

Seminar on “Bilateral Trade Discussions with the Pakistan High Commission”

Mr. Bilal Akram Shah, Head of Chancery, Ms Mariam Saeed, 3rd Secretary (Commercial & Political) and Ms Suriya Jamal (Press Councilor) of the Pakistan High Commission in Sri Lanka were the resource persons at the seminar on “Bilateral Trade Opportunities between Sri Lanka and Pakistan” held at the NCCSL Auditorium on November 05, 2009. Members were able to clarify many areas of ambiguity in bilateral trade and opportunities for business expansion between Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

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Seminar on “Stay Healthy in a Stressful Environment”

The Healthcare Committee of the Chamber organised a Seminar on “**Stay Healthy in a Stressful Environment**” on 17th November 2009 at the Chamber Auditorium. Resource persons were Dr Mohan Rajakaruna, Resident Consultant Cardiologist, Nawaloka Hospitals PLC and Dr Prasad Katulanda, Consultant in Endocrinology and Diabetes and Consultant Physician at the National Hospital. The Resource persons made very informative presentations on common ailments such as Diabetes, Heart & Strokes and what precautions could be taken.

Seminar on “Monetary Claim & Arbitration”

A seminar on Arbitration was held at the Chamber Auditorium on 19th November 2009. Resource persons were Mr. Romesh de Silva, Chairman of the Sri Lanka National Arbitration Centre, Mr. Hiran de Alwis, Attorney at Law, Chartered Arbitrator & Chief Legal Advisor SLNAC and Mr. K. Neelakandan, Member of the Board of Governors, Attorney –at-Law & Senior Partner of Murugesu & Neelakandan.



Mr. Romesh de Silva, Chairman of the Sri Lanka National Arbitration Centre, addressing the participants.

Sri Lanka Ambassador Designates Visit the Chamber.

Mr. Ahmed Jawad, Ambassador Designate to Saudi Arabia, presently the Director General of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Sarath Wijesinghe, Ambassador Designate to U A E, Senior Solicitor in England & Wales and Attorney at Law, met the National Chamber Members at the Chamber Auditorium on 10th November 2009. Both Ambassador designates were provided with information with regard to issues pertaining to bilateral trade between the respective countries by the members dealing with these countries.

The Chamber Assists SMEs

Chamber provided Machinery & Equipment to 42 Small and Medium Entrepreneurs from Baticaloa, Polonnaruwa, Kurunegala, Kandy and Matale districts at a function held on 11th November 2009 at the Chamber auditorium under the patronage of the Chamber President Mr.C. Lal De Alwis. Funds for this project were donated by the Royal Netherlands Government.

National Chamber Exchanges Advanced Technology.

Chamber in association with the Sri Lankan Embassy in China sent a nine member delegation comprising senior planters to the Fujian Province of the Peoples Republic of China for training on Green Tea Manufacture. Delegates were trained by well experienced technical staff at green tea manufacturing factories and plantations in the Fugian Province, China from 12th – 18th November 2009.

A Singapore delegation visits the National Chamber.

An eighteen member business delegation from the Singapore - Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) led by Mr. Vijay Iyengar, Chairman – SICCI, met the Chamber Members at the National Chamber Auditorium on November 18, 2009. Delegates and members of the Chamber exchanged business information that would help expand businesses between the two countries.

Six Member Delegations from (CCPIT) China

A six member delegation from the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), Zhejiang Sub-Council led by Mr. Li Xinsi, Director of Membership Affairs met the Chamber members on November 18, 2009 at the National Chamber Board Room.

Ten Member Delegations from (CCPIT) China

A ten member delegation from the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), Hunan Sub - Council led by Ms. Tan Jie, Deputy Director of the International Liaison Department visited the Chamber on November 23, 2009. They had interactions with the Chamber Members on trade related matters at the National Chamber Auditorium.

A two Member Delegation from (CCPIT) China

A two member delegation from the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), Shanghai Pudong Sub-Council led by Mr. Qiu Xiangrong, Secretary General and Mr Zhu Yugang, Vice Secretary General visited the Chamber on November 25, 2009. They had discussions with the Chamber Members who are doing business with China.

Israel Investor Meets the Chamber Members

Mr. Elchanan Shaked, CEO of Nesh Investment Group in Israel visited the Chamber on November 27, 2009. He had a networking session with the National Chamber Members on potential investment opportunities in Israel for Sri Lankans at the Chamber Boardroom. He also discussed the possibilities of establishing partnerships/joint ventures in the areas of retail trade for consumer products, pharmaceutical, real estate, tourism (recreation) and construction (housing and warehousing) industries in Sri Lanka by Israeli investors.

AOTS –Sponsored Training Program in Japan

Mr. Buddika Mallawaarachchi, Asst Secretary General of the Chamber participated at a training programme on “Corporate Management for Sri Lanka (LKCM)” held in Nagoya Japan from 25th November to 8th December 2009. Training program was sponsored by the Association of Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS) Japan, through the Japan Sri Lanka Technical & Cultural Association (JASTECA).

National Chamber holds the sixth National Business Excellence Awards

“NBEA 2009” the Annual Business Benchmark competition was conducted by the Chamber in 2009. Awards were presented to winners on November 26, 2009 at a ceremony held at Hilton Hotel, Colombo. Honoured Guests were Mr Sun Lee Dong, First Secretary and Mr. Zhu Jinfu, Commercial Counselor of the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China, who graced the occasion on behalf of H.E Madam Yang Xiuping the invited Chief Guest who was not able to attend the function due to an urgent commitment. Guest of Honour was Mrs. Leisha de Silva Chandrasena, Chairperson, Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel Ltd. The event was graced by many distinguished guests from the diplomatic community, heads of government and private sector organizations. Panel of Judges were headed by Dr. Uditha Liyanage, Director Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM). Overall Gold Winner at the competition was Ceylon Biscuits (CBL) Ltd. Silver Awards was awarded to M/S Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel Ltd and Sampath Bank PLC. Principal sponsor was Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel Ltd. Other sponsors were ETA Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, Bank of Ceylon, Peoples’ Bank, Brandix Lanka Ltd, Colombo Dockyard Ltd, Ninewells Mothercare & Baby Hospital (Pvt) Ltd, Nawaloka Group of Companies, Macksons Paint Industries (Pvt) Ltd, Zodiac Medicals (Pvt) Ltd and HDFC Bank. Print Media Sponsor was Ceylon Daily News / Sunday Observer. The Official photographer for the event was Nine



Ceylon Biscuits (CBL) Ltd was awarded the Overall gold award and Sampath Bank PLC and Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel Ltd were the joint winners of the silver award.

Indonesian Ambassador Addresses National Chamber Members

His Excellency Djafar Husein, Ambassador for the Republic of Indonesia in Sri Lanka addressed the members of the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka at a seminar held at the Chamber Auditorium on 2nd December 2009. His Excellency the Ambassador explained that the trade balance between Sri Lanka and Indonesia is in favor of Indonesia. He said that he would help Sri Lanka to expand trade with Indonesia so that both countries could benefit mutually. Ms Karbela, Attaché and Mr. Agus Djumadi, Trade Secretary of the embassy joined the Ambassador at the seminar. Chamber Members discussed trade issues/problems and business opportunities in Indonesia for Sri Lankan businessmen.

Secretarial Staff Made Their Annual Staff Outing

Staff of the Chamber Secretariat went on their annual staff outing to Reverina Hotel in Beruwala on 12th December 2009. The Chamber president Mr. C L de Alwis and some senior council members joined the trip. The Annual Staff Trip is an event organized by the Chamber so that the staff could relax and take a break from their routine day to day activities.



Group photograph of NCCSL staff members along with the Chamber President Mr. C L de Alwis & other senior council members at the Reverina Hotel, Beruwala

Training Program on “Post Harvest Loss Reduction & Modern Packaging” Bangkok.

The Chamber under its Advanced Technology Transfer Scheme sent an eight member delegation to Bangkok for training on “Post harvest loss reduction & Modern packaging technology”. Training program was conducted from 14th to 19th December 2009 at Thai Packaging Centre, Thailand. Ms H D.D Madhushreeni, Programs Manager of the Chamber coordinated the programme. Senior staff from C R Exports (Pvt) Ltd, Forbes & Walker Commodity Brokers (Pvt) Ltd, Expolanka (Pvt) Ltd, HJS Condiments Ltd, Phoenix Industries Ltd & Agri Bio-Tech (Pvt) Ltd participated at the program.

Chamber Assists another Batch of Small and Medium Entrepreneurs

Financial assistance was provided to 75 Small & Medium Enterprises from Matara, Galle, Hambantota, Monaragala, Kandy, Matale & Kurunegala districts engaged in diverse business activities such as garments, light engineering, food products manufacturing, coconut based products, spice grinding and services to purchase machinery & equipment. The cheques were handed over to the beneficiaries on 17th December 2009 at the Chamber Auditorium with the patronage of Mr. Lal de Alwis, President of the National Chamber.

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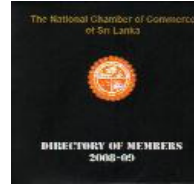
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