



NBEA AWARD

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The Chamber Concludes INTRAD Expo-2010

The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka in association with the Ministries of Export Development & International Trade, Industrial Development, Enterprise Development & Investment Promotion, Sri Lanka Export Development Board, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Department of Commerce, Sri Lanka Tea Board and Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau held **"INTRAD-Expo -2010"**, International Trade Fair & Investor Forum on 7th, 8th and 9th May 2010 at the BMICH. Inauguration ceremony was graced by Hon. D.M. Jayaratne the Prime Minister as the Chief Guest and Hon Prof. .G.L.Peiris, Minister of External Affairs as the Guest of Honour. Other special invitees participated at the inauguration were Ambassadors and senior officers from a number Embassies, Heads of Government & Foreign Organizations and business leaders in the country. Stall holders from Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Japan and China exhibited their products and services. Business delegations from Pakistan, India, Malaysia, Ukraine China, Israel, France and Japan visited the event and met business partners. Concurrent to the Trade Fair an Investor Forum was held at the Hotel Galadari Colombo on Saturday 8th May 2010 which was attended by the investors from Sri Lanka and the above mentioned overseas countries. Presentations were made by M/s A M C Kulasekera, Deputy Director General of the Sri Lanka Board of Investment, V.D. Wickramaratchi, Asst. Controller of Exchange, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Managala Yapa, CEO Colombo Dockyard PLC and Sanjay Tiwari, CEO Piramal Glass Ltd. INTRAD - Expo 2010 was sponsored by Sri Lanka Export Development Board and Ministry of Industrial Development as Co-sponsors. Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau was the Event Sponsor and the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka was the Investor Forum Sponsor. Other Sponsors were Wijaya Newspapers Ltd (Print Media Sponsor), Independent Television Network ITN (Electronic Media Sponsor), and Hotel Galadari (Event Hotel) & Sri Lankan Air Lines (Official carrier)

Pakistan Delegation Meets Minister of Industries & Commerce

The Pakistan business delegation who visited INTRAD Expo – 2010 had a meeting with Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industries and Commerce on 11th May, 2010 at the Ministry office. Discussions focused on bilateral business cooperation between the two countries. The NCCSL was represented by Mr. Buddika Malla-waarachchi, Assistant Secretary General.

Seven member Delegation from the People's Republic of China visit the Chamber

A meeting between the Office Bearers of the Chamber and a seven member delegation from the People's Government of Gui Gang City, Guangxi Province, China was held on May 25, 2010 at the National Chamber Board Room. The delegation was led by Mr. Tang Cheng Liang, the Mayor of The People's Government of Gui Gang City. Training opportunities for Chamber members and Bilateral co-operation in trade were discussed.

Chamber Office Bearers pay a courtesy call on the new Minister of Industry & Commerce

A Chamber delegation comprising Mr. Asoka Hettigoda, Snr. Deputy President, Mr. Sunil Wijesinha, Deputy President, Mr. Thilak Godamanna, Hony Secretary and Mr. Naizer Cader, Chairman of the Industries Committee of the Chamber paid a courtesy call on Hon. Mr Rishad Bathuideen, Minister of Industries & Commerce at the Ministry office on 26th May 2010. Issues pertaining to the local industry were discussed and the Hon Minister welcomed the Chamber proposals to improve the industry.

Chamber disburses financial assistance to 35 SMEs

The Chamber at a simple ceremony held in its Auditorium on 1st June 2010 handed over cheques to 33 Micro and Small entrepreneurs from Anuradhapura, Badulla, Kurunegala, Moneragala, Puttlam, Mulativu, Kandy and Vavunia districts. Financial assistance was provided to purchase machinery and equipment required by them to expand their businesses. Funds were provided by the Royal Netherlands Government under the Grow your Business Project, with National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka. Total amount disbursed on this occasion was approximately Rs.3.5 Million.

Post Evaluation Workshop on National Business Excellence Awards

A workshop was held to explain in detail the criteria required to win an award in the NBEA competition was conducted on 2nd June 2010 at the Chamber Auditorium. The session was conducted by Dr. Uditha Liyanage, Director of Post Graduate Institute of Management and Mr. Prasantha Abeykoon Chairman of Management Frontiers Ltd.



Official Launch of NBEA 2010

National Business Excellence Award an annual business benchmarking competition, conducted by the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka was launched on 15th June 2010 at Colombo Hilton. The National Business Excellence Awards (NBEA) is a national business benchmark competition conducted annually by the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka to evaluate the performances of the country's business undertakings. Any business organization that is registered as a business undertaking under the Sri Lanka law and has been operating for the last three years is eligible to apply for the competition. Applications are subject to a technical and financial evaluation by an expert panel which include professionals in the fields of management, business, accountancy and finance. Screened applicants are finally subject to an interview by an expert panel headed By Dr. Uditha Liyanage, Director of the post Graduate Institute of Management, Colombo. Application forms for the NBEA 2010 are now being issued at the National Chamber of Commerce Secretariat, No 450 D R Wijewardana Mawatha Colombo 10. Telephone: 011 4741788, 4741984, 0714192069. Completed applications should be submitted to the Chamber Secretariat on or before 31st August 2010 along with the relevant documents. Awards for the winners will be given at a function to be held on Thursday 25th November 2010 at Colombo Hilton, the event hotel. The Principal sponsor for the National Business Excellence Awards 2010 is Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel. Print Media Sponsor is Lake House (Daily News and Sunday Observer). Co Sponsor and Event sponsors are Bank of Ceylon, Nawaloka Hospitals, National Savings bank and CIC Feeds respectively

U. S Ambassador Addresses the Members of the National Chamber

H.E Patricia Butenis, Ambassador of the United States of America in Sri Lanka was the Guest Speaker at the Seminar on "Bilateral Trade between Sri Lanka and USA" held on 17th June 2010 at the National Chamber of Commerce Auditorium. H.E Patricia Butenis was accompanied by Mr. Edward Heartney, Chief of Economic & Commercial Affairs, Mr. Kenneth Kero -Mentz , Commercial Attaché & Economic Officer of the U.S Embassy. Comprehensive presentations were made by them which gave a wealth of information on the present trade and business opportunities between Sri Lanka and USA and future prospects for expansion. The participants had an opportunity to directly interact with the officials from the US Embassy on issues faced by them in their business activities with the USA.



H.E. Patricia Butenis, U.S. Ambassador addressing the gathering.

Chamber Council Members meet the Hon Prime Minister

Chamber Council Members comprising Mr. C Lal De Alwi President, Mr Asoka Hettigoda Senior Deputy President, Mr. Sunil Wijesinghe Deputy President, Mr. Thilak Godamanna Hon. Secretary, Mr Naizer Carder Chairman of the Industries Committee, Ms. Nirmali Samaratuna Past President and Mr D Essuweren the Immediate Past President met Hon D M Jayaratna Prime

Minister in His office on 17th June 2010. Steps required to develop the industry was discussed in detail. Some of the issues discussed were: allocation of lands for private sector projects, tax incentives for agriculture and the regional development of the agro based industry .

Chamber office Bearers meet the Hon Minister of Economic development

A delegation of the Chamber Office Bearers headed by Mr Lal de Alwis the President of the Chamber paid a courtesy call on Hon. Basil Rajapaksa, Minister of Economic Development in his office at the Presidential Secretariat on 21st June 2010. At the detailed discussions held, Hon Minister assured his fullest cooperation to the business community for industrial development. Hon. Minister acknowledged the fact that the private sector plays a vital role in economic development of the country.

NCCSL Represents at the SAARC Trade Information Portal meeting organised by GTZ

Mr. Amal Dias, Deputy Secretary General represented the National Chamber of Commerce at the 5th Operations Committee Meeting on SAARC Trade Information Portal held from 22nd to 25th June 2010 at Jetwing Beach Hotel, Negombo. Purpose of the workshop was to further develop and promote trade within the region by establishing one common website and a web portal to provide internet based Trade Information Portal (SAARC –TIP), containing business information from all SAARC countries

Sri Lanka Ambassador to Philippines Visits the Chamber

H.E. Bennet Cooray Sri Lanka's Ambassador to Philippines visited the Chamber on 24th June 2010. A discussion on tourism and bilateral trade promotion was held with the Chamber president and other senior officials.

Chinese Delegation visits the Chamber

A six member delegation representing the Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) in Lincang City of Yunnan Province, China led by Mr Li Jianchang, the Chairman visited the Chamber on 29th June 2010 and had a meeting with the Chamber office Bearers and members.

Post Budget Press Conference

The government of Sri Lanka tabled its budget for the second half of the year on 29th June 2010 in the parliament. Followed by this the National Chamber of Commerce held a Post Budget Press Conference at its Auditorium on 30th June 2010 with the participation of several media organizations. The Press conference was chaired by Mr. Mr H A Ariyaratne, Chairman of the National Chamber Budget Committee. The Chamber noted that the Government acknowledges that what was presented in parliament on 29th is a transitional budget where revenue and expenditure structure was laid down. Chamber observes that a medium policy frame work where the government is intending to reduce the budget deficit and public debt as a percentage of the GDP was targeted. Government has also indicated in its program to continue infrastructure development projects with increased allocations. Emphasis has been given to infrastructure development of the entire country including the rural sector. As a Chamber that strongly supports the local industry, we note that the government has given emphasis on SME development with a comprehensive policy framework. NCCSL welcomes the government initiatives on public private sector co-operation in investment on development projects. Continuous support to the agricultural sector is encouraging. Preparation of the plantation sector strategy and national transport policy are also welcomed. However, although the Government had given positive proposals for economic development, we have observed some weak areas in implementation and monitoring in the past, especially at different levels. Our revenue and expenditure structure is such that we do not have much space to absorb any adverse effects or external shocks.

Hence it is important to have a mechanism at various levels in the administration to ensure effective implementation of plans and strategies to achieve the stated quantitative objectives. Effective and timely use of funds, both grants and loans, towards various infrastructure projects must be ensured. Managing public enterprises efficiently to make sure that they will not be a burden to the treasury is of utmost importance. It would have been desirable if the Government could give effect to some of the recommendations of the Presidential Taxation Commission through this budget, to demonstrate its commitment to implement such proposals.



Press Budget Conference in progress



NBEA AWARD

The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka launched **The National Business Excellence Awards 2010**. The Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday 25th November 2010, at the Hilton Hotel, followed by a gala dinner.

We have now commenced registration of applicants for the National Business Excellence Awards .Duly filled applications should be submitted to the NCCSL Secretariat on or before 31st August 2010.

Applications can be obtained at Chamber office on any working day from 8.30 am– 5.00 pm on payment of the **application fee of Rs. 2,500/- (for Extra Large, Large & Medium) and Rs. 1,500/- for the Micro sector**

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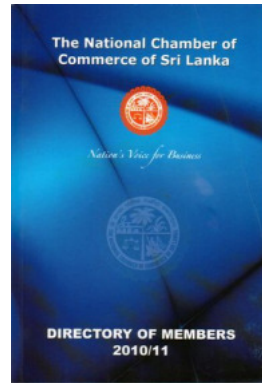
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