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NBEA 2009



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Chamber disbursed Financial Assistance to SMEs.

The Chamber disbursed financial assistance to 56 SMEs at a function held at the Presidential Secretariat on 9th July 2009. Financial assistance was provided to SMEs from Matale, Kandy, Kurunegala, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Ampara, Polonnaruwa, Anuradhapura and down south Matara, Galle, Hambantota under the patronage of the Hon Prime Minister Rathnasiri Wickramanayake, as the Chief Guest. Hon. Prof. G L Pieris Minister of Export Development & International Trade, Hon. Kumara Welgama, Minister of Industrial Development and the Ambassador of the Netherlands were among the distinguished guests.

The funds were through the BPF Programme funded by the Netherlands Govt.



Hon Prime Minister, Rathnasiri Wickramanayake Chief Guest, addressing the audience at the Disbursement Ceremony –on 9th July 2009, at the Presidential Secretariat.



A recipient receiving Financial Assistance from the Hon. Prime Minister, Rathnasiri Wickramanayaka, with Madam Ambassador for Netherlands, Hon. Minister Prof. G.L Peiris, and Hon Minister Kumar Welgama, looking on.

NCCSL Delegation meets the Business Community in Jaffna

A business delegation comprising 43 members, representing diverse sectors of industry went to Jaffna on 16th July 2009, to meet the business community in Jaffna. The delegation was headed by Mr. Asoka Hettigoda, Deputy President of the NCCSL and was accompanied by other council members along with representatives of the following companies.

Adamjee Lukmanjee & Sons Ltd, Alcobronz (Private) Ltd, A.S. Agri Exports Private) Ltd, Associated Motorways Ltd, Atlas Logistics Lanka (Pvt)Ltd, BTL Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, Buddhi Industries (Pvt) Ltd, Cargoserve Shipping Limited, Colour Vision, Dellogistics (Pvt) Ltd, DFCC Bank, DFCC Vardhana Bank, ECD Global (Pvt) Ltd, Eswaran Brothers Exports (Pvt) Ltd, EXPO Lanka Freight (Pvt) Ltd, EXPO Lanka Freight (Pvt) Ltd, Falcon Trading (Pvt) Ltd, Farmers (Pvt) Ltd, Hettigoda Industries (Pvt) Ltd, Heyleys Adventis Ltd, Moceti International (Pvt) Ltd, Koolair Ltd, Macksons Holdings, Mackwoods Ltd, Nature's Beauty Creations Ltd, Nilkamal Eswaran Plastics (Pvt) Ltd, Ninehearts (Pvt) Ltd, Transgrow (Pvt) Ltd, Torento Engineering (Pvt) Ltd and Wasana Trading Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.

The delegates had meetings with the members of the business community in Jaffna representing the Jaffna Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Yalpanam Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Jaffna Women's Chamber of Commerce Industry & Agribusiness and the Officers of the GA's Office in Jaffna. Hon. Kumara Welgama, Minister of Industrial Development, Ministry Secretary and other government officials also participated at these meetings.

The Main objective of the delegation was to develop businesses within the Jaffna Peninsula. It was also mentioned

that the NCCSL have planned to support many small and medium entrepreneurs who are engaged in various manufacturing activities by providing the required capital to purchase equipment and machinery for them to re-start or expand their business.

Many businessmen in Jaffna appreciated the effort of the National Chamber in bringing such a diversified business delegation. They also expressed their thanks to the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka as the visit would result in creating many employment opportunities for the youth in the Jaffna Peninsula who have suffered for decades.



United States Custom Representatives visits the Chamber.

Two representatives from United States Customs **Mr Steven King**, CSI Team Leader, Chief Customs & Border Protection, Colombo, Sri Lanka and **Mr Melvin Allen**, Senior Special Agent, Immigration & Customs Enforcement, Colombo Sri Lanka, visited the Chamber on 21st July 2009 and had discussions with the members and provided information on the CSI program which is intended to help increase security for containerized cargo.

Pakistan Business Delegation Visits the National Chamber

A Pakistan Business Delegation organized by Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), headed by Ms. Nasreen Ali, Director -TDAP visited the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka on 24th July 2009 and had one to one business meetings with the NCCSL Member companies at the Chamber Boardroom. The meeting was chaired by the Chamber President, Mr. Lal de Alwis.

Meeting with Myanmar Business Delegation.

The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka, the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Construction Industry Sri Lanka and the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka jointly organized a Sri Lanka – Myanmar Business Forum and had one-to-one business meeting on August 07, 2009. The meeting was held at the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and member companies of the NCCSL also participated.

Chamber signs MOU with the Industrial Development Board

A MOU was signed with the Industrial Development Board to obtain their services for monitoring the progress made by the SMEs who received BPF assistance. The Chamber President Mr Lal de Alwis and Mr Gamini Gunadasa Chairman of IDB signed the MOU on behalf of NCCSL & IDB respectively.

Chamber conducts 2nd Workshop of NBEA 2009

A workshop for potential applicants competing for the National Business Excellence Awards 2009 was conducted at the Chamber Auditorium on 7th August 2009. The purpose of the workshop was to explain in detail the guidelines and to submit the application forms correctly.

NCCSL Delegation leaves for China on “Modern Printing Technology” Training Programme.

A Seven member delegation from the NCCSL went to China on “Modern Printing Technology” from 24th to 31st August 2009. The programme was organized by the Chamber in association with the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) in China and the Sri Lankan Embassy in Beijing. Due to the excellent trade relationship the NCCSL has with the CCPIT in China, the CCPIT management made arrangements to provide training to the Sri Lankan participants in well recognized printing institutes and factories at concessionary rates. The training covers the techniques on digital and offset printing. The delegation was also taken on Site Visits in China, during their stay.

Seminars Organised by the Chamber

- “**How to Present Yourself in an Office Environment**,” by Ms Shereen Fernando Director of Janet Balasuriya Beauticians, Organised by the Women’s Wing of the Chamber on 29th July 2009 from 2.00 p.m to 5.00 p.m. at the Chamber Auditorium.
- “**Building Engineering Service Organizations with an Int’l Perspective**”, an Insight & case Study by Mr Mangala Yapa, CEO of Colombo Dockyard PLC on Friday 24th July 2009 from 2.00 p.m to 5.00 p.m.
- “**Export Development Reward Scheme (EDRS)**” Resource person - Dr D S Jayaweera, Executive Director of NCED followed by a Panel Discussion, on 30th July 2009 at the chamber auditorium.
- “**Vehicle Emission Standards & New Rules for Motor Vehicles**” was organised in association with the Galle District Chamber of Commerce on 7th August 2009 from 2.00 p.m to 5.30 p.m. The Resource persons were Mr A W Dissanayake, Deputy Commissioner (Technical) of Motor Traffic Dept, Mr Sampath Ranasinghe, Environment Management Officer - Ministry of Environmental & Natural Resources and Dr Mrs Sriyani Jayasuriya, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Galle Municipal Council. **The seminar was sponsored by Laugfs Eco Sri (Pvt) Ltd and Cleanco Lanka Pvt Ltd** the two authorised Vehicle Emission Testing Companies who made presentations on “Good Emission for Better Health” and “Tips on How to Drive Green” respectively.
- A Guest Lecture on “**Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Post –Crises China**” by Pro. J. A Karunaratne, a highly qualified professional lecturer based in China , was held at the Chamber Auditorium on 20th August 2009 from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.
- A Guest Lecture by Hon. Prof. G.L Peiris, Minister of Export Development & Int’l Trade on “**Government Strategies and Future Programs in Promoting Exports**” was held at the Chamber Auditorium on 27th August 2009. Other speakers were Mr Gomi Senadhira, Director General of Commerce, Dept of Commerce and Mr Madhawa Waidyaratne, Deputy Director of Sri Lanka Export Development Board.
- **NCCSL Celebrates the International Award**

The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka celebrated the receiving of a prestigious International Award at the World Chambers Competition 2009, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, at the Colombo Hilton on 27th August 2009.

The Chief Guest for this occasion was Hon Prof. G.L. Peiris, Minister of Export Development and International Trade, accompanied by Mrs Peiris. Heads of Diplomatic Missions, Trade Mission representatives, Heads of Government and Corporate Sector and close associates of the Chamber participated at the event.

The Hon Minister congratulated the Chamber for winning an award at the World Chambers Competition. The award was in recognition of the services the Chamber provided towards small business enterprises. The event was concluded with fellowship and camaraderie by all who were present to celebrate this occasion.



Hon. Minister Prof G.L Peiris Chief Guest being received by the President NCCSL, Mr Lal de Alwis, at the Celebration of the International Award at Colombo Hilton , on 27th August 2009

Meetings Represented by the Chamber.

- Meeting on Beate Leaves Exports to Pakistan under the Pakistan - Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (FTA) held on 2nd July 2009 at the Department of Commerce.
- Meeting on the Revised Draft Rules of Origin on Agriculture Product exports from Sri Lanka to EU held at the Department of Commerce, on 16th July 2009.
- 6th Meeting of the Management Systems Certification Committee that was held at the Sri Lanka Standards Institute Board Room and chaired by Director General/CEO of the SLSI, on 21st July 2009.
- Meeting on Bilateral Cooperation between Sri Lanka and Venezuela at the Dept of Commerce on 23rd July 2009. The purpose of the meeting was to get views & observations and to explore the possibility for greater co-operation in the areas of trade, commerce, investment and technical support between the two countries.

The National Business Excellence Awards 2009

The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka has launched **The National Business Excellence Awards 2009** and the Awards Ceremony will be held on **Thursday 26th November 2009**, at Hotel Hilton followed by a gala dinner.

We have now commenced registration of applicants for the National Business Excellence Awards .

Applications could be collected from our office on any working day from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm on the payment of **Rs. 2,000/- (for Extra Large, Large & Medium) and Rs. 1,500/- for the Micro sector**

Please refer our Web Site : www.nationalbusinessexcellence.lk

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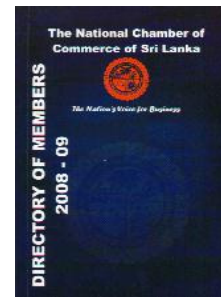
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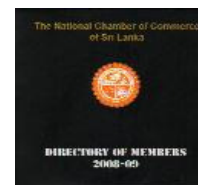
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