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Yupun, Palitha bring honours for country at Commonwealth Games

ALLAAM OUSMAN reporting from Birmingham

Olympian Yupun Abeykoon and Paralympian Palitha Bandara made Sri Lanka athletics proud on a star-studded night on Wednesday with their heroic performances on the track and



Picture by Prince Gunasekera

President's speech boosts trading in bourse

President Ranil Wickremesinghe's Throne Speech made on Wednesday (3) has boosted the investor sentiments and the bourse trading had increased rapidly thereafter, Stockbrokers said.

Colombo bourse continued its upward trend amidst healthy turnover amidst positive developments in listed large caps along with some clarity in the political front. Further, President in his latest speech mentioned that work is in progress to modernise and strengthen the economy whilst bringing stability in the short-term and proposed a series of broader goals and policy transformations.

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DUTY CONCESSIONS FOR SME SECTOR

CONCESSIONS FOR IMPORTING GARMENT ACCESSORIES

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Cabinet approval has been requested to provide assistance to Small and Medium Enterprises (SME), Industries Ministry sources said.

"SME industrialists have requested to provide them dollars to open LC's, assistance to import raw materials, tax concessions and loan facilities," Ministry sources said.

Meanwhile, Cabinet Spokesman Mass Media Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardane told reporters on Tuesday (3) that a resolution has been furnished by

Industries Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana for granting duty concessions on imports by local garment manufacturing equipment or appliances.



Picture by Hirantha Gunathilake

Ambulance service withdraws

Protesters moving out of Galle Face

SUBHASHINI SENANAYAKE

St. John's Ambulance Service which extended first aid services to the Galle Face struggle site withdrew from the premises yesterday.

The ambulance service was available in the protest site to provide first aid for the protesters since beginning and they had vacated the premises following the notice from the

President seeks support from political parties to form an All-Party Govt

SLFP - President discussions fruitful - Dayasiri

MPs GL, Dullas, Wimal also meet President

The Parliament has to be converted into a Government in order to resurrect the country from the present plight, President Ranil Wickremesinghe told political party leaders who met the President yesterday evening.

Joseph Stalin remanded till August 12

Ceylon Teacher's Union Secretary Joseph Stalin was remanded till August 12 after being produced before Colombo Fort Magistrate's Court yesterday.



BLESSINGS...



President Ranil Wickremesinghe yesterday received the blessings of Mahanayake of Sri Lanka Amrapura Maha Nikaya Most Ven. Dodampahala Chandrasiri Thera at Sri Gothama Thapowana Viharaya, Rajagiriya.

President issues Gazette declaring essential services

AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

An extraordinary gazette notification has been issued considering the necessity of the services provided by any Public Corporation or Government as essential public service.

Accordingly, all services connected to the supply of electricity, the supply or distribution of petroleum products and fuel, all service, work or labour, of any description whatsoever, necessary or required to be done in connection with the maintenance, and the reception, care feeding, and treatment, of patients in hospitals, nursing homes, dispensaries, and other similar institution, will be considered as essential service.

ANCL launches SMS news alert service

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Sri Lanka crisis an opportunity for more democratic, inclusive Govt - Blinken



Sri Lanka is in a moment of challenge and crisis but has an opportunity to create a more democratic and inclusive government, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Thursday.

Blinken made the remarks in Cambodia at the start of a meeting with his Sri Lankan counterpart Ali Sabry, who said his country appreciates the

Queen Elizabeth congratulates the President

Queen Elizabeth has congratulated President Ranil Wickremesinghe citing that she is looking forward to continue the warm friendship between Britain and Sri Lanka.

The British High Commission to Sri Lanka has conveyed the congratulatory message from Queen Elizabeth II to the President

The message reads as follows: "I would like to extend my congratulations to you on



Shooter misses target inside Mount Courts

Fires three shots and leaves unharmed

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

A gunman opened fire at a Special Task Force informant who was in the dock appearing in a case of embezzlement pending in the Mount Lavinia Court and fled the scene yesterday noon.

Private buses say fuel quota not enough

IRANGIKA RANGE

Several private bus associations threatened to strike from today claiming that their buses have not been provided with sufficient fuel under the QR system.

Activist Kerner released on bail, travel banned

SHAVINI MADHARA

Social media activist Pathum Kerner who was arrested and remanded in connection with the violent incidents during a protest at Polduwa Junction near Parliament on July 13, was released

Writ applications filed against Galle Face vacate order

DILSHAN THARAKA

Four writ applications have been filed in the Court of Appeal seeking an Interim Stay Order preventing the respondents in the petitions from acting on the police order

Pre-trial conference against Easter attack accused on October 3

DILSHAN THARAKA

The case filed against 25 accused including Nauffer Moulavi in connection with Easter Sunday terror attack

that took place on April 21 in 2019, was yesterday postponed for pre-trial-conference on October 3 by the Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar.

When the case was taken up before the Bench comprising Colombo High Court Judges Damith Thotawatte, Amal Ranaraja and Navaratne

Marasinghe, nine accused who had been detained in the Boossa and Bogambara prisons were not present in Court.

New Railways GMR, DMT Chief appointed

Transport, Highways and Mass Media Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardane has appointed W.A.D.S. Gunasinghe, as the new General Manager to the Sri Lanka Railways.



Gunasinghe, an experienced Special Grade officer in Sri Lanka Planning Service (SLPS), has also acted as the President's Additional Secretary previously.

Counsel tells DC to release President from a Easter attack case

DILSHAN THARAKA

President's Counsel Ronald Perera appearing for President Ranil Wickremesinghe sought from the

Colombo District Court to release his client from the cases filed by one hundred and seven members of the families who were injured,

permanently disabled and victimized in the Easter attack seeking compensation for their life and property damage.

Sri Lanka committed to One-China policy, UN Charter - President

China's Ambassador in Sri Lanka Qi Zhenghong called on President Ranil Wickremesinghe at the Presidential Secretariat, yesterday (4). The Chinese Ambassador extended his best wishes to President Wickremesinghe and discussed the manner in which the bilateral

relations could be further strengthened. During the meeting the President reiterated Sri Lanka's firm commitment to the One-China policy, as well as to the provisions of the UN Charter on the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations.

Free Stalin, desist from arresting union leaders - Sajith

AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa questioned as

to why the government is arresting trade union leaders such as Joseph Stalin

who protested peacefully. Condemning Stalin's arrest, Premadasa visited him at Fort police station yesterday (4).

Bus fares reduced, minimum fare Rs.34 from today

National Transport Commission (NTC) Director General Dr. Nilan Miranda said bus fares will be reduced by 11.14 percent from today, in line with the recent fuel price reduction.

Accordingly, the minimum bus fare, which

SLAF drone that crashed near Parliament found



CAMELIA NATHANIEL

A team of Navy divers recovered the drone that crashed into the Diyawanna Oya while it was deployed for the opening ceremony of Parliament on Wednesday.

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DUTY CONCESSIONS FOR SME SECTOR... From page 01

Speaking to the media at the weekly Cabinet media briefing, Minister Gunawardane said that the granting of duty concessions to the garment industry has become one of the main sectors earning foreign exchange to Sri Lanka even amidst COVID-19 pandemic circumstances.

However, due to the price hike of raw materials and the prevailing unfavourable economic environment experienced in the country, local garment manufacturers are compelled to deal with a number of chal-

lenges when importing appliances required for garment manufacturing that are not produced locally.

Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the proposal made by the Industries Minister to grant duty concessions on imports by local garment manufacturing equipment or appliances or items not manufactured locally and coming under 19 harmonized system (HS) codes; as a remedy to the prevailing situation.

Activist Kerner released on bail... From page 01

on bail by Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court yesterday.

He was released on two sureties of Rs.1 million each. The Magistrate also imposed a travel ban on him. When the case was taken up, Colombo Additional Magistrate Harshana Kekunawela ordered that activist Pathum Kerner to be produced for an identification parade. Pathum Kerner was taken into custody on 28 July, by the Colombo Crimes Division, after he had arrived in to record a statement in connection with the unruly incidents, reported at the entry road to the Parliament near Polduwa Junction on July 13. President's Counsel Rienzie Arsaculathne appearing on behalf of the suspect

raised an objection and pointed out that there is no legal basis for conducting the identification parade as his client's photos have already been published in newspapers and other electronic media.

However, the Additional Magistrate rejected the objection and ordered to direct the suspect for the identification parade.

Attorney T.Weragoda appearing on behalf of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka alleged that they went to Prison to meet Pathum Kerner on August 3. However, the counsel alleged that the prison authorities have prevented them from meeting the suspect. The Magistrate fixed further inquiries for August 25.

Yupun, Palitha bring honours for... From page 01

field at the magnificent Alexander Stadium in Birmingham on day six of the XXII Commonwealth Games.

Italy-based 27-year-old Abeykoon defied all expectations win a historic bronze medal in the men's 100m final clocking 10.14 seconds behind Kenya's Ferdinand Omanyala (10.02) and South Africa's Akani Simbine (10.13).

Army Corporal Palitha Bandara (30) walked the talk to become the first para-athlete to win a medal in the Commonwealth Games when he claimed silver in the men's Discus F42-44/61-64 event throwing a distance of 44.20 metres. Welshmen Aled Davies (F42 51.29m) and Harrison Walsh (F44 54.76m) claimed the gold and bronze respectively.

In a magnanimous gesture, Bandara rushed to congratulate Abeykoon soon after his finished in third position in the 100m final. "All of Sri Lanka had a lot of hopes on Yupun. At that moment as a Sri Lankan I felt very proud more than my event when Yupun won," said Bandara.

Abeykoon said his medal was a little gift from him to the people of Sri Lanka who had rooted for him all the way. "I want to thank everyone for supporting me all the way. For everyone who watched me running and eve-

ryone in Sri Lanka, this is a little gift," said Abeykoon who could not believe his eyes when he finished third in the final.

"My team and I had already achieved the target when we entered the semifinals," said Abeykoon who was the fastest in the heats clocking 10.02 seconds before finishing fourth in the third semifinals barely advancing to the final as one of the fastest qualifiers returning a time of 10.20.

"My coach told me to relax during the finals because we had already achieved our goal," said Abeykoon, who considers the medal a bonus.

He expressed his eternal gratitude to the people of Sri Lanka who blessed him every step of the way.

"Lot of people were looking forward to it. They believed in me. I want to thank everyone for supporting me all the way. For everyone who watched me running and everyone in Sri Lanka, this is a little gift," he reiterated.

On becoming the first South Asian athlete to run a sub-10 of 9.96, Abeykoon said: "I planned three years for it. I told you earlier, I have achieved my target. Everything else is a bonus. Medal is also a bonus. I have achieved my target already," he said basking in the glory.

President's speech boosts trading... From page 01

The All-Share Price Index increased yesterday by 149.0 points (+1.8%) to close at 8,229.1 for the day whilst S&P SL20 Index gained by 91.6 points (+3.5%) to close at 2,677.7. LOLC Holdings, Expolanka Holdings, Royal Ceramics, Lanka IOC and LOLC Finance remained as the top positive contributors to the ASPI during the day. Further, broader market's total turnover stood at Rs. 3,799.6mn against the 12month average daily turnover of Rs.4,464.9mn, whilst the volume traded for the day was 150,159.8k against the 12-month average daily volume of 216,191.6k. Energy, Diversified Financials, Capital Goods and Transportation mostly contributed to yesterday's turnover.

The top turnover generators for yesterday were Expolanka Holdings Rs.955.8mn (+8.8%), Lanka IOC Rs.523.7mn (+8.9%), LOLC Finance Rs.333.5mn (+12.1%), Melstacorp Rs.352.3mn (- 3.3%) and Browns Investments Rs. 190.8mn (+5.3%). Foreigners recorded a net outflow of Rs.206.3mnyesterday. Foreign purchases

stood at Rs. 262.4mnwhilst total foreign sales amounted to Rs.468.7mn. Top foreign buying counters HAYLLKR.8.1 mn, MASKLKR.2.5mn, BERULKR.5 mn, BOPLLKR.2.1 mn, TKYOLKR.2.0 mn and TKYOXLKR.1.7 mn whilst top foreign selling counters were MELSLKR.(151.4)mn, EXPOLKR.(53.4)mn, PARQLKR.(6.9)mn, LLUBLKR.(6.7)mn, VPELLKR.(4.6)mn and LIOCLKR.(3.7)mn.

Further, off-board transactions were witnessed in Melstacorp (Rs.260.8 mn) and John Keells Holdings (Rs.120.0mn) yesterday.

Additionally, Industrial Asphalts, Kotmale Holdings, Agstar, Hunas Falls Hotels and Lanka Ashok Leyland were the top price gainers yesterday whilst Sigiriya Village Hotels, Talawakelle Tea Estates, Renuka Foods (Non-Voting), Guardian Capital Partners and Elpitiya Plantations were the top price losers. Further, LOLC Finance, Browns Investments, Softlogic Capital, Melstacorp and Lanka IOC were amongst the most actively traded stocks yesterday.

Sri Lanka crisis an opportunity for ... From page 01

U.S. role in securing support from the International Monetary Fund, Reuters reported.

The two were meeting on the sidelines of a regional gathering in Cambodia. Foreign Minister Ali Sabry is in

Phnom Penh, Cambodia to take part in the 29th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Ministerial Meeting from August 4 and 5.

Meanwhile the U.S. Secretary of State said he also met with Indian

External Affairs Minister Dr.S.Jaishankar today in Phnom Penh to discuss the implications of Russia's aggression against Ukraine and Sri Lanka's economic and political situation. (Agencies)

Counsel tells DC to release President from... From page 01

Colombo Additional District Judge Mahesha De Silva ordered him to produce written submission through a motion on September 13 regarding this request.

District Judge Mahesha De Silva issued this order after considering the request made by President's Counsel Ronald Perera to release President Ranil Wickremesinghe from being a respondent in the case under the immunity of a President according to the first sub-constitution of Article 35 of the Constitution.

At a previous occasion, Former President Maithripala Sirisena also made a request to the Colombo District Court to release himself under Presidential Immunity, and the District Court rejected the request. Following that, former President Maithripala Sirisena filed an appeal to the Civil Appellate High Court challenging the order issued by the District Court and the appeal is pending. The case will be taken up again on September 13.

Former President Maithripala Sirisena, for-

mer Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando, former IGP Pujith Jayasundara, former Director of the State Intelligence Service Nilantha Jayawardena and the Attorney General have been charged in 128 cases.

The lawsuit was filed by the victims of the Easter Sunday attacks against former President Maithripala Sirisena and a group of government officials for neglecting their responsibilities and neglect of duty and demanded compensation.

According to the nature of each complainant, these cases were filed seeking compensation of Rs.10 million and above.

President's Counsel Shamil Perera appeared for the plaintiffs and a panel of attorneys including Dinesh Vidanapathirana appeared for President Ranil Wickremesinghe. A panel of attorneys including President's Counsel Faiz Mustapha appeared for the other defendants.

SLAF drone that crashed near ... From page 01

SLAF spokesman Group Captain Dushan Wijesinghe said that it has been confirmed that the drone had crashed due to a technical failure. The relevant drone was deployed for surveillance by the Sri Lanka Air Force yesterday during the opening ceremony near the Parliament.

The drone which was deployed for security surveillance had suddenly crashed into the Diyawanna Oya yesterday. Several drones have

been deployed by the Sri Lankan Air Force for the security surrounding the Parliament area. The Air Force Spokesman said that this was part of the air defence system that is enabled when parliament is in progress and for the protection of the President. The air defence unit is capable of jamming any approaching enemy drone or other outside force, which is a security measure to protect the head of state.

New Railways GMR... From page 01

Meanwhile, Special Grade officer in Sri Lanka Administrative Service (SLAS) Nishantha Anuruddha has been appointed as the new Commissioner General of the Department of Motor Traffic (DMT). He also had previously served as Additional Secretary to the President.

Pre-trial conference against ... From page 01

Superintendents of the Boossa and Bogambara prisons had informed before that the accused would not be produced in Court due to the prevailing fuel crisis. They had also informed Court that the accused can be produced before the Court on Skype technology.

The Bench ordered that the case be adjourned to another date as the Court does not currently have the facilities to produce accused through Skype technology.

Considering the circumstances the case was fixed for pre-trial-conference on October 3 by the Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar.

Superintendents of Boossa and Bogambara prisons were ordered to produce the accused on that day. The Court premises was heavily guarded and all the accused were brought to the court amid tight security.

Indictments have been filed in connection with eight attacks on the Kochechikade St. Anthony's shrine, the Katuwapitiya St. Sebastian's Church, The Kingsbury Hotel, Shangri-La Colombo, Cinnamon Grand Colombo, Batticaloa Zion Church and the Dehiwala Tropical Inn against 25 accused.

Mohammed Ibrahim Mohammed Nawfar alias Naufar Moulavi, Mohammed Saribu Adam Lebbe (Abu Hadik), Hayathu Mohammed Milhan (Abu Zil-

lah), Mohammed Ibrahim Sadiq Abdullah (Abu Umar), Mohammed Ebrahim Abdul Haq (Abu Fala), Mohammad Anwar Mohammad Riskan (Abu Tariq), Mohammad Mansoor Mohammad Sanasdeen (Abu Misan), Abdul Manaf Mohammad Piridavus, Mohammad Ramish Mohammad Zariq, Abdul Latif Mohammad Safi (Safi Moulavi / Abu Furqan), Husseinul Rizvi Mohammad Kahir Samir, Mohammad Zawheer Mohammad Hassan (Abu Dawood), Mohammed Itikhar Mohammad Insaf (Abu Mohammad), Rashid Mohamed Ibrahim, Mohammed Hanifa Zainul Abidin (Abu Hina), Mohamed Mustafa Mohamed Haris (Abu Nanjjar), Yassin Bawa Abdul Rauf, Rasik Raza Hussain, Kachchi Mohamed Jasmine, Zainul Abdeen Mohamed Jaseen, Mohamed Mustafa Mohamed Rizwan, Meera Saheed Mohamed Naffi (Abu Sana), Mohamed Amin Ayantullah, Mohamed Ansar Deen Hilmi and Mohamed Akram were indicted by the Attorney General in the High Court. The indictments were filed against accused under the Prevention of Terrorism Act comprising 23, 270 charges including charges of conspiracy, preparation, aiding and abetting, collection of explosives and weapons, murder and attempted murder.

Sri Lanka committed... From page 01

He observed that countries must refrain from provocations which further escalate the current global tensions, and pointed out that mutual respect and non-interference in the internal affairs of countries are important foundations for peaceful cooperation and non-confrontation.

Protesters moving... From page 01

Fort Police for the protesters to leave the protest site by 5.00 p.m. today (5). Meanwhile, the protesters were seen removing some of the temporary shelters in the Galle Face protest site following the order by the police on Wednesday and yesterday. However, they reiterated that although they vacated the premises, the struggle to bring the country back to normalcy would not be stopped at any cost.

Queen Elizabeth... From page 01

becoming President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. I look forward to continuing the warm friendship between our two countries during your Presidency. I send my good wishes for your future role and the success and the happiness of your country and people."

Bus fares reduced,... From page 01

was Rs.38 until yesterday, has been reduced to Rs.34. He said 10 per cent was reduced from the 20 per cent which was increased on November, 11 2020 due to the COVID pandemic while another 1.14 per cent was reduced considering the diesel price reduction on August 1. The fare reduction is also applicable to the normal passenger transport bus services including SLTB buses, Inter-Provincial private buses and Gemi Seriya, Nisi Seriya and Sisu Seriya buses operating countrywide.

He said that legal action would be taken against the buses for charging higher fares. Passengers were also advised to contact hotline 1955 for any such complaints.

President issues Gazette... From page 01

The extraordinary gazette notification number 2296/21 issued on Wednesday (03) stated, "By virtue of the powers vested in me in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, do by this Order, considering it necessary that the services provided by any Public Corporation or Government Department or Local Authority or Co-operative Society or any branch thereof being a Department or Corporation or Local Authority or Co-operative Society, which is engaged in provision of the services specified in the Schedule hereto, is essential to the life of the community and is likely to be impeded or interrupted, declare the services specified in the Schedule hereto to be an essential public service for the purposes of the aforesaid Section."

President seeks... From page 01

The President has said that he expects the support of all the parties in Parliament to form and All-Party Government and pass the 22nd Amendment. President Wickremesinghe has also told the MPs that an Interim Budget will be presented to Parliament by September first week.

The discussions with the Sri Lanka Freedom Party and President Ranil Wickremesinghe ended on a positive note yesterday. SLFP General Secretary Dayasiri Jayasekara said that they discussed 11 proposals with the President and the discussion was fruitful. When asked what transpired at the meeting, Jayasekara said "We discussed how to formulate the All-Party Government (APG) and many other issues in the country".

When asked whether the SLFP will join the All-Party Government, he said the SLFP has not yet decided whether to join the APG or not.

He said that the SLFP discussed with the President at the initial round of talks about the prevailing issues in the country and few more rounds of talks will continue. "But we have decided to support the Government to come out of this economic mess but have not yet decided whether to join the APG or not." When asked whether the SLFP will accept Ministerial portfolios, Jayasekara said the SLFP has not discussed it yet. SLFP parliamentarians Dullas Alahapperuma and Wimal Weerawansa also met President Ranil Wickremesinghe yesterday.

Joseph Stalin... From page 01

Stalin was arrested by police on Wednesday evening for organizing a protest at Bank Street in Fort in violation of court order that prevented protests in the area. The arrest was made when he arrived at the Guru Gedara in Kollupitiya on Wednesday evening.

Meanwhile, National Bhikku Front's Media Secretary Ven.Koswatte Mahanama Thera who was also arrested in this connection was ordered to be remanded till August 5.

Obituaries

COORAY - SINTHAMANI (SINTHA) nee RODRIGO - Wife of late Sepala (Ray) Cooray, mother of Sujeeva, Devini and Sriyan; mother-in-law of Neelan, Shyamala and Minal; grandmother of Praveen and Soniya, Rekha and Chris, Onella, Eshi, Thuashya, Raenella, Yanishkhe and the late Nischaal; sister of Kantha, the late Indrani (Ranee) Mahesa and Devaka; sister-in-law of Sunitha and Ranjith and the late Nelson, Yoga, Thilaka and Chandra, Lali and Kum, Chandra and Siri, Seela and Donald, Babs and Hugh. Remains lie at the **A.F. Raymond's Funeral Parlour**. Cortege leaves at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 5th August 2022 for cremation at 3.00 p.m. at the Old Crematorium, General Cemetery, Borella.

OBITUARY NOTICE



Mrs T. Bhadra Fernando

Beloved Wife of (former CSTE of Sri Lanka Railways) Eng. U. C. Nimal Fernando, darling mother of Dr. Arosha Fernando and Eng. Tyronne Fernando, Mother-In-Law of Dr. Madhu Fernando and Himashi Fernando, Grandmother of Neathan, Neve, Nikol, Kevindu and Kenuli, passed away peacefully on the 3rd August 2022.

Remains lie at **RESTPECT HOME BY JAYARATNE - VVIP Funeral Parlour** for viewing from 9 am to 9 pm on Friday, 5th August and from 9 am on Saturday, 6th August.

Cortege leaves the Parlour on Saturday, 6th August at 4 pm for **cremation at Kanatte, Borella at 4:30 pm.**

Medicine, medical equipment procurement to be speeded up

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Health Minister Keheliya Rambukwella says that measures have been taken to speed up the procurement process of importing medicines and medical equipment in a more transparent manner.

The Minister pointed out that this process, which was taking a long time, will be done in the shortest possible time.

The Minister said this when he met the German Ambassador to Sri Lanka Holger Seubert in Colombo recently.

A group of officials from the German Chamber of Commerce in Sri Lanka were also present.

The meeting was held recently at the Health Ministry to discuss the obstacles that were occurring before in the importation of medicines and medical equipment supplied by German companies to Sri Lanka.

The Health Minister also pointed out that a new group of officers has been appointed to the National Medicines Regulatory Authority and that it will be possible to reduce the obstacles in

the importation of medicines through a new system and transparent procedures.

He said that the efficiency of such institutions is more important especially for providing medicines to the patients without shortage.

The Health Minister expressed his gratitude for the support provided by Germany to Sri Lanka in the face of the current crisis as well as the Covid crisis.

The Minister said that the health sector in Sri Lanka has the strength to face any situation that

may arise in the future and it has been shown more through the Covid process.

Chief representative of the German Chamber of Commerce in Sri Lanka Mary Antonia, Secretary to the Health Ministry Janaka Sri Chandragupta, Director General of Health Services Dr. Asela Gunawardena, National Medicines Regulatory Authority Chairman Prof. S.D. Jayaratne, its Chief Executive Officer Dr. Vijith Gunasekara and a group of officials from the German Embassy were also present.



Health Minister Keheliya Rambukwella in talks with Chief Representative of the German Chamber of Commerce in Sri Lanka Mary Antonia, at the Ministry, recently.

Diary

Islamic New Year celebrations on August 7

Borella Ahadiyyah and Islamic Educational Centre will hold its 36th Year Islamic New Year (Muharram) celebration on Sunday, August 7, at 10.00 am at the All Ceylon YMMA Conference Auditorium, Dematagoda, Colombo.

It will be held under the patronage of Principal of the Borella Ahadiyyah and Islamic Educational Centre Shibly Hashim.

Member of the Board of Directors of the Tower Hall Foundation Hassim Omar will be the chief guest and Youth Parliament Deputy Minister of External Affairs Ahmed Sadiq and Zahira College Colombo Old Boys' Association President Alavi Mukthar will be the guests of honour.

Korean Ambassador calls on Foreign Minister



Foreign Minister Ali Sabry, PC, with Korean Ambassador Woonjin Jeong, at the Ministry recently.

Korean Ambassador Woonjin Jeong paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Ali Sabry, PC, at the Ministry recently.

Both sides exchanged views on deepening bilateral cooperation in a range of areas including political, economic, employment, education, knowledge transfer and people-to-people contacts.

Minister Sabry expressed satisfaction at the level of bilateral engagements in the last few years and stressed the importance of carrying through the momentum by consolidating the trade and investment partnership between Sri Lanka and South Korea.

The Minister underscored the urgent need to revive the joint economic commission for expanding trade and technology transfer between the two countries. The Foreign Minister also appreciated Korea's timely consideration to increase employment opportunities for Sri Lankans.

Ambassador Woonjin assured Korean assistance to Sri Lanka.

Consular and Labour Mobile Service in Thilafushi Island in Maldives

The High Commission of Sri Lanka in Maldives organized a mobile consular and labour service in the Thilafushi island in Maldives recently.

This was the second such mobile service conducted by the Mission after the highly successful inaugural event on March 17 in Hulhumale island.

The Mission team headed by the High Commissioner provided a range of services to Sri Lankans who patronised the service, including the acceptance of new passport applications, conversion of Sri Lankan driving licences, attestation of certificates, as well as attending to labour related issues.

The team also visited two boat building and repair yards, where a large number of Sri Lankans are employed.

It is noteworthy that the Manager of a Sri Lankan-Maldivian joint venture enterprise, Keel Marine Pvt Ltd, Asanka Fernando gave the office space of the company, free of charge to the Mission to hold the mobile service.

Thilafushi is an artificial island created as a municipal landfill industrial area situated to the west of Male.

The major industrial activities in the island are boat manufacturing cement packing, methane gas bottling and large-scale warehousing.



At the mobile consular and labour service organized by the Sri Lankan High Commission in Thilafushi island in the Maldives.



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UK, Sri Lanka to explore avenues of more investments and trade

Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and British High Commissioner Sarah Hulton discussed possibilities of enhancing trade and economic ties and attracting more investments from United Kingdom.

Hulton called on the Prime Minister at the Prime Minister's Office in Colombo yesterday (4) and they discussed the current political, social and economic issues in Sri Lanka and close cooperation between the two countries.

Hulton said there is potential to attract more British investments in power and energy sector including renewable energy and hydro power. The Prime Minister said the Victoria Dam is a symbol of British assistance to Sri Lanka and thank the UK for continuous assistance dur-

ing the current economic difficulties.

The Prime Minister explained the efforts are being made to form an all-party government and the High Commissioner said her country's expectation is to see the fulfillment of those efforts.

She added that if some parties are not willing to join such a unity government, at least they could agree on a National Joint Programme to help the country to get over the current economic difficulties.

British High Commissioner stressed that the democratic right to protest and freedom of expression as well as human rights must be protected. However she said that acts of violence cannot be condoned and such situations were unacceptable.

Prime Minister Gunawardena explained Sri Lanka's achievements in Sustainable Development Goals and the UK High Commissioner said her country could provide assistance under the Blue Planet Fund created at the COP26 Climate Change Conference in Paris.

The Prime Minister explained the plans to hold several international events to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Independence including tourism pavilion and an investment forum and requested to promote the participation of the United Kingdom.

Secretary to the Prime Minister, Anura Dissanayake and Head of Political Desk of British High Commission Mathew Deith also took part in the event.



Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena greeting British High Commissioner Sarah Hulton when she called on him at the Prime Minister's Office in Colombo yesterday.

Norway provides NOK 13 million to Sri Lanka

The Norwegian Government is providing NOK 13 million (Rs. 490 million) to the World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) in Sri Lanka to address food, nutrition and protection needs of the most vulnerable children and women.

Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs Anniken Huitfeldt in a statement issued from the Norwegian Foreign Ministry said, 'I am concerned about the food and nutrition crisis we are now witnessing in Sri Lanka. The grave humanitarian situation is having a severe impact on women and children.'

'Norway's allocation of NOK 13 million will address the acute need for food, nutrition, and protection in Sri Lanka. The support will be channelled through the UN and targeted towards food security and protection efforts,' Minister Huitfeldt said.

Norwegian Ambassador to Sri Lanka Trine Jorandi Eskedal said that even before the crisis, Sri Lanka had a significant percentage of malnourished children. The economic crisis is having an adverse impact on the nutrition needs of pregnant and lactating women and children. In this challenging environment, women and children are also increasingly vulnerable to abuse and sexual and gender-based violence.

The UN fears that the situation could deteriorate due to failed harvests and the ongoing economic and political crisis in the country, and could evolve into a full-scale humanitarian crisis. Unless rapid action is taken, the situation could become even worse in the coming months. In light of this, the UN has developed a humanitarian response plan.

Norway will provide NOK 5 million to WFP, targeted towards vulnerable groups. Additionally, NOK 5 million and NOK 3 million will be provided to UNICEF and UNFPA, respectively, for their work to protect children and women. Norway gives priority to providing protection for children and combating sexual and gender-based violence. These efforts are sorely needed in Sri Lanka to prevent the situation from deteriorating further.

Commenting on the support, Abdurrahim Siddiqui Representative and Country Director for WFP in Sri Lanka said, 'we are grateful to the Norwegian Government for extending a much-needed contribution to WFP's ongoing response as millions are struggling to meet basic food needs. We need all the support and contribution that we can get to step up our efforts to stall a humanitarian crisis in the making.'

'The crisis that Sri Lanka faces disproportionately affects children, including their access to education, protection, nutrition, health and water, sanitation and hygiene services. UNICEF's teams are on the ground, responding to these urgent needs. This contribution from Norway is timely and will enable UNICEF reach more of the most vulnerable children and their families with the vital services they need,' said Emma Brigham, Acting Representative, UNICEF Sri Lanka.

Speaking on the need to prioritise sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence response services, Kunle Adeniyi, Representative for UNFPA Sri Lanka said, 'the support received from the Government of Norway will help UNFPA ensure the most vulnerable women and girls including those at risk of gender-based violence are able to access critical health and protection services during the current crisis.'

Globally, Norway is a key partner and donor to the UN, including to WFP, UNICEF and UNFPA. The Government of Norway has a history of providing humanitarian assistance to the people of Sri Lanka in times of need, during emergencies such as tsunamis and floods. Norway is also providing continuous support to humanitarian mine action in Sri Lanka.



Traffic movement on the Hatton-Nuwara Eliya road came to a standstill for two hours when a huge mound of earth collapsed on the road in Nanuoya yesterday morning. Picture by Ranjith Rajapaksa, Hatton Corr.

Kerala cannabis worth Rs. 14 million seized in Mannar

Navy seized 49.380kg of Kerala cannabis during a special search operation at Mannar Sand Banks on August 3 morning.

SLNS Thammanna from the North Central Naval Command in a special search operation at Mannar Sand Banks on August 3 seized 20 packages of Kerala cannabis buried in the area. The stock weighed about 49.380kg.

Smugglers might have hidden this stock of Kerala cannabis underground, Navy personnel said.

The gross street value of the Kerala cannabis is about Rs. 14 million. The stock was kept in Naval custody until legal action.



Party in power legally bound to implement manifesto - IRES

PRIYAN DE SILVA

Executive Director of the Institute of Democratic Reforms and Electoral Studies (IRES) Manjula Gajanayake said that laws should be introduced to ensure that the ruling party fulfill the electoral promises in its manifesto.

He said that it was a known fact that political parties in Sri Lanka forget their pre-election promises and pledges after being elected to office.

A Manifesto is the written statement of the beliefs, aims and policies of a political party to the public, Gajanayake said. Most people decided for whom to vote after listening to its contents on platforms.

'In addition, the people will decide for themselves if



Manjula Gajanayake

of not less than four years and six months from the date appointed for its first meeting, unless Parliament requests the President to do so by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the whole number of members (including those not present), voting in its favour.'

Reiterating that any government, which fails to act in keeping with the aims and policies in their manifesto forfeits the mandate given to them by the people. He pointed out that the 145 Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) MPs in Parliament have ethically lost the people's mandate as its manifesto 'The Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour' is defunct now.

the party of their choice could be trusted to fulfill its promise," he said. Gajanayake said that according to the present Constitution, the President may by proclamation, summon, prorogue and dissolve Parliament: Provided that the President shall not dissolve Parliament until the expiration

MP Uddika Premarathne visits Japan

Member of Parliament from the Anuradhapura District Uddika Premarathne visits Japan from July 31 to August 11. During his stay in Japan, Parliamentarian Premarathne will meet several key dignitaries of the Government of Japan to strengthen bilateral relations between Sri Lanka and Japan and to promote investment opportunities, collaborative projects in agriculture, foreign employment and primary education.

On August 1, MP Premarathne called on Minister of Environment of Japan, Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi, and appreciated Japan's development assistance to Sri Lanka. Under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), MP Premarathne invited Japan to consider establishing industrial plants in waste recycling and introduce transfer of various technologies that convert non-recyclable waste into renewable energy.

Explaining the potential in export oriented production of fertilizer in Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka, he welcomed Japan to consider investments in this sector.

During his stay in Tokyo, Parliamentarian Premarathne met



MP Uddika Premarathne in Japan (Second from left) along with several key dignitaries of the Japanese Government.

Member of House of Representatives from the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) Satoshi Fujimaru, who is the Acting Director, Foreign Affairs Division of the LDP and former Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defence. MP Premarathne sought Japan's assistance in improving the standard of pre-school education, teaching methods and facilities in the Anuradhapura District to reach a level similar to Japan's pre-school edu-

cation system. Former Minister of State for Regional Revitalization, Regulatory Reform Kozo Yamamoto, who coordinated the high-level meetings, was also present. Chargé d'Affaires of the Sri Lanka Embassy in Japan Sesath Thambugala accompanied Parliamentarian Premarathne in his meetings.

The visiting Parliamentarian also attended an event organised for him by the Embassy of Sri

Lanka in Tokyo to interact with representatives of six Sri Lanka Japan Associations at the Embassy on August 1.

Parliamentarian Premarathne is expected to call on Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan on August 10. During his visit to Kita-kyushu City in Fukuoka Prefecture in Japan, MP Premarathne will meet several regional Mayors and government officials and also visit Hiroshima.

Adjournment debate on Government Policy Statement on August 9, 10 and 12

The Secretary General of Parliament Dhammika Dasanayake, said that it was decided that the party leaders' meeting this afternoon in Parliament that the adjournment debate on the Government's policy statement presented by the President in Parliament on Wednesday (3) will be held on August 9, 10 and 12.

The decision has been made according to the request by several party leaders to give a three-day debate in this party leaders' meeting chaired by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena.

Parliament will meet on August 9 at 1.00 pm and the debate will continue until 4.30 pm. Parliament will meet on August 10 and 12 from 10 am to 4.30 pm.

The Secretary General also said that since this debate is an adjournment debate, no voting will be held at the end of the debate.

Meanwhile, the Secretary General also said that the amendment bill with regard to the Appropriation Act No. 30 of 2021 for 2022 will be presented to

Parliament on August 9 and 22. Amendment to the Constitution will be presented to Parliament on August 10.

In the meantime, there has been a discussion on the re-appointment of the committees that were cancelled with the recent prorogation of Parliament. Accordingly, it has been decided to appoint the Committee of Selection on August 9 and then the other cancelled committees including the Committee on Parliamentary Business.

Navy clears blockages under bridges in Galle



A group of Naval personnel clearing the debris.

Naval troops cleared blockages under the Agaliya and Dodamgoda Bridges in Galle as downstream of water at those locations has been blocked by debris. The water level in the Gin Ganga had risen in the heavy rains hampering the flow of water under these bridges.

Making a dedicated commitment to restore the downstream of river water, a team including Navy divers from the Southern Naval Command was sent to the locations by the Navy.

The naval personnel after hours of strenuous effort ensured proper downstream of water.

ANCL launches SMS news alert service

NUWAN KODIKARA and SAMANMALI SOMASIRI

With the aim of providing instant news to readers, the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (ANCL) has taken steps to commence an SMS news alert service in all three languages.

Accordingly, subscribers can type Reg(space)DIN and SMS it to 77010 to activate *Dinamina* news alerts. Similarly, by typing Reg(space)DAILYNEWS and sending an SMS to 77010, *Daily News* news alerts could be activated and for *Thinakaran* news alerts subscribers should type Reg(space)TKN and send it to 77010 to activate Tamil news alerts.

Secretary to the Mass Media Ministry and ANCL Chairman Anusha Pelpita officially launched the SMS news alert service on August 3.

Addressing the gathering at the launch of the SMS news alert service, Pelpita noted that as the new generation is more inclined towards new media, ANCL as a media organization should adapt to new media methods and communicate information to the readers accordingly.

He said that the sources of information communication should be changed while adapting to new technological methods, and information should be communicated promptly to the loyal readers who have been with Lake



ANCL Chairman Anusha Pelpita launching the Daily News, Thinakaran and Dinamina news alert service at the Lake House premises. ANCL Director Editorial Sisira Paranathanthri, Director Legal Janaka Ranatunga, Director Finance Professor Harendra Kariyawasam, Chief Editors and Deputy General Manager (Advertising) Prasanna Jayasundara were present. Picture by Nissanka Wijeratne

House for many years. He compared the newly commenced SMS news alert service to a sprouting plant and expressed confidence that it would grow into a mighty tree.

The Chairman pointed out that the rising cost of printing due to the current economic crisis is becoming unbearable for all printing establishments, adding that if a peaceful atmosphere can be maintained in the country, this

situation would normalize to some extent in the future.

Meanwhile, the Editorial Director of Lake House Senior Journalist Sisira Paranathanthri said that there is no doubt that this SMS service will be a crucial crossroad in the history of ANCL, where it reaches its readers instantly, whereas readers were reached only once a day previously through newspapers. He said that ANCL has the abil-

ity to bring more reliable news to readers quickly, adding that the readers' acceptance of ANCL is a contributory factor.

ANCL Director of Legal Affairs Janaka Ranatunga, Director of Financial Affairs Professor Harendra Kariyawasam, Editors of ANCL newspapers, Deputy General Manager of Advertising Prasanna Sukho Jayasumana and several other participated in this event.

People advised not to bathe at waterfalls in spate



The Ravana Ella waterfall on the Ella - Wellwaya road, in spate. Picture by T. Ashok Kumar

T. ASHOK KUMAR Hali-Ela Spl. Corr.

Due to the heavy rains with the onset of the South West Monsoon, the Disaster Management Centre has requested people to avoid bathing at waterfalls and reservoirs which are in spate, in the Badulla and Monaragala districts.

The Disaster Management Department and the police said many people have lost their lives in the Badulla district's Ravana Falls, Diyagama Falls and Dunhinda Falls and the Ellewala Falls in the Monaragala district.

Unused medical equipment in some hospitals given to others

M.A. PHAKURDEEN Addalaichenai Group Corr.

Kalmunai Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) Dr. I.L.M. Rifas said that at time when the country is faced with an economic crisis, the Department of Health in the region has handed over unused medical equipment lying in certain hospitals to hospitals which need them, after the necessary repairs.

Medical equipment to the tune of Rs. 200 million was repaired and handed over to hospitals under the 'Pioneer Resource Mapping' scheme supported by World Bank.

Dr. Rifas was speaking at the ceremonial laying of the foundation stone for the construction of Panankadu Divisional Hospital in Akkaraipattu at a cost of Rs. 20.2 million.

The ceremony was presided over by the Medical Officer in Charge of the Hospital Dr. U.L.M. Zackeel and was attended by Additional RDHS Dr. M.G. Abdul Wajeed, Regional Planning Director Dr. M.C.M. Mahir, Alayadivem-bu Divisional Secretary V. Pabakaran, Anti Malaria Medical Officer in Charge Dr. M.M. Nowshad, Ayurvedic Medical Officer



RDHS Dr. Rifas laying the foundation stone. Picture by M.A. Phakurdeen

M.A. Nafeel, Building Construction Engineer R. Achchuthan, and Secretary of the HDS Dr. Chitra Devarajan.

Dr. Rifas said that the DHS has been monitoring the activities of the government medical institutions in the region and attending

to their needs. Unused equipment in some hospitals were given to others which needed them.

This methodology is not only benefits the hospitals in the region, but is also considered as a great assistance to the Government at this critical time, he said.

Scientists urge authorities to streamline fertilizer production at Eppawala

NIMAL WIJESINGHE Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

The government authorities have focused special attention in promoting and streamlining fertilizer production at the Eppawala phosphate deposit, spurred by the fertilizer experts and university intelligentsia in the field of agriculture, soil preservation and geology.

The Eppawala phosphate deposit situated in the Anuradhapura district about 240km from Colombo and 140km from the Trincomalee Harbour was first detected in April 1971 by the then Geological Survey Department.

The Eppawala phosphate deposit has got 60 million metric tons of phosphate which has been classified as high

grade deposit since it contains about 33 to 40 percent of phosphate and is also one of the richest and unique types of apatite deposits in the world.

The production of phosphate fertilizer officially began in 1974 and since then only around three percent of the total reserves have been consumed, having been continuously confined to the production of rock phosphate powder amounting to nearly 60,000 MT annually being sold to several fertilizer processing companies engaged in supplying processed fertilizer to tea, rubber and coconut plantations, at huge profits.

Fertilizer scientists have now proposed to the government to commence the production of value added phosphate

fertilizer varieties such as single super phosphate, triple super phosphate, etc. which are highly suitable for paddy and additional food crops, thus saving a huge amount of foreign exchange being spent for the import of chemical fertilizer.

The National Science Foundation, the premier national institution mandated for to promote science and technology for the socioeconomic development of the country, has emphasized to the relevant government sectors and authorities that Sri Lanka is endowed with valuable resources such as graphite, ilmenite, rutile, zircon, clay, garnet, mica, calcite and dolomite including apatite now found in bulk at the Eppawala phosphate deposit are exported as

raw material with hardly any value addition or used locally in the same manner thereby causing the country to lose a great opportunity to both earn and save considerable amounts of foreign exchange.

Professor Ranjith Senaratne at present heads the National Science Foundation while Dr. Sepalika Sudasinghe acts as the Director General of the foundation.

Fertilizer experts and agriculture scientists point out that at present the most valuable Eppawala rock phosphate (ERP and HERP) is used for perennial crops and out of the production, 85 percent is being used by around 12 private companies which re-mixing the material with nitrogen potassium and other sources whereas the

same process could be executed easily by the Lanka Phosphate Company, the authorized owner of the Eppawala phosphate deposit.

They urge the Agriculture Ministry to look into the lapse since this is right time for such innovation, when the country is placed in a critical economic crisis.

According to the scientists, since the ERP market in Sri Lanka completely depends on the government's fertilizer policies, there will be some positive outcome created by the government towards the phosphate company management to use its discretion in promoting, developing and streamlining the present stagnating fertilizer production techniques for achieving the country's chemical fertilizer requirements.

Vegetable cultivations destroyed by heavy rains

Farmers expect to face heavy losses

A.A.L. DIAS Matale District Group Corr.

Heavy rains and strong winds experienced in the last few days have caused severe damage to vegetable cultivations in the Matale district.

Farmers said that more than 5,000 acres of vegetable cultivations have been

destroyed in the district due to heavy rains, and they expected to face a huge loss.

Accordingly, there may be a severe shortage of vegetables in the near future, they said, as the farmers use paddy lands for vegetable cultivation in the Yala season. The rains fills the

paddy lands for two or three days and after that the vegetable crops are completely destroyed.

The vegetable crops have mostly been destroyed in the areas of Matale, Padivita, Kubiyan-goda, Naula, Pallepola, Akuramboda, Nagahapola and Kirioruwa.

Wall collapses on three children, one dies

SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN, Batticaloa Spl. Corr.

Owing to the inclement weather in the Batticaloa district, a wall of a building under construction collapsed on three children playing there, killing one, on Wednesday (3).

Four-year-old Usanar Fatima Rema from the resettled village of Pothanai, Punani, in the Kiran secretarial division, died in the wall collapse, Valaichchenai OIC Lasantha Bandara said.

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Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 6,349,760/-

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21 33 35 62

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Rs. 2,130,642.20

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Rs. 56,130,384/-

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Rs. 3,890,640/-

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Winning Numbers
15 24 33 52

English Letter
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Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,560,780/-

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Rs. 71,484,402.90

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25 English Letter, Super Number & Winning Numbers Draw No. : 987 Colour : Green
Date : 03.08.2022 Wednesday

Winning Numbers
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Winning Numbers
15 29 43 69

English Letter
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Rs. 34,380,308/-

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Bid documents could be inspected free of charge in the Supplies Manager's Office of the State Printing Corporation and a set of bid documents could be obtained from 08.08.2022 up to 25.08.2022 from 9.00 a.m. up to 3.00 p.m. on office working days from the Supplies Manager of the State Printing Corporation upon payment of a Tender Form Fee of Rs. 3000.00.

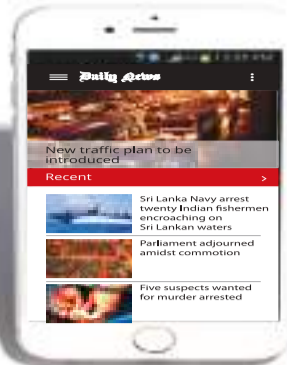
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The details of Treasury Bill issues are as follows:

Maturity Period	91 Days	182 Days	364 Days	Total
ISIN*	LKA09122K117	LKA18223B103	LKA36423H112	-
Amount Offered (Rs. Mn)	35,000	25,000	25,000	85,000

Date of Auction : 09th August 2022
 Date of Settlement : 12th August 2022
 Date of Issue : 12th August 2022
 Closing date and time of bid submission : **Tuesday** 09th August 2022, at 11.00 a.m.
 Minimum amount of a bid : Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/-) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/-) there onwards.

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Government Securities. Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).
 The CBSL may accept a higher or lower amount than the offered amounts for each maturity by reallocating amounts between the maturities, depending on the market conditions, but without exceeding the total amount on offer at this auction.

The general public is invited to purchase Treasury Bills from the following Primary Dealers or any other Licensed commercial banks.

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PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS - 2022

Ministry of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare Services

Department of Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare Services

Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare Services, Central Province invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified Bidders who have not been blacklisted for the purchase of following equipment, required for the Department of Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare Services, Central Province for the year 2022 for the differently abled persons.

Bid No.	Item No.	Equipment to be Purchased	Quantity	Refundable Bid Deposit (Rs.)		Non Refundable Bid Fee (Rs.)
				Bank Guarantee (Rs.)	Cash Deposit (Rs.)	
CPC/SP/2/6/2022/01	1	Pairs of Spectacles	89	11,200.00	5,600.00	1,500.00
CPC/SP/2/6/2022/02	1	Artificial Limbs above the Knee below the Knee	20	48,500.00	24,250.00	2,000.00
	2	Calipus Shoes	5			
CPC/SP/2/6/2022/03	1	Wheel Chairs (Elders)	120	156,000.00	78,000.00	2,000.00
CPC/SP/2/6/2022/04	1	Walking Frames	10	7,200.00	3,600.00	1,000.00
	2	Crutches	20			

To obtain bidding documents, bidders should have to submit the cash receipt, issued by the Finance Assistant of the Department of Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare Services, No. 615, William Gopallawa Mawatha, Kandy, as the bidding document fee, in respect of each Category/Group of items, as given in the table above from 09.08.2022 to 29.08.2022 on working days of the week from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. and bids should be submitted only on the Bid/Tender Forms issued by the Department or else bids will be rejected. Instructions for the Bidders will be issued to the Bidders along with the bidding documents.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security to the value as mentioned in table above, issued by a commercial bank, approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or an approved Insurance Agency in favour of the Commissioner of the Department of Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare Services, Central Province valid up to 29.11.2022 and if the payment is to be paid in cash, a certified copy of the receipt for the payment paid in cash in valid Sri Lanka Currency to the Finance Assistant of the Department of Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare Services should be submitted as the Bid Security.

Duly completed sealed bids should be dispatched either by Registered Post addressed to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare Services, Central Province, No. 615, William Gopallawa Mawatha, Kandy or if hand delivered, deposited in the Bid Box kept at the Accounts Division of this office, to receive at or before 11.00 a.m. on 30.08.2022. Late bids will be rejected. Alternative bids shall not be accepted. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids in the presence of Bidders or their accredited Agents, who choose to attend.

Bids should be submitted in duplicate marked as "Original" and "Duplicate" enclosed in two separate covers, sealed and both covers enclosed in a sealed, single envelope and the caption to the effect **"Quotations for the Equipment needed for the differently abled persons - 2022"** should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. Samples should be presented before closing time. i.e. 11.00 a.m. on 30.08.2022.

As the quantities to be purchased may be changed, the goods should be supplied during the period, informed and ordered by the Commissioner of Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare Services.

Further details regarding bids could be had during office hours from the Department of Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare Services, Central Province. (Telephone Nos. 081-2217401, 2223528) (Fax : 081-2217128).

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Department of Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare Services,
Central Province.**

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Invitation for Bids

Providing of Janitorial Service - 2022/2023 (Mihinthale Premises and Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences Premises)

- The Chairperson, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for undermentioned premises.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Bidders should provide separate Bids for Mihinthale Premises and Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences Premises.
- Following documents should be submitted along with the bid.
 - Valid Business Registration for provision of Janitorial Service.
 - Documents to prove the last three years of experience in providing Janitorial Services (Including 2019, 2020, 2021) with similar capacity as mentioned in the following table.

Name of Premises	Required Qualifications and Experience	Bid Security Valid up to 01.12.2022 (Rs.)	Non Refundable Tender Fee (Rs.)
1). Mihinthale Premises RJT/ADM/AD6/MIHINTHALE/01/2022-2023	Bidder should have experience in providing Janitorial Service in an organization employed more than 400 employees or deploying minimum 40 Nos. of Janitors per shift	360,000.00	6000.00
2). Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences RJT/ADM/AD6/FMAS/02/2022-2023	Bidder should have experience in providing Janitorial Service in an organization employed more than 200 employees or deploying minimum 30 Nos. of Janitors per shift	120,000.00	5000.00
3). Professional Unit and Pandukabhaya Anuradhapura Premises	Bidder should have experience in providing Janitorial Service in an organization employed more than 200 employees or deploying minimum 30 Nos. of Janitors per shift		

- Bids shall be accompanied by separate bid securities for each premises as stated in the above table. Bid Security shall be obtained from a commercial bank accepted by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased on submission of a written request to the Assistant Registrar (Administration) from 05.08.2022 to 26.08.2022 on working days between 09.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs upon payment of above non-refundable fee in cash to the Shroff of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.
- Bids shall be closed at 14.00 hrs on 29.08.2022.
- Bids shall reach with a duplicate to the address below at or before 14.00 hrs on 29.08.2022 (Bid Closing) by registered post or inserted in the Tender Box kept at the Office of the Registrar. Late bids will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened on 29.08.2022 at 14.00 hrs in the presence of Bidders or their authorized representatives.
- Further information can be obtained from Assistant Registrar / Administration of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka by T.P. No. 025-2266781 during working days.

Chairperson
Department Procurement Committee
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
Mihinthale.

05.08.2022

Assault on Senior DIG Deshabandu Tennakoon and group Police seeks public assistance to identify attackers



CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The police seek public assistance in confirming the identities of persons suspected to be involved in the assault on Senior DIG Deshabandu Tennakoon, an SP and two other police officers and causing them

injuries and damaging a police vehicle.

SDIG Deshabandu Tennakoon and a group were assaulted and injuries inflicted on them on May 10 at Perahera Mawatha, Colpetty. The Colombo Crimes Division is conducting investi-

gations into the incident and upon examination of surveillance footage and the investigations, several suspects have been identified. Hence, the police seek the assistance of the public to confirm the identities of these suspects.

Therefore, the police have appealed to the members of the public to provide information about these suspects involved in the incident via the following telephone numbers: 071 859 1735 / 071 859 2735 / 071 859 1733

Private buses say... From page 01

All Ceylon Private Bus Companies Federation, Inter-Provincial Bus Owners' Association, Podujana Eksath Bus Owners' Association and All Ceylon Island Bus Owners' Association will join the strike.

They pointed out that 40 liters of fuel supplied to them per week is not adequate to operate buses and large numbers of people engaged in this industry have suffered a lot due to this.

The All Ceylon Bus Passengers' Association claimed that the reduction of bus fare by 11.14 percent and the minimum bus fare from Rs.38 to Rs.34 from midnight yesterday was not enough. It said the fare should have been reduced more to provide concessions to the people.

Free Stalin, desist from arresting... From page 01

Premadasa questioned why leaders like Stalin who represents the voice of people is arrested when others reputed to instigate violence on people gets to walk free. Premadasa also pointed out that this was a time when attempts should be made to work together rather than terrorizing people. He demanded the government to put a stop to state-terrorism.

Premadasa also said that when Ranil Wickremesinghe was an MP, he said arresting a union leader like Stalin would lead to the country losing the GSP concession. He questioned if it

would not be the same case now. Premadasa noted that trying to solve problem by terrorizing people is not the answer and urged the government to opt for discussions.

The Opposition Leader also said that any citizen has the right to stand for his/her opinion, to speak, to meet, to protest peacefully, and said that no one can violate the right to any non-violent struggle. Premadasa noted that Joseph Stalin used his rights democratically for the sake of the country and no one can oppose these actions.

Farmer organizations welcome fuel distribution mechanism

ANANDA KANNANGARA

The main Anuradhapura District Farmer Association (ADFA) and several other countrywide farmer associations yesterday welcomed the decision taken by the Power and Energy Ministry to distribute fuel for agricultural equipment through CTB depots and security forces owned fuel pumping stations situated countrywide.

ADFA, Secretary Punchirala Ratnayaka said this novel fuel distribution system is a bold step taken by Minister of Power and Energy Kanchana Wijesekera and thanked the authorities regarding this important decision at this juncture, as large number of farmers have started reaping their paddy harvest and other minor crops now.

Meanwhile, many farmer organizations in several

other agricultural districts also welcomed the decision taken by the Government to provide them with fuel to use for their agricultural equipment uninterrupted from the beginning of the current 'Yala' season.

According to senior Energy Ministry official Gamini Marasinghe this decision was taken after a careful study of the difficulties faced by farmer communities as they cannot proceed with their paddy cultivation work without using agricultural equipment.

He further said that the fuel distribution for farmers will be carried out in a very transparent manner with the instructions given by district secretaries in the respective agricultural areas.

He said the Garama Niladaris in the respective areas will also assist district secretaries in this regard.

According to representatives of farmers organizations, farmers in Polonnaruwa, Ampara, Mahaweli B Zone, Sevanagala, Welikanda, Girthale, Nuwara-Eliya, Anuradhapura, Batticaloa and Welimda have abandoned large paddy cultivation lands during the last 'Maha' season owing to lack of fuel to operate equipment.

They also requested the authorities to expedite the fuel distribution as the preparation of paddy lands have already begun by some farmer communities.

Meanwhile, farmer organizations also have requested the Government to provide them with necessary chemical fertilizer including weedicides and pesticides as early as possible since almost all farmers have commenced their agricultural work by now.

Fuel pass users should not display QR code to others - Power and Energy Minister

Minister of Power and Energy Kanchana Wijesekera yesterday requested the national fuel pass users not to display the QR code anywhere visible

to others, in order to make sure no one else use it illegally. "Keep it in a secure place to make sure no one else uses it illegally," the Minister tweeted.

He also revealed that the option to delete the current profile feature is available now and the option to register again in the system.

Daily power cut reduced to one hour

P. K. BANDARA

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka yesterday said that the duration of daily power cut

will be reduced to one hour with effect from today. Commission said the power cut will be effective in the night.

"Power cuts imposed during weekends will be further reduced", an official of the commission said.

Shooter misses target inside... From page 01

No one was injured in the shooting. It is suspected that the shooter missed the target as he was nervous.

Intelligence agencies have received information that the attack was carried out according to the plan of an underworld criminal Harak Kata who is hiding in Dubai.

Peramuna Kamkanamla Predeep (36) of Ibbawala Weligama was his target. He appeared for a case pending against him in the Mount Lavinia court for defrauding Rs 48,500.

Police said that a case has been filed against him in the Mount Lavinia court for defrauding money through ATM from a retired soldier by promising him to provide a three-wheeler from the Ranaviru Seva Authority.

In addition, he had been charged of possessing a locally made revolver. Police said that this individual had been a close associate of underworld gangster Harak Kata.

Police stated that this person has worked as an informant of the Police Special Task Force and for that reason he has received life threats from Harak Kata.

Associates of Harak Kata had tried to kill him on several occasions, but he had managed to escape unhurt. Police said that once a house where he was staying was shot and he survived by escaping through the sliding door.

Based on this situation, sources said that when this person comes to Court, he will even get protection from the Special Task Force.

A senior officer said he is unprotected only when he is

inside court. Police added that he gets special protection when he comes to and leaves the court.

The person who is the target of the underworld gangster did not believe that he would be shot at in court because there were police and prison guards inside.

The shooter was sitting on a bench near the door of the court hall and when the informant entered the dock, he immediately stood up and fired at him.

It has also been found that the shot did not hit him because he fell down at the same time. Police added that although the second shot was fired, the target had gone wrong. Thereafter he had run out of the court hall and went to the police post on the court premises and shot again and fled.

When this shooting took place, many police and prison officials were present in court, but none of them had fired at the shooter.

Special Task Force personnel who were standing outside the court complex, did not know what had happened inside the court. It is said that the Special Task Force has taken steps to take person, who survived the shooting, to a security post after providing strict security.

Over ten lawyers, members of the court staff and civilians were at the court premises when the incident took place.

Since the security cameras recorded the suspect fleeing and arriving at the court premises, the police have started investigations.

A senior police officer of Mt. Lavinia Division said that four police teams have been deployed to arrest the fugitive shooter.

Writ applications filed against... From page 01

directing protesters to vacate the Galle Face protest site.

The Colombo Fort Police last Wednesday informed those occupying tents and temporary shelters at the Galle Face protest site to vacate the premises by 5 p.m. today. The notice further stressed that legal action would be sought against those who fail to comply with the instructions.

In an announcement, the Galle Face occupants were urged to behave in a manner that is in

compliance with the country's law and not to oppress the public.

The petitions have been cited Fort Police OIC Chief Inspector Sagara Liyanage, IGP C.D Wickremaratne, Urban Development Authority and the Attorney General as the respondents.

The petitions were filed by Ven. Miragahawaththe Kashyapa Thera, Irosh Aponsu, Lahiru Anton Fernando and Asanka Abeyrathne.

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Please refer the Government Gazette of 26.11.2021 and the Notice of Sale published in 'Daily News' & 'Dinamina' and 'Thinakaran' of 26.11.2021

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Request for Proposals (RFP)

Ministry of Irrigation
Climate Resilient Integrated
Water Management Project - CRIWMP

CONSULTANT - GIS SPECIALIST FOR DEVELOPING RESOURCE MAPS, CONDUCTING GIS TRAINING PROGRAMMES

RFP No: CRIWMP/PMU/PROC/2022/SER/09

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka with the accredited agency of UNDP has secured funding from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) towards the cost of Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project & part of this fund will be used for payments relevant to above service.
- Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project has implemented its operation in Anuradapura, Vavuniya, Puttalam, Kurunegala, Trincomalee, Mannar and Polonnaruwa districts. The project head office is in Colombo and Sub office is established in Anuradhapura. The **Project Director**, on behalf of the Chairman, Project Procurement Committee, **Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project, Ministry of Irrigation, 12th Floor, No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10**, invites sealed proposals from eligible and qualified bidders for **Procurement of Consultancy Services for GIS Specialist for developing resource maps, conducting GIS training programmes for Eight months period.**
- Bidder shall be a competent professional capable of provision of **Consultancy Services for GIS Specialist for developing resource maps, conducting GIS training programmes.** Bidders should submit their proposals for the entire requirement as indicated "Scope of Work" & "Specifications" in Terms of Reference (TOR) & submission of proposals for **partial service will not be accepted & will be rejected.** Proposals will be evaluated based on the technical responsiveness to "Scope of Work" & "Specifications" in TOR.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure (NCB).
http://www.treasury.gov.lk/documents/57687/174939/ProcurementManual2006_20060817_with_Sup_8.pdf/5d0563ed-05b1-4629-9937-db8e160aac29. Reference Guideline 3.2
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the **Project Director, Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project, Ministry of Irrigation, 12th Floor, No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10** (Contact No: 0112672223) from 0900 hrs to 1600 hrs on any working day.
- A complete set of Bidding documents in English language may be obtained online during office hours (from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs) from **05.08.2022 to 18.08.2022** on submission of a written request by the prospective bidder addressed to the Project Director, CRIWMP through CRIWMP email tendercriwmp@gmail.com .
- Proposals shall be valid for a period of 60 days after the date of bid opening. **Sealed Proposals (containing both technical & financial) must be sent under registered cover or deposited in the 'Tender Box' available at the address mentioned in paragraph 05 above, at or before 1400 hrs on 19.08.2022.** Please indicate the "Procurement of Consultancy Services for GIS Specialist for developing resource maps, conducting GIS training programmes - CRIWMP/PMU/PROC/2022/SER/09" on the left top corner of the envelope.
- Late proposals will be rejected. All duly received proposals will be opened immediately after the scheduled closing time of bids at the same venue. Bidders or their accredited agents could be present at the time of opening of proposals.

On behalf of Chairman, Project Procurement Committee, Project Director, Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project, Ministry of Irrigation, 12th Floor, No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10.

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A laudable step

The consent given by the Cabinet to a proposal by Labour and Foreign Employment Minister Manusha Nanayakkara to allow the import of electric vehicles for migrant workers who remit foreign exchange via official banking channels is a laudable move indeed.

According to Minister Nanayakkara, this will be in addition to enhanced Duty Free Allowances to returnees at the airport which will allow them the opportunity to purchase more goods at Duty Free shops. Accordingly, a person who had sent more than US\$ 3,000 to his/her or a relative's account at a bank will be permitted to purchase an electric motorcycle for half of the money sent. Electric motor vehicles are allowed to be imported from between US\$ 20,000 to a maximum of US\$ 65,000. Meanwhile, duty relief at the airport will be increased from US\$ 1,750 to US\$ 6,550 depending on the duration of stay, whether or not one has remitted foreign exchange earnings to the country.

The Minister has offered a considerable relief package to our migrant workers and deservedly so. This is considering the steady inflow of dollars to the country in July through the legal banking channels after a heavy slump prior to that, enabling the Government to import fuel, LP Gas, and medicines that were in short supply due to the lack of dollars.

It is not known if the exit of the Rajapaksas from high office had resulted in the steady inflow of dollars from Lankan migrant workers. In any event, the trend is promising and everything should be done to encourage its continuation. Apart from minor concessions like permission for our migrant workers to use the Green Channel at the airport on arrival, very little else was granted by way of relief or concessions barring a few sops. This, despite the fact that overseas remittances were our principal foreign exchange earner for a long time.

Given the collapse of the tourist trade which earlier drew in the dollars we should now pursue the avenue of relying on our migrant workers to bail out the country. For this, more concessions and incentives (for sending money via legal channels) should be explored to attract the maximum amount of dollars from this source.

In the meantime, stiffer penalties should be imposed on illegal channels dealing in foreign exchange remittances. All measures should be taken to convince our migrant workers that their remittances are safe and special bank interest rate schemes devised for drawing in more dollars.

Measures should be explored to increase the value of foreign remittances by sending our youth for better paying jobs abroad. More vocational training institutions and skills development centres should be set up to equip youth to earn enhanced salaries as a means of bringing in more dollars to the country.

All licensing agencies should come to an agreement with foreign-bound employees who go through these agencies to have all remittances sent to the country strictly via legal banking channels. Tabs should also be kept on rogue agencies which swindle persons desperate to go for jobs abroad. Our embassies abroad should also be roped in to persuade Lankans in those countries to send their remittances through our banking system.

They should also be instructed to be of service to our Lankans when in need. The recent actions of some of our embassy envoys who abandoned their fellow countrymen in times of distress may have also contributed to the bitterness that made them hold back their money.

Our foreign employment sector has indeed come a long way since the days when only largely poor rural women went to work as housemaids in the Middle East after this avenue was opened in the late seventies in the aftermath of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Conference held in Colombo. They went in a steady stream and while some ended up with harrowing experiences a majority made it good and not only succeeded in coming out of poverty but also built decent homes and gave their children in marriage.

In contrast, at present men and youth have largely outnumbered the women and are earning well and on their return not only build spanking new homes but also purchase luxury vehicles. It is such folk that we like to see leaving for greener pastures abroad and in return benefit the country with their enhanced earning capacities.

On the flip side, though, caution should also be exercised against precipitating a brain drain lest Sri Lanka lose her talented youth who will take their skills and expertise to other countries. The scenes at passport offices where the queues are several kilometres long itself tells a tale. This state of affairs is mostly born out of frustration due to a lack of opportunities, disregard for merit in granting employment, bribery and corruption and the general disgust with the system.

The luxury lifestyle enjoyed by the ruling elite and their progeny is also a contributory factor leading to this state of frustration. But for the moment, the country is in dire need of dollars and one way of obtaining this is certainly through the strong Sri Lankan workforce abroad.

TIGHTROPE WALK IN TRYING TIMES

INDIA; DEPENDENT FRIEND, CHINA; CLOSE ECONOMIC PARTNER



Then Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe meeting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi in April 2017.



Then Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe meeting Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the One-Belt-One-Road conference held in Beijing, China in May 2017.

Sugeeswara Senadhira



In his message of congratulations to new Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured continuous assistance to Sri Lanka, describing the giant neighbour as a dependent friend of Sri Lanka. This candid choice of word is all the more important as it came at a time Colombo has given permission for the Chinese vessel Yuna Wang 5 to enter Port of Hambantota from August 11-17, mainly for replenishment, including fuel.

China's Belt and Road Initiative Sri Lanka (BRISL) that Yuan Wang 5 would conduct space tracking, satellite control and research tracking in the North-Western part of the Indian Ocean Region through August and September.

India, for obvious reasons, keeps track of Chinese activities in the Indian Ocean region, especially in the ocean close to its Southern tip. Sri Lanka, having maintained good relations with regional and international powers, always kept itself away from power rivalry. In line with the foreign policy of neutrality, Sri Lanka allows foreign Naval ships to enter its ports and waters for friendly visits, joint military exercises and for fuel and logistic requirements.

Defence Ministry Spokesperson Col. Nalin Herath clarified the Chinese vessel will call on Hambantota for logistic support. He pointed out that "such vessels periodically come from various countries such as India, China, Japan and Australia. It is nothing unusual." The Defence Ministry clarified that the Chinese research vessel, Yuan Wang 5, was granted permission under the 'freedom of navigation' principle in the Indian Ocean.

Indian External Affairs Spokesman Aridam Bagchi-former Deputy High Commissioner in Colombo - said the Indian Government is carefully moni-

While Prime Minister Modi has assured that India will continue to be supportive of the quest of the people of Sri Lanka for stability and economic recovery, through established democratic means, institutions and constitutional framework, President Wickremesinghe, in his address to Parliament on August 3, thanked India for magnanimous contributions to Sri Lanka to face the unprecedented economic challenges.

toring the vessel's movement in the Indian Ocean. "The Government carefully monitors any developments having a bearing on India's security and economic interests, and takes all necessary measures to safeguard them," he said.

The Chinese vessel has high capabilities of surveillance and sea wave research and the vessel is expected to arrive at Hambantota Port next Thursday. The ship is sailing from China directly to Hambantota Port before returning to China. Following its research in the North West of the Indian Ocean, it would return to Hambantota Port for replenishment.

Harbour Master of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Captain Nirmal de Silva also confirmed that the Chinese vessel would be here for replenishment during a research operation in the North West Indian Ocean during the months of August and September.

India considers the Indian Ocean Region as an area of traditional influence and concern about other Naval powers intruding into the area. However, Sri Lanka has a perfect understanding with New Delhi on these issues and periodical high-level meetings between leaders of the two countries have succeeded in sorting out issues to smoothen ruffled feathers, if any.

It is evident from Prime Minister Modi's messages to President Ranil Wickremesinghe and Prime Minister Gunawardena that New Delhi is willing to continuously assist Sri Lanka as a dependable friend and the two new leaders at helm of power in Colombo too expressed similar sentiments to Indian leaders.

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INDO - LANKA TIES

The Indian Prime Minister also conveyed that he looked forward to working closely with the Sri Lankan President and Prime Minister for the mutual benefit of people and strengthening the age-old, close and friendly relations between India and Sri Lanka.

India is well aware of the circumstances under which the Hambantota Port was constructed and how the control of the harbour was shared by China and Sri Lanka, when the latter found its inability to pay back the loan taken from China to build the port. Sri Lanka, in fact, offered the Hambantota Port Project to India first, and when New Delhi felt it was not commercially viable, Colombo offered the project to China. Now Sri Lanka shares the management of the Hambantota Port with China. The administration of commercial activities has been formally handed over to China Merchant Port Holdings in 2017, on a 99-year lease.

Pro-LTTE lobbies in Tamil Nadu attempt to make use of the arrival of Chinese vessel to Hambantota to ruffle good relations between India and Sri Lanka. Tamil Nadu minor political party, PattaliMakkalKatchi (PMK) founder S. Ramadoss labeled it as a 'spy ship from China'. He said the Chinese spy ship Yuan Wang-5 docking in Sri Lanka's Hambantota Port is

a threat to India and particularly to Southern states including Tamil Nadu as the ship can read all facilities up to 750 kilometres using the satellites."

Ramadoss alleged that 'the Chinese spy ship' is also accused of violating passage requirements in territorial seas as per the United Nations Convention on the Law of Sea (UNCLOS). However, New Delhi is well aware of rhetoric of radical political groups in Tamil Nadu and will take its own decisions, while closely monitoring foreign vessels entering the region.

China said it was only a part of its "legitimate maritime activities". "China hopes that the relevant parties will view and report on China's marine scientific research activities correctly and refrain from interfering with normal and legitimate maritime activities," the Foreign Ministry Spokesman said in Beijing.

ECONOMIC AND FISCAL CRISIS

To bail out Sri Lanka's debt restructuring in the face of economic and fiscal crisis, India was the first to offer substation loan facilities in addition to supply of essential items. Now China too is expected to come forth. China's Exim Bank commenced credit-restructuring negotiations with Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka's ambassador to China, Palitha Kohonoa announced that the request for US\$ 4 billion emergency aid package is being considered favourably by China. Beijing also will help to boost trade, investments and tourism.

China has also reportedly promised Sri Lanka of its support in obtaining IMF assistance. And on the IMF's conclusions after negotiations with Sri Lanka would remain aid, if any, from the Western nations and other 'independent financial institutions' like the World Bank.

Already Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has endorsed Sri Lanka's appeal for IMF assistance.

All in all President Wickremesinghe and Premier Gunawardena have kept excellent relations with New Delhi and Beijing and maintained absolute impartiality in foreign relations, a fact understood by the two regional powers.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The country needs fiscal discipline to build a strong economy and for social justice. - Smriti Irani



A worker scans a QR code before pumping fuel.
Picture by Sulochana Gamage



A long fuel queue.

IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE QUEUE

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Capt ELMO JAYAWARDENA
resident gets ousted, Prime Minister gives a 'walk over' and Ministers join are hanging there. Where? Of course, in Diyawanna Oya. Though my senses overflow with the desire to write these stories, I, being a coward, feel 'discretion is the better part of valour' and will leave politics and politicians alone. What to write anyway? Things change so fast that by the time I get published the whole fairytale may change.

So, I'll touch on the perennial tableau that is the flavour of the season. Join the queue. This time, to get some petrol into the car, 7,000 rupees worth! Saturday (July 23) I qualified as my car registration had the numeric 2 as the last digit. Someone said they were pumping petrol that day at a shed which was a kilometre from where I live. Off we went Mr and Mrs Jay to join the queue.

I must say that after a lot of experiments, the Donkey Serenade in charge of distribution hit a pass mark. Saturday being for numerics 0, 1 and 2, out of 10 cars crying for fuel only three were eligible. It was a good way to reduce the snaking queue. A week before that, I had stayed overnight in a queue and was holding almost the 'poll position' like Lewis Hamilton, when the Air Force team in charge of security came, and having taken down our car and

mobile numbers, told us to go home. We had no choice but to reluctantly vacate our privileged positions and disperse. They said they will text us when the fuel bowzers came. That was another Santa Claus story.

This time we joined the queue on the new Galle Road between Moratuwa and Panadura and settled down for the long wait till whatever time the fuel would come. The sea breeze was refreshing, and the south-

west monsoon wind blew constantly cooling and calming everything. Not a bad place to linger, it sure was comfortable. Of course, I did not know how long the queue was, so I decided to leave the car and walk to the filling station counting the vehicles. The pavement was lined with clusters of people hanging around their fuel-starved cars. Some were chatting and some were loudly cursing. Some played cards and others

were stretched and dozing in their reclined seats. The moods were not bad, it was still too early for the blood to boil and tempers to flare.

I got an offer from a body builder type 'Thada Banda' in a tight sleeveless skinny and tattooed Sisyphus shoulders. "Sir, for 3,000 I will give you a closer slot". I politely declined and walked on doing my count. By the time I reached the petrol pumps where it all began, I had passed 220

vehicles. That was my official number in the queue. God only knew how many would parachute when the fuel came. Even then I would be ok as the bowzers brought around 6,000 litres and they were giving each car Rs 7,000 worth which approximately amounted to 15 litres. In the 220 vehicles between the shed and my car there were many three-wheelers, which were supposed to get around 7 litres according to the master plan. Of

course, I knew there would be some 'Hora Police' action, but so what, it still looked good for me at number 220. As long as the last numeric qualification in the number plate held, mathematically I was ok to get fuel. My co-driver too was there to share the long wait. It was like 'Le Mans' the 24-hour French auto marathon. The difference was we were on a permanent pit-stop and allowed to change seats anytime.

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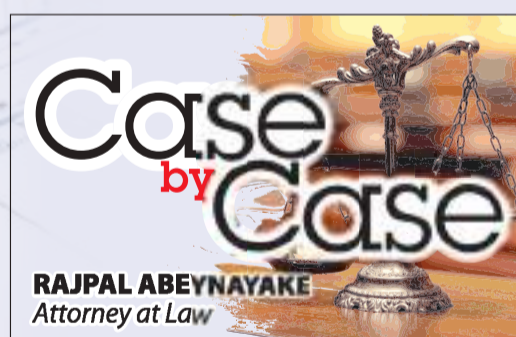
And now they are going to do away with the somewhat successful last digit eligibility and bring the 'QR Code'. At least the registration number successfully reduced the length of the queue. They can bring the 'QR Code' or for that matter, bring codes for the entire alphabet, but if they do away with the numeric separation on selective days, we will be aiming at another battle royal at fuel stations. The powers that be are sure playing Russian Roulette; one can only hope that they know what they are doing. If truth be told, we, the citizens of this misplaced paradise are suffering inconceivably on all fronts whilst Diyawanna Oya is waiting for 'ships that don't come in'.

"C'est la vie" – or should I simply say 'that's life'.

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INTERESTING TURN IN LIFE-INTEREST OWNERSHIP



About the issue of abuse and mistreatment the judgement goes onto state: "In the case of Thillaimpalam v. Krishnaswamy at 267 Basnayake, C.J., quoting Wickramanayake's translations of Paelectiones Codicis Justiniani, Book VIII, Tit. LVI, Section 5) has stated thus: "the causes of ingratitude are five in number, namely: If the donee outrageously insults the donor, or lays impius hands on him or squanders his property, or plots against his life, or is unwilling to fulfil a part which was annexed to the gift."

A plaintiff in the District Court — who later passed away when the subsequent appeal was being heard — wanted her right to life interest in a house and property that she had donated to her niece. She also wanted the deed of gift to the niece revoked outright, citing gross ingratitude on the part of the donee in possession.

The case however failed and the plaintiff appealed the DC judgement. (De Silva v. De Croos - SLR - 409, Vol 2 of 2002 [2001] LKCA 63; (2002) 2 Sri LR 409 (June 1, 2001)).

The Court of Appeal judgement encapsulated the reasons for the appeal in this way:

"The original plaintiff by her plaint dated 28. 02. 1985 filed this action seeking *inter alia* a revocation of a donation of 1/2 share of the house and premises described in the schedule to the plaint, effected by deed of gift bearing No. 946 attested

by E. B. K. Soysa dated 29. 03. 1974, on the grounds of:

(a) gross ingratitude
(b) violation of conditions of the said deed, to wit, in preventing her from enjoying her life interest in the said house and premises. The defendant-respondent by her answer dated 21. 01. 1986 whilst denying the averments in the plaint, prayed for dismissal of the plaintiff's action."

The trial Judge by his judgement dismissed the original plaintiff's action with costs. When the plaintiff died when the appeal was pending there was an application to substitute her nephew in her place as appellants but there was a preliminary objection taken by the defendant-respondent. The respondent's Counsel submitted that there was no basis for the substitution because the nephew that was substituted had been named as executor of the deceased plaintiff's last Will, but that last Will had been disputed and not been proved.

The document had been declared legally invalid in a Court of Law.

However the substituted appellant took up the position that he was indeed a heir to the estate as a nephew i.e. a relative that had a claim to the estate, and was hence entitled to be substituted.

The court held with the substituted-appellant on that score and overruled the preliminary objection.

The Appeal Court judgement states:

"On a perusal of the docket of this case it appears that this Court has already made order on 8th January, 1996, to substitute Anessly Michael Paul De Silva as the substituted plaintiff. According to the petition and affidavit filed by the substituted-plaintiff he had been named as the executor of the purported last Will of the original plaintiff which was the subject-matter of District Court, Negombo, case No. 952/T.

However, the learned District Judge of Negombo in case No. 952/T by his judgement dated 28. 06. 2000 has dismissed the application for probate of the substituted plaintiff on the ground that there was no legal validity of the last Will No. 2061 dated 22. 11. 1983.

It was revealed in the evidence led in this case that the original plaintiff was a divorcee and she had died issueless. Therefore, it appears that on her death the property shall

devolve on her ascendants and collaterals."

This was a family affair and the earlier donee had been the original plaintiff's sister's daughter while the substituted plaintiff was the original plaintiff's brother's son. The Court had no hesitation in ruling that the latter had a claim to the Estate as a nephew of the deceased, and therefore could be substituted irrespective of the fact that the last Will in which he was an executor had been ruled invalid in a Court of Law.

While the issue of substitution was out of the way in this manner, with regard to the substance of the case, had the District Judge erred?

The original plaintiff had gone to the defendant-respondent's house to reclaim some goods that had been given by her to the defendant-respondent for safekeeping, but she was abused in foul language by the latter who was her niece. This, the plaintiff alleged was gross ingratitude because she had gifted the land and property to this niece who was mistreating her. Besides that there was an incident in which she went to see a patient in hospital and met the said niece who again abused her in filth. On both occasions she complained to the Negombo Police.

The Appeal Court judgement states:

"(e) When the original-plaintiff went to the house of the defendant-respondent with Donald Rose to remove the household articles, she

was abused in filth. She was called a "whore", a "bitch" etc ... She was pushed by the defendant-respondent.

It was found that the defendant-respondent had returned some used articles in place of her new articles and not returned some others.

The original-plaintiff made a complaint to the Negombo Police on 14. 02. 83 (P3).

(f) When the original-plaintiff went to see a relative by the name of Sarath Patuwathawitana who was ward at the General Hospital, Colombo, she met the defendant-respondent there. On the original plaintiff requesting the return of her balance articles, she was abused in filthy language.

A complaint was made at the Negombo Police station on 25. 03. 1983 (P4)."

After the defendant-respondent's brother left the house after he had lost the case for half a share of the house he took his mother with him but later the defendant-respondent brought the mother back to the house in dispute, in violation of the right of the plaintiff to enjoy life interest in the property.

Citing decided cases the Appeal Court judgement referred to the judgement of Basnayake, J. (as His Lordship then was) in the case of Manuelpillai v. Nallamma stating at 224 "that the donee failing to fulfil the conditions annexed to the gift was held to be a ground to revoke the deed of gift."

One condition for the gift in the case under review was that the plain-

tiff would enjoy life interest. That condition had been breached by the defendant-respondent.

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Basically, it was held that slight ingratitude was excusable and would not justify a revocation of gift but if ingratitude was not trifling it was a different story. As to whether ingratitude was trifling or otherwise was based on fact and was not a matter of law and had to be decided dependent on the respective facts of each case.

The Court of Appeal held: "Thus, it would appear ingratitude which a Court does not regard as trifling would give rise to a Court to order a revocation of a gift."

Judgement of the learned District Judge dated 08. 05. 1990 was accordingly set aside, and the District Judge was directed to enter judgement and decree for the plaintiff-appellant as prayed for in the plaint. The appeal was allowed with costs.



Sri Lanka Air Force

GUARDIANS of Our SKIES

DISHAN JOSEPH

Many aviation fans in Sri Lanka can recognize a giant C-130 Hercules plane, a Y-12 aircraft, an MA-60 cruising in the sky or hear the thundering roar of the MI-17 helicopter. Today let us remember the role and task of all these aircraft for their commendable role in helping fellow Sri Lankans during difficult times and natural disasters. The SLAF has also extended its support by flying for many UN Missions overseas. Let us take a look at these flying squadrons in brief, and their humane contribution to enhance life.

The No 8 Light Transport Squadron is headquartered within the SLAF Base, Ratmalana. They continue to fly three aircraft, namely the Y-12, Beechcraft B-200 and the MA-60 plane which give them a broad spectrum of flying capability and airlift capacity. The transport squadron of any Air Force is the vital backbone that silently works behind the scenes. Moving of logistics is extremely vital in any military offensive. The Y-12 transport aircraft has been the workhorse of this squadron.

The No 8 Squadron was established on April 2, 1996. During that period, its pilots flew the Beechcraft and Y-12 on many missions. Both these planes had been in active service since 1987 when they were initially assigned to the No 2 Squadron (Heavy Transport Wing that included the Avro, AN-32 and Y-8). This squadron has a long history and played a key role in the Humanitarian Operations. Their primary task is the transportation of cargo and troops. They have successfully engaged in reconnaissance, CASEVAC (casualty evacuation), MEDIVAC (role of an air ambulance), search and rescue. The planes also engage in commercial transport of civilians through our Helitours flights, connecting Sri Lankans with their families and friends.

The Beechcraft is another vital stakeholder of this multi-role squadron. The Sri Lanka Air Force has flown two models. The first B-200 T was inducted in 1983. The B-200 Super King Air model still remains in active service since 2009. The Beechcraft crews specialize in aerial observations.

In the peacetime application of airpower, this aircraft has also engaged in disaster relief operations. During floods when communities were stranded and cut off the B-200 crews located them and informed their position, directing emergency first responders, including the Navy. The pilots take on additional duties

by passing on information of illegal activity observed by air, to the Police. In 2019, in recognition of their service to the nation, No 8 Squadron was bestowed with the President's Colours at a dignified ceremony.

The No. 2 Squadron located at the SLAF Base in Katunayake is the home of the formidable aircraft that give the Air Force its heavy lift capability. This squadron is the pioneer flying formation of the SLAF and is embellished with courage and professional excellence. During the time of the Royal Ceylon Air Force the No. 2 Squadron was formed on September 2, 1957 at SLAF Base Katunayake. The transport aircraft at that time were the Oxford Airspeed, Prestwick Pioneer and De Havilland Dove.

In the 1950s and 1960s the Herons and De Havilland were used in flood relief missions to airdrop essential items. During the 1971 insurgency, SLAF aircraft had been used to transport food to several areas in the country. In 1992 the No. 2 Transport Wing was separated as the 201 Heavy Transport Squadron and 202 Light Transport Squadron. In 1995, the 201 Squadron was redesignated as the No. 2 Heavy Transport Squadron. The flying horse Pegasus is the symbol of the squadron. The trusted workhorse of the No. 2 Squadron is the Antonov AN-32B aircraft. This is a twin-engine turboprop military aircraft manufactured in Ukraine. The AN-32B is a version created from the AN-26 type aircraft.

The Lockheed C-130 Hercules is a four-engine, turboprop military transport aircraft. In spite of its large payload, this aircraft has the ability to take-off and land on unpaved runways. Presently this flying giant is the tactical military transporter used by more than 60 countries across the world. The SLAF high command decided to purchase two C-130 aircraft from the Royal Air Force. One of these aircraft arrived in March 2000 and the other in September 2000. The arrival of this aircraft enhanced the heavy lift capacity of the SLAF, assisting in transport of food and medicines for civilians among other flying duties.

It was in 2014 that the SLAF was invited by the UN Headquarters based in New York to engage its officers and airmen in UN stabilization missions. The No-6 Squadron extended its wings

internationally by deploying an Aviation Unit to the Central African Republic in 2014. The mission to the Central African Republic is known as MINUSCA (Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission to Central Africa). Three MI-17 helicopters of the SLAF were duly deployed. The first SLAF contingent included 122 personnel including pilots, engineers and support staff. They flew as the No-62 Flight, an extension of the No-6 Helicopter Squadron. The Air Force UN deployment commenced on September 15, 2014. SLAF has remitted more than 100 million USD to the national treasury to date from its troop deployments in UN duties.

When the SLAF augmented its fleet with heavy lift capacity helicopters, one of the new rotary-wing aircraft that was introduced was the formidable MI-17. This helicopter initiated the formation of the No-6 Squadron on March 15, 1993, at the SLAF Base in Katunayake. In those formative years, there were three helicopters, with 14 officers and 52 energetic airmen. During the SAARC Summit in Colombo, two of the MI-17 helicopters were assigned to carry VVIP dignitaries, and this was a noteworthy achievement in the squadron's history. By 2006, the pilots were engaging in many medical

and casualty evacuations, in support of Humanitarian Operations.

The Sri Lanka Air Force gained the respect of the global Buddhist community in 2014 when this squadron airlifted 26 tons of construction material to Adam's Peak for the building of the Udamalawa. In 2017, during the torrential rains that unleashed floods and landslides, the powerful MI-17 helicopters soared into action delivering emergency rations and medicines to thousands of stranded citizens. A unique feature in this flood relief operation was the MI-17 helicopters' ability to lift and position boats, using the "under slung" manoeuvring technique, which subsequently enabled other military first responders to save civilians from the deadly deluge. SLAF pilots displayed their prowess when the MI-17 was used to carry a stone statue of the Buddha weighing 3,500 Kg. The statue was safely deposited

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at the Mulkirigala Raja Maha Viharaya. When the MV New Diamond tanker was ablaze at sea, the MI-17s engaged in dousing the raging fire by successfully releasing 177 bambi buckets of water and a further 1,000 Kg of dry chemical powder. This squadron was bestowed with the President's Colour in March 2021.

In December 2020, terrorists had burned and attacked a village in Boromata in the Central African Republic. Ground troops had taken three days to respond, hindered by the difficult terrain to the village. The SLAF pilots got actively involved by inserting Zambian Special Forces (SF) to maintain security and protect the innocent villagers.



One of the new and ongoing projects of the SLAF was to use their air assets to increase the nation's forest cover. This process is done through 'seed bombing' - when pilots soar to sow. SLAF flies the MI-17 helicopters for this task. The helicopter flies at a low level between 200-300 feet, and the crew carefully drops the seeds. Once the planting by air is over field teams will visit the area every month to monitor the progress. It is expected that by 2030 Sri Lanka will increase its forest cover to 32 percent. The first seed bombing project was conducted in December 2018 at Ranowewa (on the Nochchiyagama Road) targeting five acres of land. In October 2019, the team dropped 60,000 seeds in an area of 60 acres followed by another mission in December 2020 covering 25 acres. During 2019, SLAF crews did extensive seed bombing projects in Udawalawe, Moneragala, Batticaloa and Silawathura areas recreating 12.5 acres of forest cover in each sector. The Command Agri Unit dropped 70,000 seeds to coincide

with the 70th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Air Force.

The No.3 Maritime Squadron based at the SLAF Academy, China Bay, Trincomalee. The pilots attached to this squadron fly the B200 Beechcraft and Harbin Y-12 aircraft. The primary role of these pilots and crews involves aerial observations such as surveillance, reconnaissance and situation assessment round the clock. In addition, they take an important role in search operations alongside the Sri Lanka Navy.

They operate the B-200 Beechcraft and Y-12 aircraft. They fly missions day and night. There is an officer who is designated as a HADR Officer, who coordinates any search missions. The Maritime Squadron comes under the purview of the Director Air Operations and works closely with the Directorate of Air Intelligence. Its pilots are on standby 24/7.

Today the No.07 Squadron remains ready 365 days of the year as a first responder. They fly the BEL 212 and BEL 206 helicopters. The role and task of the squadron includes among other duties - CASEVAC (Casualty Evacuation), air transportation of troops/cargo, Fire Fighting with the aid of bambi - bucket, MEDIVAC (Medical Evacuations), Under slung operations and HADR (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief). The SLAF pilots and support crews remain primed and ready to extend their wings of care. In addition to airborne missions SLAF has engaged in many CSR projects, like building and repairing schools and temples, cleaning and repairing hospitals, assisting health officials during the peak of Covid-19 pandemic, operating free medical clinics for civilians etc. SLAF remains committed to serving Sri Lanka.



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Projected collective investment commitment of USD 600 mn CPCEC grants 6 fresh indenture of lease for USD 200 mn

Infrastructure work of Region's first Downtown Duty-Free Mall completed

The Colombo Port City said that out of the 34 marketable land plots granted on a 99-year lease basis, 6 plots were released back to the Commission and Colombo Port City Economic Commission has granted 6 fresh Indenture of leases for a 99-year period to the investors, valued at around USD 200 million.

The investors have projected a collective investment commitment of USD 600 million. They said it has now received 42 out of the 74 plots technically completed by the Project Company, for which 'Completion Certificates' have been issued.

Key Regulations have been finalized which are Businesses of Strategic Importance, Offshore Companies, Authorised persons, Duty-Free retail operations, Fees and DCR. These key regulations were completed, together with international consultants, with the development of suitable draft policies and procedures for identified thrust sectors, designed with extensive benchmarking studies to best-in-class regulations in fiscal and non-fiscal areas.

Additionally, an expedited approval for Investor Agreement and Licensing processes for Potential Investors and Author-

ized Persons has also been completed. The region's first Downtown Duty-Free (DF) Mall infrastructure work is now complete and interior fit-out will begin soon. Colombo Port City Duty-Free Regulations have been drafted and are awaiting Cabinet approval. The facility will be operated by two of the world's leading DF operators, positioning Colombo Port City as a regional shopping destination.

In addition negotiations are ongoing to introduce a leading Global Food and Beverage operator into Colombo Port City, offering a range of East, West, and Fusion cuisine, creating a 'watering hole' concept for DF shopping, as well as a world-class dining destination in the City of Colombo. A plan for the feasibility of a 'remote check-in process' and 'checked-in baggage hauling' for departing overseas travellers is currently being drawn up, to streamline their shopping experience.

Meanwhile the Commission, in collaboration with the Department of Immigration and Emigration (DIE), is stream-

lining and automating the visa application and approval process for 3 defined visa types under the Colombo Port City law. These are Investor Visa (10 years), Employment visas (dependent on the contract tenure), and long-term Residence visas (dependent on lease tenure) and include all dependents.

The Commission is also in discussion with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) regarding offering the International Commercial Dispute Resolution Centre to international operators and/or obtaining technical assistance from the SIAC under an MOU with the Ministry of Justice of Sri Lanka.

Also an expedited process has been established with the Registrar of Companies in Sri Lanka for ease of setting up companies under Colombo Port City law, under the Single Window Facilitation process. The Monetary Board and Ministry of Finance have approved full CPCEC regulated offshore licenses for 4 banks initially.

Dinesh Weerakkody appointed Chairman of CPCEC



Business leader and former Chairman of Hatton National Bank

PLC and Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, Dinesh Weerakkody, have been appointed as Chairman of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission, (CPCEC) the main authority managing the Colombo Port City project.

Weerakkody is also the immediate past Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka and Vice Chairman of the Sri Lanka Institute of Directors. He is also the Vice Chairman of the Employers' Federation of Ceylon.

MAS Holdings acquires BAM Knitting

MAS Holdings launched a new venture by acquiring the assets of BAM Knitting (Pvt) Ltd., a leading fabric manufacturing and finishing operation incorporated in 2005, in Thulhiriya. MAS Holdings takes the majority stake in the new venture, with BAM Knitting as its joint venture partner.

This investment further enhances MAS' capabilities in the knitting, dyeing and printing space for cotton fabrics and expands its backward vertical integration on the island.

The new joint venture will benefit from the technical resources and expertise of MAS, following the appointment of MAS specialists to key roles in the company, as well as MAS' vast global experience in apparel and textile manufacturing. Significant synergies are expected from the acquisition, including production capacity enhancements and collaborations on new product developments.

"This acquisition is timely, both from the perspective of MAS and the Sri Lankan economy," said Suren Fernando, CEO of MAS Holdings. "It enables MAS to increase the verticality of our Sri Lankan operations and mitigates the increasing volatility of global supply chains and costs of logistics while increasing the overall

value added by MAS. It also highlights our continued confidence in Sri Lanka as a sustainable and competitive destination for apparel manufacturing, despite the ongoing economic challenges."

"This new investment also serves as an endorsement of MAS' continued confidence in the Sri Lankan apparel industry, especially at a time the island nation is undergoing many economic challenges," Fernando added. "Initiatives of this nature are critical in ensuring the country's long-term economic resilience and stability by helping to reduce its imports and strengthen exports."

Amanda Fernando, the CEO of BAM Knitting, who will be at the helm of the new organisation, added that "The acquisition by MAS will undoubtedly elevate the capabilities that were developed at BAM, and MAS' lean manufacturing processes, product development expertise and the strong people-centric ethos will surely transform the existing operation into a truly world-class business".

The investment is part of MAS' strategy to further strengthen operations in Sri Lanka, from where the company sources 50% of its raw material requirement, as a key hub for complex apparel products.



Bhanuja Bandara, Director Operations, BAM, Prasanna Jayasekera, Group Finance Director, MAS, Asela Jayasinghe, COO, BAM, Amanda Fernando, Managing Director, BAM, Suren Fernando, CEO, MAS, Shakhthi Ranatunga, COO, MAS, Dinouk Sirisena, Director Operations, MAS and Isuri Beneragama, DGM, Corporate Finance, MAS.

Locally manufactured trailers exported through HIP

Locally manufactured trailers were exported to Australia from Hambantota International Port (HIP) on the RORO vessel 'Atlas Leader' which called at the southern port last week.

The manufacturer, Dutch Lanka Trailers, has moved towards using this form of shipping of their trailers which is proving to be more cost effective than containerisation. This is the third shipment facilitated by Hambantota International Port for Dutch Lanka Trailers to date.

"We are aggressively marketing this option with our global operator customers and also trying various innovative options to overcome the extremely high freight rates. Our entry into RORO saw our trailers being exported from Hambantota to Jamaica. Since then we have

expanded it to Sudan and Australia. We are working on a fourth global destination from HIP and expect repeat orders from these importers. We appreciate the continued support by Hambantota International Port," says GM Marketing and Sales, Dutch Lanka Trailers, Ajith Gunasekara.

The COO of Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) Tissa Wickramasinghe says the expansion in the RORO business for HIP is creating strong global connectivity on the East-West routes.

"This provides a great opportunity for Sri Lankan manufacturers such as Dutch Lanka Trailers who manufacture products to meet global demand and use Hambantota International Port to make their businesses more viable."



The trailers being loaded onto the RORO vessel 'Atlas Leader' for export

'Dollar issue, rupee shortage cause for steep increase in poultry prices'

Veterinary Surgeons' Assn. urges essential service status

FIZEL JABIR

State Veterinary Surgeons' Association has presented a set of proposals to the government to address the threat on food security which has erupted as a result of the financial crisis in the country.

Among them were to recognize State Veterinary Surgeons' Association service as an essential service and provide them fuel and assistance to carry out their services State Veterinary Surgeons' Association President Dr Sisira Piyasiri urged in a press conference held in Colombo on Wednesday. He said food security and food production should be given utmost priority at this point of time and all the necessary support should be given to their association to carry out their duties with-

out hassle. Dr Piyasiri also said they have requested to stop the export of certain animal feed like rice powder and coconut poonac as at this moment top priority should be given to food security within the country. Also all required steps should be taken to minimize the production cost by providing advice to farmers and keeping an eye on the nutrition levels of their animals.

At a time when farmers were trying to pull out of the industry, the service of veterinary surgeons was vital to talk and convince such individuals to stay in the farming trade, he said. Hence providing them with the necessary fuel should be given utmost priority, Dr Piyasiri said.

He therefore requested the government

to recognize their service and categorize them in the essential service category and provide their membership the required facilities to carry out their services.

Ajith Weerasinghe, President Lanka Poultry Forum said the main concern today is the shortage and price of animal feed. He said one of the main causes to this was the steep increase in the value of the dollar as most raw material and feed additives were being imported and in the absence of local availability of certain grain, those too had to be imported. In addition to that, the local available material such as corn and maize which was



Dr. Piyasiri and Weerasinghe. Picture by Wimal Karunathilaka

priced around Rs 60-80 per kilo has now exceeded Rs 200.

He said all other input cost have also increased. Weerasinghe said in addition to the dollar issue the rupee shortage too had added to their woes and all this has resulted in the sharp increase in the prices of poultry products.

OPA Annual Conference, APEX awards to begin on Aug. 16

Organization of Professionals will host the 35th Annual Conference and the 3rd National APEX awards of the Organisation of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka (OPA) on August 16, 2022 at the Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel, Colombo with the theme "EXPANDING THE HORIZONS FOR EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND GOOD GOVERNANCE".

Technical Sessions will be held on August 17.

President OPA, Dulitha Perera said that though the theme 'GOOD GOVERNANCE' was a highly used word in recent times the objective of good governance is yet to see the light of the day. "This is why we decided to continue with this theme as well."

He also said that it's not a secret that there is a 'brain drain' in Sri Lanka similar to that of the 1970 to 1977 era. "This can be attributed to the weakening of the rupee and strengthening of the US dollar which makes earnings made overseas more valuable than earnings in Sri Lanka. When one thinks in that context we cannot blame the youth who are migrating for overseas employment and don't see a reason to stop them."

Asked to comment on the proposal by the government to divert some of the excess Public staff to work in private institutions he said that this is a very good proposal and they are fully supportive of it.

"But we must also emphasize that the public sector is not entirely a 'write off' as there are very good public institutions who perform

creditably. Ruchira Gunasekara, Conference Chair and President Elect of the OPA presented the theme and the logo of the conference yesterday. "The theme of the conference presents a unique canvas to consider the need for Economic Growth within the Good Governance framework promoting and challenging the professionals and the general public in the present-day context," she said.

The eight precepts enshrined with the Good Governance are Participation, Rule of Law, Transparency, Responsiveness, Consensus Oriented, Equity and Inclusiveness, Effectiveness and Efficiency, and Accountability are embedded in the logo.

President Ranil Wickremesinghe, will be the Chief Guest and Speaker, Minister of Parliament Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, will be the Guest of Honour at the opening. Sri Lanka conventions Bureau, Sri Lanka Institute of Bankers, Commercial and National Saving Bank are the main sponsors of the event. (SS)



President OPA, Dulitha Perera, Conference Chair, Ruchira Gunasekara and other OPA officials at the event

Ceylon Chamber cheers President's call to form All-Party Government



The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce welcomed the call by President Ranil Wickremesinghe to initiate the formation of an All-Party Government, as a concerted and united effort is necessary to address the current challenges facing the country.

At this extremely crucial juncture for Sri Lanka, all political parties must join hands and put Sri Lanka first over individual agendas. An All-Party Government that is acceptable to all sections of the public and equitably represents the views of all parties, which will work towards a common minimum programme is the first step toward addressing the current crisis. A policy framework with broad consensus by all parties is required so that an agreed reform agenda will spur global confidence amongst investors, the private sector, and the public.

"NHDA assigned special task"

The National Housing Development Authority has been assigned a special task to find solutions to the dollar crisis facing the country, said new Chairman of Urban Development Authority Nimesh Herath, who assumed office yesterday.

"Currently, our country is facing many crises. The dollar scarcity is the main among them. We need to think about how to find solutions to this dollar shortage by being innovative." He also mentioned that the Urban Development Authority can never depend for survival on the Government Treasury and should look at achieving self sufficiency in finances. State institutions should work with



modern technology and public servants should discard their outdated ideas and get used to working in a way that suits the modern world.

"Employees should also provide efficient and friendly services not only to top foreign and local investors, professionals but also rural folks who come to obtain our services."

SHARES - COLOMBO STOCK EXCHANGE

Market Statistics on 04.08.2022

Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's Close	Change (Rs.)
Main Board							
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	89,269	36.80	36.50	37.00	35.20	36.90	0.10
ABANS	293	145.00	155.00	164.50	155.00	162.00	17.00
ACCESS ENG SL	798,008	10.50	10.90	11.30	10.70	10.90	0.40
ACL	2,322,219	47.40	49.90	50.10	46.60	47.70	0.30
ACL PLASTICS	3,549	387.50	400.00	405.00	375.00	389.00	1.50
ACME	68,807	5.00	5.10	5.10	4.90	4.90	(0.10)
AGALAWATTE	382,781	36.70	37.40	37.40	33.60	34.60	(2.10)
AHOT PROPERTIES	5,077	31.30	31.10	34.60	31.00	31.30	0.00
AITKEN SPENCE	11,298	101.00	101.25	104.00	101.25	103.00	2.00
ALLIANCE	9,171	50.10	51.50	54.50	50.30	53.10	3.00
AMANA BANK	472,981	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.80	2.90	0.00
ASIA ASSET	3,660	5.90	5.80	6.20	5.70	5.90	0.00
ASIA ASSET (AAF-P-0000)	1	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	0.00
ASIA CAPITAL	53,274	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.10	(0.10)
ASIRI	1,335	32.70	32.90	33.00	32.80	33.00	0.30
ASIRI SURG	100	15.20	14.90	14.90	14.90	14.90	(0.30)
AUTODROME	212	99.90	95.00	101.00	95.00	100.25	0.35
BAIRAHA FARMS	28,967	152.00	155.00	159.00	154.00	155.25	3.25
BALANGODA	333,978	54.20	56.00	56.00	50.00	52.40	(1.80)
BUKIT DARAH XD	85	290.00	290.00	297.00	282.50	290.00	0.00
C M HOLDINGS	726	60.40	60.30	60.40	60.00	60.30	(0.10)
CARGILLS XD	173	156.00	159.75	161.00	159.50	159.75	3.75
CARGO BOAT	1	43.10	43.50	43.50	43.50	43.10	0.00
CDB (CDB.X0000) XD	6,932	59.90	59.90	61.40	57.00	60.20	0.90
CENTRAL FINANCE	1,000	62.80	63.00	65.00	63.00	64.80	2.00
CENTRAL IND.	88,391	59.70	64.50	68.40	60.50	65.00	5.30
CEYLON GUARDIAN	2,934	56.00	57.90	58.90	51.70	52.90	(3.10)
CEYLON INV.	8,178	26.00	27.20	27.90	26.10	26.80	0.80
CEYLON TOBACCO	3,844	583.75	585.00	585.00	560.00	566.75	(17.00)
CHEMANEX	1,850	55.30	63.00	65.00	63.00	64.50	9.20
CHEVRON	124,732	80.10	81.50	81.50	78.00	78.30	(1.80)
CIC	1,070,426	41.40	42.00	45.50	41.40	45.00	3.60
CIC (CIC.X0000)	791,470	31.30	32.00	35.90	32.00	35.00	3.70
CITRUS LEISURE	38,373	5.30	5.30	5.60	5.10	5.30	0.00
COLD STORES	17,124	30.80	31.00	31.00	30.00	30.40	(0.40)
COLOMBO CITY	1	820.00	850.50	850.50	850.50	820.00	0.00
COLOMBO LAND	10,587	18.10	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	(0.10)
COMMERCIAL BANK	121,683	52.70	53.00	53.00	52.50	52.50	(0.20)
COMMERCIAL BANK (COMB.X0000)	11,912	41.10	41.10	42.50	41.10	41.30	0.20
CONVENIENCE FOOD	116	1,101.00	1,150.00	1,199.00	1,150.00	1,152.00	51.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	267,615	12.20	12.70	13.30	12.70	13.00	0.80
DFCC BANK PLC	9,843	35.60	35.30	36.00	35.30	36.00	0.40
DIALOG	418,472	9.10	9.20	9.20	9.10	9.10	0.00
DIMO	2,712	374.50	385.00	405.00	370.50	388.75	14.25
DIPPED PRODUCTS	545,072	36.60	36.60	38.10	36.60	36.90	0.30
DOCKYARD	3,300	60.60	61.10	61.10	59.90	60.40	(0.20)
DURDANS	5,901	136.00	135.00	170.00	131.00	143.50	7.50
DURDANS (CHL.X0000)	1,525	111.50	115.00	115.00	115.00	115.00	3.50
E B CREAMS	5,156	16.80	16.80	16.80	16.50	16.60	(0.20)
EAST WEST	93,446	7.00	6.70	7.00	6.70	6.70	(0.30)
EASTERN MERCHANT	203,027	6.20	6.10	6.60	6.00	6.40	0.20
EX-PACK	439,451	13.50	14.00	14.00	12.80	12.90	(0.60)
EXPOLANKA	4,542,351	192.25	206.00	215.50	206.00	209.25	17.00
FORT LAND	100,464	11.50	12.00	12.30	11.90	12.00	0.50
GALLE FACE CAP	20,125	18.50	18.80	18.80	17.10	17.20	(1.30)
GESTETNER	100	50.30	50.40	50.40	50.40	50.40	0.10
GRAIN ELEVATORS	20,619	69.80	68.50	72.00	68.00	68.50	(1.30)
HAYCARB	103,409	66.80	67.00	69.50	66.00	66.70	(0.10)
HAYLEYS	388,342	86.10	86.70	87.90	83.00	86.00	(0.10)
HAYLEYS FABRIC	372,886	37.10	37.30	37.90	36.00	37.20	0.10
HAYLEYS FIBRE	14,087	70.80	74.00	75.00	70.00	70.20	(0.60)
HAYLEYS LEISURE	100	17.90	18.00	18.90	18.90	18.90	1.00
HDFC	114	22.20	24.10	24.10	22.40	23.90	1.70
HELA	277,695	13.40	13.50	13.70	13.10	13.10	(0.30)
HEMAS HOLDINGS	39,047	45.20	47.00	49.40	46.50	47.80	2.60
HNB	6,031	86.10	86.00	91.50	86.00	86.50	0.40
HNB ASSURANCE	25,198	35.30	37.40	37.40	34.00	34.10	(1.20)
HNB (HNB.X0000)	1,770	75.00	75.00	76.00	75.00	75.50	0.50
HORANA	119,722	27.70	28.80	29.90	26.60	26.90	(0.80)
HOTEL SIGIRIYA XR	20	73.80	73.50	73.50	73.50	73.80	0.00
HOTELS CORP	1,000	11.70	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	(0.20)
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	3,834,768	0.30	0.40	0.40	0.30	0.40	0.10
JAT HOLDINGS	342,442	13.00	13.50	14.40	12.90	13.20	0.20
JKH	1,564,276	119.25	119.50	121.00	119.00	120.00	0.75
KANDY HOTELS	5,112	7.00	6.90	7.00	6.80	6.90	(0.10)
KAPRUKA	5,102	9.20	9.00	9.20	9.00	9.00	(0.20)
KEGALLE	2,573	170.50	163.00	170.00	163.00	170.00	(0.50)
KELANI CABLES	53,480	232.50	239.75	249.75	230.00	233.50	1.00
KELANI TYRES	70,549	51.70	54.00	54.00	52.00	52.40	0.70
KELANI VALLEY	212,362	95.20	95.20	95.20	86.20	90.90	(4.30)
KINGSBURY	102,963	8.50	8.20	8.40	8.20	8.10	(0.40)
KOTAGALA	1,590,941	5.90	6.00	6.00	5.00	5.70	(0.20)
L O L C HOLDINGS	179,009	416.50	430.00	499.75	430.00	476.25	59.75
LANKA ALUMINIUM	110,018	15.40	15.90	16.50	15.40	15.50	0.10
LANKA ASHOK	1	576.25	699.25	699.25	699.25	576.25	0.00
LANKA HOSPITALS	1,225	53.80	52.00	52.40	52.00	52.40	(1.40)
LANKA IOC	4,945,002	99.10	100.00	110.50	95.50	108.00	8.90
LANKA REALTY	24,500	14.40	14.50	15.40	14.50	14.90	0.50
LANKA TILES	346,181	43.60	44.70	51.00	44.10	48.70	5.10
LANKA WALLTILE	506,840	47.80	50.00	53.40	48.10	49.60	1.80
LANKEM DEV.	4,358,262	10.20	10.00	11.20	9.90	10.70	0.50
LAUGFS GAS	5,961	22.00	21.00	22.00	20.80	21.60	(0.40)
LAUGFS GAS (LGL.X0000)	14,004	12.90	13.00	13.00	12.00	12.10	(0.80)
LAXAPANA	1,200	17.10	17.10	17.50	17.00	17.00	(0.10)
LB FINANCE	19,289	41.40	42.00	42.40	41.00	42.10	0.70
LION BREWERY	241	505.00	509.00	520.00	500.00	508.00	3.00
LMF XD	72,281	109.25	122.00	135.00	121.00	128.00	18.75
LVL ENERGY	3,703	7.70	8.50	8.90	7.70	8.40	0.70
MALWATTE	23,733	52.80	50.10	50.10	49.90	50.00	(2.80)
MALWATTE (MAL.X0000)	75	40.10	40.20	40.20	40.20	40.10	0.00
MELSTACORP	8,588,168	42.50	42.40	43.00	41.00	41.10	(1.40)
MERC. SHIPPING	22	169.50	190.00	190.00	180.00	169.50	0.00
MERCHANT BANK	91,304	3.50	3.50	3.70	3.50	3.50	0.00
MULLERS	264,193	1.00	1.10	1.10	1.00	1.10	0.10
NAMUNUKULA	4,550	451.75	443.50	473.75	430.00	435.75	(16.00)
NAT. DEV. BANK	132,203	33.00	32.90	34.00	32.00	32.10	(0.90)
NATION'S TRUST	2,243	33.00	32.70	33.30	32.70	33.30	0.30
NAWALOKA	103,091	5.60	5.90	6.00	5.80	5.90	0.30
OVERSEAS REALTY	74,202	13.80	13.80	14.00	13.50	13.90	0.10
PAN ASIA	17,537	9.10	9.40	9.60	9.10	9.40	0.30
PANASIAN POWER	134,834	3.80	3.80	3.90	3.70	3.70	(0.10)
PEOPLE'S INS	54,457	20.80	20.50	20.50	19.90	20.00	(0.80)
PEOPLES LEASING	248,470	6.30	6.30	6.40	6.10	6.20	(0.10)
PGP GLASS	116,246	12.00	11.80	12.10	11.70	12.00	0.00
PRINTCARE PLC	6,774	31.40	31.50	32.50	31.40	31.80	0.40
R I L PROPERTY	184,717	6.80	6.90	7.30	6.80	6.80	0.00
REGNS	8,784	50.50	54.50	60.40	54.50	56.20	5.70
RENUKA AGRI	312,252	4.70	4.80	4.80	4.50	4.60	(0.10)
RENUKA CITY HOT.	3,525	300.00	305.00	338.00	305.00	305.00	5.00
RENUKA FOODS	20,076	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.50	17.50	(0.50)
RENUKA FOODS (COCO.X0000)	250	12.80	12.80	12.80	11.70	12.40	(0.40)
RENUKA HOLDINGS	41,699	11.40	11.10	11.50	11.00	11.30	(0.10)
RENUKA HOLDINGS (RHL.X0000)	19,600	9.90	9.30	9.90	9.30	9.50	(0.40)
RESUS ENERGY	152,979	14.20	15.00	15.40	14.00	15.30	1.10
RICHARD PIERIS	681,239	20.00	20.10	20.40	19.40	19.70	(0.30)
ROYAL CERAMIC	2,852,741	29.30	30.00	33.00	30.00	32.10	2.80
S M B LEASING	2,160,159	0.60	0.70	0.70	0.60	0.60	0.00
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NEWS

Lanka to attract billionaires for motivational Workshops hosted by Guy Rosenberg

Opening a new chapter in Sri Lanka MICE Tourism segment, Israel born globally acclaimed motivational trainer with Buddhism as his main theme, Guy Regev Rosenberg has selected Sri Lanka to host his next mind building and motivational workshop at the end of the year.

A unique feature of his workshops which range from three days to three weeks and are held regularly all over the world is that they are patronized by billionaire businessmen, professionals and sportsmen all over the world.

Popularly known world over as Guy he has spent several years living in thick jungles of Sri Lanka, Cambodia and India in Buddhist

temples and monasteries learning the ethics of Buddhism to incorporate them into his workshops.

"In addition I have also visited Japan and Korea and learnt the ancient martial arts and Ninja techniques which too have been put into my motivational lectures," he told 'Daily News Business' in a special interview.

He said that he had been visiting Sri Lanka on many occasions firstly as a tourist and he fell in love with the country, Buddhism and mainly people and has a genuine desire to help Sri Lanka.

"This is why I decided to bring and host some of my Global workshops in Sri Lanka which will firstly

bring in dollars to the country through their spending and secondly and most importantly expose Sri Lanka to their future investment plans."

Asked if the present economic climate is not a hindrance to host a world class event of this magnitude and if billionaire businessmen would like to visit Sri Lanka he answered in the negative.

"They are not common tourists but people who travel in their own private jets and also are not day to day travelers but would be staying in Buddhist temples, monasteries and country situation does to matter to them."

Guy offers his services to individuals and teams



Guy Rosenberg with Bar Baruch - Israeli Racing Driver

involved in high-pressure environments, from industrial businessmen to ambitious stockbrokers, top professionals and to air traffic controllers to competitive sporting athletes. Some of Guy's high profile clients host billionaires all over the world, GT3 racing driver Bar Baruch, elite level judo-

ka and sambo competitor Alice Schlesinger, professional basketball player Murphy Holloway and Sri Lankan racing sensation Dilantha Malagamuwa. Guy breaks down his technique into a direct approach of observing, identifying and directing the brain's resources towards

one specific task at hand that people wish to master. It is a fulfilling practice that guides one in self-restraint, neutralizing distractions, sharpening thoughts and stabilizing concentration.

Guy's trainings are customized to suit each individual and offer a list of incomparable benefits that include improved concentration, handling of failure, overcoming fear and anxiety, and most importantly the control of physical attributes via a highly accept mind such as controlled heart rate. "These need direct one to one contact and hence I don't believe on 'online' format."

He also said that once his international program is over at the end of the year

he will open his program to the local corporate sector.

Now based in Weligama Sri Lanka Guy has also engaged in a series of CSR activities financially assisting Buddhist temples and rural forks. "I don't believe in providing money to people but assist them by purchasing their items like fruit and vegetables in bulk from village fairs at a higher rate and provide them free of charge to the needy."

"I am also hoping to totally build and fund a Buddhist center in Baddegama which will house monks over the age of 70 providing them with accommodation and total medical care. This project has already commenced." (SS)



Guy Rosenberg in Sri Lanka

Dialog Network Services certified as 'Great Workplace'

Reiterating its commitment to establishing a high-performance and diverse work culture that delivers an impactful contribution, Dialog Network Services (DNS), a fully owned subsidiary of Dialog Axiata PLC, Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider, was recently certified as a 'Great Workplace' by Great Place to Work - Sri Lanka.

A global authority on high-performance workplace cultures, the Great Place to Work® institute provides the benchmarks, frameworks, and expertise needed to recognise outstanding work environments. This accreditation and recognition represent the voice of DNS employees who responded to the survey by Great Place to Work® which primarily evaluated the hygiene factors of Trust through Credibility, Respect and Fairness, Pride and Camaraderie within an organisation - pre-requisites of a foundation in establishing a 'Great Workplace'. The evaluation model is used to assess workplaces and its results allow companies to benchmark themselves against the best workplaces across the globe.



Sumudu Weerakkody, Head of People, Dialog Network Services, Pradeep De Almeida, Group Chief Technology Officer, Dialog Axiata PLC and Director - Dialog Network Services, Janak Fernando, Chief Executive Officer, Dialog Network Services, Kshani Ratnayaka - Director /CEO

On achieving this milestone, Janak Fernando, Chief Executive Officer, Dialog Network Services said, "In our domain of network service operations, our people are the most precious and greatest asset we have. We are honoured and humbled to receive this accreditation which reflects our commitment towards creating a people-focused culture." "Despite the challenges we faced during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, our team

demonstrated high levels of resilience, adaptability, and creativity to successfully achieve stretched targets to serve the surge in demand for broadband."

DNS focuses on providing best-in-class network operations and development services to enable multi-sensory digital connectivity to drive empowerment and enrichment of Sri Lankan lives and enterprises.

Rootcode clinches 'People's Choice Award' at SAARC Startup

Rootcode, one of Sri Lanka's leading tech companies, recently took home the "People's Choice Award" in addition to being bestowed with the "Startup of the Year" title at the SAARC Startup Awards 2022.

This regional recognition marks a significant milestone for the Sri Lankan tech space and workforce. Rootcode's mission to build great tech is well underway, and it is gaining traction faster than ever.

This is the first time a Sri Lankan tech company has made a name for itself in the regional competition, and it is a watershed moment that has focused the global spotlight on Rootcode's distinct approach to fostering innovation in Sri Lanka.

This is also the first time that a Sri Lankan company was able to take home two awards

of those presented at the SAARC Startup Awards.

Global Startup Awards SAARC celebrates the spirit of entrepreneurship and promotes bridging boundaries through innovation in its regions, which include Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, by recognizing them with its most prestigious awards program, attended by top-notch entrepreneurs, corporates, investors, and ecosystem builders from Nordic, Central Europe, SAARC, and ASEAN regions.

Every year, the SAARC Startup Awards bring together hundreds of South Asian start-

ups, entrepreneurs, investors, co-working spaces and accelerators to provide a platform to highlight trailblazers in the region's startup world. Rootcode was chosen ahead of doz-

after its inception is remarkable.

"We are extremely humbled and honored by the support shown to us at the SAARC Startup Awards 2022, and being recognized under two categories is a huge milestone for us," said the CEO and Founder of Rootcode Labs, Alagan Mahalingam.

"Our community is always the driving force behind everything we do, we thank all our team members, customers, partners, and allies that inspire us to keep making a difference", said Mangala Perera, COO of Rootcode Labs. Its headquarters is based in Sri Lanka, with corporate offices in Estonia and USA. Rootcode also hopes to expand its capabilities even further in the near future by collaborating with new industries through its new arms.



Rootcode Founder and CEO Alagan Mahalingam and COO Mangala Perera.

ens of other regional tech startups in the competition.

Sri Lanka is a relative newcomer to the South Asian startup fraternity, and Rootcode's ability to represent the country on the global stage not long

Uplifting Rural Entrepreneurship, a timely endeavour

Guest Column:
By Roshan Fernando
President, Rural Enterprise Network



There was a time in Sri Lanka, when a considerable level of commitment was projected towards human development and especially when it came to the nation's skilled and literate labour force. These attributes no doubt had set the country apart from our peers in the region. Over the years, Sri Lanka has witnessed steady growth in the economy alongside tremendous changes to the nation's infrastructure among other things. Today, the nation is well-known around the world for our quality tea, apparel production and other export level goods which have been taking off since the 1970s.

Another aspect of what the nation has to offer towards our economic growth is the output that is evident through the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and entrepreneurs. When compared with blue chip companies and other strong conglomerates in Sri Lanka, SMEs play a major role in pushing our economy forward. These SMEs are also, mainly run through the efforts of ambitious entrepreneurs who hail from more rural parts of the country.

Unfortunately, Sri Lanka is facing her worst financial crisis and when it comes to economic stability for small and medium sector businesses in the country, it is these enterprises that are having to bear the brunt of it. With the inflation rate surging high gradually, we are now in the middle of an economic crisis that would take a while before it begins to improve. At the same time, we do need to stop for a moment and take in the reality that we would have easily moved forward if we had embraced and fully supported our very own home-grown enterprises.

With the issue of food also hanging in the balance, it is our farmers who require the needed support more than ever to enable them to produce crops for our consumption. Sri Lanka is facing unprecedented times and one that none of us thought would occur at such a fast pace. However, resilience is evident and there is much room for improvement if enough care and attention was projected towards the SME sector. Past economic data has indicated that the local ecosystem is geared on the strength of these rural entities. So, it is only right that moving forward and developing rural entrepreneurship is ideal in this day and age.

For the past few years, the world and Sri Lanka in particular has been exposed to a range of problems which eventually laid its effect onto our current economic situation. However, it is also essential that a strategy is designed in a way where a crisis management approach could be taken. Even though times are tough, with an open mind and creativity, the SME sector could bounce back a little and forge a path that could at least ensure a minimal level of improvement and resilience.

Importance of online platforms

One good example would be the steps that small

business enterprises took when the covid-19 lockdown period came into effect not just in Sri Lanka but for a most part of the world. It was evident that many businesses that never really leveraged on the importance of online platforms eventually decided to become innovative in their business approaches and swiftly embraced social media apps and website portals to continue their businesses. Before C-19 struck, it has been reported that 79% of such businesses did not feel the need to be present virtually.

However, C-19 quickly influenced that notion. Once again, as our country has been plunged into the deep end with another economic crisis on our hands, it is vital that we continue to find ways to uplift the rural economy.

To continue bringing in that level of change, enabling their transition towards ecommerce platforms to do business would be beneficial. Such platforms should be made available to SMEs and entrepreneurs who wish to penetrate into the e-commerce space. SMEs would be enabled by way of promoting their products via an online portal and get to attract potential customers. On the other hand, such platforms would also offer them an incentive to feel empowered and focused on opening themselves up to global demand.

This also means learning the ropes on what steps would need to be taken if they were to create products in line with global standards whilst also gradually uplifting their businesses, employees and in turn, their communities as well.

However, rural entrepreneurs unfortunately have to go through various barriers just so that they can establish themselves enough to break even at some point. They lack essential technical skills, business management skills, enough capital to invest, and a reliable support system or network that would enable them further towards achieving their long-term goals.

Empower micro, home-based enterprises
State and Private Business Development Services (BDSs) can come across as a support system and ideal networking entities, whereby; entrepreneurs can also come together under one safe space and market themselves not just locally but globally as well. State and Private BDSs should focus on their vision to eliminate poverty by empowering micro and home-based enterprises.

The main mission in this case, should be the ability to transform the idling population into a productive labour force through the empowerment of micro and home-based enterprises, to help secure a livelihood through the initiation of an efficient procurement process, create profitable national and international market spaces and offer necessary training and development facilities.

Other support systems that need to be considered



come in the form of government intervention and their attention is also significant if rural entrepreneurs need to encourage to initiate their businesses and to be able to keep going without any bureaucratic hindrances that tend to occur now and then.

It is important that consistent systems are set in place where local chambers of commerce could reinforce marketing channels for rural entrepreneurs and conduct regular programs that would give these entrepreneurs a chance to expose their products to local customers by way of trade fairs for example.

Providing them with training on the dynamics behind quality standards and adding value to their products through the use of technical knowhow etc. At the same time, there are a number of issues that have been identified as instrumental in the generation of low profits by these rural entrepreneurs and it is mostly down to a level of incompetence that is quite prominent.

When incompetence is most commonly witnessed through a management entity's side, technical side and entrepreneurial side, then it leads to various other issues that take place when the entrepreneur's own personal take on things also occurs. This means that a lack of training on how to handle these elements is an issue and leads to a breakdown along the way. Other external factors also tend to form a part of these issues which, in turn, paves way towards poor productivity and eventually, lower profits. This is why training needs should be met in a timely fashion. Consistency is important if we wish to see this level of change not only being embraced but also carried on forward for generations to come.

Now that we are immersed in this current wave of uncertainty, the only way forward is to keep going and seeking innovative and practical approaches. The objective needs to be projected towards empowering micro and SMEs by furthering their advancement through these practical processes that will pave way for growth.

MSMEs too would benefit

This should become the primary responsibility of state and private sector BDSs. In times of crisis, when there is a sense of hopelessness that lingers around, we must continue to empower the SME sector and rural entrepreneurs in a manner where sustainable solutions can be derived from this crisis. These solutions can also be forecasted towards enhancing post-crisis economic growth.

MSMEs on the other hand will also greatly benefit from any supportive endeavours, especially with regards to national policy. The national policy should be geared towards helping to uplift MSMEs and the national budget too should accommodate introducing a mechanism which, especially during a crisis such as the ongoing situation, should support them by way of gaining new markets both, locally and regionally.

To achieve this, a national mission should be instigated in order to encourage the flow of foreign exchange. These MSMEs need to feel empowered and provided with these incentives if the aim is to help them move forward. Putting across such feats will become sustainable solutions if we aim to step away from this crisis.



PROCUREMENT NOTICE

PROVINCIAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (W.P.)

(Ministry of Provincial Roads, Transport, Co-operative Development and Trade, Housing and Constructions, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industry and Rural Development - Western Province)

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR OBTAINING INSURANCE COVER FOR MOTORCYCLES, LIGHT VEHICLES, HEAVY VEHICLES AND MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND ON BEHALF OF CASH-IN-TRANSIT BELONGING TO THE AUTHORITY - 2022/2023

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Bid Summary

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Accepting / Opening of Bids:

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Chairman, Procurement Committee, Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)
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**Ministry of Urban Development & Housing
Urban Development Authority**



Calling for Tenders for Operating of Food Court No. 02 and 04 Located in Battaramulla "Sethsiripaya" Administrative Complex - Stage 1 on monthly rental basis

Contract No. : PD/UDA/Canteen/2022/015

- Sealed Quotations are invited by the Revenue Tender Board (Minor) on behalf of the Urban Development Authority for selection of a service provider to operate canteen No. 02 & 04 at Sethsiripaya Stage 1, Battaramulla from the suitable service providers for the above service.
- The contract period is 02 years from the date of commencement of the relevant service.
- Bids shall be called on National Competitive Bidding procedure and one applicant shall bid for one food court only. Successful bidders to be eligible for the award of service shall not be blacklisted at the time of award and shall have 03 years of experience in running a canteen.
- Interested and qualified bidders may obtain further information and bid documents at Battaramulla, "Sethsiripaya - Stage 1", 7th Floor, Urban Development Authority, Procurement Division (Telephone No. 011-3049008) by submitting a written application and paying a non-refundable fee of Rs. Two Thousand (Rs. 2,000/-) + Tax from 05th August 2022 to 25th August 2022 on working days from 9:00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.
- Clarifications can be obtained at Urban Development Authority, 6th Floor, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla, Telephone Number 011-2873641 during normal working hours between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
- Obtaining the bid document by paying a sum of Rs. 2,000/- + VAT to the Cashier of the Urban Development Authority.
- Bid Security of Rs. 20,000/-. The Original Copy of the Bid Security paid to the Cashier of the Urban Development Authority should be submitted along with the original copy of the quotation. Bids in two copies in separate envelopes and enclosed in one envelope should be sent to Chairman, Revenue Tender Board (Minor), Finance Division, 6th Floor, Urban Development Authority, "Sethsiripaya-1" Administrative Complex, Battaramulla, on 26th August 2022. Tenders can be submitted by registered mail or deposited in the container kept at the Finance Division on 6th Floor of the Urban Development Authority at the times mentioned below :
 - Restaurant Booth No. 02 - 10.30 a.m.
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Chairman Revenue Tender Board (Minor), 6th & 7th Floor, "Sethsiripaya", Battaramulla.

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Gold articles kept as security for loans obtained from Singer Finance (Lanka) PLC and defaulted in payments as agreed, will be auctioned at Following dates at 10.00 a.m.

Dates and Venues

- Date : 23/08/2022**
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- Date : 24/08/2022**
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No.579, Galle Road, Wellawatte.
No.49, Symonds Road, Maradana, Colombo 10.
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No.493, Negombo Road, Wattala.
No.14, Mangala Road, Gampaha.
No.64, Makola Road, Kiribathgoda.
No.362, Kotte Road, Rajagiriya.
No.837 E, New Kandy Road, Thalangama North, Malabe.
No.188, Piliyandala Road, Maharagama.
No.34, Horana Road, Piliyandala.
No.173, Rathnapura Road, Horana.
No.348, Galle Road, Panadura.
No.546, Galle Road, Kaluthara South, Kaluthara.

- Date : 25/08/2022**
No.46/1/1, Colombo Road, Kaluwella, Galle.
No.01, Angarika Dharmapala Mw, Matara.
Muthukumarana Building, Lower Road, Tissamaharama.
No.115/1, New Town Road, Embilipitiya.
No.271/1, 1st Floor, Katugastota Road, Kandy.
No.186, D. S. Senanayake Mawatha, Kandy.
No.131, Nuwara Eliya Road, Gampola.
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Nadeeka caught off guard as boxing medal slips away



By Allaam Ousman

A momentary loss of concentration cost Sri Lanka boxer Nadeeka Pushpakumari Ranasinghe a possible boxing medal in the women's minimum weight class quarter-final against Botswana's Lethabo Bokamoso Modukanele on the sixth day of competition at the XXII Commonwealth Games on Wednesday.

Lanky Ranasinghe, 31, boxed with great composure towering over her slightly shorter adversary displaying good body movements and unleashing speedy



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combinations. After being edged out in the first round she got the nod of the judges in the second round as she stepped up the tempo and took the fight to her opponent. It was a pretty even contest in the third round as both boxers fought toe to toe but the gritty 25-year-old from Botswana caught Ranasinghe off guard in the last 30 seconds forcing a mandatory standing 'eight' count after catching her with a left and right cross. Ranasinghe who was bouncing confidently till then even lost her mouthpiece thereafter with the Botswana lass finishing strongly to deny the Sri Lankan glory. It was one of the closest fights featuring a Sri Lankan with three judges scoring 29-28 in favour of Botswana and another surprisingly 30-26 while the other judge called it a tie.

Sri Lanka's weightlifting campaign ended with heavyweights Thimali Nethmini Haputhenna and Ushan Charuka Widanapathirana finishing in eighth place in the women's 87+kg and men's 109+kg weight categories respectively.

England's Emily Campbell won gold in the 87+kg weight setting Commonwealth and Games records with her total lift of 286kg and 162kg in the clean and jerk.

Pakistan won their first gold medal of the Games with Muhammad Nooh Dastgir Butt winning the 109+kg weight with Games records of 405kg (total), 137kg (snatch) and 232 (clean and jerk).

India confirmed their place in the women's T20 cricket semi-finals along with Australia from group A after thrashing Barbados by 100 runs at Edgbaston.

Tahlia McGrath impressed with bat and ball as Australia kept up their perfect record at the Games.

McGrath hit an unbeaten 78 - which included 10 fours and one maximum - and Beth Mooney added 70 as Australia finished with 160 for two.

The favourites had been reduced to 19 for two after winning the toss and electing to bat first, but McGrath's and Mooney's unbroken 141-run partnership guided them to a solid total. Pakistan stuttered in reply, as McGrath took three for 13 to make it three wins from three in the group.

Jemimah Rodrigues hit 56 off

46 balls to lead India to a competitive total of 162 for four.

That proved to be beyond Barbados, who could only make 62 for eight as Renuka Singh Thakur claimed remarkable figures of four for 10 and India confirmed their place in the semi-finals.

RESULTS

BADMINTON
Men's Singles Round of 64: Dumindu Abeywickrama (Sri Lanka) bt Aatish Lubah (Morocco) 2-1 (21-7 20-22 21-11). Niluka Karunaratne (Sri Lanka) beat Friday Attama (Uganda) 2-0 (21-6 21-6)

BOXING
Women's over 45kg-48kg (Minimum weight) Quarter-final: Lethabo Bokamoso Modukanele (Botswana) beat Nadeeka Pushpakumari Ranasinghe (Sri Lanka) WP 4:0

WEIGHTLIFTING
Women's 87+kg: Thimali Nethmini Haputhenna (Sri Lanka) Total lift 199kg (89 snatch 110 clean and jerk) ranked 8th out 10

Men's 109+kg: Ushan Charuka Widanapathirana (Sri Lanka) Total lift 313kg (138 snatch 175 clean and jerk) ranked 8th out of 9



Boxer Nadeeka Pushpakumari Ranasinghe a gallant display

Cream of schoolboy ruggerites on show in under 20 Super Round



Harsith Peiris (Royal Captain)



Tharusha Jayaweera (Wesley Captain)



Daham Mithila (Ispathana Captain)



Teran Karunayake (St. Joseph's Captain)

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

The cream of Sri Lanka's schoolboy rugby will be on display when the Inter-Schools Under-20 'A' Division League Rugby Tournament Super Round stage begins on Saturday.

The defending champions Royal College will take on Wesley College in the opening fixture on Saturday at Longden Place while the former champions Ispathana College will face St. Joseph's College at Havelock Park on Sunday.

All four teams seem to have a chance of lifting the title after a gruelling league phase where they finished among the top two in their respective Groups. Even then, Ispathana were quite extraordinary as they ended the league stage as the only unbeaten side of the tournament after having recorded five back-to-back victories against Science College (18-9), Wesley (10-0), St. Peter's College (29-17), Dharmaraja College (26-12) and Vidyarthi College (25-23) respectively.

But this time it will be a real test for Ispathana as they will be put under tremendous pressure by a rejuvenated St. Joseph's outfit as the two teams will go head on for the first time this season.

The Josephians are set to field their full side for this vital game after having missed out four of their regulars during the last league stage match against St. Anthony's College last week.

St. Joseph's will also welcome the return of their Head Coach Nilfer Ibrahim, who was on national duty last week with the

Sri Lanka Sevens Rugby Team at the 22nd Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England.

Meanwhile, Royal will face an acid test when they confront the unpredictable Wesley outfit in what could turn out to be another exciting encounter. No doubt, Royal will have a slight edge over their rivals following some outstanding rugby this season where they had the better of St. Anthony's (22-12), Kingswood (53-0), S. Thomas' (20-8) and St. Joseph's (17-3) respectively.

Despite their superior line-up, Royal will be still under pressure as they are chasing a unique fourth successive 'A' Division league title. In contrast, Wesley will look to keep the momentum and stick to the basics of the game as they have done throughout this season with three good victories under their belt. But more than any other game, their performance in the important clash against St. Peter's was really heartening where they held their nerves to force a 17-17 draw away from home.

Royal and Wesley last met during the 2019 season and on that occasion the former survived a fierce late charge before recording a thrilling 24-19 victory at the Royal Sports Complex.

Junior golfers tee off for Rukmani Kodagoda Trophy

HERBERT PERERA

Sri Lanka Junior Match Play Golf Championship sponsored by Perera And Sons Bakers for the Rukmani Kodagoda Trophy will tee off on August 9 at Royal Colombo Golf Club. Mrs. Rukmani was a brilliant Tennis Player and played for the National Tennis Team and became a Champion and played golf to its highest level. The junior match play championship is held yearly in honour of late Rukmani Kodagoda, who won the Sri Lanka Amateur Championship in 1979 and sev-

eral other club tournaments as well.

The Chairperson of Junior Subcommittee, Niloo Jayatilake stressed that she look forward to the tournament which is a fitting tribute to an inspiring personality to us all and had the fortune of associating and learning from such a large, heartened lady in golfing. Niloo also said the SLG already commenced to train the golf at school level and at the moment Anadana College, Colombo and Trinity College, Kandy. Already training golf in school

level and happy to invite the outstation school children to take keen interest to get training in golf in Anuradhapura, Kandy and Nuwara Eliya, Trincomalee and also Hambantota.

The inaugural Sri Lanka

Junior Match Play Golf Championship was played in 2014 with the junior golfer Prashan Pieris winning the title. The winners in the 2019 Championship was Tania Balasuriya in the girls division and S. Dhur-

warthan in the boys. This year's championship will be played in four categories comprising Gold Division (15 - 18 years), Silver (12 - 14), Bronze (10 - 11) and Copper from 9 years and under.



Ruwani Kariyawasam, Director P & S Bakers (third from right) seen handing over the Sponsorship Cheque to Niloo Jayatilake, Chairperson - Junior Subcommittee, Sri Lanka Golf Union (third from left). Others from left: Chandana Weerasinghe, Junior Subcommittee Member (SLGU), Ranil Peiris, Vice President, Sri Lanka Golf, Kamal Jaimon, Director P & S Bakers, G. M Pradeep Kumara, National Coach (SLGU). (PICTURE BY HERBERT PERERA)

DATE WEDNESDAY 03.08.2022 **OFFICIAL RESULTS** www.nlb.lk

MAHAJANA SAMPATHA DRAW NUMBER: 4836 Prizes won in this draw **Rs. 7,443,060.00**

WINNING LETTER: E WINNING NUMBERS: 7 8 8 5 4 7 THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 29,393,276.60**

Dhana Nidhanaya DRAW NUMBER: 866 TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 1,827,500.00**

WINNING LETTER: J WINNING NUMBERS: 21 55 59 62 THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 120,194,057.60**

HANDAHANA DRAW NUMBER: 145 TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 5,129,480.00**

WINNING ZODIAC: CAPRICORN WINNING NUMBERS: 01 06 27 35 THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 3,566,304.20**

Govisetha DRAW NUMBER: 3078 TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 3,490,900.00**

WINNING LETTER: U WINNING NUMBERS: 24 26 42 76 THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 66,908,206.00**

Mega POWER DRAW NUMBER: 1184 TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 12,516,580.00**

WINNING LETTER: J SUPER NUMBER: 09 WINNING NUMBERS: 30 42 70 74 NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE **Rs. 263,999,214.00**

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Yupun Abeykoon

Olympian Abeykoon achieves dream of Lankans

The previous best performance was by Shehan Ambepitiya who qualified to the semifinals in the 100 and 200 at the 2010 Delhi Games.

Abeykoon's medal in athletics is the first since Sriyani Kulawansa won silver in the women's 100m hurdles and Sugath Thilakarathne clinched a bronze in the men's 400m at the 1998 Kuala Lumpur Games. Olympic silver medalist Duncan White is the only athlete to win a gold medal in athletics in the men's 440 yards hurdles at the 1950 Auckland Games.

Kenya's Ferdinand Omanyala (10.02) took the men's title ahead of defending champion Akani Simbine (10.13) of South Africa, shaking off the disappointment of last month where he suffered visa issues ahead of the World Championships and only arrived hours before his 100m heat, before being knocked out in the semifinal.

Olympic champion Elaine Thompson-Herah of Jamaica clinched the women's 100m title. The 30-year-old ran 10.95 seconds and the Jamaican had not previously won an individual Commonwealth Games title despite claiming five Olympic golds.

She was the only one of Jamaica's star trio to compete with world 200m champion Shericka Jackson and 100m champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce skipping the Games following last month's World Championships in Eugene.

Thompson-Herah took 100m bronze behind her teammates in Oregon and was the star name in Birmingham, with England's Dina Asher-Smith out with a hamstring injury. Julien Alfred of St Lucia came home in 11.01 to take silver, with England's Daryll Neita winning bronze in 11.07.

Abeykoon was calm as a cucumber during the final and did not even

look up to see the result although it was clear to the naked eye that he had finished third. He could not believe his eyes when he was placed third on the giant screen.

"In my mind, I had already won before running the finals. I had achieved the target of my team by qualifying for the finals. My coach told me to run freely in the final. You have already achieved your goal. If you run freely, definitely you can get a podium finish," said Abeykoon who had the fastest time of 10.06 in the heats but came fourth in the third semifinal clocking 10.20 which was just enough to be among the fastest qualifiers.

"At this level, you have that stress. If you don't, you are not running on this planet. But every race is different. In the heats, I did very well. Today it was different. Any athlete should have another skill to run in this type of competition because it's not easy. That is sport. I am very happy," he said.

"At this level to win a bronze medal running with world-class athletes. To be among them is an honour. It did not happen overnight. It is a result of years of hard work. Only my team and I know the sacrifices we made during this journey," he added.

Men's 100m FINAL

- 1 Ferdinand Omanyala (Kenya) 10.02 seconds
- 2 Akani Simbine (South Africa) 10.13
- 3 YUPUN ABEYKOON (SRI LANKA) 10.14
- 4 Benjamin Azamati (Ghana) 10.16
- 5 Jeremiah Azu (Wales) 10.19
- 6 Rohan Browning (Australia) 10.20
- 7 Emmanuel Esem (Cameroon) 10.24
- 8 Nethaneel Mitchell-Blake (England) 11.10

MEDAL TALLY AFTER DAY FIVE

POS TEAM	G	S	B	TOTAL
1 Australia	46	38	39	123
2 England	38	37	28	103
3 Canada	16	20	21	57
4 New Zealand	16	10	10	36
5 Scotland	7	8	17	32
6 South Africa	6	7	7	20
7 India	5	6	7	18
8 Wales	4	4	9	17
9 Malaysia	3	2	3	8
10 Nigeria	3	1	4	8
11 Cyprus	2	1	4	7
12 Uganda	2	0	0	2
13 Kenya	1	3	3	7
13 Northern Ireland	1	3	3	7
15 Singapore	1	3	1	5
16 Samoa	1	3	0	4
17 Jamaica	1	2	0	3
18 Trinidad & Tobago	1	1	1	3
19 Pakistan	1	0	1	2
20 Bermuda	1	0	0	1
20 Cameroon	1	0	0	1
22 Mauritius	0	2	2	4
23 Fiji	0	2	1	3
24 SRI LANKA	0	1	2	3

Men's Discus Throw F42-44/61-64 - FINAL

- 1 Aled Davies (Wales) (Sport class: F42) 51.39m
- 2 PALITHA BANDARA HALGAHAWELA GEDARA (SRI LANKA) (F42) 44.20
- 3 Harrison Walsh (Wales) (F44) 54.76
- 4 Dan Greaves (England) (F42) 54.66
- 5 Devendra Gahlot (India) (F42) 42.13
- 6 Kennedy Ezeji (Nigeria) (F42) 38.76
- 7 Devender Kumar (India) (F44) 46.28
- DNS Aneesh Kumar Surendran Pillai (India) (F44)



The two athletes who kept the Sri Lanka flag flying at Birmingham. Silver medalist Palitha Bandara (on left) and bronze medalist Yupun Abeykoon. Picture by Prince Gunasekara

44.20m came in his fifth throw after securing second position with distances of 39.54, 41.48, 41.88, 43.13 and a no throw in his final attempt. Wales' Aled Davies (F42) secured the gold with a throw of 51.39 while another Welshman Harrison Walsh (F44) got the bronze with a throw of 54.76m.

"I am very happy and proud to win a medal. I wish to thank my coach Prabath Danushka Perera and the Army for all their support," said Bandara, a father of two girls, not forgetting to express his appreciation to the NPC (National Paralympic Committee) and the NOC (National Olympic Committee).

Yupun Abeykoon was elated like an excited schoolboy after his phenomenal feat of becoming the first Sri Lankan to win a medal in the men's 100m event at the Commonwealth Games.

"I am very happy and wish to thank everyone who believed in me. This is a small gift from me to Sri Lanka," said the 27-year-old from Wennappuwa who is based in Italy for the past several years.

"Really it was the plan of my team to run in the Commonwealth final. Our people also believed in me because I had a great journey this year. Coach said 'yes we can finish in the podium'. Yes I did it. To win a medal in this Games is my biggest achievement," he said.

"This was a different race from what I had run before. Finally I got the chance to win a bronze medal. It is very precious to me. The reason is because we worked hard for it and only we know what we had to go through to achieve it," said Abeykoon who clocked 10.14 seconds running from lane two to finish third.



By Allaam Ousman

In a golden night for Sri Lanka athletics, Paralympian Palitha Bandara and Olympian Yupun Abeykoon lifted the spirits of a nation enduring an economic crisis with their heroics in the dazzling glow of lights at the Alexander Stadium and billions of sports fans watching the XXII Commonwealth Games around the globe.

The silver medal of Bandara in the Men's Discus Throw F42-44/61-64 and bronze medal of Abeykoon in the men's 100 metres is worth their weight in gold for a nation starved of heroes after prospective medalists flopped following Dilanka Kumara's solitary bronze medal winning effort in weightlifting.

All eyes were on Yupun Abeykoon after he had performed beyond expectations to secure a berth in the final of the blue riband event of the Games but it was another Army Corporal 30-year-old Bandara who lit up the giant screen to put Sri Lanka in contention for a second medal by shooting into second place.

Bandara created history as the first para-athlete to win a medal in the Commonwealth Games. A silver medalist in the F42 shot put at the 2018 Para Asian Games and fifth in his pet event at the 2021 Tokyo Paralympics, Bandara feat is amazing since he began throwing the discus just eight months ago and qualified for the Games in a tournament in England in May.

"I had lot of hopes to win a medal but I didn't expect to win a silver," said Bandara humbly, a native of Lag-gala, Matale whose best throw of

Cash awards for medal winners

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sports Minister Roshan Ranasinghe has planned to give cash awards to the medal winners of the Commonwealth Games but the amount of the cash awards have not yet been decided said Sports Ministry Secretary Dr. Amal Harsha de Silva.

The three athletes Dilanka Isuru Kumara (weight lifting bronze medal), Yupun Abeykoon (100m bronze medal), and Palitha Bandara (para discus throw silver medal) bagged medals for Sri Lanka and the Sports Ministry has evaluated the performance of the athletes and the Minister has decided to give cash prizes

for each medal winner within the next two days said Sports Ministry Secretary.

Apart from the medal winners, the Minister also plans to give cash awards to those who were placed. Gayanthika Abeyratne, the 800m athlete is already eligible to get this cash award.

Meanwhile, the Coordinating

Secretary to President Vernon Perera said that the Sports Minister had a discussion with President Ranil Wickremesinghe who is also planning to give rewards to the medal winners. On previous occasions, medal winners and their coaches were rewarded with cash awards for their achievements.

48th Josephian-Peterite L/O encounter tomorrow

Sri Lanka's longest-running school's annual one-day cricket encounter played between St. Joseph's College and St. Peter's College for the Fr. Peter A. Pillai Memorial Trophy will go LIVE on August 6, 2022, from 9.30 am onwards at the SSC Ground, Colombo.

The Saint's annual 50 overs encounter was first played on March 16, 1975, at Darley Road, Colombo.

This year the two captains, Shev-daniel of St. Joseph's College and Wanuja Kumara of St Peter's College, are both talented all-rounders who represented Sri Lanka at the Under-19 Asia Cup in the United Aran Emirates and World Cup in the Caribbean in 2022. They are scheduled to leave on the Under-19 England Tour soon after this match.

Due to the present situation of the country and rising Covid numbers, the two schools have decided to play without spectators but for their large Sri Lankan and overseas following the match will be shown LIVE on Dialog Television channel number 140, and via live stream on the ThePapare.com and the Dialog ViU app.

In last year's match the boys from

Darley Road outplayed the lads from Bambalapitiya, but this year at the recently concluded Big Match, the Battle of the Saints, the Peterites turned the tables on a more fancied Josephian team so a great day of cricket is on the cards.

The Joes have consecutively won the last 3 limited-over battles and lead the series 24-20 with two matches ending in no result.

Sri Lanka Test cricketer Prabath Jayasuriya felicitated

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sri Lankan leg spinner Prabath Jayasuriya was felicitated by his first school Christ Church College Matale last week after his remarkable performance at the recently concluded Australia and Pakistan series. He was adjudged the Man of the Series against Pakistan having 29 wickets in three matches including three five-wicket hauls in three consecutive innings.

The 30-year-old leggie started his cricket career at Christ Church Matale representing College Under 13 and 15 and Matale District XI under 15 in SLC Inter District Tournament in 2006.

In the same year with his potential left-arm leg-spin, he was picked for the Matale Cricket Club in Sara Division 1 Tournament in 2007.

At the age of 17, he represented Matale CC in Sara level when he took a 1st ball wicket against Lankan CC and Old Dharmapaliyas SC in both one-day and two-day Tournaments. Later he switched to Lumbini College under the guidance of Coach Dinesh Weerasinghe and then he played for Colombo Colts CC and presently representing SSC and earned a National Test place from SSC.

The two Test Cricketers Chanaka Welagedara the left-arm paceman Prabath Jayasuriya the leg spinner and all-rounder Lahiru Madushanka (one Dayers) and Lahiru Jayarathne (SL "A") and Nuwan Liyanapathirana (SL Under 19) played for Matale CC in Sara Level.

Earlier, Prabath Jayasuriya was coached by College Cricket - (Junior Level) by Duminda Wijewardena and Jagath Wasantha at Matale District level and then Prabath was guided by former Matale CC coach and, Present Premier Match Referee



Former Matale CC skipper and National Javelin record holder P.K. Aluvihare handing over a special plaque to Prabath Jayasuriya at the felicitation ceremony organised by Christ Church Matale.

Ravi Punchihewa in SLC Sara Trophy Level for Matale Cricket Club.

This felicitation ceremony for Prabath Jayasuriya was organised under the guidance of the President of the Christ Church College Matale Old Boys Association, former National Javelin Record Holder, and Matale CC Captain P.K. Aluvihare together with College Principal and the College Development Society.

He was honoured with a vehicle parade to the College and a felicitation ceremony was held at the College Auditorium and later followed by a tamasha at the Hotel Grand City Matale - Organised by the Treasurer of the Old Boys Association Shafey Mohamed and the Secretary H. Rajasinghe with 200 special guests.

Meanwhile, Lumbini College also organised a felicitation ceremony for Prabath yesterday at the Lumbini Theatre. Malinda Pushpakumara and Vikum Sanjaya who also represented National level from Lumbini College were also felicitated.

SLC Invitational T20 League from August 8

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The public will be allowed to witness the SLC Invitational T20 League, which will commence from August 8 at the R. Premadasa International cricket stadium, Colombo.

Entry for the matches will be on a 'Free-Of-Charge,' basis, while the gates will open at 02 pm, during the days, where the double-headers are taking places said CEO of SLC Ashley de Silva. The four team competition, which will be contested between the 'Reds,' 'Greens,' 'Blues,' and 'Greys,' will be focused on preparing the National Team for the upcoming T20 Asia Cup and the ICC Men's T20 World Cup.

Each team will play 3 matches in the First Round, whilst the top two teams in the points table will feature in the finals,

which is set to be played on the August 15.

Following are the captains and officials of the teams .

Team Reds - Kusal Mendis (Captain) Dharshana Gamage (head coach), Upul Chandana (Assist coach), Shamsheer Jaleel (Manager)

Team Blues - Charith Asalanka (Captain) Manoj Abeywickrama (Head coach), Malinda Warnapura (Assist coach), Shane Fernando (Manager)

Team Greens - Dasun Shanaka (Captain) Thilina Kandamby (Head coach), Ruvin Pieris (Assist coach), Vinodhan John (Manager)

Team Greys - Ashan Priyanjan (Captain) Avishka Gunawardena (Head coach), Sajewa Weerakoon (Assist coach), Charith Senanayake (Manager).

Two Lankan referees for Asian Rugby Sevens

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Two of Sri Lanka's top referees, Aaqil Jamaldeen, a Sri Lanka Division One referee and a product of Royal College and Dilum Deeshan, who is also a Sri Lanka Division I referee and a product of Vidyarthi College, both of whom are ARFU 7s panel referees, will be handling the whistle in ARST 2022 Asian Rugby Sevens which will take place in Jakarta, Indonesia on August 6 and 7.

Aaqil Jamaldeen who started refereeing when he was 19 years in the year 2015 is a top-class ruggerite who learnt his rugby at Royal College, and after taking up refereeing he has done his best. In the same way, Vidyarthi College's Dilum Deeshan was a player who gave his best for his school and later as a referee.

Both, have handled the whistle officiated in school and club rugby encounters, are considered as top referees and also have refereed in many overseas assignments.

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STATE PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION OF SRI LANKA

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka, Colombo 05 invites quotations from registered and previous sources for following items for open market sales and tenders will be closed at 1.15 p.m. on the dates given below. (E-mail/Fax offers as well as FOB offers are not acceptable).

Item	Quantity	Tender No.	Closing on
Item Code No. 120104C18 Prolonged Release Isosorbide Mononitrate Tablets 30mg BP Isosorbide Mononitrate Extended/Sustained Release Tablets USP 30mg 12 x 10 Tablets (Blister)	48,000 Packs	RES/ICL/31/2022	17.8.2022
Item Code No.100302C20 Sildenafil Citrate Tablets 50mg 4 Tablets	42,000 Packs	RES/ICL/32/2022	17.8.2022
Item Code No. 210407A99 Bimatoprost Eye Drops 300mcg/ml 3ml/vial	4,500 vials	RES/ICL/33/2022	17.8.2022
Item Code No. 050102C31 Oxcarbazepine Tablets 300mg USP 30 Tablets (Blister)	5,000 Packs	RES/ICL/35/2022	24.8.2022
Item Code No. 180502C11 Glipizide Tablets BP 5mg 10 x 10 Tablets (Blister)	24,000 Packs	RES/24/08/A/2022	24.8.2022
Homeopathic Medicines for Hoemeopathic Government Hospital - Welisara		RES/25/08/A/2022	25.8.2022
Item Code No. 170101C19 Famotidine Tablets BP/USP 40mg 10 x 10 Tablets (Blister)	120,000 Packs	RES/31/08/A/2022	31.8.2022

These tenders are administered by the provisions of the "Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987" and therefore, in the event bidder is to retain an Agent, Sub-Agent, Representative, Nominee for and on behalf of tenderer shall register himself and such Public Contract in accordance with Section 10 of the Public Contracts Act and produce such valid Certificate of Registration in the course of any transaction relating to the tender or Act at any stage in the duration of the tender.

Tenders will be closed at the office of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation at 1.15 p.m. on the dates indicated against each tender and will be opened immediately thereafter. Tenderers or their authorized Representatives will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of Tenders.

**The Chairman - Procurement Committee,
State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka,
41, "Mehewara Piyasa", 16th Floor,
Kirula Road, Narahenpita, Colombo 05.**

Phone : 00 94 11 2471463
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SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

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

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document fee (Inclusive of VAT) (Rs.)	Closing Date & Time
CMS/LP/22/PT/09/036	Marine Paints	30,000.00	1,000.00	22/08/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/09/037	ZN AI Roofing Sheet and ZN AI Ridge Cap	50,000.00	1,000.00	22/08/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/09/038	GI Thread Bar and GI Nut, Bolt and Washer	30,000.00	1,000.00	22/08/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/09/039	GI Lipped Channel and GI Pipe HD	100,000.00	3,500.00	22/08/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/09/040	MS I Beam and MS Plates	145,000.00	3,500.00	22/08/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/20/010	02 Nos. 40KVA Sound Proof Generator	80,000.00	1,000.00	25/08/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/09/052	2100 Ltr SAE 15W - 40 Multi Grade Engine Oil	19,000.00	1,000.00	25/08/2022 13.30hrs

- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No.3 of 1987 are applicable to tenders total Cost exceeding Rs.5 million. Accordingly all parties involved in each aforementioned tender are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any bidder who wishes to act as an agent, sub-agent, a representative or a nominee for and on behalf of any foreign manufacturer or a supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed Registration Certificate along with his bid documents.
- Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last Five (5) years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee indicated in Column 04 from 8th August 2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 03.00 p.m on working days, up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All bids must be accompanied by the amount of above mentioned bid Security

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

Telephone Nos. : 2482231, 2483338, 2482499, 2482832, 2482409, 2482652, 2483024, 2482638
Fax Nos :- 2381652, 2470443



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CES/FP/06/PT/6356(MP)	04 Nos. Wire Ropes of Size Ø22.4MM X 408M	55,000.00	1,000.00	01/09/2022 10.00hrs
CES/FP/02/PT/6358(MP)	Spares for UD Nissan Engines Fitted with UD Nissan Prime Movers	25,000.00	1,000.00	01/09/2022 10.00hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/16/055	1000 Metre 16MM ² CU/PVC/PVC/Two Core Cable	45,000.00	1,000.00	25/08/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/21/PT/17/053	1500 Mtrs. of Cloth Drill for Year 2022	24,000.00	1,000.00	25/08/2022 13.30hrs

- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 are applicable to tenders total Cost exceeding Rs.5 million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned tender are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any bidder who wishes to act as an agent, sub-agent, a representative or a nominee for and on behalf of any foreign manufacturer or a supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed Registration Certificate along with his bid documents.
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Bidders who wish to collect the Bid Documents are requested to forward an official request by email to procurement@leco.lk. Payment method and other details on collecting the Bid Documents will be replied via email. Upon successful confirmation of payment, Bidding Documents will be issued.

Bidding documents will be issued from **05th August, 2022 to 19th August, 2022.**

Draft bidding document (Not for Bidding) is available on www.promise.lk and www.leco.lk websites for reference purpose only.

Completed Bid documents shall be addressed to General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited under sealed cover. The Bid documents shall be placed in the Tender Box at the Ground Floor of the address below, not later than the date and time of Bid Closing.

Date and time of Bid closing is 02.00 P.m. on 22nd August, 2022.

Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time, in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.

General Manager
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Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited
INVITATION FOR BIDS
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Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective suppliers to obtain

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Bidding documents will be issued from **05th August, 2022 to 24th August, 2022.**

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Completed Bid documents shall be addressed to General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited under sealed cover. The Bid documents shall be placed in the Tender Box at the Ground Floor of the address below, not later than the date and time of Bid Closing.

Date and time of Bid closing is 02.00 P.m. on 25th August, 2022.

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Procurement Notice

Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation
Department of National Zoological Gardens

Supply of Animal Feed - 2022/2023

IFB No - DNZG/A/07/22/114

1. Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Department of National Zoological Gardens now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply of animal feed for a period of one year.

No.	Name of the Contract	Value of Bid Security (Rs.)	Non-Refundable Tender Fee (Rs.)
1	Supply of Vegetables for Dehiwala Zoo	200,000/=	4,000/=
2	Supply of Miscellaneous Food Items for Dehiwala Zoo	60,000/=	2,000/=
3	Supply of Coconut Foliage for Dehiwala Zoo	42,000/=	2,000/=
4	Supply of Kitul logs and Kitul Foliage for Dehiwala Zoo	40,000/=	2,000/=
5	Supply of Jak Leaves for Dehiwala Zoo	50,000/=	2,000/=
6	Supply of Mixed leaves for Dehiwala Zoo	90,000/=	2,000/=
7	Supply of Forage Food for Dehiwala Zoo	93,000/=	2,000/=
8	Supply of Grass for Dehiwala Zoo	40,000/=	2,000/=
9	Supply of Fish for Dehiwala Zoo	260,000/=	4,000/=
10	Supply of Pellets for Dehiwala Zoo	55,000/=	2,000/=
11	Supply of Chicken for Dehiwala Zoo	106,000/=	4,000/=
12	Supply of Beef for Dehiwala Zoo	416,000/=	13,000/=
13	Supply of Kitul Logs & Foliage for Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	522,000/=	13,000/=
14	Supply of Jack Leaves for Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	287,000/=	4,000/=
15	Supply of Coconut Foliage for Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	595,000/=	13,000/=
16	Supply of Mixed Leaves for Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	730,000/=	13,000/=
17	Supply of Miscellaneous Food for Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	45,000/=	2,000/=
18	Supply of Fruits for Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	82,000/=	2,000/=
19	Supply of Grass for Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	616,000/=	13,000/=
20	Supply of Beef for Pinnawala Zoo	109,000/=	4,000/=
21	Supply of Chicken for Pinnawala Zoo	58,000/=	2,000/=
22	Supply of Grass for Pinnawala Zoo	52,000/=	2,000/=
23	Supply of Jack Leaves for Pinnawala Zoo	30,000/=	2,000/=
24	Supply of Miscellaneous Food Items for Pinnawala Zoo	51,000/=	2,000/=
25	Supply of Fruits for Pinnawala Zoo	13,000/=	2,000/=
26	Supply of Vegetables for Pinnawala Zoo	202,000/=	4,000/=
27	Supply of Miscellaneous Food Items for Ridiyagama Safari Park	51,000/=	2,000/=
28	Supply of Fruits for Ridiyagama Safari Park	132,000/=	4,000/=
29	Supply of Vegetables for Ridiyagama Safari Park	70,000/=	2,000/=
30	Supply of Chicken & Fish for Safari Park	330,000/=	4,000/=
31	Supply of Beef for Safari Park	830,000/=	13,000/=

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the office of the **Chief Accountant, Department of National Zoological Gardens, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Dehiwala. Tel - 2896779, 2731851** and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below on working days from **8.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 05th August, 2022 to 24th August, 2022.**

4. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased for each category by interested bidders on the submission of a written request to the address given below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee as stated in the above table until 24th of August, 2022. The method of payment will be in cash.

5. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **10.30 a.m. on 25th of August, 2022.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders and their representatives, who choose to attend in person at the address below at **10.30 a.m. on 25th of August 2022.** All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security.

6. The decision of the Department Procurement Committee shall be the final.

Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
Department of National Zoological Gardens,
Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha,
Dehiwala.

Invitation for Bids

Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project - CRIWMP

Ministry of Irrigation
(National Competitive Bidding)

IFB No: CRIWMP/NCB/PE TANKS/WORKS/2022/01- 05

PROCUREMENT NOTICE - WORKS CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLY OF ACCESSORIES AND INSTALLATION OF RAIN WATER HARVESTING (RWH) SYSTEM FOR SELECTED 973 HOUSEHOLDS (HHs)/ SCHOOLS IN KURUNEGALA, PUTTALAM, VAVUNIYA, MANNAR, TRINCOMALEE AND POLONNARUWA DISTRICTS

1. On behalf of Chairman, Project Procurement Committee, Project Director, Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project, Ministry of Irrigation, 12th Floor, No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10, invites sealed bids from prospective bidders for works contracts for supplying of accessories, installation and commissioning of complete Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) systems in the selected 973 Houses/Schools in Kurunegala, Puttalam, Vavuniya, Mannar, Trincomalee and Polonnaruwa Districts as indicated below.

2. The Poly Ethylene 5000 L Tank, is being delivered to the selected Households by the employer where the Project plans to install complete Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) Systems.

SrI No.	Description of Package	IFB No.	Bid Guarantee (Rs.)	CIDA Grade
1	Installation of PE Tanks 240 Nos. (5000 L) to nominated Beneficiaries in Kurunegala District	CRIWMP/NCB/PE TANKS/WORKS/2022/01	100,000.00	C 7 & C 6
2	Installation of PE Tanks 240 Nos. (5000 L) to nominated Beneficiaries in Puttalam District	CRIWMP/NCB/PE TANKS/WORKS/2022/02	100,000.00	C 7 & C 6
3	Installation of PE Tanks 273 Nos. (5000 L) to nominated Beneficiaries in Vavuniya District	CRIWMP/NCB/PE TANKS/WORKS/2022/03	100,000.00	C 7 & C 6
4	Installation of PE Tanks 100 Nos. (5000 L) to nominated Beneficiaries in Mannar District	CRIWMP/NCB/PE TANKS/WORKS/2022/04	50,000.00	C 8 & C 7
5	Installation of PE Tanks 120 Nos. (5000 L) to nominated Beneficiaries in Trincomalee & Polonnaruwa Districts	CRIWMP/NCB/PE TANKS/WORKS/2022/05	50,000.00	C 8 & C 7

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Project Director, **Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project (CRIWMP), Ministry of Irrigation, 12th Floor, No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10** (Contact No: 0112672223) from 0900 hrs to 1600 hrs on any working day.

4. A complete set of Bidding documents in English language may be purchased during office hours (from 09.00hrs to 15.00 hrs) from **05.08.2022 to 25.08.2022** from the office of **CRIWMP**, at the address mentioned in paragraph three (03) above, on submission of a written request on the contractor's business letterhead addressed to the Project Director, CRIWMP along with a copy of CIDA registration and upon payment of a **non-refundable fee of LKR 3500.00 per one set** (package) of documents.

5. Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days (Bid Guarantee validity period 119 days) after the date of bid opening. All bids must be accompanied with a **Bid Guarantee for the amounts indicated in Paragraph 02 above for each package** drawn in favour of Project Director, CRIWMP, Ministry of Irrigation. Bid Guarantee shall be an unconditional on demand guarantee issued by a commercial bank/Insurance Company (**except Co-operative Insurance Company Ltd**) registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka/Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka in accordance with the format provided in Bid Document.

6. While the detailed requirements of qualifications are provided in the bidding document, some key qualifications are as mentioned below :

a. Bidders shall have CIDA (ICTAD) registration as given in the table above in the field of **Water Supply & Sewerage or Building Construction.**

b. Construction Experience: Specific experience in successful completion of at least one contract of similar nature within last ten years.

7. A **pre-bid meeting** will be held at the address given in paragraph Three (03), commencing at **1000 hrs on 18.08.2022.** Sealed bids must be sent under registered post to reach the address mentioned below or deposited in the "Tender Box" available at the same address mentioned in paragraph three (03) above, **at or before 1400 hrs on 26 August 2022.** Please indicate the "Package number" on the left top corner of the envelope.

8. Bids will be evaluated on contract package wise. If a bidder is recommended as the successful bidder for more than one package, bids for other packages from such successful bidders will be evaluated based on their cumulative capacity and remaining qualifications/eligibility criteria/resource allocation.

9. **Considering the existing fluctuations in the market, the Contracts are subjected to price adjustment in accordance with Clause 47 of the Conditions of Contract & based on the index/formula in CIDA Publication.**

10. Late bids will be rejected. All duly received bids will be opened immediately after the scheduled closing time of bids at the same venue. Bidders or their accredited agents could be present at the time of opening of bids.

11. Employer will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids including costs and expenses related to site visits.

On behalf of Chairman,
Project Procurement Committee,
Project Director,
Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project (CRIWMP),
Ministry of Irrigation,
12th Floor, No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10.

Government Notifications

Direction No: 84

CONSUMER AFFAIRS AUTHORITY ACT, NO. 09 OF 2003

Direction under Section 10(1) (b) (ii)

ACTING under the powers vested in it by Section 10 (1) (b) (ii) of the Consumer Affairs Authority Act, No. 09 of 2003, the Consumer Affairs Authority directs that no manufacturer, trader or distributor shall sell, expose or offer for sale, store, transport, distribute or buy or purchase any rice or paddy directly for the manufacture of animal feed or otherwise as an ingredient for the manufacture of animal feed.

This Direction shall come in to effect from 24th June 2022.

Direction No. 72 published in Government Extraordinary Gazette No. 2185/67 on 23rd July 2020 is hereby rescinded.

By Order of the Consumer Affairs Authority,

**Shantha Niriella,
Chairman.**

Colombo,

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Notice is hereby given to the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public, that I, Mrs. Srmbakkal Janenona (holder of NIC No. 265400540V) of No. 200/22, Fife Road, Havelock Garden, Colombo 05 have been cancelled and revoked the Power of Attorney granted by me to Ms. Sarojani Ranasinghe nee Kudaligamage Sarojani (holder of NIC No. 466452157V) of No. 200/22, Fife Road, Havelock Garden, Colombo 05 in the said Republic of Sri Lanka, bearing No. 2180 dated 22.10.2019 attested by H. Somarathne Attorney-at-Law & Notary Public of Colombo and registered under Day Book No. 291 in Folio 104 (Page No.) Volume 18239 dated 23.10.2019 in the Registry of Written Authorities and Power of Attorney at the Registrar-General's Department and I shall not be responsible for any act done by the said Sarojani Ranasinghe nee Kudaligamage Sarojani from the date hereof.

Date: 15.06.2022

Srmbakkal Janenona



Government Officers' Benefit Association GOBA - Notice of Reschedule

This is to notify the general membership that the 113th AGM of the GOBA which was postponed due to the irregular public transportation caused by the fuel crisis, is rescheduled to be held on **Saturday, 20th August 2022, at 8.30 a.m. at the "Nawaragahale" auditorium of Royal College, Colombo 07.**

Please note that it is mandatory to provide the NIC/ Valid Passport / Valid Driving License/ Retirement Identity card at your presence. Further, a kind reminder on following the health & safety protocols as the responsibility is in your hands.

By order of the committee of management

Act. Secretary & Accountant
5th August 2022

65/1, G.O.B.A.Avenue, Sir Chiththampalam A Gardiner Mawatha,
Colombo 02
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Northern Provincial
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

National Competitive Bidding

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & AGRARIAN SERVICES,
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, IRRIGATION, FISHERIES, WATER SUPPLY
AND ENVIRONMENT - NORTHERN PROVINCE

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a credit under Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC) to support Agricultural Crop Production to ensure food security during COVID -19. Ministry of Agriculture intends to proceed this credit to eligible payments under the contract of construction of storage facilities for small scale farmers islandwide.
- Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture & Agrarian Services, Animal Husbandry, Irrigation, Fisheries, Water Supply and Environment - Northern Province invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for "Construction of storage facilities for small scale farmers" in Vavuniya and Mannar Districts.
- Bidders are allowed to quote for the below works with the **Bid security** given by a **Commercial Bank operating in Sri Lanka** with the valid date until **2nd December 2022** for above procurements. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered in the field of Construction (works) for the grade mentioned in the table below with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA).
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure approved by the World Bank.

Lot No.	Title of Contract	Proposed Contract Price (Rs.Mn)	Bid Security Amount (Rs)	Construction Period	Required CIDA Grade
MANNAR DISTRICT					
1.	Reconstruction of Warehouse with a capacity of 100MT for storage of other field crops in Kalmadu, Vavuniya Range.	16.575	190,000.00	75 Days	C6 & C5 Buildings
2.	Reconstruction of Warehouse with a capacity of 100MT for storage of other field crops in Periyamadu, Vavuniya Range.	15.807	190,000.00	75 Days	C6 & C5 Buildings
VAVUNIYA DISTRICT					
3.	Reconstruction of Warehouse with a capacity of 100MT for storage of other field crops in Pampaimadu, Vavuniya Range.	18.864	220,000.00	75 Days	C6 & C5 Buildings
4.	Reconstruction of Warehouse with a capacity of 100MT for storage of other field crops in Nedunckerney, Vavuniya Range.	20.524	240,000.00	75 Days	C6 & C5 Buildings

- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Provincial Director's Office, Department of Agriculture - Northern Province, 68, Crossette Lane, Chundikuli, Jaffna and inspect the bidding documents at the same place from 5th August 2022 to 18th August 2022 between 09.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs.
- A complete set of Bidding documents in English language may be purchased by eligible bidders on submission of a written application to the Provincial Director, Department of Agriculture - Northern Province, 68, Crossette Lane, Chundikuli, Jaffna from 5th August 2022 to 18th August 2022 between 09.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,500.00. The method of payment should be in cash.
- Bids should be delivered through registered post or to be handed over to the Provincial Director's Office, Department of Agriculture - Northern Province, 68, Crossette Lane, Chundikuli, Jaffna at or before **14.30 hrs, on 19th August 2022**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend in person at the above address at 14.30 hrs on 19th August 2022.
- Bids should be valid up to 4th November 2022.**
- Completed bids should be forwarded in two copies as Original and Duplicate. The original and the duplicate should be enclosed separately and marked as 'Original' and 'Duplicate' respectively in sealed envelopes. Both envelopes enclosed in a sealed single envelope and marked the "Name of Work as stated in the above table" on top left-hand corner of the envelope.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on 15th August 2022 at 10.30 hrs** at the Provincial Director's Office, Department of Agriculture - Northern Province, 68, Crossette Lane, Chundikuli, Jaffna.

Secretary

Ministry of Agriculture & Agrarian Services, Animal Husbandry,
Irrigation, Fisheries, Water Supply and Environment - Northern Province
No. 655, Navalar Road, Jaffna

Date : 04.08.2022

Invitation for Bids

Climate Resilient Integrated
Water Management Project - CRIWMP

Ministry of Irrigation
(National Competitive Bidding)

IFB No: CRIWMP/NCB/PE TANKS/2022/01- 03



SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 973 NOS. (5000 L) PE TANKS WITH ACCESSORIES TO NOMINATED BENEFICIARIES IN KURUNEGALA, PUTTALAM, VAVUNIYA, MANNAR, TRINCOMALEE & POLONNARUWA DISTRICTS

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka with the accredited agency of UNDP has secured funding from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) towards the cost of Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project & part of this fund will be used for payments relevant to above supply.
- On behalf of Chairman, Project Procurement Committee, Project Director, Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project (CRIWMP) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Supply & Delivery of 973 Nos. (5000 L) PE Tanks with Accessories to nominated Beneficiaries in Kurunegala, Puttalam, Vavuniya, Mannar, Trincomalee & Polonnaruwa Districts as indicated below:**

Srl No.	Description of Package	IFB No.	Bid Guarantee (Rs.)
1	Supply & delivery of 480 Nos. (5000 L) PE Tanks with Accessories to nominated Beneficiaries in Kurunegala & Puttalam Districts	CRIWMP/NCB/PE TANKS/2022/01	1,400,000.00
2	Supply & Delivery of 373 Nos. (5000 L) PE Tanks with Accessories to nominated Beneficiaries in Vavuniya & Mannar Districts	CRIWMP/NCB/PE TANKS/2022/02	1,100,000.00
3	Supply & Delivery of 120 Nos. (5000 L) PE Tanks with Accessories to nominated Beneficiaries in Trincomalee & Polonnaruwa Districts	CRIWMP/NCB/PE TANKS/2022/03	350,000.00

- Supply & Delivery of 973 Nos. PE Tanks with Accessories to nominated Beneficiaries in all districts should be completed before 30 November 2022.**
- Bids shall be first evaluated strictly according to the criteria and methodology specified in the bidding document and such evaluated Bids shall be compared to determine the substantially responsive evaluated lowest Bid.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Project Director, CRIWMP, Ministry of Irrigation, contact No: 0112672223 and Email: tendercriwmp@gmail.com
- A complete set of Bidding documents in English language could be purchased during office hours (from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs) **from 05.08.2022 to 25.08.2022** from the office of **CRIWMP, Ministry of Irrigation, 12th Floor, No.500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10** on submission of a written request on the supplier's business letterhead (original) addressed to the Project Director, CRIWMP along with a copy of business registration certificate and upon **payment of a non-refundable fee of LKR 15000.00 for packages No. 01 & 02 & LKR 6000.00 for package No. 03.**
- Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days (Bid Guarantee validity period 119 days) after the date of bid opening and must be accompanied with a **Bid Guarantee for the amounts indicated in Paragraph 02 above for each package** drawn in favour of Project Director, CRIWMP, Ministry of Irrigation.
- Bidder shall seal the original and the copy of the bid in two inner separate envelopes and one outer envelope to be clearly marked bid number on top of the left corner and duly marking the inner envelope as "ORIGINAL" and "COPY".
- The duly filled bids can be deposited in the tender box which is kept in the office of the Project Director or can be sent by registered post to reach the office of Project Director **at or before 1400 hours on 26.08.2022**. Late submissions will be rejected and received bids shall be opened immediately after the closing time in the presence of the contractors or their representatives at the address given in Para 7.
- Purchaser will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

On behalf of Chairman,
Project Procurement Committee,
Project Director,
Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project (CRIWMP),
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BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA INVITATION FOR BIDS

SUPPLY AND FIXING OF PERIMETER CHAIN LINK FENCE IN BALANCE PART OF BLOCK B AND BLOCK C AT MIRIGAMA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

CONTRACT NO: BOI/TS/MEPZ/2022/06/08.010

- The Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply and Fixing of Perimeter Chain Link Fence in Balance Part of Block B and Block C at Mirigama Export Processing Zone. The work consists of construction of casting and fixing of "Y" type intermediate posts, straight fence posts and struts and 2.0 meter high 50 x 50 mm gauge 6 PVC coated chain link mesh. The construction period is **90 Days**.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements:
 - Bidder shall be registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) under category C7 or C8 for Building Construction.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include: Experience as Contractor for at least one work of a similar nature and complexity equivalent to the proposed works over the period of last 5 years. The conditions stipulated in the following Public Financial Circular shall be applied for the evaluation.
 - 03/2020 dated 9th October 2020
 - 03/2020 (i) dated 11th January 2021
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Senior Deputy Director (MEPZ), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Loluwagoda, Mirigama [Tel. No. 033 2274657 or Fax 033 2274656] and inspect the Bidding Documents at the given address from **0830 hrs to 1500 hrs** during working days.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Senior Deputy Director (MEPZ), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Loluwagoda, Mirigama from **08.08.2022** until **25.08.2022** between **0900 hrs** and **1500 hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 5,000.00 + VAT**. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Sealed bids shall be delivered to "Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, C/o Senior Deputy Director (Zone), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Loluwagoda, Mirigama, on or before **26.08.2022**, at **1430 hrs**.
Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened on **26.08.2022** at **1500 hrs** in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- A pre bid meeting will be held on **15.08.2022** at **10.30 hrs** at the Zonal Office of BOI at the Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Loluwagoda, Mirigama.
- Bids shall be valid up to **21.11.2022**.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Rs. 50,000.00**. Bid security shall be valid up to **19.12.2022**.

Chairman,
Board of Investment of Sri Lanka



Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Food Security

Consumer Affairs Authority



Recruitment to the Post of Director General

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following vacancy in the Consumer Affairs Authority coming under purview of the Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Food Security.

01. Post of DIRECTOR GENERAL (HM 2-1) - (01 post)

Job Description:

The Director General is the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority and He/ She is accountable and responsible for all the activities and administrative and financial affairs to the Authority under the general direction and control of the Board of Directors. He / She has to exercise, perform and discharge powers, functions and duties of the Board as may be delegated by the Board and provide leadership and encouragement to the staff of the Authority, for excelling in official achievements.

Qualifications:

External : A Bachelor's degree in Management, Public Administration, Marketing, Law, Economics, Accountancy, Commerce, Agriculture or Science from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission.

And

A Postgraduate Degree (Master's) qualification in relevant field with ten years Post qualifying experience with a total of 18 years Post Degree at Managerial Level experience of which 05 years should be at a Senior Managerial Level in a Corporation, Board or a Reputed Mercantile Establishment.

Or

A Fellow member of a recognized professional accounting body with at least 18 years Post qualifying experience in a business or commercial environment at a Managerial Level of which at least 05 years should be at a Senior Managerial Level in a Corporation, Board or a reputed Mercantile Establishment.

Or

Attorney -at -Law with at least 18 years Post qualifying experience in a business or commercial environment at a managerial level of which at least 05 years should be at a senior managerial level.

Internal : Five years (05) satisfactory service in a post of Director in the Senior Manager category of the Consumer Affairs Authority.

For the Officers of Public Service :

Officers in Class I or above in Sri Lanka Administrative Service could be appointed as Director General on secondment basis, they also could apply.

Salary Scale : HM 2-1 2016: Rs. (93,020- 12 x 2,700 – 125,420) in terms of DMS Circular No.02/2016

Age : Age should be not less than 40 years and not more than 55 years. The upper age limit does not apply to internal candidates.

Transport and Fuel Allowance:

Entitled for use an official vehicle and fuel allowance will be paid as per the existing government circulars.

Professional Allowance : A professional allowance will be paid in terms of DMS Circular No. 02/2016

Other Allowances : In addition to the salary, applicable allowances will also be paid in terms of relevant government circulars.

Nature of Appointment : Permanent with entitlement to Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund and provisions as per relevant government circulars. Candidates appointed will be on probation for a period of three years.

Recruitment Procedure : Selection will be made on a structured interview conducted by an Interview Panel appointed by the appointing Authority of the post.

Other Qualifications:

Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.

Should be physically and mentally fit to discharge the duties of the post well.

Should be an excellent moral character.

Eligible candidates are invited to submit their applications under registered cover to the address given below within 14 days of this advertisement. Copies of the relevant certificates in proof of qualifications should also be attached with the application. Applications from employees in the State Sector should be forwarded through their Heads of Departments. Applications which do not conform to the above requirements, incomplete applications and applications sent after the closing date will be rejected. Canvassing will be regarded as a disqualification. The post applied for should be stated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

Secretary,
Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Food Security
No 492, R.A.De Mel Mawatha
Colombo 03.

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❖ You may contact the Municipal Secretary on Telephone No. 0705983908 for further details.

Municipal Commissioner,
Ratnapura Municipal Council,
Ratnapura.
02.08.2022



SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

REF NO : LD/S/T/UD/04/2022

SALE OF FLOATING CRANE "GIRAFEE" AT PORT OF COLOMBO AS SCRAP IRON

DATE : 12.08.2022

Sealed Quotations are invited for the sale of the following Floating Crane "Giraffe" (including all parts of Crane and Barge) as Scrap Iron at Port of Colombo.

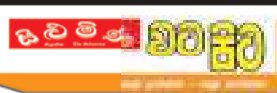
Item No.	Location	Crane Type	Approx. weight Kg.
1	PORT OF COLOMBO	01 NO. OF 60 TON CAPACITY FLOATING CRANE "GIRAFEE"	590,000

- This floating crane has been tendered for sale as scrap iron; the tender documents can be obtained from the Office of Sales Section, Logistics Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority at No. 15, Canal Yard, Lotus Road, Colombo -01 from 10.00 hours on 08/08/2022 to 14.30 hours on 10.08.2022 on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/- (plus VAT).
- Prospective bidders are allowed to inspect the crane at Port of Colombo within working hours from 08/08/2022 to 10/08/2022.
- Tender forms will be issued on written request of bidder addressed to Chairman, Tender Board and payment of a refundable deposit of Rs. 1,000,000/-. Refundable deposit of successful bidder will be released after completion of task.
- Duly completed & sealed bids should be deposited in the Tender box placed at the Logistics Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority on 12.08.2022 between 08.00 hours and 10.00 hours. Tenders will be opened at Director's (Logistics) Office, Logistics Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority No. 15, Canal Yard, Lotus Road, Colombo - 01 immediately afterwards.
- All bidders should have been registered with the Dept. of Inland Revenue as VAT payers. VAT where applicable should be paid by the successful bidders. If any bidder is not registered for VAT, he/she should submit a letter obtained from the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue Department, certifying that the company has not been registered for VAT.
- After issuing of an awarding letter, an advance of Rs. 2,000,000/- should be paid by the successful bidder. The value of the delivered items will be deducted from the advance amount and the minimum value of the advance amount should be maintained as Rs.1,000,000/=. Upon completion of the relevant task, the remaining amount of the advance will be refunded.
- Successful bidder has to obtain required licenses from the authorities concerned for the purchasing, removal and transportation of listed items where necessary. Required letters are issued by the SLPA to facilitate the process.
- SLPA employees and their spouses and their unmarried children are prohibited to submit bids or to participate in any manner in such instances or to assist Tenders in any other manner.
- Respective bidders should agree to abide by the conditions laid down in the tender documents.

Chairman -Tender Board
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
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