least 60 new towers, a science and technology city, and a rapid transit system aimed at reducing traffic congestion were some of its grandiose aspirations. Forging forward multi-functional, multi-national developments, vast inventories of hotel guest rooms of international brands, big and better commercial hubs were gearing-up to encash a windfall. However this was not to be," added Tilakaratna.

He further elaborated that the City of Colombo seems to be grappling with the notion of 'Urban sprawl' or the

rapid expansion of the geographic extent, whereby we are gradually increasing the physical and environmental footprint of our metropolitan area, as partly in need to accommodate a rising urban population and also for the sake of rapid development.

PEDESTRIANIZED GREEN CITY

He stated that in his opinion the City of Colombo must in future development as a pedestrianized green city. The city has a large demand for parking throughout the day and therefore, as reiterated, a robust public transportation system holds the key to all these systematic ailments the city faces. Haphazard construction on our roadways, driving during school hours and peak-hours create numerous traffic snarls and holds the city ransom with unreasonable traffic congestion. The adverse results are unproductive time, air and noise pollution and road rage.

Currently, the public car parking within the city core and outer area of the City of Colombo is not managed well. Park and Ride concepts are non-existent. An integrated on-street parking policy, related to traffic and mobility management must be the priority, where the public-at-large can pay money in exchange for the right to park a vehicle in a particular place for a limited amount of time, safely without having to worry about parking violations. Presently the smart-parking solutions adopted in the City of Colombo operated through purchasing parking tickets at the pay-point machine is a challenge, due to numerous reasons, the least of which is having exact change for the parking ticket.

Curb-side parking with dedicated meters per/car along roadways is a very low-tech simplified solution, adopted in many Western countries for optimum efficiency. However, embracing technology, other viable solutions

also to be considered when possible are, High volume, multi-story parking garage or parking buildings which house automated (car) parking system (APS) is a viable option in a selected refuge area throughout the city. Certain parking systems provides parking for cars on multiple levels stacked vertically to maximize the number of parking spaces while minimizing land usage.

Also mobile devices as in-Vehicle Parking Meter (IVPM) (also known as in-vehicle personal meter, in-car parking meter, or personal parking meter) integrated with Banking Institution or Mobile Hand-phone services providers, as a hand-held electronic device similar to the size of a pocket calculator can be used, where drivers would display the device with 'parking credit' in their car windows either as a parking permit or as proof of parking payment.

"The spirit of the City of Colombo, if robust and vibrant, will be alive both night and day catering to the aspirations of its citizenry. The pulse of any vibrant city has to always throb - a city which does not sleep for all the right reasons and not those which steal its life force and its soul. When people are at ease, they can go about their commercial activity at night, without congestion and traffic snarls. The City must be able to cater to people's needs and requirements any time of the day or night but must be safe, clean and well-managed. The City of Colombo must aspire to be the 'Lion of South Asia', said Tilakaratna.

The architecture of Sri Lanka displays a rich variety of forms and styles which has progressively evolved with a history over the eras. The Ancient Architecture to the colonial periods, cities and townships have flourished and are well recorded in the annals of global history.

The magnificent edifices of the bygone era of ancient monastic complexes, the pleasure garden to ancient cities are few examples of the 'Golden Era' of architecture.

"The post-colonial, post-independence era saw a breed of well-versed, internationally exposed breed of Sri Lankan architects at the helm, who were at the forefront of the evolution of an indigenous Tropical Modernism. This movement witnessed a contemporary, modern philosophy respecting the tropical garden/courtyard architecture. Post-2000, to where we are today, Post-Modern architecture is viewed with sustainability being the new ethos. The mimicry of the Western architectural concepts, springing-up in the City of Colombo and its suburbs is a worrying trend which becomes an impediment to the robust evolution of our architecture. However, the resilience of our architectural heritage and our professional practitioners will prevail as we march forward embracing modern technology and grapple with new ideas and concepts," said Tilakaratna.

The museum of everything

Do you have time to look at 150,000 exhibits?

ANDREW DICKSON

From a block away, it looks like a craft from a more advanced civilisation has landed in the centre of Rotterdam. The structure is futuristic, with walls of mirrored glass curving up some 40 metres, reflecting the iron-grey clouds and the fractured city skyline. It wouldn't be surprising if it had a tractor beam instead of a door. As I draw close, a middle-aged Dutch couple are debating whether they like it. They decide not, but snap selfies in front of it anyway.

Rotterdamers are used to high-concept architecture, but what makes this building unusual is its function: it's a warehouse. Designed by the Dutch firm MVRDV and known as the Depot, it has been created for one of the most well-regarded art museums in the Netherlands, the Boijmans Van Beuningen. When I visit in mid-September, contractors are installing vitrines and polishing concrete floors; in December, art handlers will begin moving in the museum's collection of Rembrandts, Bosch, Magrittes and Dalis - some 150,000 objects. It will open fully late next year.

In the atrium, Sjarel Ex, the Boijmans' director, is wearing the look of a man who can't quite believe it's finally happening. "A treasure chest, no?" he exclaims, gesturing towards a dizzying lattice of glass stair-



wells above our heads. "Every single thing we have will be on display."

To call the Depot a warehouse is, it turns out, to do it a considerable disservice: the building is an attempt to turn the Boijmans inside out. Instead of locking their crown jewels away behind closed doors, the institution has ploughed €55m (£50m) into an "open storage" facility in the heart of the city, right next to the main 1930s building.

Museums have dabbled with open or visible storage for decades.

New York's Metropolitan made some of its research collections available in the late 1980s, while the V&A's 2009-10 ceramics galleries put some 26,000 objects on display in tall, tightly crammed glass cabi-

nets. But Ex and his colleagues reckon this is the first time that anyone has built an open-storage facility to house an entire museum collection - early Netherlandish paintings to Renaissance silverware and De Stijl design. "Radical transparency," Ex grins. "A little bit Dutch, I'm afraid."

As we stride from the loading bay to the decontamination zone ("if a piece of furniture has moths, this is where we sort it out," he explains), Ex rattles through the story. In 2013, the basement stores of the Boijmans flooded.

Though the damage was mercifully minimal, it was obvious that the museum needed to upgrade, particularly given that 90% of Rotterdam is below sea level - and

with climate change, the percentage is increasing.

But instead of erecting something in an anonymous industrial zone somewhere, Ex had the idea of turning the stores into a visitor attraction. There were already plans to close the main building for seven years for renovation - it's due to reopen in 2026 - so this would also be a way of bridging the gap.

"What's the English expression - 'out of sight, out of mind'?" says Ex. "So much of what museums do happens in the dark. We wanted to bring some of it into the light."

An appealing idea, but fiendishly difficult to pull off, architect Winy Maas tells me - light itself being a major problem.

The museum was insistent that, even though the Depot is a public building, conditions should be as good, if not better, than a regular vault: super-high-grade air conditioning will make the environment dust-free, while the structure is divided into five "climate zones" for different kinds of artefacts (colour photographs need to be stored at a lower temperature than black-and-white prints, for example). While some pieces will hang on movable racks, or in 13 display cabinets placed through the building, light-sensitive objects will be kept in sealed cabinets and only inspected by appointment.

Ex doesn't go into detail about security, but suggests that the building is more than a match for art thieves. "And which is safer, really?" he asks. "Putting your depot on the outskirts of a city, or having it right here in the centre, surrounded by people?"

There's more at stake than technical questions about how best to care for fragile artefacts.

Although few museums advertise the fact, what we see in their galleries is a tiny fraction of what they possess: the usual estimate is that 95% of most collections are locked away. Research done in 2016 by the magazine Quartz suggested that, in a sample of 20 museums, almost half the Picasso paintings were in storage, while far more Georgia O'Keeffes were in the vault (67) than on permanent display (36).

The Guardian

Making the world their runway!



BELGIUM'S DINNER-IN-THE-SKY RELAUNCHES



Belgians looking for a different culinary experience will once again be able to eat 50 metres (164 feet) above the ground as the dining-in-the-sky experience returns from COVID-19 lockdown with a new, socially distanced feel. Belgium-based Dinner in the Sky, which has been set up in some 60 countries since its 2006 launch, involves diners strapped into seats at a table suspended from a crane while well-known chefs cook and serve from the centre.

Fashion is usually associated with youth, but take one look at the dapper styles of Günther Krabbenhöft and Britt Kanja and you'll see that age has nothing to do with it. They are both impeccably dressed. The 75-year-old Krabbenhöft often dons a three-piece suit complete with a variety of hats, while Kanja has no shortage of statement-making accessories and elegant dresses. It's clear that the world is their runway, and every time they're out and about, it's a live fashion show.

This isn't the first time that Krabbenhöft has been recognized for his style. Five years ago, he went viral for outfits consisting of a bowtie and vest that was coupled with a pair of tapered jeans and lace-up boots. He emerged as a sensation in the Berlin fashion scene and hasn't stopped since. Krabbenhöft is now a model managed by MARTA PR, and he even wrote a book called 'Just Be Yourself—You're Never Too Old to Be Young.' The book centers around wisdom that Krabbenhöft has gained throughout his years.

"Hey, no matter what happens to you, if you think you've failed in life, the day will come when you see weakness as strength," Krabbenhöft says of the book. "Only in retrospect do I recognize my own days of despair, and can appreciate them."

With that optimistic perspective, Krabbenhöft has learned to appreciate all life has to offer - and it shows. His social media showcases not only his scene-stealing looks, but him enjoying Berlin's culture with Kanja and friends of all ages. *My Modern Met*



LIVING IN A MOSQUITO-INFESTED JUNGLE



The Qiyi City Forest Garden residential complex in Chengdu, China, was supposed to be a green paradise for its residents, but two years on, the vertical forest concept has turned into a nightmare.

Back in 2018, the idea of living among dozens of exotic plants proved very exciting for the people of Chengdu, one of China's most polluted cities, and by April of 2020 all 826 units in the Qiyi City Forest Garden complex had been sold. Each unit had up to 20 types of plants growing on the balcony, and filtering the city's air and noise pollution. However, instead of an urban paradise, the eight-tower complex looks like a scene out of a post-apocalyptic film, with balconies overrun by sprawling greenery and plagues of mosquitoes.

For reasons unknown, only 10 families have moved into the residential complex so far, which means most of the units and their allotted balcony gardens are currently unattended. Recent photos show balconies virtually swallowed up by plants, with branches hanging over balcony railings. To make matters worse, the few residents that have moved in are complaining that the unattended vertical forest has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Photos of the veritable urban jungle have gone viral both in China and abroad, and in response, the property developer has promised to provide plant maintenance four times a year and also step up pest control efforts.

The current state of the Qiyi City Forest Garden complex sparked a heated debate on Chinese social media, with Hong Kong-based online publication HK01 reporting that part of the netizens find that it is a good idea to be living close to nature, while others cite safety concerns regarding the sprawling plants and the pest infestation.

"When the roots of these trees develop enough to penetrate the walls, will they affect the safety of the structure?" one person asked. "Will a branch falling from the 30th floor kill people?" another questioned.

The vertical garden concept has been around for a long time. Edificio Santalaia, in Bogota, is the world's largest vertical garden.

Oddity Central



ANNUAL DOG SURFING CONTEST GOES VIRTUAL

An annual competition for surfing dogs in California went virtual amid the COVID-19 pandemic, replacing the in-person contest with videos of canines riding waves around the world.

The Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon, which normally is held each September at Del Mar Dog Beach in De Mar, instead was held virtually this year, with the owners of surfing dogs around the world submitting videos of their pets' prowess.

The dogs were divided by weight class and judged on criteria including the duration of the ride, the size of the wave and special tricks including walking on the board and barking.

The contest raised funds for the Helen Woodward Animal Center in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. *UPI*

Cookie challenge!

An Idaho man participating in a Guinness World Records weekly challenge successfully set a new record for fastest time to move a cream filled cookie from the forehead to the mouth.

David Rush, who has broken more than 150 Guinness records to promote STEM education, participated in the "#GWRchallenge" on social media and used only the muscles in his face to move a cookie from his forehead to his mouth, and then ate it.

Rush was declared the winner of the weekly challenge when he managed to move and eat the cookie in 8.8 seconds.

The record-breaker said one participant had a faster time than him, but his attempt was disqualified. *UPI*



THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964 NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7(1)

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Schedule

District : Kandy
Divisional Secretary's : Kundasale
Division :
Grama Niladhari :
Division : No. 714,
Ahaspokuna North
Lunuketiyamadiththa.
Name of Village : Atharagalla
Pallegammedda
Name of the Land : Ahaspokunawatta
Preliminary Plan No. : Maha 6957
Lot No. : 1

S.D. Nagathathenna
Divisional Secretary,
and Land Acquiring Officer
Kundasale.

Divisional Secretary's Office
Kundasale, Manikhinna.

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Schedule

District : Gampaha
Divisional Secretary's :
Division : Biyagama
Grama Niladhari Division : No. 276 A,
Mabima West
Name of the Village : Mabima
Preliminary Plan No. : Gam 4190
Lot Nos. : 01-06

S.A. Chandima
Suriyaarachchi
Divisional Secretary
Biyagama

Biyagama Divisional Secretariat Office,
Sapugaskanda,
Makola.

Date : 24.09.2020

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7(1)

My Reference No. : KDS/KUN/04/07/16/04/78
Reference No. of the Ministry of Lands : 4-3/9/2017/WS/86

The Government intends to acquire the land which is described in the following schedule. Please see the Part (III) of the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2160/9 dated 27th January 2020, of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Part (III) of the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2192/49 dated 10th September, 2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for further details :

Schedule

District : Kandy
Divisional Secretary's :
Division : Kundasale
Grama Niladhari Division : No. 709,
Lunuketiyamadiththa
Name of the Village : Liyangaswagura
Name of the Land : Lunuketiyamadiththa
Hena
Preliminary Plan No. : Maha 6979
Lot No. : 1

Samanthi D. Nagathathenna
Divisional Secretary and
Land Acquiring Officer
Kundasale

Divisional Secretary's Office
Kundasale
Menikhinna
19 September 2020



TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NO: CFC/SD/LL/2020-07

Tender for Leasing Facility to Purchase of 05 Nos. Brand New Diesel Refrigerated (-20°C) Trucks. Capacity 3.0 M.T. Payload

Sealed Tenders are invited from reputed Companies for leasing facility to purchase of 05 Nos. Brand New Refrigerated Trucks for Ceylon Fisheries Corporation, Colombo 15.

Tender documents could be obtained from the Supplies Manager between 09.00 a.m. and 03.00 p.m during normal working days from 25.09.2020 to 08.10.2020 on payment of a non-refundable deposit of Rs. 5,000/-

Tender documents will be issued to Suppliers only on production of documentary evidence proving their eligibility and a request letter for documents on a business letterhead.

Sealed tenders in duplicate with the name of the tender marked on the Top left corner of the envelope should be deposited in the tender box made available at the Corporation Administration's Office before 2.00 p.m. on 09.10.2020.

Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on 06.10.2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Further details, please contact Supply Manager Tel : 011 2540092 / Transport Manager Tel : 071 8736924

Chairman
Ceylon Fisheries Corporation
Rock House Lane,
Colombo - 15.
Tel: 011 2 540455 / 011 2 523689

KURUNEGALA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed quotations are hereby invited for the lease of right to levy charges at the vehicle parking place described in the schedule below, belonging to the Kurunegala Municipal Council. Sealed quotations will be entertained up to 2.00 p.m. on 13.10.2020 and tenders thus received will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on the same day. Tender forms could be obtained from the Chief Municipal Accountant, during office hours up to 2.00 p.m. on 12.10.2020 upon payment of the following fees. Standard taxes will be charged, added to the tender form fees, as imposed by the government.

Name of the vehicle park	Tender form fees (VAT) (Rs.)	Refundable tender security deposit (Rs.)	Minimum annual lease amount (Minimum Bid)
Perakumba Street	3,000.00	10,000.00	1,522,500.00

Further details and information in this regard could be obtained from the Chief Municipal Accountant, during office hours over telephone No. 037-4941868, 037-4941869.

Pradeep Thilakarathne
Municipal Commissioner
Municipal Council,
Kurunegala.
22.09.2020



Merchant Bank of Sri Lanka & Finance PLC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS (Rs. '000)	01.01.2020 To 30.06.2020	01.01.2019 To 30.06.2019
Interest and similar income	2,584,525	3,141,613
Interest and similar expenses	(1,972,529)	(2,170,025)
Net interest income	611,996	971,588
Fee and commission income	47,688	88,407
Fee and commission expenses	(5,398)	(16,011)
Net fee and commission income	42,290	72,396
Net trading income	430	408
Net gain/(loss) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	21,785	(41,540)
Other operating income	9,441	36,539
Total operating income	685,942	1,039,390
Impairment for loans and other losses		
Individual impairment	(192,370)	(223,833)
Collective impairment	16,949	68,113
Others	18,734	182,752
Net operating income	529,255	1,066,423
Personnel expenses	(572,200)	(590,488)
Depreciation and amortisation	(146,281)	(133,912)
Other operating expenses	(254,284)	(316,751)
Operating profit/(loss) before Value Added Tax (VAT)	(443,510)	25,271
Value added tax (VAT) & Nation building tax (NBT) on financial services	16,211	88,736
Debt repayment levy	-	45,812
Profit/(loss) before tax for the period	(459,721)	(109,277)
Tax expenses	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the period	(459,721)	(109,277)
Earnings per share: Basic/diluted earnings per share (Rs.)	(2.77)	(0.66)

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Rs. '000)	01.01.2020 To 30.06.2020	01.01.2019 To 30.06.2019
Profit/(loss) for the period	(459,721)	(109,277)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		
Gains/(Losses) on re-measuring financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	4,616
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of taxes	-	4,616
Total comprehensive income for the period	(459,721)	(104,661)

Cap on Loans and Advances and Deposits

The Company has been imposed with caps of LKR 35 Bn on loan and advances (net of interest in suspense) and LKR 23 Bn on deposits by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka with effect from April 2019 and May 2019 respectively pending compliance with Capital Adequacy Ratios.

Certification:

We, the undersigned, being the Head of Finance and the Chief Executive Officer (Acting) of Merchant Bank of Sri Lanka & Finance PLC certify jointly that:

- the above statements have been prepared in compliance with the format and definitions prescribed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
- the information contained in these statements have been extracted from unaudited financial statements of the Licensed Finance Company unless indicated as "audited".

(Sgd.)

P I Kandanaarachchi
Head of Finance
14.09.2020

(Sgd.)

J Gamalath
Chief Executive Officer (Acting)
14.09.2020

Merchant Bank of Sri Lanka & Finance PLC
(Subsidiary of Bank of Ceylon)

Bank of Ceylon Merchant Tower,
No. 28, St. Michael's Road, Colombo 03, Sri Lanka.

Tel: 011-4711711 Fax: 011-4711765
Email: mbslbank@mbslbank.com

Web Site: www.mbslbank.com

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Rs. '000)	As at 30.06.2020	As at 30.06.2019
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,011,209	1,786,063
Placements with banks & financial institutions	364,519	1,534,151
Financial investments at fair value through profit or loss	977,786	224,905
Loans & receivables at amortised cost	27,363,610	30,742,525
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	1,026,196	896,411
Financial investments at amortised cost	1,564	555,052
Real estate stock	308,131	51,880
Investment in associate company	74,750	81,084
Investment in subsidiary	869,977	762,029
Investment properties	115,823	118,729
Property, equipment and right-of-use assets	817,793	893,096
Intangible assets	163,747	176,471
Other assets	355,750	385,275
Total assets	33,450,857	38,207,672
Liabilities		
Due to banks	5,013,944	6,261,794
Due to customers at amortised cost	22,356,025	22,927,307
Debt issued and borrowed funds at amortised cost	2,433,548	4,912,769
Deferred tax liabilities	212,520	340,443
Other liabilities	1,004,361	1,092,177
Retirement benefits obligations	282,386	253,740
Total liabilities	31,302,783	35,788,230
Equity		
Stated capital	2,124,457	2,124,457
Statutory reserves	234,613	214,096
Retained earnings	(206,834)	83,735
OCI reserve	(4,162)	(2,846)
Total equity	2,148,074	2,419,442
Total liabilities and equity	33,450,857	38,207,672
Contingent liabilities and commitments	56,437	130,700

SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	As at 30.06.2020	As at 30.06.2019
Regulatory Capital Adequacy		
Core capital (Tier 1 Capital), Rs. '000	1,444,612	1,669,931
Total Capital Base, Rs. '000	1,968,501	2,800,869
Tier 1 Capital Ratio, as % of Risk Weighted Assets (Minimum requirement, 6.5%)	4.68%	4.70%
Total Capital Ratio, as % of Risk Weighted Assets (Minimum requirement, 10.5%)	6.38%	7.89%
Capital Funds to Deposit Liabilities Ratio (Minimum requirement, 10%)	10.03%	10.96%
Assets Quality (Quality of Loan Portfolio)		
Gross Non-Performing Accommodations, Rs. '000	5,453,285	4,635,177
Gross Non-Performing Accommodations Ratio, %	16.98%	13.30%
Net Non Performing Accommodations Ratio, %	8.19%	6.87%
Profitability (%)		
Interest Margin	3.81%	5.60%
Return on Assets (before tax)	-1.31%	-0.31%
Return on Equity (after tax)	-19.33%	-4.42%
Regulatory Liquidity (Rs. '000)		
Required minimum amount of Liquid Assets	1,566,836	3,085,616
Available amount of Liquid Assets	1,943,355	3,341,029
Required minimum amount of Government Securities	1,492,242	2,040,947
Available amount of Government Securities	1,516,664	2,073,280
Memorandum information		
Number of employees	976	1,026
Number of branches	40	40
Number of other centers	9	9

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Anamaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha

Procurement Notice

Annual Lease of Properties for the year 2021

Issuing, receiving and opening of procurement forms will be handled by me for the lease of trade rights of the properties of Anamaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha mentioned in the following schedule for the period from 01-01-2021 to 31-12-2021 on the dates given below.

Issuing of Procurement Application Forms : From 8.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on working days of the week during the period from 25.09.2020 to 15.10.2020

Receiving of Procurement Applications : Up to 1.30 p.m. on 16.10.2020 could be sent by registered post or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the office

Opening of Procurement Applications : At 1.30 p.m. on 16.10.2020 by the Procurement Committee at the Head Office of the Pradeshiya Sabha.

SCHEDULE

Serial No.	Description of Property	Minimum Bid	Non-Refundable Application Form Fee	Refundable Tender Deposit
1	Vehicle Park at Anamaduwa Bus Stand	2,949,650.00	1,000.00	117,986.00
2	Madawakkulama Beef Stall	130,400.00	1,000.00	10,432.00
3	Kammandaluwa Beef Stall	45,738.00	1,000.00	4,574.00
4	Serukele Pork Stall	10,973.00	1,000.00	1,098.00
5	Serukale Chicken Stall	6,699.00	1,000.00	670.00
6	Mahasembukuliya Pork Stall	54,886.00	1,000.00	5,489.00
7	Sangattikulama Beef Stall	24,200.00	1,000.00	2,420.00
8	Hall No. 1, First Floor of Anamaduwa Bus Stand	480,000.00	1,000.00	38,000.00
9	Hall No. 2, First Floor of Anamaduwa Bus Stand	480,000.00	1,000.00	38,000.00
10	Chicken Stall of Weekly Fair of Anamaduwa Stall No. 01	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
11	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Chicken Stall No. 02	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
12	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Chicken Stall No. 03	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
13	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Chicken Stall No. 04	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
14	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 01	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
15	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 02	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
16	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 03	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
17	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 04	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
18	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 05	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
19	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 06	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
20	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Pork Stall No. 01	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
21	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Pork Stall No. 02	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
22	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Canteen No. 01	40,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
23	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Canteen No. 02	40,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
24	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Canteen No. 03	40,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
25	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Canteen No. 04	40,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
26	Anamaduwa Weekly Fair - Toilet	15,600.00	1,000.00	1,560.00
27	Andigama Weekly Fair - Chicken Stall No. 01	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
28	Andigama Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 01	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
29	Andigama Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 02	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
30	Andigama Weekly Fair - Pork Stall No. 01	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
31	Pallama Weekly Fair - Chicken Stall No. 01	200,000.00	1,000.00	16,000.00
32	Pallama Weekly Fair - Pork Stall No. 01	200,000.00	1,000.00	16,000.00
33	Pallama Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 01	50,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
34	Pallama Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 02	50,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
35	Pallama Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 03	50,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
36	Pallama Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 04	50,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
37	Pallama Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 05	50,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
38	Pallama Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 06	50,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
39	Pallama Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 07	50,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
40	Pallama Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 08	50,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
41	Pallama Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 09	50,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
42	Pallama Weekly Fair - Fish Stall No. 10	50,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
43	Vehicle Park at Pallama Weekly Fair	104,000.00	1,000.00	8,320.00
44	Pallama Weekly Fair Toilet	15,600.00	1,000.00	1,560.00
45	Lease of coconut yield of Adammana Watta land Pallama owned by the Sabha	9,000.00	1,000.00	900.00

N.B.

- Tenderer's identity should be proved and the National Identity Card, valid driving licence or passport should be produced for the purpose.
- Tenders should be submitted only on forms obtained from this office upon payment of the due deposit amount and form fees.
- Successful tenderers should enter into an agreement with the Sabha and the decision of the Procurement Committee will be final.
- Further details could be had by calling over personally at this office or by Telephone No. 032-2263275.

Chairman,
Anamaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha.

25.09.2020

MINISTRY OF FINANCE & PLANNING, LAW AND ORDER, EDUCATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, LANDS, POWER & ENERGY, CONSTRUCTIONS AND RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE UVA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR YEAR - 2021

Applications are invited from reputed Government affiliated Business Concerns, State Departments, State Corporations, Local Authorized Agents, Cooperative Societies, Manufacturing Institutions, Suppliers, Trade Organisations and Contractors to obtain following Supplies and Services to the Uva Provincial Ministry of Finance & Planning, Law and Order, Education, Local Government, Lands, Electricity & Energy, Constructions and Rural Infrastructure.

Applications, Conditions and further details may be obtained by sending a self addressed 9"x4" stamped envelope to the "Accountant, Uva Provincial Ministry of Education, Uva Provincial Council, Badulla" or by calling over at this institution or by accessing the website : www.edumin.up.gov.lk from Tender Notices.

CONDITIONS :

01. Registration Fees as stated below for each category of supply or service should be paid.

No.	Category	Fee
1	Category No. 01 - (Supply of Materials) - Furniture and Office Equipment	Rs. 500.00
2	Category No. 02 - (Supply of Materials) - Equipment	Rs. 500.00
3	Category No. 03 - (Supply of Materials) - Vehicle Spare Parts	Rs. 500.00
4	Category No. 04 - (Supply of Materials) - Equipment related to Education Subject	Rs. 500.00
5	Category No. 05 - (Supply of Services) - Servicing and Repairing of Vehicles and Machinery	Rs. 500.00
6	Category No. 06 - (Supply of Services) - Other Services	Rs. 500.00

02. Applications that include details of the supply of materials and supply of services provided by the Uva Provincial Ministry of Education or as per the application included in the website should be submitted and the registration fee relevant to the supply of materials and supply of services that you wish to apply for may either be paid in cash to the Accountant, Uva Provincial Ministry of Education or credited to **Account No. 269100128440483** maintained at the **Muthiyanganaya Branch of People's Bank** in favour of the Secretary, Uva Provincial Ministry of Education and the receipt obtained (Photocopies will not be accepted) should be attached to the application and sent by registered post to the address given below.

03. All applicants should submit a photocopy of the Business Registration Certificate or the Registration Certificate issued by the Local Authority with the application.

04. Secretary of the Uva Provincial Ministry of Education reserves the right to accept or reject applications for registration.

05. Quotations are invited from registered suppliers at times of necessity but the Secretary of the Uva Provincial Ministry of Education reserves the right to call for open bids.

06. Applicants who request for advance payment before the goods are delivered to the Ministry or the applicants who seek advance payments for supplies and services will not be considered for registration. Applications will be issued **only until 16th October 2020**. Perfected applications may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Secretary, Uva Provincial Ministry of Education, Uva Provincial Council, Badulla" or hand delivered to receive on or before **23rd October 2020**. The caption "**Registration of Suppliers - 2021**" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope. Further details may be obtained from the Accountant by calling on Tel. No. 055-2222814.

CATEGORIES OF SUPPLY OF MATERIALS / SUPPLY OF SERVICES

Category No. 01 - (Supply of Materials) - Furniture and Office Equipment

- Office Equipment, School Furniture (Wooden)
- Office Equipment, School Classroom Equipment (Steel)
- Office Equipment, School Classroom Equipment (MDF/Melamine)

Category No. 02 - (Supply of Materials) - Equipment

- Calculators, Photocopiers, Roneo Machines, Fax Machines
- Toners for Computer Printers, Photocopiers, Roneo Machines
- Telephones and Intercom System
- Electrical Equipment, Electronic Equipment
- Computers and Computer Accessories
- Stationery
- Steel Corrugated Sheets
- Plastic Water Tanks/ Water Filters/Water Treatment Machines
- Paper, Boards, and Inks required for printing works (Offset)

Category No. 03 - (Supply of Materials) - Vehicle Spare Parts

- Tyres and Tubes
- Batteries
- Vehicle Spare Parts (for all kinds of vehicles)

Category No. 04 - (Supply of Materials) - Equipment related to the Education subject

- Educational Books and magazines and school bags
- Chemicals and Equipment required for Laboratories
- Sports Equipment and Sportswear
- Equipment required for teaching Home Science, Technology, Agricultural and Aesthetics subjects

Category No. 05 - (Supply of Services) - Servicing and Repairing of vehicles and machinery

- Air Conditioners and Refrigerators
- Generators
- Electronic Equipment
 - Computers and Accessories
 - Photocopiers
 - Fax Machines
 - Calculators
 - Typewriters (Electric and Manual)
 - Printers
 - Cameras and Accessories
- Office Furniture and Equipment
- Motor Vehicles (Petrol and Diesel)
 - Repairs and Painting
 - Servicing
 - Services mechanically performed at Engine repairs
- Supply and Installation of Computer Software

Category No. 06 - (Supply of Services) - Other Services

- Surveying of School Lands
- Checking and repairing of Electric Systems and Wiring
- Repairing of Computer Networking Systems and Processing
- Aluminium Partitioning

Only the application forms issued by this ministry for supplies and services or applications submitted as per the application forms downloaded from the website: www.edumin.up.gov.lk under Tender Notice will be considered for registration and other forms of applications will not be considered for registration.

G.A.M.S.P. Ambanwala
Secretary
Ministry of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Education,
Local Government, Lands, Power and Energy, Constructions and
Rural Infrastructure
Uva Provincial Council
Badulla.

25.09.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Incorporation of a Company is hereby notified pursuant to Section 9 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

Name of Company :
WED IN STYLE (PRIVATE) LIMITED
Company Number :
PV-62253
Address : "Suriya"
Fernando Road,
P.O. Box 1, MARAWILA.

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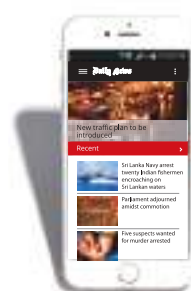
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Southern Provincial Council

Registration of Suppliers and Contractors for year 2021

Applications are invited from Government Corporations/Trading Institutions vested in the Government/Private Businesses/Suppliers/Manufacturers/Distributors and Contractors for construction works who wish to register for the supply of materials, equipment and services and constructions required by all Ministries/Departments/Institutions of the Southern Provincial Council for Year 2021.

01) Registration of Contractors

Qualifications :

- I. Contractors who are permanent residents of the Southern Province and Contractors who are having their businesses and branch institutions within the province are eligible to register and all contractors for constructions should have the registration with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA). (A copy of the Registration Certificate should be submitted with the Application).

02) Registration of Suppliers

Qualifications :

- I. Suppliers who are having businesses for the supply of materials, equipment, supplies and services for public institutions of the Southern Provincial Council for year 2021 are eligible for registration and the businesses should have been registered. (Copy of the Business Registration Certificate should be submitted with the application).
- II. If you have a Special License or Permit to carry on your business, such License or Permit or the Registration Certificate should be submitted with the application.
- III. For maintaining Canteens, and if the canteen is situated within a Municipal Council limit certificate from the Public Health Inspector (PHI) certifying that the canteen is maintained as per the Food Act, and if situated within Pradeshiya Sabha limits a certificate from the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) should be in possession. (A copy should be submitted with the application).
- IV. Documentary proof regarding financial and other capabilities required for the supply and service orders should be submitted.
- V. Copy of the VAT Registration, if registered, should be submitted.
- VI. Suppliers already registered with the Provincial Council need not submit the copies of above certificates and documents and it is adequate to submit only the application available for the already registered suppliers and original receipt obtained upon payment of the fees.

03) Applying and Registration

- I. Duly perfected applications should be delivered to the Chief Secretariat of the Southern Province from 23.09.2020 until 10.12.2020. Only a single application should be submitted for each business / institution but any amount of items can be submitted in an application. A registration fee of Rs. 300/- for each item should be paid and this should be paid in favour of Chief Secretary, Southern Province either to the Shroff of the Chief Secretariat or to any Divisional Secretariat within Southern Province or to any ministry or department of the Southern Provincial Council (to any Provincial Council institution of the government that can issue a receipt on behalf of the Southern Provincial Council) and a receipt should be obtained. Original of that receipt should be submitted with the application. Or else the registration fee may be credited to Account No. 1587305 maintained at the Galle Fort Branch of Bank of Ceylon in favour of Chief Secretary and the bank receipt should be attached to the application.
- II. Registration fee for Contractors are as follows:
 - (a) CIDA Registration required and the Registration Fee for Contracts and Constructions

For contracts below Rs. 02 million	(C-9 and C-8)	-	Rs. 1,000.00
From Rs. 02 million to Rs. 05 million	(C-8 and C-7)	-	Rs. 1,000.00
From Rs. 05 million to Rs. 10 million	(C-7 and C-6)	-	Rs. 2,000.00
From Rs. 10 million to Rs. 20 million	(C-6 and C-5)	-	Rs. 2,000.00
- III. Applicants may access www.sr.sys.lk website and may obtain required information regarding registration of the suppliers and contractors 2021 and the application from the website or to register online.
- IV. Applications may either be sent by registered post addressed to the "Accountant (Supplies), Chief Secretariat, S.H. Dahanayake Mawatha, Galle" or can be hand delivered to the Accountant (Supplies) or may be submitted online to receive before 3.00 p.m. on 10.12.2020.
- V. The caption "Registration of Suppliers/Contractors 2021" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.

Other Conditions:

01. Generally, quotations are invited from registered suppliers and contractors but the Chief Secretary of the Southern Province reserves the right to call for quotations from suppliers/contractors not registered as per the requirements of the Southern Provincial Council.
02. Chief Secretary of the Southern Province reserves the right to register the applicants based only on the capabilities and qualifications of the suppliers and contractors after considering all applications submitted for registration and to reject applications without showing any cause.
03. All the suppliers/contractors registered will be notified in writing.
04. If the supplies or services of any supplier/contractor is not up to the required level or if they are found to have been involved in any fraudulent act or in any irregularities with regard to supplies/contracts they would be blacklisted and steps will be taken not to consider them as a future supplier/contractor. Chief Secretary reserves the full right to do so.
05. Legal action would be instituted against any institution or individual trying to register as a supplier or contractor by submitting fake documents.
06. Please note that steps would be taken to register only after checking the qualifications, capabilities and eligibility of all applicants.
07. If any clarification is required regarding registration, you may call Tel. No. 091-4946368 / 091-4944016 / 091-4119011 or send an e-mail to procurementplan1@gmail.com

R.C.de Zoysa
Chief Secretary
Chief Secretariat
S.H. Dahanayake Mawatha
Galle
22.09.2020

Southern Provincial Council

Registration of Suppliers and Contractors for year 2021

Item No.	Item Description
01. Supply of Office Equipment	
01-01	Supply of Office Furniture and Equipment (Steel, Plastic, Fibre, MDF and Wood Mixed)
01-02	Supply of Computers, Photocopiers, Typewriters, Roneo Machines, Fax Machines, Time Marking Machines, Plotter Machines, Binding Machines, Laminating Machines, Plan Printing Machines and the supply of consumables required for them (Diskettes CD / DVD, Ribbons, Pen Drives, Toners, Cartridges, Plotter Machine Cartridges)
01-03	Supply of Cameras, Projectors, Security Cameras, Video Equipment and Loudspeakers (TVs, VCD/DVD Players, Deck Players, Tape Recorders, Radios and Tapes, Empty cassettes etc.)
01-04	Supply of Air conditioners
01-05	Supply of Bicycles
01-06	Surveying Equipment
01-07	Supply of Weighing and Measuring Instruments
01-08	Supply of Fire Extinguishing Equipment
01-09	Supply of Bottled Drinking Water and Water (Filter) Equipment
01-10	Supply of Packaging Machines (Band Sealers, Foot Sealers etc.)
02. Supply of Office Consumables	
02-01	Supply of Stationery and Supply of School Equipment
02-02	Making and Supplying of Rubber Stamps, Date Stamps, Name Boards, and Notice Boards
02-03	Supply of Office Sanitary items
02-04	Supply of Medals, Souvenirs, Commemoration Plaques, Boards erected in stones and Trophies

03. Supply of Office Services	
03-01	Office Printing Works, making three dimensional Electric Name Boards, Framing and Drawing and Making of Notice Boards
03-02	Designing Banners, Cutouts, Pandals, Stage Background (Including Printing on Cloth, Tender Coconut Leaf (Gokkola) Creations and Sculpture)
03-03	Supplying and Repairing of Intercom Services and Addressing System
03-04	Repairing and Maintenance of Office Equipment (Computers, Photocopiers, Electrical Equipment, and Generators)
03-05	Computer Networking, Computer Software Designing and Development, Installation and Consultancy Services and entering into service agreements
03-06	Supply of Security Services
03-07	Supply of Sanitary Services
03-08	Welding, Iron and Aluminium related services
03-09	Supply of Equipment and Services for Beauty Culture and Handicraft Courses
03-10	Repairing of Boilers
03-11	Repairing of Plotter Machines
03-12	Supply of Pesticide Services
03-13	Videotaping of events and programmes and preparing documentaries
04. Supply of School Equipment	
04-01	Supply of School Furniture (Desks, Chairs, Tables) Wooden, Steel, Plastic and Wood Mixed
04-02	Supply of Equipment related to Art/Drawing Subject
04-03	Supply of Equipment related to Science Laboratory
04-04	Supply of Equipment related to Music/Dancing/Band
04-05	Supply of Equipment related to informal education
04-06	Supply of Equipment for Special Education Subject (For Blind, Deaf and Dumb children)
04-07	Printing of School Term Test Question Papers
04-08	Supply of Shoes, Bags, Water Bottles, Lunch Boxes and Leather related products
04-09	Supply of Maths Lab Equipment
05. Supply of Library Books and Books	
05-01	Supply of Library Books and Books
06. Supply of Sports Goods	
06-01	Supply of Sports Goods
06-02	Repairing of Sports Goods
06-03	Supply of Sportswear
06-04	Supply of chemicals for maintaining Swimming Pools and Supply of related Equipment
06-05	Supply of Sports Trophies, Medals, Colour Emblems
06-06	Supply of Indoor Stadiums (For Sports Events)
06-07	Supply of Hostel Facilities for Sportsmen/women (From all districts of the island)
07. Supply of materials required for Garment and Handloom Industry	
07-01	Supply of Textile Handloom Machines, Textile Equipment and Sewing Machines and spare parts
07-02	Supply of Textile Threads and dyes (Grey Thread (Local/Imported) cotton thread, linen thread, any other value added thread)
07-03	Supply of chemicals and dyes and equipment for colouring the Grey Threads and Textile (Steam Boilers etc.)
07-04	Supply of Garments
07-05	Supply of Raw Materials for the Manufacture of T Shirts
07-06	Supply of Raw Materials for the Manufacture of Bags
07-07	Supply of Chemicals required for waste water treatment units
07-08	Installation, Renovation, Maintenance and Servicing of Waste Water Treatment Plant
07-09	Embroidery Facilities and Making Labels
07-10	Supply of Dummies
08. Supply of materials required for Pottery Industry	
08-01	Supply of Chemicals and Oxides and Clay required for Ceramic ware (Biyagama Red Clay, Boralesgamuwa Clay, Meetiyaogoda Clay), Dyes, Feldspar, Quartz, Silica Sands, Plaster of Paris (Imported/Local)
08-02	Supply of Electric Ovens/Kilns, Wire Coils and Kiln Stones
08-03	Supply of Machinery and Equipment required for Pottery Industry (Ball Mill Machines, Potters Wheels, Mobile Clay Grinding Machines fixed with Hand tractor Engines, Electric Potters Machines required for Pottery Industry)
09. Supply of Equipment required for Coir Industry	
09-01	Supply of Machinery and Equipment required for Coir Industry (Coconut coir making machines, Coir Twisting Machines, Coir Harvesting Machines etc. and others)
09-02	Supply of Coconut Husks, White Coir, Coir Ropes etc
10. Supply of Equipment required for Handicrafts	
10-01	Supply of Multipurpose Machines and Tool Sets required for Carpentry and Masonry
10-02	Supply of Light Engineering Tools
10-03	Supply of Handicraft Equipment
10-04	Supply of Rush/Reed Bags, Coconut Shell related Products, Kithul Palm related Products
10-04	Seasoning of Timber, Sawing of Timber and Supply of Timber (Bo Wood, Gini Sapu, Jak, Teak, Domba, Kempas, Mahogany)
10-05	Value Added Products in Timber Industry
11. Fishery, Animal Husbandry and Agriculture	
11-01	Supply of Agricultural Machinery (Machinery for grinding of grains as powder/Machinery for Crushing and Husking / Harvesting Machines/ Power Sprayers / Seed Paddy Cleaning Machines / Potato Grinding Machines / Vegetable Cutting Machines / Compact Harvesting Machines / Pop Corn Machines)
11-02	Supply of Agricultural Equipment and Supply of Agricultural Implements, Threshing field Covers /Parachute Nursery Trays / Micro Irrigation Systems / Shading Nets / Kunthani (Barrels for burning Paddy Husk), Paddy Boiling Barrels/Supply of metric Beehive Boxes, Katties, Axes, Mammoties, Ploughs, Wheel Barrows, Masonry Pans, Shovels, Pest / insect Resistant Nets, Sprayers etc.)
11-03	Supply of Agricultural Planting Materials, Seeds and Plants (Vegetable Seeds / imported B-Onions Seeds / Imported Maize Seeds / Papaw Seeds / Other kinds of Seeds)
11-04	Supply of Fruits and Vegetables for obtaining Seeds (Pomegranate, Kilo Guava, Papaw, Lime, Thibbatu, Dwarf Ambarella, Dwarf Drumsticks etc)
11-05	Budding of Sprouts and Twigs
11-06	Supply of polythene required for the planting of seeds and plants
11-07	Supply of Printed Polythene Bags (Eg: For packing Compost Fertilizer 2 kg, 5 kg, 10 kg packs)
11-08	Supply of Equipment required for the Mushroom Production Process (Sterilization Machine for Mushroom Bags, Equipment for mixing Mushroom powder, Machines for filling the Mushroom Bags and Misters System)
11-09	All kinds of Fertilizer
11-10	Supply of Agri Chemicals (Weedicides/Insecticides)
11-11	Supply of Animal Feed (Cattle, Poultry, Broiler, Pig Food)
11-12	Supply of all kinds of animals used for Agricultural and Economic Purposes
11-13	Hormones (Required for breeding of Agricultural animals)
11-14	Equipment and Goods required for Farms (Raincoats, Gumboots, Egg Trays, Yoghurt Cups and Spoons, Curd Pots, Poultry Wire Netting Roles)
11-15	Supply of Grain Grinding Machines, Mixing Machines, Ovens and Kilns, Bite Manufacturing Machines, Materials required for making Gingly Cubes, Gamboge Blenders, Kola Kenda (Porridge) Machines, Coconut Oil Extracting Machines, Dehydration Machines, Machines used for Value Adding of Pepper, Compost Manufacturing Machines, Commercial Size Steamers

11-16	Supply of Equipment for Fisheries Industry (Supply of Fishing Nets, Fibre Glass Fish Boxes, (large/small) Freshwater Fishing Canoes (Fibre Glass), Life Saving Jackets, GPS Equipment)
11-17	Supply of Fish and Fingerlings required for Fishing Industry
11-18	Supply of Equipment required for Business Community (50%) benefit (Including String Hopper Flour Mixing Machines and String Hopper making Machines, Bread Slicing Machines)
11-19	Supply of Veterinary drugs and surgical equipment
12. Supply of Health Security Equipment and Drugs and Services	
12-01	Supply of Western Drugs
12-02	Supply of Radiation Machines and Radiation accessories including X-Ray Films
12-03	Supply of Ayurvedic Drugs
12-04	Supply of Surgical Equipment
12-05	Supply of Surgical Consumables
12-06	Supply of Consumables and Chemical Solutions required for Laboratory Tests
12-07	Supply of other Medical Equipment, Consumable Accessories (Bandage Rolls, Gauze Rolls, Plaster Rolls, Measuring Tapes, Dettol, Cotton, Surgical Spirit, Disposable Gloves, Drug Covers) and Solutions
12-08	Supply of Laboratory Equipment
12-09	Supply of Hospital beds, Screens, Wheel Chairs, Labour Room Beds, Medicine Almirahs for Hospitals, Trolleys, Hospital Lockers, Saline Stands, etc.
12-10	Supply of Machinery and Equipment required for the Indigenous Drug Manufacture
12-11	Supply of Dental Surgical Medical Implements and Solutions
12-12	Supply of Optical Equipment (including Spectacles, Eye Lenses)
12-13	Supply of Oxygen and Gas
12-14	Supply of Medical Equipment
12-15	Supply of Hearing Aids, Hand Supports, Crutches, Walking Frames for the aged, Standing Frames
12-16	Supply of Mosquito Nets
12-17	Supply of Mattresses
12-18	Supply of Kitchen Equipment
12-19	Supply of Barber (Hair Cutting) Services
12-20	Sanitary activities including Collection and Transport of Waste/garbage
12-21	Washing of Clothes and Cleaning
12-22	Supply of Coffins
12-23	Burial of unclaimed human remains
12-24	Supply of Firewood
13. Supply of Food	
13-01	Supply of Short Eats, Beverages, Desserts and Catering Services
13-02	Supply of Cooked meals and Fruits
13-03	Supply of Raw Materials for the manufacture of all foods (Raw Materials for Bakery products, Raw Materials for Cake Manufacture and Raw Food Items)
13-04	Supply of vegetables and Meat and Fish
13-05	Supply of Food Packing Materials (Aluminium Foil, Disposable Cups, Printed Polythene Covers, Printing of Stickers, Glass Bottles etc.)
13-06	Supply of Packeted Salt
14. Repairing of Vehicles and Supply of Spare Parts	
14-01	Supply of all kinds of Motor Spare Parts
14-02	Supply of Tyres, Tubes and Batteries
14-03	Repairing of Vehicles
14-04	Cushioning of Vehicles (Stitching of Tents, Seat Covers etc)
14-05	Servicing of Vehicles
15. Supply of Building Materials	
15-01	Supply of Building Equipment, Construction materials and Building Fittings, Barbed Wire etc
15-02	Supply of Electrical Equipment, Cookers, Electric Fans, Refrigerators and Generators
15-03	Supply of Paints, Varnishes and Materials required for Painting etc
15-04	Supply of Glass
15-05	Supply of Water and Electrical Connection Equipment (Water Pumps, Wire, Bulbs, Street Lamp Sets etc.)
15-06	Supply of Electrical Technical Services
16. Supply of Items required for Road Development and Repairs	
16-01	Supply of Metal (1/2", 3/4", 1 1/2", 6"x9", Metal mixed with ABC, Metal mixed with C)
16-02	Supply of Sand
16-03	Supply of Hume Pipes
16-04	Supply of Concrete (Ready mix, and Asphalt)
16-05	Supply of Tar and tar related products (Emulsion 60/70, 80/100)
16-06	Marking Zebra Crossings and Lines on roads
17. Construction and Contract Services	
17-01	Construction and Repairing of Buildings
17-02	Construction and Repairing of Roads
17-03	Construction and reconstruction of Bunds, Canals, Sport Grounds
17-04	Supply of Consultancy Services - Supply of Consultancy Services for Construction
17-05	Supply of Consultancy Services - Mechanical Engineering and Sewerage/ Pipe Circuits Planning and Consultancy Services
17-06	Supply of Consultancy Services - Electrical Engineering Circuits Planning and Consultancy Services
17-07	Landscaping
17-08	Home Decor
17-09	Supply of Skilled and Unskilled Labour (Masons, Carpenters, Technicians, Electricians)
17-10	Supply of Materials and Equipment required for Mortuaries and Crematoriums Maintenance and Repairing
17-11	Repairing and Maintenance of Mortuary Coolers / Air Conditioners
18. Supply of festival items	
18-01	Supply of Goods required for Festivals and Events (Loudspeakers, Tents, Platforms, Pandals, Coloured Flags, Chairs, Tables, Plates, Cups, Spoons, Forks and Cooking Utensils) on rent basis
18-02	Supply of Projectors, Screens and Laptops on hire basis
18-03	Supply of Equipment required for Decoration Purposes for festivals on hire basis (Electric Bulbs and Lighting Equipment for Decoration Purposes and supply of Natural and Artificial Flowers for Decoration Purposes)
19. Transport Services	
19-01	Supply of VIP Transport Service and Passenger Transport Service, Goods Transport Service on hire basis
19-02	Supply of Heavy Vehicles and Boom Trucks on hire Basis
19-03	Supply of Road Development Machinery and Equipment on hire basis
20. Training Courses	
20-01	Supply of Training Services required for Agricultural Entrepreneurs (Mushrooms, Rice Flour Products, Grains and Potato and Yams, Fruit related products)
20-02	Food Technology Training Courses (Milk, Fish/Bakery/Condiments, Rice Flour, Sweet Meats, Cakes, Vegetable and Fruit related Products)
20-03	Professional Consultancy Services (Surveying Services and Legal Services)
20-04	External Training Courses (TOT Training, OBT Training)
20-05	Driving Training Courses
20-06	Technological Training Courses in Value Added Food Production
20-07	Training Courses on Cooperative Subject issues
21. Supply of materials required for Kithul Palm Industry	
21-01	Supply of Aluminium Ladders, Stainless Steel Pans, Safety Belts

WESTERN PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee on behalf of the Western Provincial Department of Education from bidders who have fulfilled the qualifications for the following construction works.

Name of the Project	Estimated Cost for Construction (Direct Contract Cost) without VAT	Bid Form Fee (Refundable) (Rs.)	Bid Security Amount (Rs.) Refundable	Bid Security Validity Period (Days)	Bid Validity Period (Days)	Contract Period (Days)	Required Minimum CIDA Registration
01. Demolishing and Removal of the damaged Boundary Wall and Re- construction of the Boundary Wall at Ananda Shasthralaya, Kotte	3,608,900.75	2000.00	Rs. 25,000/- in Cash	-	63	75	C 8
02. Repairing Year 6 Classroom Building at Ananda Shasthralaya, Kotte	22,330,034.91	1000.00	Rs. 10,000/- in Cash	-	63	60	C 9
03. Repairing the Ceiling of the Main Building with the Office at Anula Vidyalaya, Nugegoda	1,407,982.98	1000.00	Rs. 10,000/- in Cash	-	63	60	C 9
04. Repairing the Roof of the 90x25 Two Story Building of Gothami Balika Vidyalaya	630,473.10	500.00	Rs. 5,000/- in Cash	-	49	45	C 11
05. Construction of the Tower with Water Tank at Princess of Wales Vidyalaya	2,429,760.28	1000.00	Rs. 10,000/- in Cash	-	63	60	C9
06. Construction of an additional gate for emergency exit at Princess of Wales Vidyalaya	168,402.00	500.00	Rs. 5,000/- in Cash	-	49	45	C 11
07. Construction of the Access Bridge to Three Storey Building at Miriswatta National School, Dodangoda	1,301,218.50	1000.00	Rs. 10,000/- in Cash	-	63	60	C 9
08. Works of the Information Technology Centre of the Galahitiyawa Madhya Maha Vidyalaya	3,175,245.30	2000.00	Rs. 25,000/- in Cash	-	63	75	C 8
09. Repairing the Quarters No. 01 of the Cloden Tamil Vidyalaya in Neboda	3,410,047.00	2000.00	Rs. 25,000/- in Cash	-	63	75	C 8
10. Construction of a 4 unit Toilet System for the Teacher Training Centre, Aluthgama	1,509,189.50	1000.00	Rs. 10,000/- in Cash	-	63	60	C 9
11. Repairing the 90x25 Three Storey Building with the Advanced Level Laboratory at Kolonnawa Balika Vidyalaya	14,376,049.80	4000.00	Bank Guarantee / Insurance Bond of Rs. 200,000/- valid for 105 days from the Opening Date of Bids	105	77	210	C 6
12. Repairing the 100x20 Building of Tissa Madhya Maha Vidyalaya, Kalutara	5,059,896.50	3000.00	Rs. 50,000/- in cash or Bank Guarantee / Insurance Bond of Rs. 100,000/- valid for 105 days from the Opening Date of Bids	105	77	120	C 7
13. Repairing the Side Wall of Tissa Madhya Maha Vidyalaya, Kalutara	740,115.75	500.00	Rs. 10,000/- in Cash	-	49	45	C 10
14. Construction of a 4 unit Toilet System at Aluthgama M.V.	3,970,414.25	2000.00	Rs. 25,000/- in Cash	-	63	75	C 8
15. Repairing the Library Building at Aluthgama M.V.	6,308,189.00	3000.00	Rs. 50,000/- in cash or Bank Guarantee / Insurance Bond of Rs. 100,000/- valid for 105 days from the Opening Date of Bids	105	77	120	C 7
16. Repairing the 70x20 G.C.E. (A / Level) Classroom Building at Aluthgama M.V.	4,275,197.00	3000.00	Rs. 50,000/- in cash or Bank Guarantee / Insurance Bond of Rs. 100,000/- valid for 105 days from the Opening Date of Bids	105	77	120	C 7
17. Repairing the 90x25 Three Storey Building at Aluthgama M.V.	8,107,479.00	4000.00	Bank Guarantee / Insurance Bond of Rs. 200,000/- valid for 105 days from the Opening Date of Bids	105	77	210	C 6
18. Improvement to the Canteen of the Bandaranayake Madhya Maha Vidyalaya, Veyangoda	3,630,879.00	2000.00	Rs. 25,000/- in Cash	-	63	75	C 8
19. Construction of the Boundary Wall at Sumangala Boys College	6,597,290.50	3000.00	Rs. 50,000/- in cash or Bank Guarantee / Insurance Bond of Rs. 100,000/- valid for 105 days from the Opening Date of Bids	105	77	180	C 7
20. Repairing the 80x20 (No. 02) Building of Muslim Vidyalaya in Aluthgam Veediya	1,974,814.50	1000.00	Rs. 10,000/- in Cash	-	63	60	C 9
21. Repairing 2 Four (04) unit Toilet Systems at Royal College, Horana	1,644,856.00	1000.00	Rs. 10,000/- in Cash	-	63	60	C 9
22. Improvements to the Boundary Wall and Extending the Retaining Wall of Thakshila Madhya Maha Vidyalaya, Horana	2,643,954.00	2000.00	Rs. 25,000/- in Cash	-	63	75	C 8

- Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure among regional bidders of the Western Province.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidders should have the valid registration certificate of the Construction Industry Development Authority under Western Province.
- It is mandatory to attach the Registration Certificate as a bidder under the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 for projects that are above Rs. 5 million with the bid.
- It is mandatory that documents required for proving the minimum qualification required for each project and certified copies of the Business Registration Certificate, VAT Registration Certificate, valid Registration Certificate of the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) are attached to the bid.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Accountant / Procurement Officer of the Western Provincial Department of Education by calling on Tel. No. 011-2875727 and the bid documents may be inspected during office hours between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. at that office.
- Interested bidders may obtain bid documents from 25th September 2020 up to 3.00 p.m. on 16th October 2020 from the Procurement Division on submission of the receipt obtained from the Shroff of the Western Provincial Department of Education upon payment of the relevant fees and on submission of a written request to the Western Provincial Director of Education.
- Duly perfected bids should be deposited in the bid box kept at the room of the Chief Accountant of the Western Provincial Department of Education, No. 89, "Ranmagapaya", Kaduwela Road, Battaramulla" to receive before 10.00 a.m. on 19th October 2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives who are present in person. It is mandatory that all bids are accompanied by the original of the receipt issued for the payment of the refundable bid security in cash or the bank guarantee or the insurance bond.

Chairman, Procurement Committee
Western Provincial Department of Education
No. 89, "Ranmagapaya"
Kaduwela Road
Battaramulla

23rd September 2020



BORALESGAMUWA URBAN COUNCIL

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS FOR THE YEAR 2021

Applications are hereby invited up to 2.00 p.m. on 30.10.2020 from Suppliers / Contractors / Manufacturers / approved Voluntary Societies and Organizations who wish to be registered for the Supply of Goods and Services mentioned in the Schedule below for the Year 2021.

Self-prepared application inclusive of Subject Number and Item, Name of the Business Establishment, Address of the Institution, Registration Number, VAT and Income Tax Number, Telephone and Fax Number and other relevant details along with Registration Fee, should be sent by Registered Post addressed to "Chairman, Boralessgamuwa Urban Council, Boralessgamuwa". Cheques should be drawn in favour of "Chairman, Boralessgamuwa Urban Council". Mark the caption "Registration of Suppliers and Contractors for the Year 2021" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing the application. (Money Orders will be rejected).

It is emphasized to all Suppliers who wish to be registered that all Supplies should be delivered and handed over to a designated location within the authority area of the Boralessgamuwa Urban Council.

SCHEDULE

No.	Subject Provision of Services / Supply of Materials	Registration Fee
01	Office Stationery (Including Toners, Ribbons)	1000.00
02	Supply of Office equipment (Computers and Computer Accessories, Printers, Photocopiers, Duplo Machines, Roneo Machines, Fax Machines)	1000.00
03	Supply of Electrical equipment and materials for Street Lamps and Building Maintenance	1000.00
04	Medical Equipment	1000.00
05	Building construction materials and equipment	1000.00
06	All kinds of Printing work	1000.00
07	Bicycle Licence Plates	1000.00
08	Repairing of office Chairs, Tables, Cupboards etc.	1000.00
09	Uniform materials and shoes	1000.00
10	Cloth Stitching Services (Employee Uniforms)	1000.00
11	Repairing of Office Equipment (Computers, Printers Photocopiers / Roneo Machines)	1000.00
12	Road constructing materials and equipment (ABC Mixture, 1/2", 1/4" Metal Chips, River Sand, Quarry Dust)	1000.00
13	Insecticides, Weedicides, Disinfectants and Detergents	1000.00
14	Road Name Boards, Commemorative Plaques, Digital Printing, Notice Boards, Drawing of Banners / Stickers	1000.00
15	Machinery and Vehicle spare parts	1000.00
16	Tubes, Tyres, Batteries for Vehicles	1000.00
17	Implements required for Health and Sanitary Services - (Brooms, Ekel Brooms, Rugs, Soap, Tile Cleaners, Gloves, Boots, Shoes - Toilet Brushes and cleaning materials)	1000.00
18	Supply of Concrete Drain Blocks (Hume Pipes)	1000.00
19	Black Smithy Work	1000.00
20	Repairing of Grass Cutting Machines	1000.00
21	Supply of Bitumen (Colas and Tar)	1200.00
22	Supply of Public Addressing Systems and Communication equipment	1200.00
23	Tools and Implements (Mammoties, Thrashers, "Manna" Knives, Kaththis, Shovels"	1000.00
24	Supply of Food and Beverages (Drinking Water Bottles)	1000.00
25	Supply and Repairing of Tractors and Trailers	1000.00
26	Making Rubber Stamps	1000.00
27	Supply of Office Curtains, Tables Cloths and other linen	1000.00
28	Pre-School Equipment and Sports Equipment	1000.00
29	Processing Office Identity Cards	1000.00
30	Supply and Installation of Air Conditioners	1000.00
Supply of Services		
01	Legal Services	1000.00
02	Repairing of Vehicles (Air-Conditioners / Mechanical / Tinkering)	1000.00
03	Servicing of Vehicles	1000.00
04	Servicing and Repairing of Three Wheelers	1000.00
05	Supplying of Labour for Construction work	1000.00
06	Supply of Machinery on hire basis (JCB / Road Rollers, Compactors, Motor Graders, Concrete Mixers / Excavators)	1000.00
07	Surveying and Levelling	1000.00
08	Cutting and Removing of Trees	1000.00
09	Repairing of Electrical Systems in Vehicles	1000.00
10	Supply of Loud Speakers on rent basis	1000.00
11	Building Maintenance Services	1000.00
12	Repairing and Maintenance of Air-Conditioners (Building)	1000.00
13	Service of Chartered Architects	1000.00
14	Chartered Engineering Services	1000.00
15	Lighting, Photographing, Videoring	1000.00
16	Supply of all Festival Goods including Stage on hire basis	1000.00
17	Repairing of Tractors and Trailers	1000.00
18	Welding and Fitting	1000.00
19	Computer Software Development	1000.00
20	Purchase of Old Newspapers	1000.00
21	Engine aided Repairing works (Fixing Sleeves, Cutting of Crankshafts, Boring and other repair works)	1000.00
22	Repairing of Hydraulic Hoses / Equipment	1000.00
23	Repairing of Vehicle Cushion	1000.00
24	Repairing the Parts connected to Glasses and Door Locks of Vehicles	1000.00
25	Repairing of Vehicle Radiators	1000.00
26	Repairing of Injector Pumps	1000.00
27	Fixing of Clutch Plates, Brake Liners	1000.00
28	Retreading of all Vehicle Tyres	1000.00
29	Repairing of Speedometers	1000.00
30	Repairing of Vehicle Cables	1000.00
01	Supply of Vehicles on rent basis	1000.00
02	Provision of Transport facilities	1000.00
Registration of Contractors		
01	For contracts below Rs. 500,000.00	1200.00
02	For contracts above Rs. 500,000.00 - less than Rs. 1,000,000.00	1600.00
03	For contracts above 1,000,000.00 and less than 2,000,000.00	2200.00

- Normally Quotations are called from registered Suppliers for Supplies but Sabha retains the right of calling Quotations and purchasing from outside Suppliers other than Registered Suppliers as and when necessary.
- Suppliers who fail to quote when requested, fail to supply Goods on time when ordered and who fail to supply goods as per the accepted samples, and refrain from supplying will be struck off the Register of Registered Suppliers.
- All the Contractors should pay the Registration Fee mentioned against the value of contract and Worth Certificate equivalent to the value of contract applied for, should be obtained from the Divisional Secretary and submitted along with the application, and documentary evidence should be produced to substantiate that he/she is a successful Contractor (ICTAD Registered Contractors need not produce the Worth Certificate).
- Voluntary Societies and Organizations who wish to be registered as Contractors should submit details of the previous contracts and certified copy of the Bank Accounts and the Worth Certificate obtained from the Divisional Secretary should be annexed to the application.
- Registered Suppliers should ensure that they are agreeable to provide Service or Supply of Goods and Materials throughout the Year 2021 on the quoted prices.
- Above registration fee is exempted from all taxes
- Separate applications should be submitted for each type of supply / contract and registration fee should be paid separately.

Further particulars can be obtained on Office working days on Telephone Number 0112517480. Late applications will be rejected.

Deshabandu K.D.Aruna Priyashantha
Chairman
Boralessgamuwa Urban Council
Boralessgamuwa

Boralessgamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha
Boralessgamuwa

23.09.2020

PROCUREMENT NOTICE**MINISTRY OF HEALTH
TEACHING HOSPITAL, BATTICALOA****MAINTENANCE OF SEWERAGE SYSTEM WORK 2020/2021**

- The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa now invites sealed bids for the following Service & Maintenance work from eligible and qualified bidders who have been registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA/ICTAD) in the field of **Water Supply & Sewerage** as per the schedule given below.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from **Director of Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa** on working days between **9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.** up to **15.10.2020** on submission of a written request to the Director, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa and submission of receipt on General 172 as proof of payment for non-refundable fee indicated in the table below. Payment may be made at the office of the Finance Branch, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa.
- Duly filled bidding documents, marked "Original" and "Duplicate" relevant in two sealed envelopes and enclosed both in one sealed envelope marked "**Bid for the Procurement of (Name of the Procurement)**" on the top left-hand corner of the separate envelope should either be sent by registered post to the following address or deposited in the tender box kept at the Chief Accountant office, Financial Management Unit, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa on or before **10.00 a.m. on 16.10.2020**. Late bids will not be accepted.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids, at the Director Conference Hall of the above address and the bidder or one of his/her authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the occasion.

No.	Contract No.	Name of Procurement	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Eligibility CIDA Grade	Bid Security Amount	Bid Security Validity Period	Non Refundable fee
1.	THB/PDU(B)/Sewer/Ser&Main/2020	Annual Service & Maintenance of Existing Sewerage System - 2020/2021 at Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa.	Rs. 2,163,400.00	C8 and C7	Rs. 25,000.00	119 Days	Rs. 1,000.00

For further details, please contact Chief Accountant Tel No. 065-2222261. Bid documents can be inspected free of charge. Regional Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject the bid as a whole or part thereof.

**Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
Teaching Hospital,
Batticaloa.**

25.09.2020



UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

- The Chairman DPC, on behalf of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for following Projects.
To be eligible for applying, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted, shall be a CIDA (ICTAD) registered Contractor and meet the requirements as per the table below.

Project	Non Refundable Tender Fee	CIDA (ICTAD) Grade	Estimated Cost (Approx.)	Contract Period	Bid Closing Date, Time & Location	Bid Security (Cash or Bank Bonds Only)
i) Construction of Solid & Waste Water Disposal and Washrooms for Land, Building and Infrastructure Development Division New Location MT/RE/GEN/09/2020	Rs. 2,000.00	C7 or above in the field of Building Construction	6.2 Million	75 Days	14.30 hrs 14th October 2020 at Land, Building & Infrastructure Development Division	75,000.00
ii) Renovation of Proposed Location of Welfare Division MT/RE/GEN/10/2020	Rs. 2,500.00	(Documentary evidence should be submitted)	7.6 Million	75 Days		100,000.00
iii) Renovation of Washrooms of Library Building MT/RE/GEN/11/2020	Rs. 2,500.00		7.8 Million	120 Days		100,000.00

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Works Engineer, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Gangodawila, Nugegoda - Telephone - 011-2801185, Fax - 011-2801604 and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from **28th September 2020** from 09:00 hrs to 14:30 hrs on any working day until **12th October 2020**.
- All Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of an on demand unconditional bank guarantee or cash deposited at Shroff at USJP in the amount as mentioned above issued by a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the Works Engineer, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Gangodawila, Nugegoda from **28th September 2020** until **12th October 2020** from 09.00 hrs. to 14.30 hrs. on working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee as given in the table. The method of payment will be to Shroff, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, in cash only.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address given below at or before 14.30 hrs. on **14th October 2020**. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing at the **Land, Building & Infrastructure Development Division in the University of Sri Jayewardenepura** in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to **11th January 2021**.
- Bid Security shall be valid up to **04th February 2021**.

Addresses referred to above are :

For Inspection, Purchasing and Submission of Bidding Documents :

Land, Building & Infrastructure Development Division,
University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Gangodawila, Nugegoda.
Telephone : 011-2758626, 0112801185

**Chairman
Departmental Procurement Committee
University of Sri Jayewardenepura,
Gangodawila,
Nugegoda.**

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QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF COMPLETE FRONT CABIN & RECONDITION GEAR BOX

LPA/07/2020

Sealed quotations are hereby invited for the supply of "Front Cabin & Recondition Gear Box" as specified below.

01. Front Cabin (Complete) - 01 No. (With Chassis Repair)

Specification:
ISUZU — NKR
Right Hand Drive
Brand New Model — 2006
12 V
4 JBI Engine
Non A/C

02. Recondition Gear Box - 01 No.

(Complete Engine)
Specifications:
ISUZU - NMR
4 JBI Engine — Brand New Model
Reward NM

General Conditions:

- Offers with specifications should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**Front Cabin & Recondition Gear Box**" on the top left hand corner.
- Offers should be sent to Head of **Procurement to reach on or before 07 October 2020 at 2.30 p.m.** No separate documents will be issued. Suppliers may use their own formalities.
- Probable date of delivery, Validity of price, Terms of payment, Transport Charges, VAT and other Levies etc. to be clearly indicated on offers.

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PEOPLE'S BANK TENDER NOTICE

SALE OF USED ITEMS

Sealed quotations are hereby invited for the sale of following items (Including Discarded Goods) used by the People's Bank and remaining re-usable.

Discarded Printers, Photocopiers, Thick Granite, Timber and MDF Tables possible to makeover for use, Discarded MDF Tables, Timber-Glass Show Room Tables and Cupboards with Antique Value, Usable Wooden Chairs, MDF Cupboards, Usable Cushioned Wooden Chairs with Armrests, Monitors and Computer Keyboards, Generators (5-15 KV Possible to Makeover for Use), Discarded Cash Counting Machines, Fax Machines, Type Writers, Telephones, Televisions, Stock of 2x2 Ceiling Lights, Assortment of Wires, Sofa Chairs, Iron Plates, Restaurant Tables/ Chairs possible to Makeover for use, Discarded Refrigerators, Glass Doors in good condition, 03 Discarded Push Bikes, Tyres, Steel Racks, Steel Beds, Filing Cabinets, Air Conditioners, Glasses, Large Size Poles, Large Core Wire with a Length of about 25 feet etc.

These items could be inspected at People's Bank- Supplies Department, No 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 and at D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha premises from 25.09.2020 to 30.09.2020 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on Bank working days (Except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays).

- Tender application forms could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02, until 12.00 noon of 02.10.2020 and upon payment of Rs. 1,000/- for each goods lot by cash as non-refundable fee for the tender application fees and Rs.5,000/- as a refundable deposit for every lot of goods and in respect of every application should be deposited at any one of the People's Bank branches in the Island, to the credit of account No. 204100120011913 maintained in the name of the Supplies Department, and the duplicate deposit slip should be forwarded to the Supplies Department, with a letter from relevant institutions.
- Separate tender application should be used to submit the bid in respect of each lot.
- If desired the Sealed perfected Tender Forms may be deposited in the Tender Box kept at this Department and should be sent by Registered Post addressed to Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department, No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 to reach us on or before 2.00 p.m. on 02.10.2020. Those who quote or their authorized representatives may be present at the time of the opening of Tender.
- Successful Bidder should make the payment by cash within 05 working days of awarding of the tender and remove the goods from the Bank premises. If not the Bank reserves the right to take future steps on such goods lots.
- Rules and regulations pertaining to the tender will be issued with the Tender document.

The Bank reserves itself the right of accepting or rejecting the tender. Further details could be obtained from Chief Manager (Supplies), by dialling the Telephone Nos. given below.

**Chief Manager (Supplies),
People's Bank,
Supplies Department,
No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02.
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JAELA PRADESHIYA SABHA

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS/SERVICE PROVIDERS AND CONTRACTORS FOR YEAR 2021

Applications are invited from manufacturers and registered institutions for the registration of suppliers and contractors for supply of undermentioned goods and services for year 2021.

1. Applications should be sent by registered post to be received by the Chairman / Secretary, Jaela Pradeshiya Sabha, Kandana before 10.00 a.m. on 20.10.2020. The caption "Registration of Suppliers and Registration of Contractors - 2021" and the item applied for should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.
2. Applications for Registration may be obtained between 8.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working day of the week only upon payment of cash.

Supply of Goods:

1. Office Stationery (Pens, Pencils / Kinds of Paper / File Covers / Gum Bottles / Tipp-Ex / Computer Stationery / Counter Paper etc.)
2. Office Furniture (Wooden Furniture / Steel Almira's / Tables / Plastic Chairs) etc.
3. Office Equipment (Typewriters / Calculators / Photocopiers and Spare Parts / Fax Machines / Finger Marking Machines / Cash Counting Machines / Duplicating Machines/ CCTV Cameras) etc.
4. Computers and Computer Accessories (Printers / UPS / Toners / Cartridges / Ribbons) etc.
5. Electrical Equipment / Street Lamps and Electronic Equipment
6. Health / Sanitary Materials and Equipment (Brooms / Ekel Brooms / Cane Baskets / Drain Brushes / Disinfectants / Chemicals / Soaps / Injection Needles / Syringes / Gloves / Gum Boots / Raincoats / Garbage Carts) etc.
7. Vehicle Spare Parts (Tyres/Tubes/Batteries/Engine Spare Parts) etc.
8. Vehicle and Animal License Plates
9. Road Maintenance Equipment (mammothies / Shovels / Rakes / Katties / Manna Knives / Mammoth Handles / Grass Cutting Machines) etc.
10. Road and Building Construction Materials (Metal / Sand / Bricks / Cement / Iron Wire / Roofing Sheets / Tiles / Gravel Earth / Rock Sand / Concrete related Products) etc
11. All kinds of Hume Pipes / Fence Posts / Cement Blocks and Concrete related Products
12. Supply of Tar (80/100, CSS, CRS)
13. Ayurvedic Drugs
14. Uniform Materials / Shoes / Door Curtains / Window Curtains
15. Making Office Identity cards
16. Supply of Sawn Timber (Rafters / Planks / Reefers) etc.
17. Sports Goods and Pre-School Equipment
18. Hardware Equipment and Paints (All kinds of Hardware Accessories, Kinds of Paints, Polythene, Rigifoam / Measuring Tape / Grass Cutting Machines Spare Parts / Plumbing Accessories / Thread / Bobbin)
19. Stone Plaques / Commemorative Plaques
20. Supply of Food and Beverages
21. Agri Chemicals / Weedicides and Fertilizers
22. Supply of Plants
23. Library Books and Magazines
24. Supply of L.P. Gas
25. Supply of Date Stamps and Rubber Stamps

Supply of Services:

1. Repairing of Office Furniture (Wooden Furniture / Steel Tables, Cupboards) etc.
2. Repairing and Servicing of Office Equipment (Fax Machines / Typewriters / Photocopiers/ CCTV Cameras) etc.
3. Office Printing Works
4. Repairing and Servicing of Computers / Printers / UPS
5. Repairing and Maintenance of Intercom System / Computer Networks
6. Repairing of Vehicles, I Tinkering and Painting II Engine Repairs III. Servicing
7. Making Vehicle Seat Covers and Cushioning
8. Supply of Vehicles and Machinery on hire basis (Motor Graders / Road Rollers / Generators / Compactors / Tractors /Vans / Three Wheelers / Tipplers)
9. Licensed Surveyor Services (Land and Roads)
10. Supply of Loudspeakers on hire basis and Supply of Lighting Materials
11. Repairing and Maintenance of Mosquito Oil Sprayers / Fumigation Machines and Grass Cutting Machines
12. Supply of Festival Goods on hire basis
13. Making Digital Banners / Name Boards / Notice Boards
14. Cutting of Dangerous Trees
15. Purchase of Old Newspapers / Iron Scrap / Empty Bottles / Discarded C.F.L. Bulbs
16. Budding Tubes / Vulcanizing / Retreading of Tyres / Supply of Tyres and Batteries / Tyre Changing Services
17. Repairing of Air Conditioners (Office / Vehicle)
18. Insuring Sabha Property
19. Legal Services
20. Repairing and Maintenance of Crematoriums
21. Supply of Translation Services
22. Repairing of Road Maintenance Equipment (Grass Cutting Machines / Tree Cutting Machines / Chain Blocks and Other Equipment) etc.

Contractors

Limit Amounts	Registration Fees (Including Taxes)
1. Up to Rs. 500,000.00	Rs. 2,500.00
2. Up to Rs. 1,000,000.00	Rs. 3,500.00
3. Up to Rs. 2,000,000.00	Rs. 4,500.00
4. Up to Rs. 4,000,000.00	Rs. 5,500.00
5. Over Rs. 4,000,000.00	Rs. 6,500.00

Conditions for the Registration of Suppliers and Contractors

1. Application Fee is Rs. 200.00
 2. For contracts above the value of Rs. 4,000,000.00 (Road Construction and Building Construction) contractors should have been registered with the Institute for Construction Training and Development (ICTAD) and a copy of the Registration Certificate should be submitted with the application.
 3. Suppliers should submit separate applications for the supply of each supply and service.
 4. A Registration Fee of Rs. 3000.00 should be paid for each item of supply and service.
 5. Those who wish to register as Contractors should pay the specified Registration Fee.
 6. Only the contractors registered with the Institute for Construction Training and Development (ICTAD) should submit applications to be registered as Contractors (Road Construction and Building Construction). (A copy of the Registration Certificate should be submitted)
 7. Registration of the registered suppliers who fail to submit quotations when requested and who do not supply as per the specified standards and quality will be cancelled.
 8. Those who register for supplies and services should be direct suppliers and service providers and the applications from those who are not so will be rejected.
 9. Use of a Fixed Telephone No., Email, Fax is mandatory.
 10. Applicant should submit the copy of the Business Registration Certificate, / VAT Registration Certificate and the Documents related to supply of supplies and services to other institutions.
- For further details, please call the Supplies Officer on Tel. No. 011-2239566 / 0718539172.

Chandrapala Madurapperuma
Chairman
Jaela Pradeshiya Sabha

NOTICE REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Liyanage Amali Lasanthi Perera of No. 246A, Ihala Katuneriya, Katuneriya do hereby notify that the special Power of Attorney No. 212 dated 22.01.2018 granted by me to Kirinda Liyanage Gayanath Manusanka (NIC No. 802373430V) of No. 58, Kuda Edanda Road, Wattala attested by D Lal Wimalaratne, Notary Public is revoked and cancelled from today.
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KURUNEGALA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS FOR YEAR 2021

Applications are invited from qualified suppliers / contractors who wish to register for the under-mentioned materials and services. Self prepared applications may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Council, Kurunegala" or hand delivered to receive at or before 3.00 p.m. on 10.11.2020. The caption "Registration of Suppliers and Contractors for Year 2021" should be mentioned on the left-hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.

❖ Details regarding Goods to be Supplied:

01. Stationery - All stationery such as C.R. Books, Photocopying Papers, Pens, File Covers, Kinds of Paper, Kinds of Gum
02. Printing Works - All printing works such as Ledgers, Receipt Books, Ticket Books, Computer Bills, Official Stamps etc.
03. Office Equipment - Tables, Chairs, Cabinets, Almira's, Racks etc. (Wooden, Steel, Plastic)
04. Computers and Accessories - Computers, Computer Printers, Computer Accessories, Photocopiers, Duplo Machines, Toners and Ribbons, Fax Machines and spare parts
05. Consumables - Soaps, Vim, Kleenol, Torches, Brooms, Ekel Brooms, Glasses, Plates, Cups, Kettles, Sugar, Tea Leaf, Powdered Milk and Plastic Equipment
06. Uniforms and Various Textiles Materials - Stitched Uniforms, Shoes, Socks, Raincoats, Office Bags and various cloths
07. Iron and Building Materials - Various kinds of Iron and all kinds of Building Materials
08. Paints and Thinner - All kinds of Paints, Thinner and Painting Equipment
09. Cement
10. Concrete Equipment - All concrete goods including Hume Pipes, Concrete Wire Posts, Cement Blocks, Ready-mix, Flower Pots
11. Timber - Various kinds of Timber, Planks, Rafters, Beams, Reefers, Kempas Wood etc.
12. Metal and Sand - Metal of ¼, ½, 1 ½, 2, 4 and 6x9 sizes, ABC Mixture, River Sand, Gravel, Clay and Earth
13. Equipment for Garbage Cleaning and Sewerage Cleaning
14. Chemicals - Chemicals including Disinfectants, Insecticides, Weedicides, Chlorine, P.H.+/- Fertilizer
15. Drugs and Equipment required for Maternity Centres and other Clinic Centres
16. Spare Parts for Motor Cars, Construction Machinery, Tractors, Trailers, Motor Cycles, Bicycles
17. Fuel and Lubricants - Diesel, Petrol, Kerosene Oil, Lubricants, Grease etc.
18. Plumbing Accessories - Various kinds of pipes, Gate Valves, Taps, Stock Cock, Water Meters, Water Tanks, Water Pumps and other Plumbing Equipment
19. Electrical Equipment - All Electrical Equipment including Bulbs, Wires, Switches, Holders
20. Gas - L.P. Gas, Oxygen, Acetylene
21. Supply and Maintenance of all kinds of Fire Extinguishing Equipment
22. Tar - Bitumen Tar, Emulsion Tar, Premix Tar
23. Tyres, Tubes and Rims for Vehicles
24. Batteries for Vehicles
25. Machinery - Grass Cutting Machines, Fumigators, Generators, Carpentry Machines
26. Workshop Equipment - All Tools and Equipment including Welding Rods, Grinding Wheels, Cutting Discs
27. Drinking Water - Drinking Water Bottles of 500 ml, 01 Litre, 19 Litres
28. Supply of Food - Rice Packets, Short Eats, Beverages, Fruits

❖ Details regarding Contracts and Services:

29. Repairing of Vehicles and Construction Machinery - Repairing of All kinds of Vehicles, Construction Machinery, Repairing of Air Conditioning Systems, Repairing of Hydraulic Systems and Accessories, Repairing of Mechatronics Systems and Accessories, Repairing and Servicing of Electrical System and Accessories
 30. Repairing of Office Equipment - Computers, Computer Printers, Photocopiers, Duplo Machines, Fax Machines, Typewriters, Installation and Maintenance of CCTV Camera System, Installation and Maintenance of Intercom System, Computer Networking, Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Computer Software, Installation and Maintenance Electric Lifts, Repairing and Servicing of Wooden and Steel Equipment
 31. Building, Water Supply, Roads, Construction Contracts and Services (Please attach a copy of the valid ICTAD Registration Certificate)
 32. Cleaning Services - Repairing and Maintenance of Sewerage System
 33. Repairing and Maintenance of Crematorium Incinerators
 34. Building Interior Décor - Fixing Curtains, Carpeting, Pantry Cupboards, Partitioning and other Décor activities
- #### ❖ Conditions and Instructions:
- I. Separate applications should be submitted for each supply/service and that application should contain name of the business, Goods Supplied with Serial Nos., Telephone No. and VAT Registration No. A photocopy of the Business Registration Certificate also should be enclosed with the application.
 - II. A non refundable registration fee of Rs. 2160/- inclusive of VAT will be charged for each supply / service and this may be paid either in cash or by a Cheque only. Cheques should be drawn in favour of "Municipal Commissioner, Kurunegala". Money Orders will not be accepted.
 - III. Applications received will be checked by a committee and only the qualified suppliers will be registered.
 - IV. Registration of suppliers who fail to supply supplies/services in required standards within the stipulated period or who fail to supply the goods and services will be cancelled and blacklisted.
 - V. Generally quotations are invited from registered suppliers to obtain goods and services but the Council reserves the right to call for limited quotations and effect supplies from outside sources.
 - VI. Registration will be cancelled if the registered supplier fails to quote thrice when requested.
 - VII. Further details may be obtained from the Chief Municipal Accountant.

Pradeep Thiakarante
Municipal Commissioner
Municipal Council, Kurunegala

Tel. No. 037-2228136
Date: 21.09.2020

MAHANAMA COLLEGE, COLOMBO 03

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited for the provision of Security Service and Sanitary Service to Mahanama College, Colombo 03 for the year 2020/2021

Tenders will be received from 28.09.2020 to 09.10.2020 for this purpose. Application forms could be obtained from 8.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. on weekdays from the school office upon payment of a non-refundable sum of Rs. 2,000/-. Opening of tenders will take place at 10.30 a.m. on 15th October 2020 at the school office.

Principal/Hon. Chairman,
School Development Committee,
Mahanama College,
Colombo 03.

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EP BFH - 10XX	WEGO	BIKE
NC BAM-54XX	SZ-X	BIKE
NC BBW-88XX	ACTIVA I	BIKE
NC BBX-43XX	BAJAJ	BIKE
NC BCI-35XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
NC BCQ - 57XX	SCOOTY ZEST	BIKE
NC BCT-38XX	PLATINA	BIKE
NC BCU-91XX	GASTO	BIKE
NC BDN-85XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
NC BDT-99XX	DIO SCV 110	BIKE
NC BDW-16XX	ALPHA	BIKE
NC BEE-38XX	TVS	BIKE
NC BEK - 60XX	HONDA	BIKE
NC BEV - 63XX	TVS	BIKE
NC BEY-82XX	PULSAR 180	BIKE
NC BGI - 64XX	WEGO	BIKE
NC BGK - 11XX	HEAVY DUTY	BIKE
NC BGR-59XX	SUZUKI	BIKE
NC BHA-45XX	WEGO	BIKE
NC BHV - 55XX	DIO	BIKE
NP BCO 16XX	WEGO	BIKE
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NP BDT-45XX	ALPHA	BIKE
NP BDZ-15XX	APACHE RTR	BIKE
NP BED-64XX	XL SUPER HD	BIKE
NP BEU-85XX	BAJAJ	BIKE
NP BFY - 93XX	FAZER	BIKE
NP BGN - 69XX	XL SUPER HD	BIKE
NP BGW-33XX	V 12	BIKE
NW BAZ-10XX	DIO	BIKE
WP BAG-87XX	DISCOVER 125	BIKE
WP BCX-93XX	DIO SCV 110	BIKE
NC BEK - 31XX	WEGO	BIKE
NP BCT-52XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
NC BFE - 59XX	WEGO	BIKE
NC BGQ - 76XX	METRO	BIKE
SP BAX-77XX	CT 100	BIKE
NW BFS-53XX	DIO SCV 110	BIKE

Inspections can be done at company vehicle yard, on 25th September 2020 from 9.00 am at Yapanaya junction, Anuradhapura. (In front of United Motors)
The management of the company has the right to withdraw any vehicle from the fair without prior notice.

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Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority

BID NOTICE

Bid No.SEA/PD/HR/19-2020

Invitation of Bids for Sale of 2 Nos. of Used Vehicles

Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SLSEA) invites sealed bids from bidders for sale of two numbers of used vehicles.

No.	Vehicle Re. No.	Make/Model	Fuel Type	Year of Manufacture	Refundable Cash Deposit (Rs.)
1	300-7345	Nissan Sunny B 14	Petrol	1998	15,000.00
2	WP PD-4477	Volkswagen T5 Transporter	Diesel	2007	15,000.00

These Two vehicles could be inspected at the premises of the SLSEA at BMICH with prior notice to the authorized officer, Mr. Surath Sanjaya (Contact No. 071 8726823) till 19th October 2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on any working day. Bid documents may be inspected at the Procurement Division of SLSEA at room number 2G-02, Block 2, BMICH or shall be downloaded from the SLSEA's website www.energy.gov.lk

Bid documents could be purchased from Procurement Division of SLSEA on payment of a non-refundable fee (Cash) Rs. 1,500/- from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days until 19th October 2020. For each vehicle, refundable bid deposit shall be paid from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. till 19th October 2020 at the Shroff of the Authority. A copy of payment receipts of refundable and non-refundable deposit shall be attached with the bid. Bids without the copies of above receipts will be rejected. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security as mentioned in the bid document.

Sealed Bids should be marked as "Invitation of Bids for Sale of 02 Nos. of Used Vehicles" on the top left hand corner of the envelope and sent through registered post to below address or shall be handed over to Procurement Division of SLSEA at Room No. 2G -02, Block 02 of BMICH before 10.00 a.m. on 20th October 2020. Sealed bids will be closed and opened immediately at 10.00 a.m. on 20th October 2020 at the Board Room of SLSEA. The bidders or their representatives are allowed to attend the opening.

Further details may be obtained by calling on following Telephone Numbers:
Procurement Division - 0112677445 or 0112-697375 Ext. 430

**Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee (DPC)
Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority,
Block 5, 1st Floor, BMICH,
Buddhaloka Mawatha,
Colombo 07.**

PEOPLE'S BANK

TENDER NOTICE

P-081/2020 - Air Conditioners

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed Principals / Manufacturers or their accredited local agents in Sri Lanka for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Air Conditioners of the following capacities.

	A/C Capacity / Description	No. of Units
1.	8,500 BTU - 10,000 BTU (Wall Mounted - Inverter Type)	30
2.	11,000 BTU - 13,000 BTU (Wall Mounted - Inverter Type)	40
3.	16,500 BTU - 19,500 BTU (Wall Mounted - Non Inverter Type)	20
4.	22,500 BTU - 25,500 BTU (Wall Mounted - Non Inverter Type)	30
5.	34,000 BTU - 41,000 BTU (Ceiling Suspended Non-Inverter)	36
6.	42,000 BTU - 50,000 BTU (Ceiling Suspended Non Inverter)	25
Total		181

- Tender documents could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 depositing Rs. 1,500/- for each tender document to the Account No. 204100120011913 maintained at Head Quarters 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 25.09.2020 to 15.10.2020 as indicated above on working days of the Bank.
- 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 the value of Rs. 500,000/-, valid for a minimum period of 180 calendar days from the day of opening the tender. Bank Pay Orders/ Bank Drafts (Valid for 180 calendar days from the date of opening the tender) are also acceptable in lieu of Bid bonds. Cheque drawn by the tenderer will not be accepted.
- Sealed tenders may be sent by registered post or deposited in the tender box kept at this Department at No. 30/ 101, Kew Road, Colombo 02. Tender will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 16.10.2020. Tenders received after 2.00 p.m. 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.**

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



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BANK**

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PEOPLE'S BANK

Resolution under Section 29D of the People's Bank Act No.29 of 1961 As Amended by the Act No. 32 of 1986

It is hereby notified that the following resolution was unanimously passed by the Board of Directors of the People's Bank under Section 29D of the People's Bank Act No.29 of 1961 as amended by the Act No.32 of 1986 at their meeting held on 24/01/2020.

Whereas

PITAKOTTE MERIGNGNAGE ANTON ENSLEY PERERA, as obligor has made default in payment due on the Bond No. 1777 dated 05.11.2018 attested by W.R.D.D. Ranathunga, Notary Public of Gampaha in favour of the People's Bank and there is now due and owing to the People's Bank a sum of **Rupees Seven Million Seven Hundred Two Thousand and Seven Hundred Twenty Nine and Cents Twenty Two (Rs.7,702,729.22)** on the said Bond. The Board of Directors of the People's Bank under the powers vested in them by the People's Bank Act No.29 of 1961 as amended by the Act No.32 of 1986 do hereby resolve that the property and premises mortgaged to the said bank by the said Bond No. 1777 be sold by Public Auction by Shockman & Samarawickrama, Licensed Auctioneer of Colombo for recovery of the said sum of **Rupees Seven Million Seven Hundred Two Thousand and Seven Hundred Twenty Nine and Cents Twenty Two (Rs. 7,702,729.22)** and interest at 18.5% from 06.07.2019 to date of sale and costs of sale and money recoverable under Section 29L of the said People's Bank act less payments (if any) since received.

Description of the property mortgaged

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 1 depicted in Plan No.3177 dated 23.10.2015 made by **D.U.D. Ranasinghe**, Licensed Surveyor of the land called **Kongahawatta**, situated at **Heiyanthuduwa** Village, within Pradeshiya Saba limits of **Biyagama** in Grama Niladhari Division - **No.275/A, Heiyanthuduwa South**, Divisional Secretariat - **Biyagama**, in **Adhikari Pattu of Siyane Korale** in the District of **Gampaha**, Western Province and bounded on **NORTH** by Dewamitta Rd. **EAST** by Lands now of I. Athukorala & P. Athukorala, **SOUTH** by Land now of P. Athukorala **WEST** by Remaining portion of Lot C/1 in Plan No: 2923 and containing in extent **One Rood & Two Perches (A-0,R-1.0,P-2.0)** together with the buildings and everything else standing thereon and registered under **N 526/13** at the Land Registry of **Gampaha**.

Together with right of way in over and along (road reservation) depicted in the said plan.

By order of the Board of Directors

Regional Manager Gampaha

**People's Bank
Regional Head Office, Gampaha
131, Kandy Road,
Belummahara,
Mudungoda.**



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PEOPLE'S BANK

Resolution under Section 29D of the People's Bank Act No.29 of 1961 As Amended by the Act No. 32 of 1986

It is hereby notified that the following resolution was unanimously passed by the Board of Directors of the People's Bank under Section 29D of the People's Bank Act No.29 of 1961 as amended by the Act No.32 of 1986 at their meeting held on 17/05/2019.

Whereas

MANORI PRIYANGA RANADEERA & NAYUMI OSHINI LIYANAGE as obligors have made default in payment due on the Bond No. 10269 dated 25.10.2016 attested by D.S. Lawrence, Notary Public of Colombo in favour of the People's Bank and there is now due and owing to the People's Bank a sum of **RUPEES SIX MILLION FOUR HUNDRED & NIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED & THIRTY EIGHT & CENTS FOURTEEN (Rs. 6,497,538.14)** on the said Bond. The Board of Directors of the People's Bank under the powers vested in them by the People's Bank Act No.29 of 1961 as amended by the Act No.32 of 1986 do hereby resolve that the property and premises mortgaged to the said bank by the said Bond No. 10269 be sold by Public Auction by Shockman & Samarawickrama, Licensed Auctioneer of Colombo for recovery of the said sum of **RUPEES SIX MILLION FOUR HUNDRED & NIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED & THIRTY EIGHT & CENTS FOURTEEN (Rs. 6,497,538.14)** and interest thereon at 17 % Per annum from 11.01.2019 to date of sale and costs of sale and money recoverable under Section 29L of the said People's Bank Act less payments (if any) since received.

Description of the property mortgaged

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 1 depicted in Plan No. 2396 dated 27.09.2008 made by L.P.A. Shantha Priya Perera, Licensed Surveyor of the land called "**LAULUGAHAWATTA**" bearing Assessment No. 50/1, Mudiyansegawatta Road situated at Dalugama Village, within the Pradeshiya Sabha limits of Kelaniya Grama Niladhari Division No.260A, Dalugama Divisional Secretariat of Kelaniya, in Adhikari Pattu of Siyane Korale in the District of Gampaha, Western Province and bounded on **NORTH** by Land claimed by N.L. Sathiyana **EAST** by Road (Lot C in Plan No.99/1994 and Lot B in same plan claimed by K.W.S. Perera) **SOUTH** by Drain (Masonry) **WEST** by Land claimed by T.R.J. Amarasingha and containing in extent **EIGHTEEN PERCHES (A-0,R-0,P-18)** together with the buildings and everything else standing thereon and registered under G 127/1 at the Land Registry of Colombo.

Together with right of way depicted in the said plan.

By order of the Board of Directors

Regional Manager Gampaha

**People's Bank
Regional Head Office
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My No: RG/NB/11/2/57/2020/82/21

NOTICE UNDER THE LAND REGISTERS RECONSTRUCTED FOLIO ORDINANCE (CAP. 120)

- I hereby give notice under Section 04 of the Land Registers Reconstructed Folio Ordinance (Cap. 120) that Land Register Folios, particulars of which appear in Column 1 of the schedule hereto, affecting the land described in Column 2, thereof which have been found to be missing or torn, have been reconstructed in full in provisional folios and relate to the connected deeds, particulars of which are shown in Column 3 of the said schedule.
- The provisional folio will be opened for inspection by any person or persons interested therein at the Office of the Registrar of Lands Delkanda, 09.10.2020 to 23.10.2020 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on all working days.
- Any person desirous of lodging any objection against any entry included in a provisional Folio or against any of the particulars contained in any such entry and any person desiring to make a claim for the insertion of any entry or of any particulars alleged to have been improperly omitted from any entry must do so, by an objection or claim in writing addressed to the undersigned which must be sent under registered cover and must reach the Office of the Registrar General not later than 30.10.2020. The matter in respect of which the objection or claim is made must be clearly and fully set out in the objection or claim, and the objection or claim must be accompanied by all documentary evidence relies upon the support of it.

SCHEDULE

Particulars of Damaged Folios of the Land Registers	Particulars of Land	Particulars of Deeds Registered
Folio No. 02 of Volume 696 of Division M of the Land Registry Delkanda in Colombo District.	All that allotment of land marked Lot No. 05 in Plan No. 31 dated 03.03.1956 made by H.M. Fernando, licensed surveyor of the land called 'Watakeiyagahawatta' situated at Uyana in the Palle Pattu Salpiti Korale in the District of Colombo, Western Province and bounded on the, North by : Road Reservation 17 wide feet East by : Lot 06 South by : Land of A.V. Fernando and W.P. de Mel West by : Lot 04 Extent : A:00 R:00 P:20.06	01. Deed of Gift No. 1725 written and attested by R.A. G u n a w a r d e n a Notary Public on 13.11.1989

N.C. Vithanage
Registrar General

Registrar General's Department,
No. 234/A3,
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha.,
Battaramulla.

Puttalam Urban Council

Tender Notice - 2021

Tenders are invited by Puttalam Urban Council to lease the trading rights of 45 properties including meat stalls and other properties of Puttalam Urban Council for the year 2021.

Details regarding the properties of which the trading right are leased, will be displayed in the Notice Board of Puttalam Urban Council, Notice Boards of state institutes of the city, offices of the Hon. Members of the Urban Council in charge of the division and all the public places.

Tender applications and conditions can be obtained upon making relevant payments from the office of Puttalam Urban Council, from **8.30 a.m. on 28.09.2020** until **3.30 p.m. on 12.10.2020**. Applications completed according to tender conditions marked as **"Tender Application 2021"** shall be sent to the address **"Chairman, Urban Council, Puttalam"** or hand delivered to the Urban Council or can be deposited in the tender box **before 10.30 a.m. on 13.10.2020**.

Tenders will be opened **at 10.30 a.m. on 13.10.2020**. The decision taken by the Urban Council regarding the tenders will be final.

K.A. Bais,
Chairman,
Puttalam Urban Council.
25.09.2020

**DISTRICT SECRETARIAT
GAMPAHA**

**Registration of Suppliers for
the year 2021**

Suppliers and Service Providers will be registered to supply below mentioned goods and services required for this office for the year 2021

Goods, Equipment & Service Provider Category

- Supply of office equipment.
- Supply of office consumer goods and office services
- Supply of livestock and agricultural equipment
- Vehicle repairing & supply of spare parts and servicing
- Supply of building materials
- Supply of ornamental & other goods
- Supply of materials required for exhibitions on rent basis
- Supply of food items
- Transportation of goods & passengers.

If you are interested, the application with complete details and conditions required for registration can be obtained upon a non refundable payment of **Rs. 1000/=** from the Establishment Division of Gampaha District Secretariat, from 08.10.2020 during a public working day. Completed applications should be sent to reach me, on or before **16.11.2020** and the applications received after the closing date will be rejected.

Sunil Jayalath
District Secretary /GA
Gampaha Administrative Division
Tel Nos. 033-2222235, 033-2222459

Western Province – Provincial Council

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Engineering Organization

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

(1)	(2) Name of Contract	(3) Engineer Division	(4) Funding Source	(5) Minimum CIDA Registration And Specialty	(6) Estimated cost for construction excluding VAT (Direct Construction Cost) Rs:Cts.	(7) Non-Refundable Fee Rs:Cts.	(8) Refundable Bid Deposits/ Bid Security. Rs:Cts	(9) Place of Issuing and submission bidding documents and contact Phone No.
1.	Construction of Nagoda Ayurvedic Medical Center (Stage 4)	Kaluthara	Provincial Health	C6	22,219,982.10	5,000.00	Bid security – 250,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Kaluthara, Sumangala Road, Kaluthara North. T.P. 034-2237002
2.	Erecting of Chain Link Fence at Naboda Ayurvedic Hospital Quarters	Kaluthara	Provincial Health	C8	3,292,604.50	2,000.00	Cash Deposit – 25,000.00	
3.	WP/GM/ Ibulgoda Suneththra Devi Vidyalaya – Roof repairing of Main Hall Building	Gampaha	Provincial Education	C8	2,354,310.75	1,000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Gampaha, Court Road, Gampaha. T.P :- 033-2222515
4.	District Hospital – Piliyandala Essential Repairs	Rathmalana	Provincial Health	C9	1,799,935.90	1,000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Rathmalana, No.25, Maligawa Road, Rathmalana T.P :- 0112622517
5.	District Hospital – Moratuwa – Renovation of OPD patient wash room	Rathmalana	Provincial Health	C9	1,009,326.20	1,000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	
6.	Roof & Other essential repairs of PMCU – Koralawella	Rathmalana	Provincial Health	C8	2,902,389.60	2,000.00	Cash Deposit – 25,000.00	
7.	WP/PILI/ Buddhist B.V Dehiwala – Roof Repairs for 90*25 three storied building	Rathmalana	Provincial Education	C9	1,846,042.30	1,000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Rathmalana, No.25, Maligawa Road, Rathmalana. T.P :- 0112622517
8.	WP/PILI/ Dehiwala Royal Primary School – Urgent roof and Other Repairs of 90*25 Three Storied Building	Rathmalana	Provincial Education	C8	2,747,664.60	1,000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	
9.	WP/PILI/ Uyana K.V – Balance work of 90*30 Three Storied Building	Rathmalana	Provincial Education	C6	12,786,000.00	4,000.00	Bid Security – 200,000.00	
10.	Roof Renovation of MOH Moratuwa	Rathmalana	Provincial Health	C10	570,863.40	500.00	Cash Deposit – 5,000.00	
11.	District Hospital – Moratuwa – Construction of Water Tank to Dental Unit	Rathmalana	Provincial Health	C10	431,517.30	500.00	Cash Deposit – 5,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Horana, Bellapitiya Horana. T.P :- 034-2262009
12.	WP/HOR/ Govinna M.V Urgent Repairs of Three School Buildings (110 X 20 Single Storied, 50 X 20 Single Storied, 90 X 25 Two Storied)	Horana	Provincial Health	C10	609,599.02	500.00	Cash Deposit – 5,000.00	
13.	Proposed Three Storied Building for Ayurvedic Central Medical Clinic at Millawa	Horana	Provincial Health	C3	93,901,339.55	20,000.00	Bid Security – 1,500,000.00	
14.	Construction of Boundry Wall at Weedyagoda Ayurvedic Hospital, Weedyagoda	Horana	Provincial Health	C8	2,061,414.25	1,000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Battaramulla, Depanama, Pannipitiya. T.P :- 011-2844354
15.	Refurbishment of MOH - Kolonnawa	Battaramulla	Provincial Health	C9	1,819,882.60	1,000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	
16.	Renovation of PMCU at Dunagaha	Minuwangoda	Provincial Health	C8	4,430,456.90	2000.00	Cash Deposit – 25,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Minuwangoda. T.P :- 011-2296418

- Qualifications should be fulfilled as in the Bidding Document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **relevant Divisional Engineer's offices** given in the Table (Column No.03) and may free inspect the bidding documents at the same office during the office hours.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by any prospective Bidder or their accredited agent on the submission of a written request to the **relevant Divisional Engineer** (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 **28.09.2020 until 16.10.2020**. Payment shall be made in cash.
- Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate with separate envelopes project name written at the top left hand corner and addressed to the **relevant Divisional Engineers' Office (as indicated in Column No.09 of the table)** on or before **19.10.2020 at 10.30 a.m.** Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of bidders or bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security/cash deposit (As in the Table).
- Late bids will be rejected.

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

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TENDER NOTICE

TANGALLE PRADESHIYA SABHA

Tenders will be received, by me for the leasing-out of the Assets, stated on the schedule below, belonging to the Tangalle Pradeshiya Sabha, for the year 2021.

Schedule

No.	Nature of Lease / Asset	Minimum Bid -Rs.-	Tender form fee -Rs.-	Tender Security -Rs.-
01.	Collection of taxes at Ranna Weekly Fair	2,800,010.00	2,000.00	200,000.00
02	Collection of taxes at Ranna Fish Fair	300,030.00	500.00	15,000.00
03	Collection of taxes at Wadigala Fair.	120,000.00	200.00	5,000.00
04	Collection of taxes at Thenagama weekly market	2,669,888.99	1,000.00	50,000.00
05	Collection of taxes at Netolpitiya weekly market	9,565.00	200.00	600.00
06	Collection of taxes at Kudawella weekly market	357,100.00	300.00	10,000.00
07	Pahajjawa Coconut yield	1,950.00	50.00	200.00
08	Ranna Bicycle Park	6,650.00	100.00	500.00
09	Yayawatta Fair	20,000.00	200.00	1,000.00
10	Coconut yield of Walakumbura playground and land with community hall.	4,010.00	50.00	200.00
11	Coconut yield of Polommaruwa Kaluwaragaha Mandiya block Nos. 07 and 08.	2,800.00	50.00	200.00
12	Kadurupokuna Medagoda coconut yield of land with No. 02 cemetery	4,019.00	50.00	200.00
13	Coconut yield of the section reserved for public works of Walgameliya Guruwalayaya alias Digana Basnahirayaya land.	2,155.00	50.00	200.00

Closing date for issuing of Tender Forms : from 29.09.2020 up to 3.00 p.m. on 13.10.2020 Relevant tender forms can be obtained from the office of the Tangalle Pradeshiya Sabha on submission of the National Identity Card / Driving Licence / Passport and Grama Niladhari Certificate.

Acceptance of Tenders : Up to 1.00 p.m. on 14.10.2020

Opening of Tenders : At 1.30 p.m. on 14.10.2020

Further details can be obtained from the Secretary on telephone No. 047-2240475.

Lalitha R. Wanigasekara
Chairman,
Tangalle Pradeshiya Sabha
Netolpitiya.

At the office of the Tangalle Pradeshiya Sabha.
22.09.2020

MAWATHAGAMA PRADESHIYA SABHA

TENDER NOTICE - 2021

(1) Tenders will be received by me, for the leasing out of the Properties / Assets, stated in the Schedule below, belonging to the Mawathagama Pradeshiya Sabha, for the period from 01.01.2021 up to 31.12.2021.

1.1) Closing Date for Issuing of Tender Forms : Up to 3.00 p.m. on 13.10.2020

1.2) Acceptance of Tenders : Up to 10.00 a.m. on 14.10.2020

1.3) Opening of Tenders : At 10.00 a.m. on 14.10.2020

(2) Tender opening will be done at the Mawathagama Pradeshiya Sabha Head Office and relevant Tender Forms can be obtained on submission of the National Identity Card and on payment of the non-refundable fee and the specified refundable Deposit monies.

(3) Successful Tenderers should enter into an agreement with the Sabha and the Sabha retains the full right to either accept or reject any Tender received.

(4) Further details can either be obtained by calling over at the Mawathagama Pradeshiya Sabha Office or on Telephone No. 037-2299821.

(5) Though any Lessee can bid above the maximum bid price, he should pay the difference between the maximum bid price and the tendering amount to the Sabha by cash. Failing to do so, the Tender will be granted to the second highest Tenderer.

Asset Schedule of the Sabha for the Year 2021

S/ No.	Description	Tender Form Fee - Rs. -	Tender Security - Rs. -	Minimum Bid for the Year 2021 - Rs. -	Maximum Bid for the Year 2021
01	Mawathagama Public Market - Leasing-out of Beef Stall	500.00	83054.40	830544.00	913598.40
02	Mawathagama Public Market - No. 33 Shop Stall (Fish Stall)	50.00	7749.00	77490.00	85239.00
03	Mawathagama Public Market - Leasing-out of Mutton / Chicken Meat Stall	50.00	50116.00	501160.00	551276.00
04	Mawathagama Public Market - Leasing-out the Building which earlier occupied by Bank of Ceylon	50.00	33660.00	336600.00	370260.00
05	Mawathagama Public Market - No. 32 Shop Stall	50.00	4519.60	45196.00	49715.60
06	Leasing-out of Mawathagama Weekly Fair	5000.00	208040.00	2080400.00	2288440.00

S.K. Anura Kamal Perera
Chairman,
Pradeshiya Sabha,
Mawathagama.

Ja-Ela Urban Council

Procurement Notice

Supply of Security Services

Procurement Documents will be issued from 03.10.2020 until 10.00 a.m. on 17.10.2020.

Procurement Bids will be received up to 2.00 p.m. on 17.10.2020.

Procurement Bids will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on 17.10.2020.

Places where Security Service is Required	No. of Hours	No. of Security Officers	No. of Hours Service should be provided	
			Day	Night
Ja-Ela Public Market	12 Hours	03	-	6.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.
Kapuwatta Crematorium	12 Hours	02	-	6.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.
Ja-Ela Suduwella Compost Yard	12 Hours	03	6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. (01)	6.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m. (02)
Ja-Ela Urban Council Office	12 Hours	03 Chief Security Officer 01	6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.

Relevant procurement documents may be obtained from the Office of the Urban Council upon payment of a refundable deposit of Rs. 25,000.00 and a non refundable fee of Rs. 3,000.00.

Copy of the valid License (Permit) obtained from the Ministry of Defense under the Regularization of the Private Security Agencies Act No. 45 of 1998 for the supply of security services for the government and government sponsored institutions should be submitted with the procurement bid.

If there are any records of provision of security to the government institution previously and should not have been blacklisted by any government institution.

Sealed Bids in duplicate in separate covers marked Original and Duplicate may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Secretary, Urban Council, Ja-Ela" or deposited in the Procurement Box kept in the Urban Council. The caption "Quotations for the Supply of Security Services" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid. Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of quotations.

Accepted bidder should enter into an agreement to supply security services for a period of one year from 01.12.2020 until 30.11.2021 at the quoted prices and the Ja-Ela Urban Council will not pay any money in addition to the quoted procurement amount.

Accepted bidder should place a bank guarantee for Rs. 250,000.00 in favour of this Urban Council and further details may be obtained from this office at the time of issue of procurement documents.

Ja-Ela Urban Council reserves the right to accept or reject any procurement bid. Further details may be obtained by calling on Tel. No. 0112236822.

Chairman
Urban Council
Ja-ela

15th September 2020
Office of the Ja-ela Urban Council

Ministry of Fisheries



State Ministry of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multiday Fishing Activities and Fish Exports



National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka

INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA) is a body corporate established under National Aquaculture Development Authority Act No. 53 of 1998 for the Development and Management of Aquatic Resources and Aquaculture Industry.

2. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the execution and completion of the following work.

Contract No. Name of the Contract & Construction Period	Source of Funds	Minimum CIDA Grade	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Bid Security Validity Period (Up to)	Non-Refundable Fees	Engineer's Estimate
Electrification Work Of Marine Ornamental Fish Breeding Centre At Bangadeniya In Puttalam District (Phase-II) 2020/KUS/CW/02 (Construction Period 60 Days)	GOSL	EM 3 Electrical & Mechanical Services or above	75,000/-	10-02-2021 (121 Days)	2,500/-	4.74 Mn

3. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure.

4. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the Institute for Construction Training and Development (ICTAD/CIDA) Registration in the grade given above or higher.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from : **Procurement Officer , National Aquaculture Development Authority ,No. 41/1 , New Parliament Road Pelawatta Battaramulla** Tel : 011 278 6544 / 011 278 6495 / 071 772 4430 email: po@naqda.gov.lk, Web: www.naqda.gov.lk and inspect the bidding documents at the **Procurement Officer's** office, at same place free of charge, from **25th September 2020 - 09.00 hrs to 09th October 2020 - 15.00 hrs.**

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Procurement Officer, National Aquaculture Development Authority, 41/1, New Parliament Road, Pelawatta, Battaramulla** from **25th September 2020 09.00 hrs. to 09th October 2020 15.00hrs.** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Sri Lanka Rupees given above by cash.

7. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address of **Chairman - Department Procurement Committee National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka, 41/1, New Parliament Road, Pelawatta, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened as follows soon after closing, in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

8. Bids shall be valid Ninety One (91) (up to 10-01-2021) days from the deadline of bid submission

Contract No.	Tender Closing Date & Time	Bids Opening Date & Time	Pre Bid Meeting Date & Venue
2020/KUS/CW/02	12-10-2020 at 2.00 p.m.	12-10-2020 at 2.15 p.m.	07-10-2020 at 10.00 a.m. At Head Office

9. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security, as given above obtained from the reputed bank operated in Sri Lanka.

10. NAQDA will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of the Bids.

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka,
41/1, New Parliament Rd,
Pelawatta,
Battaramulla.
25.09.2020

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital - Seeduwa

Tenders are invited by the Regional Procurement Committee of Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital - Seeduwa, from the contractors who are registered in the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) as mentioned in the below schedule, for maintenance work of this hospital.

S. No.	Item	Eligibility	Non refundable tender fee	Date and time of opening tenders
01	Registration of Maintenance Contractors for the Hospital for the year 2021 (Contracts which do not exceed Rs. 300,000.00)	C10 (EM 5 or above according to the amended registration procedure)	Rs. 2000.00	28.10.2020 10.00 a.m.

01. Interested bidders may obtain a set of bidding documents, upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 2000.00 and on submission of a written application to the office of Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital, from 30.09.2020 to 27.10.2020, between **9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.** (except for public holidays and weekends).

02. Bids will be opened soon after the closing of bids at the Director's Office of above address, and the authorized representatives of the bidders may be present at the occasion.

U.L.R.M. Perera
Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital,
Seeduwa
Tel. : 02258862 - 64
Fax : 011-2258865

Please note that the auction scheduled for 24.09.2020 will be postponed to 08.10.2020 due to current central bank regulations.

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 2020.10.08 at 9.30 a.m. at the undermentioned place.

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DATE AND PLACE OF AUCTION

No. 722, Kotte road, Rajagiriya. 2020-10-08

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
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CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION ON INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE) REPORT OF THE PROPOSED RIVER BANK CONSERVATION PROJECT, MAHAWELI RIVER AT GETAMBE, PERADENIYA NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 23 BB (4)

This is to inform the public that after study of the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) report of the above project, the Central Environmental Authority has decided in terms of Regulation 9 (i) of the National Environmental (Procedure for approval of projects) Regulations No. 01 of 1993, as amended by the Gazette No. 1159/22 dated 22nd November 2000 to grant approval to the **Engineer In-Charge, Headwork Administration, Operation and Maintenance Division, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, Polgolla** for the implementation of the above project subject to specified terms and conditions. This IEE report is a public document according to the provisions of the National Environmental (Amendment) Act No. 53 of 2000 and is available at the Library of the Central Environmental Authority.

Director General
Central Environmental Authority
"Parisara Piyasa"
No. 104, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw.
Battaramulla

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

TEACHING HOSPITAL, JAFFNA

1. Sealed bids for the supply of the undermentioned items will be received by Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna up to 9.00 a.m on 16.10.2020

Sr. No	Item Code	Non-refundable tender fee (Rs.)	Supply, Installation, Maintenance & Commissioning of	Qty	Bid Security (Rs.)
I	JTH/FE/COVID-19/L4/20/R	1000.00	Auto Nucleic Acid Extraction Machine	01	150,000.00
			Neonatal Stethoscope	08	
II	JTH/FE/BME/P14/20	1000.00	Stethoscope (Adult)	05	150,000.00
			Pneumatic Tourniquet	02	
			Ultrasound Scanner	02	
III	JTH/FE/BME/P15/20	1000.00	Cardiac Multi monitor	10	150,000.00
			CTG Machine	08	
IV	JTH/FE/BME/P16/20	1000.00	Hand Doppler	02	150,000.00
			Spot Lamp	04	
			Syringe Pump	05	
V	JTH/FE/BME/P17/20	1000.00	Phototherapy Machine	03	150,000.00
			Suction Apparatus	20	
			BP Box	40	
			Laryngoscope (Infants)	01	
			Pulse Oximeter	20	
VI	JTH/FE/BME/P18/20	1000.00	Rapid Infusion Fluid Warmer	01	150,000.00
			Air Compressor	06	
VIII	JTH/FE/BME/P20/20	1000.00	Anesthesia Machine	02	150,000.00
IX	JTH/FE/BME/P21/20	1000.00	High flow Nasal Oxygen Device (Adult)	10	150,000.00
X	JTH/FE/BME/P22/20	1000.00	High flow Nasal Oxygen Device (Pediatric)	07	150,000.00
XI	JTH/FE/BME/P23/20	1000.00	Ultrasonic cleaner	01	150,000.00
			Capsule Endoscopy	01	
XII	JTH/SA11/HOS/FUR/20	1000.00	Delivery Bed	05	150,000.00
			Examination Bed	05	
			Bedside Locker	50	
			Emergency Trolley	10	

(Specifications of the equipment are included in the bidding documents.)

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method.
- Only the sole nominated representatives / accredited agents of manufactures of the equipment offered for the Sri Lanka market are eligible to participate in this bid.
- Sealed bids should be made on a complete set of bidding documents for each project in duplicate and original shall be separately sent by Registered Post or shall be deposited in the tender box addressed to the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna.
- Bid documents should be obtained from Accountant, at the above address from 28.09.2020 to 15.10.2020 between 9.00 a.m and 3.00 p.m during working days on submission of the following:
 - A written application to the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna.
 - Certificate of Business Registration (Certified Photocopy)
 - A Certificate / letter issued by the principals appointing your company as local agents for their products.
 - Upon payment of the non-refundable tender fee stated above in cash to the Director, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna.
- The following Certificates must be attached in your bids:
 - Certified Copy of the **Valid CDDA / NMRA Certificate** (Exception For item No. XII).
 - Upon production of the certificate of registration issued by the Registrar of Companies under the Para 8 of Public Contract Act for each offer to be eligible in this procurement if the each total equipment value is more than 5.0 Million.
 - Sample details of Pro forma invoice
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Security amounting to LKR mentioned in the bid projects table / document for each projects by cash or bank bond and the validity period until 22.01.2021 (119 days) from the deadline for the bid.
- Optional tender will not be accepted. The bidder should have to quote for only one model. Option either in model or in rates will not be accepted and the tender will be rejected straightaway. Alternative bids will be rejected.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids at the office of the Chairman / Director. Bidders or their representatives are permitted to be present when bids are opened.
- Bid Documents may be inspected free of charge at the Procurement Division in Our Hospital.
- Further information could be obtained from Accountant TH / Jaffna (Tel- 021 222 3149 / 021 2212482)
- Pre-bid meeting will be held at 10.00 am on 05.10.2020 at Director Office, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna. (Exception For item No. XII).

Director / Chairman.
RPC / Teaching Hospital,
Jaffna.



INVITATION FOR BIDS

DISTRICT SECRETARIAT - VAVUNIYA. NO-01 (2020)

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the District Secretariat, Vavuniya invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the **Works** as described in the table below.

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the total cost Estimate of the procurement is below Rs. 50mn, Regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular **No. 04/2016(II) dated 08/05/2019.**
- To be eligible for contract award the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered with the construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in the field and for grade mentioned in the table below.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from **Chief Accountant, District Secretariat, Vavuniya.** (T.P. No. 0242222187) and inspect the bidding Documents at the same place on any working day from 9.00 am to 3.00 p.m.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application to the **District Secretary, Vavuniya from 25/09/2020 until 08/10/2020 from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm** on working days, on payment of a non-refundable fees specified in the Table below. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Duly completed Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address : Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, District Secretariat, Vavuniya under registered post or bids shall be deposited in the "Tender Box" available in the Finance Branch, District Secretariat, Vavuniya at or before **3.00 pm on 09/10/2020.** Late bids will be rejected. Bid number and description of work must be written on the left-hand upper corner of envelope. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid as specified in the table below.
- All bids must be accompanied with a bid security as mentioned in the table.
- Pre Bid meeting will be held at District Secretariat, Vavuniya commencing at **10.00 am on 02/10/2020.**

Bid No. & Description of Work	Total Civil Cost (Mn)	Required CIDA Grade	Bid Validity (Days)	Required Bid Security		Non Refundable Tender Fees (Rs.)	Construction Period (Days)
				Amount (Rs.)	Valid Period (Till)		
Construction of office building at Divisional Secretariat, Vavuniya North. GA/VA/FIN/NCB/DM/2020/01	18.290	C5 or C6 Buildings	77	183,000.00	09/01/2021	6,500.00	270
Construction of Boundary Wall at Divisional Secretariat in Vengalcheddikulam. GA/VA/FIN/NCB/DM/2020/02	3.044	C8 or C7 Buildings	63	31,000.00	25/12/2020	1,500.00	60
Construction of Vehicle Park at Divisional Secretariat in Vengalcheddikulam. GA/VA/FIN/NCB/DM/2020/03	2.276	C8 or C7 Buildings	63	23,000.00	25/12/2020	1,500.00	60
Construction of extension to ADR branch at Divisional Secretariat, Vavuniya. GA/VA/FIN/NCB/DM/2020/04	2.214	C8 or C7 Buildings	63	23,000.00	25/12/2020	1,500.00	60
Construction of Washroom Ground Floor & First Floor at Divisional Secretariat in Vengalcheddikulam. GA/VA/FIN/NCB/DM/2020/05	1.985	C9 or C8 Buildings	49	20,000.00	11/12/2020	1,000.00	60
Office partition at Vavuniya South DS Office (ADR Branch) in Divisional Secretariat, Vavuniya South, Vavuniya. GA/VA/FIN/NCB/DM/2020/06	1.200	C9 or C8 Buildings	49	12,000.00	11/12/2020	1,000.00	60
Renovation of ladies quarters toilet at Cheddikulam in Vengalcheddikulam, Vavuniya. GA/VA/FIN/NCB/DM/2020/07	0.654	C9 or C8 Buildings	49	7,000.00	11/12/2020	500.00	30
Construction of Attached Toilets for Accounts Branch & ADM Branch at Divisional Secretariat, Vavuniya North. GA/VA/FIN/NCB/DM/2020/08	0.670	C9 or C8 Buildings	49	7,000.00	11/12/2020	500.00	30
Repairing of Washroom & Toilet at DS Office Vavuniya South, Vavuniya. GA/VA/FIN/NCB/DM/2020/09	0.500	C9 or C8 Buildings	49	5,000.00	11/12/2020	500.00	30
Metaling & Tarring of Medduththeru road, Thonikkal, Vavuniya. Vavuniya South Tamil Pradhessa Shabai. GA/VA/FIN/NCB/RS/2020/10	5.526	C7 or C6 Highways	77	56,000.00	09/01/2021	2,000.00	60
Construction of Bridge Vilathikulam drainage canal for Aruviththoddam Scheme. GA/VA/FIN/NCB/RS/2020/11	3.150	C8 or C7 Highways	63	32,000.00	25/12/2020	1,500.00	60
Metaling & Tarring of Internal Road at Samaki Mawatha Kudakachakodiya. South Sinhala Pradhessa Shabai GA/VA/FIN/NCB/RS/2020/12	4.500	C8 or C7 Highways	63	45,000.00	25/12/2020	2000.00	60

(S.M. Saman Bandulasena)
Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
District Secretary / Govt. Agent, Vavuniya.



CEYLON PETROLEUM STORAGE TERMINALS LIMITED

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

SUPPLY OF

1. 02 NOS. 16" TWIN SEAL DOUBLE BLOCK & BLEED (DBB) VALVES
2. 01 NO. 18" TWIN SEAL DOUBLE BLOCK & BLEED (DBB) VALVES

Tender Ref. No: KPR/03A/2020

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (DPC), on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL), Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya, Sri Lanka hereby invites sealed bids from reputed manufacturers or their authorized export agents abroad or authorized local agents in Sri Lanka (manufacturer's or export agent's) for the **Supply of above Listed Twin Seal Double Block and Bleed (DBB) Valves**, conforming to the terms, conditions & specifications given under this bidding documents.

Bidding will be conducted through **International Competitive Bidding** procedure.

Country of Origin of the valves shall be Europe, USA or Japan.

Interested parties may refer the bidding document (*only for viewing purpose*) and obtain necessary information through the website www.cpsl.lk or www.dgmarket.com and the original bidding documents in English language (full set) could be obtained from the undersigned on submission of a written request, during working days between **0900 hrs and 1400 hrs. Sri Lanka local time (GMT + 5.5) up to Monday, 19th October 2020**, upon payment of a non-refundable bidding document fee of **Sri Lankan Rupees Four Thousand (LKR 4,000.00)** per document. Bidders are requested to inspect the bidding documents prior to purchase and once it is purchased, bidding document fee is not refundable for any reason whatsoever.

Duly filled bidding documents may be sent by registered post or sealed cover to reach the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, C/o Manager Procurement, Ceylon Petroleum Storage, Terminals Limited, Procurement Function, 01st Floor New Building, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya, Sri Lanka or could be deposited in the tender box kept at the above address, on or before **1400 hrs Sri Lanka local time (GMT + 5.5) on Tuesday, 20th October 2020**. Late bids will be rejected.

Bids will be closed at 1400 hrs Sri Lanka local time (GMT + 5.5) on Tuesday, 20th October 2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter at the office of Manager Procurement, in the presence of the authorized representatives of the bidders who chose to attend.

All bids shall necessarily be valid for acceptance minimum until 05th January 2021.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of Sri Lankan Rupees One Hundred & Fifteen Thousand (LKR 115,000.00) or United States Dollars Six Hundred Thirty (USD 630.00) which shall be valid minimum until 2nd February 2021.

Bidders shall register themselves at the Department of Registrar of Companies www.drc.gov.lk (e-ROC) as per the Public Contracts Act, No. 03 of 1987 for every public contract value exceeding Sri Lankan Rupees Five Million (LKR 5,000,000).

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the Manager Procurement on **Tel: +94-11-2572156 / +94-11-5750764, Fax: +94-11-2572155, E-mail: procure@cpsl.lk**

The Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
C/o Manager Procurement
Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited
Procurement Function,
01st Floor, New Building,
Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya,
Sri Lanka.

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2. Department of Industrial Management

Lecturer (Probationary) / Lecturer (Unconfirmed) / Senior Lecturer Gr. II/I

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How to Apply :

Prescribed application forms and details regarding the above Posts could be obtained from the Deputy Registrar/Academic Establishments Division during office hours or could be downloaded from the University Website: www.news.kln.ac.lk. Requests for application forms by post should be accompanied with a self-addressed stamped envelope of 23x10 cm in size. All applications together with copies of relevant certificates should be forwarded to the Deputy Registrar/Academic Establishments, University of Kelaniya, Kelaniya, under registered cover to reach him on or before **15th of October, 2020**. Candidates **should submit separate applications** for each post applied for. Incomplete, illegible, or late applications will be rejected. The post should be indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

Applicants who have applied for the post of Career Guidance Counsellor for the advertisement published on 12.04.2019 are requested to submit fresh application.

Applications from employees in the Government Departments, Corporations, Statutory Boards, UGC and Higher Educational Institutions should be channeled through their Heads of Institutions. The University reserves the right to shortlist the candidates.

Registrar
University of Kelaniya,
Kelaniya.

23.09.2020

The Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) as amended by the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act No. 28 of 1964 Notice under Section 07(1)

My Ref. No. KDS/KGK/4/9/2009/146/LA
Land Ministry's Ref. No.:
LD/05/2009/NH/146

The land described in the schedule given below has been acquired by the Government for a public purpose. For further details, vide Part III of the Gazette Extraordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka NO. 2141/4 of 16.09.2019.

Schedule	
Province	: Central
District	: Kandy
Divisional Secretariat	: Kandy Kadawath Sathara and Gangawata Korallaya.
Division	: Sathara and Gangawata Korallaya.
Grama Niladhari	: Watapuluwa - West (229)
Division	: Watapuluwa - West (229)
Village	: Watapuluwa Division No. 06, Watapuluwa. (within the Limits of Kandy Municipal Council).
Name of Land	: Galkaduwa Estate
Preliminary Plan No.	: 6779
No. of Lots.	: 02
Extent	: 0.0018 Hectare

U.J.M.S.S.B. Jayasinghe
Divisional Secretary,
Kandy Kadawath Sathara
and Gangawata Korallaya

Divisional Secretariat
Kandy Kadawath Sathara and Gangawata Korallaya.
13.09.2020

The Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) as amended by the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act No. 28 of 1964 Notice under Section 7(1)

My No. KDS/KGK/4/9/2018/01/LA
Land Ministry's Ref. No.:
4-3/11/2018/UD/147

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

The land described in the Schedule below has been acquired by the Government for a public purpose. For further details, please see Part III of the Gazette No. 2188/4 dated 10.08.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Schedule	
1. Province	: Central
2. District	: Kandy
3. D/S Division	: Kandy Four Gravets and Gangawata Korale.
4. Grama Niladhari	: Katukele (255)
Division	: Katukele, Ward No. 18 - Katukele (within Municipal Council limits of Kandy).
5. Village	: Katukele, Ward No. 18 - Katukele (within Municipal Council limits of Kandy).
6. Preliminary Plan No.	: Maha 6996
7. Lot No.	: 1
8. Extent	: 0.0051 Hectare

U.J.M.S.S.B. Jayasingha
Divisional Secretary,
Kandy Four Gravets and
Gangawata Korale

Divisional Secretariat
Kandy Four Gravets and Gangawata Korallaya.
13.09.2020

The Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) as amended by the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act No. 28 of 1964 Notice under Section 7(1)

My Ref. No. KDS/KUN/04/07/16/04/79
Reference No. of the Ministry of Lands:
4-3/9/2016/WS/528

The Government intends to acquire the land which is described in the following schedule. Please see the Part (III) of the Extra Ordinary Gazette No. 2160/9, dated 27th January, 2020, of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Part (III) of the Extra Ordinary Gazette No. 2192/49 dated 10th September, 2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for further details.

Schedule	
District	: Kandy
Divisional Secretary's	: Kundasale
Division	: Kundasale
Grama Niladhari	: No. 709, Lunuketiyamadiththa
Division	: No. 709, Lunuketiyamadiththa
Name of Village	: Liyangaswagura
Name of Land	: 1. Lunuketiyamadiththa hena and 2. Delgahalanda watta
Preliminary Plan No.	: Maha 6980
Lot Nos.	: 1 & 2

Samanthi D. Nagahathenna
Divisional Secretary,
Acquiring Officer
Kundasale.

Divisional Secretary's Office
Kundasale.
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Any issues regarding results should be notified to me within one month from the date of release of results.

For inquiries :-

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B. Sanath Pujitha
Commissioner General of Examinations

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Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka
School Examinations Organization & Results Branch
Pelawatta, Battaramulla.

On 21.09.2020

MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING



URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS

Invitations of Quotations for the selection of an Operator for maintaining the Vehicle Park at Chatham Street, Colombo Fort of the Urban Development Authority as a Temporary Vehicle Park on Rent Basis

01. Quotations are invited for the selection of an Operator for maintaining the Vehicle Park in Chatham Street, Colombo Fort of the Urban Development Authority as a Temporary Vehicle Park for a period of three (03) years on monthly rent basis. Base Monthly Rent expected monthly for the Vehicle Park and details of the Security Bond are given in the table below.

Name of Land	Extent of the land	Base Monthly Rent (Rs.) (without Government Taxes)	Security Bond (Rs.)
Chatham Street Land	94.76 Perches	660,000/-	250,000/-

02. The operator for maintaining the vehicle park will be selected based on the highest monthly rent quoted above the minimum monthly rent. Selected operator should pay the offered monthly rent along with the government taxes before the 10th of every month to the Land Development and Management Division of the Urban Development Authority, 6th Floor, Sethsiripaya, Stage I Building, Battaramulla.

03. Interested applicants may obtain relevant documents on working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 28.09.2020 until 16.10.2020 upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 5,000/- along with the relevant government taxes to the Land Development and Management Division of the Urban Development Authority, 6th Floor, Sethsiripaya, Stage I, Battaramulla. Prospective applicants may inspect the relevant tender documents free of charge at the Land Development and Management Division of the urban Development Authority, 6th Floor, Sethsiripaya, Stage 1, Battaramulla.

04. Applicants should submit a bid bond at the time of submission of quotations and it may be submitted by the receipt obtained upon payment of Rs. 250,000/- in cash to the Finance Division of this Authority or may be submitted by a Bank Guarantee drawn in favour of "Chairman, Urban Development Authority" and it should be On Demand and valid for 180 days obtained from a recognized bank and the receipt or the bank guarantee should be attached to the bid application. That bid security will be refunded to the applicants including the successful tenderer after the selection of the successful operator. Selected operator should deposit an amount equivalent to three (03) months rent as a security deposit which would be refunded after the end of the rent period.

05. Quotations will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 20.10.2020. Method of submitting the quotations is mentioned in the tender conditions.

06. Quotations will be opened immediately after the closing of quotations at the Finance Division of the Urban Development Authority, 6th Floor, "Sethsiripaya" Stage I, Battaramulla in the presence of the applicant or his authorized representative.

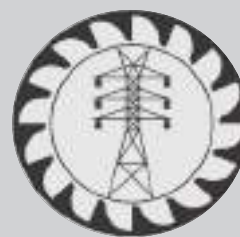
07. Prospective applicants should submit quotations only on applications issued by the Urban Development Authority and applications that are in any other forms will be rejected.

08. As an operator is eligible to obtain only one Vehicle Park out of the main Vehicle Parks namely Chalmers Vehicle Park, Chatham Street Vehicle Park, Colombo Central Market Complex Vehicle Park of the Urban Development Authority, quotations should be submitted with good understanding of that.

09. Further details regarding this may be obtained from the Land Development and Management Division of the Urban Development Authority, 6th Floor, Sethsiripaya, Stage I, Battaramulla.

Tel. Nos. 011-3357363 or 011-2875916 – 20 Ext. 5208.

Chairman
Revenue Tender Board – Minor,
Urban Development Authority
6th Floor
Sethsiripaya
Stage I
Battaramulla



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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

In pursuit of our objective of improving the quality of supply and service to the consumers, Ceylon Electricity Board intends to attend to construction, rehabilitation and maintenance works in the localities listed below. As a result, the electricity supply would be interrupted to those areas on the dates/times mentioned. We regret any inconvenience caused to the consumers in these areas as a result of these interruptions to our services. Ceylon Electricity Board would take all steps to restore the electricity supplies as soon as the planned works are completed.

WESTERN PROVINCE SOUTH II - OCTOBER - 2020

Date & Time	Affected Area
SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA AREA	
THALANGAMA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE AREA	
02 (Friday)	Bulk Supply : System Control
03 (Saturday)	Bulk Supply : Isurupaya Stage II, Global Media, Manikku, P.H.A.K.Fernando, Army Head Quarters, Army Voluntry
06 (Tuesday)	Robert Gunawardana Mawatha, Kings Super (Magna) Bulk Supply : Plantation, Akuregoda Camp - Samp, Mahaweli Development, Western Provincial Council, Prime Libia, Western Province
08 (Thursday) 27 (Tuesday)	Bankhill Garden, Rathnayake Mawatha, Isuru Mawatha - Pelawatta Bulk Supply : Aquaculture Dev. Authority, Tea Small, Defence Head Quarters - In front of SJP GSS, Subani Higgoda, KFC, S.L. Army - Rathnayaka Mw., Ministry of Foreign Employment, Cargills Food City - Pelawatta, Cargills Food City - Pelawatta (New KFC), Isurupaya Pump House
11 (Sunday) 25 (Sunday)	Bulk Supply : Milco I, Milco II
14 (Wednesday)	SLPA (Mahagedara) Bulk Supply : Future Automobile, Coconut Board, Ministry of Justice, Registrar General & Rajapaksha Foundation, Employment Bureau, RDA (Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha), Environmental
WELIWITA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE AREA	
05 (Monday)	Bulk Supply : G.A.Somapala (Jayson Industries)
06 (Tuesday) 16 (Friday) 27 (Tuesday)	Sumana Mawatha, Bandaranyaka Walawwa, Millennium Teas Bulk Supply : Empire tea, Tea Hereby
08 (Thursday) 19 (Monday) 29 (Thursday)	Angoda Junction, Mulleriyawa Old (Makuludel), Cargills - Galwana, Parakum Mw. (Tyrekade Junction), Makunu Del II, Gamini Engineering, Bussiness Development Bank, Dimidu salt Bulk Supply : Kotmale Holding, Liyanage Hardware, Suasa Supermarket, Wittachchi Stainless Steel, Precision Engineering
09 (Friday) 20 (Tuesday) 29 (Thursday)	Hainnan Lanka (Cycle Factory), Celltel Sub Bulk Supply : Nimal Enterprises, Nimal Enterprises, Metroof, Amalgated Building - Iron Factory
MALABE CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE AREA	
06 (Tuesday)	Aron perera, Trimurti Lanka, Kahantota R.E., Mirishena off Kahantota Road, Mahawela New, Cinec View Kahantota - Namal Mw., John Keells - Kahantota, Teamia Housing, Darmasoka Mawatha (new - Kahantota Road), Mahawela New Bulk Supply : Teayang Lanka Co., Camp Master, S & S Reefer Logistics, Asiri Industries, I. Ranathunga, D D Dayarathna, Mahawela Rd. - Indiyana (P.V.Lanka), Pure Packaging, Comcol Polythene - Kahantota Rd., Mahawela Rd. - Indiyana (P.V.Lanka), D D Dayarathna
08 (Thursday)	Murini Metal, Wanderlight, Jothipala, Singhe Metal, Mihindu Mw, John Keells (Pothuarawa Road), Pothuarawa Road Re Bulk Supply : Dialog - Pothuarawa, Ever Paint & Chemical, Alt. Spe. Garmant (Hayleys), Ayumi Apparels, Crest Fashion Garment, Diyes A.H.N.S., A S Shantha Perera, Body Doc (Mihindu Mawatha), Lanka Clear (Pvt) Ltd, China Harbor, Micro Pack, Shiran Polypack, Sarasavi Book Shop
10 (Saturday)	Kothalawala Highway, Piniindalaga Sub (Kaduvela), Pattiyawatta Road (Opposite), Pattiyawatta R.E., Pattiyawatta New Nemico Bulk Supply : B D Jayantha
13 (Tuesday)	Muttetugoda (8th Mile Post), Metal Crusher, Suncity Property, Muththttuwegoda New, Malabe Temple, Wijewardana Thalahaena Temple, Coirtex Ltd, Laktharu Mawatha, Dutugemunu Mawatha 2, Dutugamunu Mawatha 1, Darshana Mw Thalahaena, Dil Films, Muwanhela, Gamin enterprises Muttetugoda Bulk Supply : Jay Kay Marketing, RN Construction, Cargills - Thalahaena, K.K. Haripitiya Perera, Sunil Traders, Foreign Employment Bureau, Uniwalkers
20 (Tuesday)	Stalimage, Field view
28 (Wednesday)	New Dis. Sub near L N Polysak, Polysack, MDH, Millennium - 4 (Kanatta), Vidyala Mawatha, Prime City - Mahajana Mawatha, Mahajana Mawatha (New), Oruwala Junction Bulk Supply : Mahajana Mawatha
31 (Saturday)	Udawatta Road Santhipura, Udawatta Bulk Supply : Cargills New Malabe, Kaduwela Divisional Secretary, Prime Residencies - Udawatta Road

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HORANA AREA	
HORANA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE AREA	
02 (Friday)	Isipathana, Mahena, Labugama, Mahena Wewa Para, Seelaratana, Somananda Mw, Wijaya Radio, Udawatta - Dammarathana, Udawatta Road, Wijayamanna, Horana New Bus Stand, Geladadugoda, Galkaduwa, Gungamuwa, Wijemanna, Wijayamanna Rubber Mills, Walikala, Ranpokuna Village, Sidurangala Watta, Walikala Bulk : Dimuthu Products, Medi Health, Cargills Ravindra Kiriwaththuduwa, Texima, Co-operative Horana, J.B.Metal Crusher, Halhota Springs, Hegatile
03 (Saturday)	Thilinpura, Cooraywatta, Olabodukanda, Pinnakolawatta (Talgala Rubber)
08 (Thursday)	Kuda Uduwa, Berukatiya, Berukatiya - Sithumina Pedesa, Hettiarachchi & Sons
09 (Friday)	Madurawala, Udugammana Road, Anguruwatota Pansala Handiya, New Chatile Tea Fac., Dombagoda Ranaviru Gammanaya, Army Camp, Dombagoda, New Chatile Rubber Fac., Uduwara Delgoda, Hengoda Bulk : Hayleys MGT - Printing Section, C.W. Mackey - Nartupana, Helyless A D C Textile Ltd, Hayleys MGT, Hayleys - iii
11 (Sunday)	Ellakanda, Munagama CEB, Dikheni I, Dikheni II, Dikheni III, Ilimba Junction, Ilimba III (Eden Park), Kalinadeegama - Ilimba II, Sampath Exports, Saugas Handiya, Thaksila Uyana, Isuruwimana, Kirigalahena, Maragahahena, Isuruwimana, Kirigalahena, Maragahahena, Bulk HR : Sun Quick, Glass Company, R.P.C. Polymers, Kurana New Pisco Lanka, New, New Ply(Pvt) Company, J.B.Gal Mola
12 (Monday)	Wewala Kanda, Bellapitiya Drug Stores, Remuna R.E.S., Walpita, Werawatta, Prabuddagama, Yala I, Yala Mobitel, Yala Temple, Yala 2, Keselhenawa, Dombagoda Seelaratana, Good Hope Watta, Dombagoda Ganekanda, Batagoda, Pethigamuwa, Pethigamuwa Kanda - Balasuriya Mw. Bulk : Sri Lanka Telecom - Keselhenawa
15 (Thursday)	Wawulagala New
16 (Friday)	Maha Uduwa, Sathsara Adaviya (Seetadola), Horagas Handiya, Ekosandella, Bathalawatta, Kaballagoda Kanarvila, Polwatta, Pannilkanda, Kumbukwatta - Wattekade, Kumbukwatta II
19 (Monday)	Dara International, LYL Electricals, Thaksila Sevana, Thalagahawila Junction, Adaviya (Ampitiya), Thalagahawila - Godaparagashandiya, Miriswatta Junction, Polhena Bulk : Multi Cam (Thaxila Sewana), Ranaviru Gammanaya - Kindelpitiya, G.B. Nandana - Kindelpitiya, Europa Quality Foods, Nature Secrets (P.G.Martin), P & P Food Product, Supperwood Export, Nawesta, Nature Beauty, Kapila Engineering, Uva Gian, Laugh Corporation, Miriswatta Three wheel Tire, Miriswatta Water Bottle (Sogo Lanka), Miriswatta Farm, ACL Electrical Pvt Ltd
20 (Tuesday)	Berukatiya - Sithumina Pedesa, Hettiarachchi & Sons, Berukatiya
29 (Thursday)	Wewala Kanda, Bellapitiya Drug Stores, Remuna R.E.S., Walpita, Werawatta, Prabuddagama, Yala I, Yala Mobitel, Yala Temple, Yala 2, Keselhenawa, Dombagoda Seelaratana, Good Hope Watta, Dombagoda Ganekanda, Batagoda, Pethigamuwa, Pethigamuwa Kanda - Balasuriya Mw, Prime Rainbow, Rainbow View, Meegoda - Halbarawa Bulk : Sri Lanka Telecom - Keselhenawa
INGIRIYA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE AREA	
05 (Monday)	Wagawatta
23 (Friday)	Randiwa Saw Mill - Sirilak Industries, Mapatugala, Rathmalgoda - Kajuwetiya, Panagala Estate, Basnyaka Enterprises, Manel Garden., Fernando Gibson & KAE (Pvt) Ltd
26 (Monday)	Pahan Piyasa, Arunagama, Perth New, Nilona Property
BULATHSINHALA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE AREA	
05 (Monday)	Damro, Kallumale Tea
08 (Thursday)	Kobawaka I, Kobawaka II, Kirimatwalakada
13 (Tuesday)	Panvila Kumbura, Mirishena, Kalawellawa (Diyakaduwa), Diyakaduwa II, Niyagodawara
14 (Wednesday)	Halwatura Farm ii, Etakanda, Halwatura Estate, Koongastenna, Halwatura Samagipura, Mahapiella Bulk : Christombo Farm

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15 (Thursday)	Devamitharama, Devamitharamaya II, Egaloya R.E.S. Bulk Supply : H.P.P. Tea Factory
16 (Friday)	Aluthakanda
19 (Monday)	Halwatura Samagipura, Koongastenna, Mahapiella
21 (Wednesday)	Paragoda, Narawella - Paragoda
23 (Friday)	Paruthalwila - Heenpandala, Rupavahini Tower
26 (Monday)	Bothalegama, Hillwood Estate, Botalegama Tea Factory, Hingurakanda
BANDARAGAMA AREA	
BANDARAGAMA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE AREA	
09 (Friday)	Kamburugoda, Gammanpila, Medagama, Medagama river road, Alothyawa - Galkade, Hemaloka Himi Mw, Welmilla, Maningamuwa, Senapura, Sumana Akmeemana, Kindelpitiya New (Wimala Mw.), Kindelpitiya Junction Bulk Supply :- Christy Leema, Sanchia (Pvt) Ltd/ Original Apparel
12 (Monday)	Batadombathuduwa, Danketiyawatta, Mahagedarawatta, Mahinda Mw. Belikele, Mahinda Mawatha, Kesbewa Rd., Bulk Supply :- Kimcy (Pvt) Ltd
17 (Saturday)	Janapada Junction, Aruggoda, Ratiyalagoda New, Ratiyalagoda, Aruggoda Deshan Junct., Raja Samaranyake Rd., H.Y. Rodrigo Mw., Cross Junction, Thissa Mawatha, I.R. Perera Mw., Weediyaagoda Saw Mill, Mahawatta - Mahabellana, Mahabellana Weaving Mill, Mahabellana Thotupola Rd., Bulk Supply :- Samaranyake Rubber Mill, Tofan Forms, Best Life International, Medi Tex - Mahabellana
20 (Tuesday)	Thambangoda, Godigamuwa, Gonapola Junction, Palannoruwa Temple Junction, Kumbuka I, Jeff Co, Wijaya Lanka Sportswear Garment Fa., Kumbuka II, Wanameekanda (Kumbukawatta), Somaliyawatta, Walan Maduwa, Olaboduwa Hou. Scheme. Bulk Supply :- Chemitrate Inds. (Pvt) Ltd, Sansiri Flour Mill, Telecom - Gonapola, Wickrama Rubber Mills - Kumbuka, Prashanthi Hall, Lakpa Footwear (Pvt) Ltd, Wijedasa Metal Crusher (Kandewatta), Greenway
26 (Monday)	Rambukkana II, Rambukkana Sub., Masvila I, Bandaragama Town, Super Market Bandaragama, H.N.B. - Bandaragama, N.S.B. Bandaragama, Bandaragama Hospital Sub, Delgaswatta, Raigama New, Kelekade Junction, Uyanwatta Land, Lake City, Uyanwatta Bulk Supply :- Niromi Fashion, Gandaree Garment, Keells - Bandaragama, Cargills New, Pinnagoda Vithana, Telecom - Bandaragama, Cargills, Bandaragama Hospital, Darshana, Southern Highway - Ramp Left, Southern Highway - Ramp Right, Rajko Uyanwatta (JL), Dunsin Holding (Pvt) Ltd, Flexy Care Mogami Lanka, ICC (Pvt) Ltd, Indo Lanka
27 (Tuesday)	Gelanigama, New City, New City II (Boraluketiya Road), Araliyagashandiya, I.V. Tras, Rerukana, Rerukana New, Nagashandiya - Kumbuka, Pitawila Kariywasam, Atambahena, Atambahahena New Bulk Supply :- Rathuwithana, Sachithra Medi Care
HOMAGAMA AREA	
PANNIPITIYA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE AREA	
02 (Friday)	Kottawa Town, Araliya Uyana Beauty Garment, M.T.V.
04 (Sunday)	Kottawa Town, Politech Co., Prime Land - Pinhena Bulk Supply - Keells Super, Keells Super - Horana Rd.
11 (Sunday)	Ratmaldeniya Road, Koshena, Moraketiya New, Kottawa Old, Dharmapala School, Poragodalla, Mahalwarawa, Kottawa - Highlevel Road, Sumana Amarasekara Bulk Supply - Salsa Villa Hotel, Lacky Homes, Pannipitiya Medical Center, Vishwa Graphics, Preethimahal, Cargills Food City II, Laugfs Super, Kings Super, People's Bank

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HOMAGAMA AREA	
PANNIPITIYA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE AREA	
17 (Saturday)	Jayapura, Jayamuthugama, Radakantha Niwasa, Prime Express, Sisil Sevana Garden, Prime Land - Mattegoda, Siyambalagoda, Siyambalagoda New, Pubudu Mawatha, Dikhenawatta The Village Bulk Supply - Raksha Garment, Richard Peiris Co. (Plastishells), Richard Peiris Co., Mattegoda Army Camp, Richard Peiris Co., Arpitag Digana Temple
22 (Tuesday)	Makumbura, Bangalawatta, Bangalawatta II Bulk Supply - Kottawa Interchange
24 (Saturday)	Jayamuthugama, Radakantha Niwasa, Prime Express, Sisil Sevana Garden, Prime Land - Mattegoda Nampamunuwa, Nampamunuwa Kelcy Home, Gorakapitiya, Mahayayawatta, Siddamulla (Mihindupura) C.I.C. Plastic, Diyanamite Company, Polkotuwa Bulk Supply - Baejin Lanka
29 (Thursday)	Ranasiri Metal Co., Kottawa Pump House, Lanka Spice Co., Kulathunga Mw. Bulk Supply - Kottawa KFC, Dileepa Wickramasinghe, J.S.P. Steel (Pvt) Ltd, Wickrama Hardware, Kottawa Pump House, Arpico Super Stores, Makumbura Lanka Ceramic, Niro Lanka, Ceyem Commodities, Multi Model Center - Makumbura, Lux Housing Project, Glomark Softlogic
HOMAGAMA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE AREA	
01 (Thursday)	Old bus stand Homagama, New Town - C.W.E., Market Sub, Banks Sub, Bank of Ceylon, B.M.D. Asanka Jayasekara, Ranasinghe sub, Near Healan Bulk Supply - Homagama Tele. Exchange, Subani Gamage, Cargills Food City, Prasad Textile, Pepole's Bank, Arpico - Homagama, Prasad Textile
03 (Saturday)	Spade Ceramic Lenagala, Laser Products, Batuktuwa grid
04 (Sunday)	Bulk Supply - Manchee New, W.A. Perera & Co. (WAPCO), Outer Circular Highway, Satharasinhe Saw Mill, Munchee, Munchee Biscuits
10 (Saturday)	Area Office - New Sub, Katuwana, P.A.Rathnasiri Bulk Supply - Deepa Garment, Time Garment (Savinda Grapic), International Paper, Aspico Home Mahenwatta - Godahena road
22 (Thursday)	Munamalewatta, Thoramulla, Koswatta, Yakahaluwa, Kiriwaththuduwa, Kithulawila Road, Bancon Watta, Gangani Land, SKY Park 2 Bulk Supply - Reb Mech, Senevi Rubber Mills, Raigam Soya, Raigam Soya, Mona Plastic
25 (Sunday)	Palandagoda, Body Fab, Industrial Complex, Industrial Complex, Industrial Complex Bulk Supply:- Vicky Plantation, Bitumix Panagoda, S & T Steel - Panagoda, Bitumix, Viridise, Reb Mech, Reb Mech, Leyland Factory, Tiran Tyre Sachitha Plastic, Suneedha Metal (N.B.Newton), Noel Samaraweera, Sierra Ready Mix, Rapid Creation (R.M.A.S.M. Ranathunga), A.P. Lanka, Electro Metal Pressing, Rubco, Asian Tyre, Seico Gas (Ovin Gas), Gamage Enterprises, Saneema Trading, Chandeepp, DIL Foods, Sisara Printers

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28 (Wednesday)	Gabadawatta, Gabadawatta II, Pitipana Mithreedasa Mawatha, Gabadawatta Estate (Gurulugomi Mw), Rodrigowatta, Seylan Bank, Technical College, Godagama Textile, Singer Homes, Mobitel (Godagama), Godagama Borella Road, Keremulla, Godagama Junct. Bulk Supply - Buddhist & Pali University, Amalya Hotel, Buddhist University, Army Camp - Water Pump, Laxapana Battery, Godagama Reach Hotel, Universal Ceramic, Cargills - Godagama.
AVISSAWELLA AREA	
PADUKKA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE AREA	
03 (Saturday)	Samanala Mw., Galagedara- School Lane, High Level Road Watareka, Motherson Electrical, Motherson II, Evershine Saw Mill - Pinnalanda, Sepalika Uyana, Meegoda New Highlevel Road, Meegoda New (Artigala - new), Army Quarters, Panaluwa Industrial Zone - Stage I, Panaluwa Industrial Zone - Stage II, Sugathan Edirisinghe Mw., Linton Farm, F & G. Real Estate - Panaluwa, Lakey Garden - Panaluwa Bulk Supply :- Nippon Lanka, A.E.F. Distilleries, Printing Corporation - Stationery, Softlogic, 3K Traders, Global Packaging, Srikanthi Manufacturers - Panaluwa, Unicorn Tyre - Panaluwa, Dolphin marine, Sanjean Enterprises, Navodya Rubber, Sewwandi Industries, Printing Cor.- Stationery, Orange Daham Mawatha, Neutritional Food, Araliya Land New 1, Meegodadeniya, Hettiyawatta - Meegoda, Green Horizon 11, Lenagala Bulk Supply:- Meegoda Farm, Mountain Gate, CIC Holdings - Lenagala, China Harbour, Padmasiri Metal Crusher, Asphalt Plant, Thudawa Brothers, CIC Holding II, W.A. Perera,
08 (Thursday)	Meegoda Economic Center, Udagewattha, Galkanda - Meegoda, Dampe New (Dehigahawita), Dampe R.E., Trust Lanka Land, Horagala West, Weralupagoda, Diamond City Bulk Supply:- Nilaro Hotel, Chiefway Garment, M.R.C. Priyantha, Laxman Metal Crusher
12 (Monday)	Thunnana - Temple, Thunnana R.E., Mawathagama New, Mawathagama, Meepe V.C, Ceylon Rubber Product Bulk Supply:- Ceramic Corporation, Lanka Walltile, M.R.C. Garment, Sukhi Dairy Food, Metal mix Meepe, Prema Metal Crusher, L.H. Piyasena Com., Aesthetic Institute, Surtex Industries
14 (Wednesday)	Angamuwa Prime Land, Miriyagalla, Padukka Estate, Weragala Estate, Weragala R.E., Siyambalawa Bulk Supply:- B.D.N. Rubber Factory
15 (Thursday)	Pahala Padukka Bulk Supply:- Spensa Denim, Jinesha Garment
21 (Wednesday)	Pittuhena, Padukka Town, Padukka Town New (Udumulla), Telecom - Padukka
28 (Wednesday)	Ayurveda Hospital, Upali Jayasooriya Bulk Supply:- CIC Holdings - Lenagala

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29 (Thursday)	Kurugala, Madulawa, Muthulanda, Suren Cook, Halbarawa The Finance, Dimuthulanda, Harris New, Galabendihena, Meegoda V.C., Meegoda Vidyalaya, Muthuhena, Ayurveda Hospital, Upali Jayasooriya Bulk Supply:- New Edinborough, Edingborough, Rusirumal, Meegoda Weaving Mill, Garment Services, Harris Brush, Orange, L. H. Piyasena, Hettiarachchi, Nippon Building, Midya Packaging
HANWELLA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE AREA	
02 (Friday)	Jayaweeragoda, Jayaweeragoda, Prime Land (Jayaweeragoda), Boraluwathenna, Hewagama Estate, Halpe Estate R.E. Dinusha Saw Mill, Halpe Estate
03 (Saturday)	Welewatta, Mabula, Siriniwasa Estate, Kadugoda Kahapola, Karagalla Bulk Supply:- Pussella Meat Products, Pussella Farm
04 (Sunday)	Nawagamuwa Super City, Sarasavi Nawagamuwa, Undugoda Land Sale, Thalapitiya - Undugoda, Siyambalagaha Junction - Ranala, Kurunduwatta, Jalthara Junction Osprey Clothing, Ospray III, Star Packaging, Ceramco Minerals, Quality Pack Lanka - Nawagamuwa, Lokupitiya Metal Crusher, Gamini Fashion, Super Apparels - Ranala, Gamini Furniture, Jinadasa Garment, Access Engineering, YGA Perera
06 (Tuesday)	Labugama New, Dambora, Thummodara, Panghagala Bulk Supply:- Kalatuwawa Tank, Labugama Tank
09 (Friday)	Embilladeniya, Laksiri Garden, Near Elephant House, Sing Lanka, Torrinton City, Batewela - Near Ele. House, Dedigamuwa, Yasodara Mawata Bulk Supply:- Agri Leasure, Deutsh Lanka - Tech Stream, Elephant House, Elephant House - Ice Cream, Elephant House, CBL Foods, Ceylon Cold Stores (Lumbini Estate), Ventures Enterprises, Kodikara Metal Crusher, Pizzakraft Lanka pvt LTD
22 (Thursday)	New Leaf, Batawela Bulk Supply:- Sachico International, Lanka Decals
24 (Saturday)	Artigala New (Old Road) Bulk Supply:- American Premium, S.D.V.S.Jayasundara, Nippon Lanka, A.V.S. Imports - Artigala, M.S.P. Perera, Ransara Metal Crusher
AVISSAWELLA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE AREA	
02 (Friday)	Randivigama, Alubodala
05 (Monday)	Balikawa Road, Kosgama C.E.B., Hedawatta - Kosgama Bulk Supply:- Seeland Holding (Pvt) Ltd, Pussella Farm, Pussella Farm New
06 (Tuesday)	Dunkalahena, Ilukovita, Ilukovita - Ella Uda Bulk Supply:- Dayani Metal Crusher - Dunkalahena, Mackarate Flywood Ukwatta, Penrith, Honiton Bulk Supply:- Penrith Water Pump, Avissawella Telecom
11 (Sunday)	Hingurala, Hingurala - Mahawaladeniya, Dehigahalanda Bulk Supply:- Sisil Foods



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Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha

Registration of Suppliers and Contractors for Year 2021

Applications are received by me up to **19.10.2020** from reputed manufacturers, suppliers and contractors who wish to register with this Pradeshiya Sabha for the supply of goods and services and to carry out construction contracts mentioned in the schedule below for year 2021 subject to the following conditions.

- Those who wish to register as suppliers, service providers and contractors should send their self prepared applications to include following details either by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha, Miriswatta, Mudungoda" or hand delivered to receive on or before 19.10.2020. The caption "Registration of Suppliers and Contractors - 2021" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.
 - Name and Address of the Supplier of Goods/Services or Contractor
 - Telephone No. / Fax No. / Email Address
 - No. and Name of the Supply/Service for which registration is sought (As per the Schedule)
 - Business Trade Name and Address
 - Business Registration Certificate No. (Should submit copy of the Business Registration Certificate)
 - Details regarding experience
 - Details regarding Registration in Construction and repairing Field (Should attach copy of relevant certificate)
- Separate applications should be submitted for each supply and service.
- Registration Fee mentioned in the schedule should be paid either in cash or by a cheque drawn in favour of "Chairman, Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha". (Money Orders will not be accepted)
- Those who wish to register as Contractors should prove their eligibility with documentary proof.
- Preference will be given to suppliers and contractors within the Western Province.
- As this Pradeshiya Sabha is exempted from Value Added Tax (VAT), please note that VAT will not be paid for supplies.

Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha
Tel. No. 033 2222020
22.09.2020

W.A. Ranjith Gunawardena
Chairman
Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha

Schedule

Items of Supply for which registration with the Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha for year 2021 is sought and the Registration Fee

Ser. No.	Supplies	Registration Fee
1	Supply of Stationery	1000.00
2	Supply of Office Equipment / Furniture / Steel / Plastic Goods	1000.00
3	Official Rubber Stamps	1000.00
4	Supply of Equipment for Street Lighting and Electrical Goods / Equipment	1000.00
5	Computers and Accessories, Fax Machines	1000.00
6	Supply of Inks, Ribbons and Toners required for Computers, Duplo Machines and Photocopiers	1000.00
7	Health Sanitary Equipment (Health Equipment such as Brooms, Ekel Brooms, Toilet brushes, Mops etc.)	1000.00
8	Building Construction Materials and Equipment	1000.00
9	Supply of Road Construction Materials (Earth, Metal, Sand, Cement, Tar, Colas, Ready Mix, Firewood, Sawn Timber and others) and Equipment	1000.00
10	Paints and related equipment	1000.00
11	Supply of Concrete Drain Blocks, Hume Pipes, Concrete Fence Posts, Cement Blocks, Cement Interlocking Blocks and Concrete related Products	1000.00
12	Supply of all kinds of License/No. Plates including Assessment No. Plates	1000.00
13	Supply of Ayurveda Drugs and Other Equipment	1000.00
14	Supply of Disinfectants, Weedicides, Pesticides and Cleaning Materials	1000.00
15	Supply of Vehicles Spare Parts, Tyres, Tubes and Batteries including Tractor Spares	1000.00
16	Supply of Uniform Materials / Other Textile Materials / Curtaining and Shoes	1000.00
17	Sports Goods	1000.00
18	Materials required for Landscaping including Flower Pots, Plants, Fertilizer and Chemicals	1000.00
19	Making Notice Boards and Drawing of Banners	1000.00
20	Printing Works, Printed Forms and Documents	1000.00
21	Supply of Labour for Construction Work	1000.00
22	Supply of Machinery for Construction Works (Bulldozer, Backhoe Loader, Motor Grader, Excavator, Road Rollers and Concrete Mixers)	1000.00
23	Supply of Vehicles on Hire Basis (Lorries, Tippers, Tractors and Vans)	1000.00
24	Library and Pre-School Equipment (All Equipment including Furniture)	1000.00
Services		
25	Supply of Food and Beverages	1000.00
26	Supply of Translation Services	1000.00
27	Building Repairs and Maintenance	1000.00
28	Garages for repairing of vehicles	1000.00
29	Tyre Retreading	1000.00
30	Repairing of Office Equipment	1000.00
31	Repairing of Typewriters / Photocopiers / Roneo Machines and Duplo Machines	1000.00
32	Repairing of Computers, Supply of Inks, Spare Parts, Cleaning Materials and Servicing	1000.00
33	Servicing of Vehicles	1000.00
34	Purchase of Old Newspapers, discarded Items	1000.00
35	Legal and Notary Services	1000.00
36	Surveying Services,	1000.00
37	Festival Goods (Obtaining Huts, Chairs, Loudspeakers on hire basis, repairs and sale)	1000.00
38	Repairing of Electrical Equipment	1000.00
39	Air Conditioning of Vehicles, air conditioning services and repairs	1000.00
40	Transport of Earth	1000.00
41	Supply of Earth Cutting Machines	1000.00
42	Stitching of Curtains	1000.00
43	Repairing of Three Wheelers, Supply of Spare Parts and Servicing	1000.00
44	Repairing of Tyres, Tubes and Batteries and Sale	1000.00
45	Repairing of Office Furniture and other Goods	1000.00
46	Felling of Dangerous Trees and Cutting of Branches	1000.00
47	Computer System Networking and Repairs	1000.00
48	Repairing the Vehicle Electrical System	1000.00
49	Repairing the Vehicle Injector Pumps	1000.00
50	Garages for Painting of Vehicles	1000.00
51	Garages for repairing of Three Wheelers	1000.00
52	Garages for Painting the Three Wheelers	1000.00
53	Processing of Identity Cards	1000.00
54	Garages for the repairing of Road Rollers	1000.00
55	Air Conditioning of Buildings and relevant servicing	
Construction Contracts		
56	Construction Contracts up to Rs. 500,000/-	1000.00
57	Construction Contractors from Rs. 500,000/- to Rs. 1,000,000/- (Only those with ICTAD Registration)	1500.00
58	Construction Contractors above Rs. 1,000,000/- (Only those with ICTAD Registration)	2000.00

Teaching Hospital - Anuradhapura

Registration of Suppliers for Goods and Services - 2021

Applications are invited from Sri Lankan suppliers, registered commercial establishments, cooperative societies, government institutions including corporations and reputed commercial institutions for the registration of suppliers of goods and services to the Anuradhapura Teaching Hospital for year 2021.

- All applications may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Director, Teaching Hospital, Anuradhapura" or hand delivered. The caption "Registration of Suppliers for year 2021" should be mentioned on the left-hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.

(a) Supplies :

- All kinds of Stationery (Including Fax Papers and Computer papers)
- All kinds of Furniture and Office Equipment (Wooden / Steel / Plastic)
- Hospital Mattresses (Rubber Mixed/Coir)
- Shoes, Slippers, Boots, Rexine and Rubber products
- Uniform Materials
- Hospital Linen (Chequered Cloth, Bed Linen, Mosquito Nets, GS Towels etc)
- All Electrical Equipment (Refrigerators, Air Conditioners etc)
- Office Equipment (Roneo Machines, Photocopiers, Fax Machines etc.)
- Aluminium Goods and Metal Goods
- Construction and Maintenance of Accessories (Electrical, Iron, Plumbing)
- Tyres, Tubes and Batteries for Vehicles
- All Wooden Goods, Planks and Finished Products (Non Furniture)
- Medical Equipment, Surgical Equipment, Laboratory Equipment and Surgical Consumables
- Chemicals for Laboratories
- Motor Spare Parts
- L.P. Gas (For Cooking Purposes)
- Computers and related accessories
- Accessories required for Electrical and Mechanical Works
- Crockery, Glassware, Plasticware
- Hospital beds, Stretchers, Wheel Chairs, Trolleys, Saline Stands etc.
- Drugs and Bandages
- All Consumables (Electric Bulbs, Tube Lights, Torch Batteries, Wires, Soaps, Liquids and Powders required for cleaning toilets, Ekel Brooms, Brooms, Brushes etc.)
- Supply of Fire Extinguishing Equipment
- Supply of Medical Equipment Spare Parts

(b) Services :

- Repairing and Servicing of Office Equipment and Computer Networking (Photocopiers, Computers etc.)
- Repairing of All Electrical Equipment
- Repairing of All kinds of Motor Vehicles (Air Conditioners)
- Repairing of All kinds of Motor Vehicles (Electrical)
- Repairing of All kinds of Motor vehicles (Except Air Conditioning and Electrical repairs)
- Servicing of All kinds of Motor vehicles
- Repairing of Steel/Wooden Furniture (Rattaning of chairs, Painting, Polishing etc.)
- Making Rubber Stamps
- Printing Works
- Repairing of Surgical, Laboratory and all Medical Equipment
- Repairing of Gas and Oxygen Equipment (Repairing Gas Burners and Gas Cookers)
- Purchase of Plastic Bottles, Coconut Shells, Cardboard removed from the Hospital
- Refilling of Fire Extinguishers
- Repairing of Wheel Chairs and trolleys
- Cushioning (Vehicles and Furniture)
- Application forms will be issued up to **3.00 p.m.** on government working days from **01.10.2020 until 31.10.2020**. Separate applications should be submitted on application forms obtainable from this institution for each good and service.
- Further a non refundable registration fee of **Rs. 1000/-** should be paid for each good and service. This fee should be paid to the Shroff of this office and the receipt obtained should be attached to the application. Cheques and Money Orders will not be accepted.
- When calling for quotations, preference will be given to registered suppliers for supplies and services but this institution reserves the right to obtain quotations and goods and services from other reputed suppliers. Names of the suppliers who fail to supply goods of accepted standards and as per the sample, and who fail to respond when calling for quotations will be struck off the list of registered suppliers without any intimation.
- All applications will be accepted only until **2.00 p.m. on 15.11.2020**. Late applications will be rejected.
- It is mandatory to attach a copy of the Business Registration Certificate to the application.
- It is essential to attach a copy of the VAT Registration Certificate if you are an active VAT payer.
- Applications that do not contain proper information will be rejected.

Chairman
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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE**

01. Sealed bids are received by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Department of Health Services up to 10.00 a.m. on 20.10.2020 for the supply of following services, spare parts for medical equipment.

Goods / Service	Hospital	Value of Bid Bond (Rs.)	Non Refundable Bid Fee (Rs.)
01 Supply of Spare Parts for Medical Equipment	i. ECG Recorder	1% of the Bid Value	For all Items Rs. 2500.00
	ii. CTG Machine		
	iii. Diathermy		
	iv. Patient Monitor		
	v. Suction Apparatus		
	vi. Difribilator		
	vii. Phototherapy Unit		
	viii. Endoscopy		
	ix. Nebulizer		
	x. Infusion Pump		
02 Provision of Security Services	i. District Hospital, Embilipitiya	130,000.00	For each Hospital/ Institution Rs. 2,500.00
	ii. Base Hospital, Balangoda	100,000.00	
	iii. Base Hospital, Kahawatta	90,000.00	
	iv. Base Hospital, Kalawana	60,000.00	
	v. Base Hospital, Ehaliyagoda	90,000.00	
	vi. Regional Hospital, Chandrikawewa	30,000.00	
	vii. Base Hospital, Karawanella	120,000.00	
	viii. Base Hospital, Mawanella	100,000.00	
	ix. Base Hospital, Warakapola	120,000.00	
	x. Regional Drug Stores, Ratnapura	13,000.00	
	xi. Regional Drug Stores, Kegalle	13,000.00	
	xii. Chest Clinic, Ratnapura	13,000.00	
	xiii. Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Ratnapura	13,000.00	
	xiv. Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Kegalle	13,000.00	
	xv. Office of the Provincial Director of Health Services	25,000.00	
03 Provision of Cleaning Services	i. District Hospital, Embilipitiya	350,000.00	For each Hospital / Institution Rs. 2,500.00
	ii. Base Hospital, Balangoda	180,000.00	
	iii. Base Hospital, Kahawatta	170,000.00	
	iv. Base Hospital, Kalawana	150,000.00	
	v. Base Hospital, Ehaliyagoda	90,000.00	
	vi. Base Hospital, Karawanella	180,000.00	
	vii. Base Hospital, Mawanella	180,000.00	
	viii. Base Hospital, Warakapola	198,000.00	
	ix. Base Hospital, Kolonna	30,000.00	
	x. Regional Hospital, Godakawela	30,000.00	
	xi. Regional Hospital, Pallededa	30,000.00	
	xii. Regional Hospital, Chandrika Wewa	30,000.00	
	xiii. Office of the Provincial Director of Health Services	15,000.00	
04 Servicing and Maintenance of Central Air Conditioning System	i. Base Hospital, Balangoda	For all Institutions Rs. 15,000.00	For all Institutions Rs. 2,500.00
	ii. Base Hospital, Kahawatta		
	iii. Base Hospital, Karawanella		
	iv. Base Hospital, Mawanella		
05 Servicing and Maintenance of Mortuary Coolers / Refrigeration System	i. Base Hospital, Balangoda	For all Institutions Rs. 15,000.00	For all Institutions Rs. 2500.00
	ii. Base Hospital, Mawanella		
	iii. Base Hospital, Kolonna		
	iv. Regional Hospital, Deraniyagala		
	v. Regional Hospital, Rambukkana		

03. Bid documents will be issued by the Office of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Director of Health Services between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 25.09.2020 until 16.10.2020 and up to 12.00 noon on 19.10.2020. Bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 20.10.2020. The receipt obtained from this office upon payment of the relevant fee and the written request for documents should be submitted to obtain bid documents.

04. Bids in duplicate as Original and Duplicate in separate covers should be reinserted in a single cover, sealed, mentioning "Invitation of Bids for the Supply ofService / Spare Parts - 2020" on the left hand top corner and may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Provincial Department of Health Services, No. 75, Dharmapala Mawatha, Ratnapura" or hand delivered.

05. Sealed bids should be sent either by registered post to receive before 10.00 a.m. on 20.10.2020 or deposited in the Bid Box kept at the Accounts Division of the Office of the Provincial Director of Health Services to receive before 10.00 a.m. on 20.10.2020.

06. Bids will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 20.10.2020 at the Office of the Provincial Director of Health Services. Bidders or their authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of bids.

07. Bid documents may be inspected free of charge at this office.

08. Further details may be obtained by calling the Chief Accountant of this office. Tel. No. 045-2222277.

Chairman
Departmental Procurement Committee
Provincial Department of Health Services
Ratnapura
25.09.2020



CEYLON FISHERY HARBOURS CORPORATION

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Leasing the Ice Plant (without machinery and equipment) in the Tangalle Fishery Harbour

Tender No. : CFHC/PD/T/IP-TAN/2020-25

Tenders are called for **five (05) year** lease of the ice plant (without machinery and equipment) situated in Tangalle Fishery Harbour belonging to the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation.

Tender applications may be obtained from the head office or the Cashier, Tangalle Fishery Harbour on payment of non - refundable fee of **Rs. 1,000/-** and refundable deposit of **Rs. 5,000/-**. Applications will be issued from **25.09.2020** to **15.10.2020** during office hours (**09.00 a.m. to 03.00 p.m.**)

Tenders will be accepted until **02.00 p.m. on 16.10.2020** and the tenders should be deposited in the **"Tender Box"** kept in supply division of Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation, Rock House Lane, Colombo 15. Tender will be opened at **02.00 p.m. on 16.10.2020** at the Supply Division Head office, Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation.

Further information may be obtained from the Procurement Manager Head office or Harbour Manager (Tangalle), Tel.: **011 2525063 / 047 2240978.**

**Chairman
Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation
No.15, Rock House Lane,
Colombo 15**



CEYLON FISHERY HARBOURS CORPORATION

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited for the following by the Chairman, Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation, No. 15, Rock House Lane, Colombo 15 to **02.00 p.m** till **20th October 2020**. CIDA Registered Contractors required.

No.	Tender No.	Description	Bid Bond Amount (Rs.)	CIDA Grade	Tender Fee (Rs.)	Closing Date
01	CFHC/SD/T/REP/DAM-QUAY/TAN/2020/26	Repair Work of Damaged Quay Wall at Tangalle Fishery Harbour	52,000.00	C7 or above	1,000.00	20.10.2020 at 2.00 p.m
02	CFHC/SD/T/REP/DAM-QUAY/NEG/2020/27	Repair Works of Damage Quay Wall - 30.0m at Negombo Fishery Harbour	39,500.00	C8 or above	1,000.00	20.10.2020 at 2.00 p.m

A complete set of bidding documents and drawings in English Language can be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of written application to : **The Procurement Manager, Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation, No. 15, Rock House Lane, Colombo 15** from **25th September 2020** until **19th October 2020** from **09.00 a.m. to 03.00 p.m.** upon payment of a Non - refundable fee of above mentioned. The method of payment will be cash.

Sealed tenders prepared according to the instructions given in the Tender documents should be addressed to The Procurement Manager, Ceylon Fishery Harbours corporation, No.15, Rock House Lane, Colombo - 15 and send by the registered post or to be deposited in the Tender Box available in the Procurement Division before **2.00 p.m. on 20th October 2020** offer received after **2.00 p.m** on **20th October 2020**. Will not be accepted. Tender document should be submitted with **duplicate**. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter. You or your representative could participate at the time of opening of Tenders.

The Tender board reserves the right to accept or reject any tender fully or partly. Further details can be obtained from the Civil Engineering Manager **Tel.011-2527439**, Procurement Manager **Tel:011-2525063**

**Chairman
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CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION ON INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE) REPORT OF THE PROPOSED HOTEL PROJECT AT No. 218, SRIMATH KUDA RATHWATHA MAWATHA, KANDY NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 23 BB (4)

This is to inform the public that after study of the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) report of the above project, the Central Environmental Authority has decided in terms of Regulation 9 (i) of the National Environmental (Procedure for approval of projects) Regulations No. 01 of 1993, as amended by the Gazette No. 1159/22 dated 22nd November 2000 to grant approval to Mr. G.N. Weligamage, No. 88, Raththota Road, Mathale for the implementation of the above project subject to specified terms and conditions. This IEE report is a public document according to the provisions of the National Environment at (Amendment) Act No. 53 of 2000 and is available at the Library of the Central Environmental Authority.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

TENDER FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & MAINTAIN OF POINT OF CARE ANALYZER FOR TROPONIN & SERUM ELECTROLYTE ON REAGENT & CONSUMABLE BASIS

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital invites sealed bids from interested bidders for Supply, Installation & Maintain of following analyzer.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Bidders may be manufacturers/Agents/Companies who have previous experience to supply similar equipment.

Q No.	Item	Qty	Tender Deposit
Q 570/20	Point of Care Analyzer for Troponin & Serum Electrolyte on Reagent & Consumable Basis	01	2,000.00

- Complete set of bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to **The Supplies Officer, Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital, Thalpathpitiya, Nugegoda** which could be obtained on any working day from **25.09.2020 until 14.10.2020** from 9.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. on payment of a non-refundable fee as above.
- Bids shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the **Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital, Thalpathpitiya, Nugegoda** at or before 10.00 hrs. on **15.10.2020**. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representative who choose to attend.

Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee,
Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital,
Thalpathpitiya,
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AMENDMENT TO INVITATION FOR BIDS

CONSTRUCTION OF ENTRY TOLL PLAZA AND RELATED FACILITIES TO COLOMBO KATUNAYAKE EXPRESSWAY AT PELIYAGODA

AND

CONSTRUCTIONS OF ENTRY TOLL PLAZA AND RELATED FACILITIES TO COLOMBO KATUNAYAKE EXPRESSWAY AT SEEDUWA

This refers to the Procurement Notice that was published in Dinamina, Thinakaran and Daily News newspapers on 28th August 2020.

AMENDMENT TO CIDA SPECIALTY, GRADE AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS.

- CIDA Speciality and Grade are amended as follows.

Contract No	Speciality	Grade
RDA/DPR/EOM/ETP-P/2020/66	Highways	C 3 and above
RDA/DPR/EOM/ETP-S/2020/67	Highways	C 3 and above

- The deadline for Submission of Bids are extended until 14:00 hrs. on 13.10.2020.
- Accordingly, Bids shall be valid upto 12.01.2021
- Bid Security should be valid upto 09.02.2021

All other information which appeared in the previous Procurement Notice remain unchanged.

For further details please contact Director (Procurement) RDA on Tel 011-2884790, 011-2046476
Email: procurement@rda.gov.lk

The Chairman,
Ministry Procurement Committee
Ministry of Highways,
8th Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",
216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.

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SRI PALEE CAMPUS UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO INVITATION FOR BIDS

Janitorial, Cleaning & Garden Maintenance Services & Security Services

The Chairman of the Department Procurement Committee (Major), University of Colombo, Colombo 03 invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Janitorial, Cleaning & Garden Maintenance Services & Security Services for Sri Palee Campus, University of Colombo.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bid Number / Item Description	Bid Closing Date & Time	Place of the Purchase of Bid Documents / T.P. Numbers	Non - Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Value of the Bid Security (Rs.)	Source of Funding	Cost Estimate (Rs.)
SPC/GA/BID/01/2020 Janitorial, Cleaning & Garden Maintenance Services, Sri Palee Campus, University of Colombo	14.10.2020 Time : 2.30 p.m	Assistant Registrar Sri Palee Campus University of Colombo, Wewala, Horana T.P. 034-2265553	Rs. 2,000/-	Rs. 55,000/-	Treasury Funds	Rs. 550,000/- (per month)
SPC/GA/BID/SS/02/2020-2021 Security Services, Sri Palee Campus, University of Colombo	14.10.2020 Time : 2.30 p.m	Assistant Registrar Sri Palee Campus University of Colombo, Wewala, Horana T.P. 034-2265553	Rs. 2,000/-	Rs. 53,000/-	Treasury Funds	Rs. 530,000/- (per month)

A complete set of bidding documents in English language could be purchased by interested bidders upon submission of a written request and upon payment of a non-refundable fee mentioned in column 04 of the above table for each set of bid documents during the office hours (9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. in any working days) till the day prior to the bid closing date. The method of payment will be only by bank deposit to the Sri Palee Campus by any branch of the Bank of Ceylon using the Account number 719939.

- The bids shall be deposited in the "Tender Box" available in the Assistant Registrar's Office of the Sri Palee Campus or sent under registered post to be received before the deadline to reach "Assistant Registrar, Sri Palee Campus, University of Colombo, Wewala, Horana". Bids will be opened immediately after the bid closing time and date as indicated in column number 02, in the presence of Bidders and their authorized representatives. Late Bids will be rejected.

DPC - Department Procurement Committee (Major)
The Chairman
Department Procurement Committee (Major)
University of Colombo
94, Cumarathunga Munidasa Mawatha,
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