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'VOICE OF LEADERS FORUM' - AN INTERACTIVE SESSION II ORGANIZED BY THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF SRI LANKA

The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka organized the Voice of Leaders Forum Session 02 with Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition of Sri Lanka and Member of Parliament. Session was held on 25th July 2024 at 5.00 pm. at the National Chamber Auditorium, amidst a large gathering of NCCSL members.

'Voice of Leaders Forum' was initiated by NCCSL as a series of interactive sessions with the leaders in the country in view of creating a platform to present the strategic intent of the leaders in assuring long term sustainability and the stability of the economy of Sri Lanka.

Guest speaker: Hon. Sajith Premadasa, the Opposition Leader of Parliament, in Sri Lanka and the Leader of SJB, Addressed the gathering along with several key members of parliament Hon. Dr. Harsha De Silva, Hon. Kabir Hashim, Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, and Hon. Professor G.L. Peiris

Participants representing diverse sectors, business leaders, including the members of the council of the National Chamber, member organizations and other interested participants attended the forum. Session was followed by a question & answer interactive engagement.



FELICITATION CEREMONY TO HONOR H.E KATSUKI KOTARO, OUTGOING DEPUTY HEAD OF MISSION, EMBASSY OF JAPAN.

The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka hosted a felicitation reception on July 30, 2024, to honor H.E. Kotaro Katsuki, Deputy Head of Mission, Japan, as he concluded his tenure in Sri Lanka. The event, held at Jetwing Colombo 07, 7:30 p.m. and celebrated Mr. Katsuki's dedicated service to Sri Lanka and his support for the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka.

The occasion was attended by Mr. Deepal Nelson, President of NCCSL, along with office bearers, past presidents, and other distinguished guests, all gathered to express their appreciation and bid farewell to Mr. Katsuki.



WORKSHOP ON "BEAUTY & WELLNESS FROM THE INSIDE OUT"

The Women's Forum of the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) redefined their focus towards 'inspiring and empowering women for sustainable economic growth', which is indeed a strategic and timely move to foster gender equality while leveraging the full potential of women to drive national economic growth and societal progress. The primary focus is directed to foster women entrepreneurship, capacity building, adaptation to technology, wellness & health and environmental sustainability. Foreseeing to addresses pressing issues in economic independence and also acknowledges the critical role women play in driving both sustainable economic development and broader societal progress. NCCSL has identified immense potential to harness the economic power of women and create a supportive ecosystem that empowers women to contribute more significantly to the economy.

A session titled 'Beauty & Wellness from the Inside Out' was organized in collaboration with Janet Sri Lanka, on Wednesday, 7th August 2024 at the National Chamber Auditorium with a wider participation of women entrepreneurs in the MSME sector as well as working women reaching an audience of over 150 participants.

The workshop comprised of two sessions, Session 1 on Self-care, Health, and Wellness of women was conducted by Prof. Kaumadi Karunagoda, Head of the Department, Faculty of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo. The scope of this session enlightened the audience about the importance of adhering to good health practices and maintaining wellness through a balanced lifestyle amidst busy schedules. Prof. Karunagoda emphasized vital facts about women's wellness that encompasses physical, mental, and emotional well-being throughout a woman's life. During the Q & A session discussed about unique aspects of women's health, including reproductive health, mental and physical health, and the work-life balance.



IN THE JOURNEY OF INSPIRING AND EMPOWERING WOMEN..... BEAUTY & WELLNESS FROM THE INSIDE OUT



The session 2 focused on Enhancing Beauty of women and how to build up their self-confidence, presented by a team from Janet Sri Lanka along with a professional beautician who carried out demonstrations as well as shared knowledge about various herbal cosmetic products application and benefits. Session was moderated by Mr.Dinuka Madhushan of Janet Sri Lanka and it was more interactive while the audience was given the opportunity to get engaged in a Question and Answer session and awarded with gift packs for the correct answers provided.

Ms. Renuka Jayamanna, Chairperson of the Women's Forum and the Council member of the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka delivered the welcome address and Mrs. Nilupul Chandrasena, Secretary General of the National Chamber provided an introduction to the Women's Forum and the objectives of organizing these workshops and programs for the womenkind by the National Chamber. This workshop by the Women's Forum was organized with the support of our co-sponsors, DFCC Bank, Aloka Banking Products and Nawaloka Constructions (Pvt) Ltd, who contributed to the success of the event.

The National Chamber extends sincere gratitude to the guest speaker Prof.Kaumadi Karunagoda, Head of the Department, Faculty of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo, Janet Sri Lanka and participants for making this event a success. Further the National Chamber invites all the women entrepreneurs in MSME sector and working women to join hands with the Women's Forum in their journey of knowledge sharing and CSR initiatives to inspire and empower women. There will be many similar informative sessions organized by the women's forum in the future to enhance the knowledge and skills of the women entrepreneurs in the MSME sector as well as working women who contribute to the economic growth of the nation.

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SRI LANKA'S WOMAN LEADERS AWARDS 2024 HONORS EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AT NCCSL

The Secretary General/CEO of the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka, Mrs. Nilupul Chandrasena has been recognized with the prestigious "Sri Lanka's Woman Leaders", title presented by the World Women Leadership Congress (WWLC) at the 12th World Woman Leadership Awards 2024, held on 5th Sept 2024 @ Taj Samudra, Colombo. THE WORLD WOMEN LEADERSHIP CONGRESS hosts annual Woman Leadership Awards to identify and celebrate the outstanding leadership and achievements demonstrated by the women leaders that are reflected by the distinct contributions and initiatives brought in by them in various private and public sectors.

The 2024 award ceremony celebrated the success of several inspiring women leaders, reinforcing Sri Lanka's commitment to empowering women and fostering an inclusive leadership culture.

The criteria adopted in selection of women in leadership comprise of key aspects such as, Contribution in building a Sustainable Leadership Pipeline, Support and encouragement to gender, Diversity and inclusion at work, Promotion of Empowerment & Social Change, Ability to influence policy and strategy and Optimal utilization of opportunities & resources.

This recognition not only honors her individual accomplishments but also highlights the significant strides being made towards women empowerment initiatives, capacity building and membership service expansions spearheaded at the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka.



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MEETINGS / EVENTS

- Council Meeting of the Sri Lanka Bangladesh Business Co-operation Council (SLBBCC) was held on 23 July 2024 at 3.00 pm at the 4th Floor Boardroom, National Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Andre Fernando, President, SLBBCC and Council Members participated.

Guest Speaker Mr. Md. Nizamul Islam, Second Secretary, High Commission of Bangladesh in Sri Lanka presented an overview about the Macro Economic conditions in Bangladesh and opportunities for trade and investment.



MEETINGS / EVENTS



WESTERN PROVINCE ENTREPRENEUR AWARDS 2024

The **Entrepreneur Awards 2024 - Western Province**, organized by the **National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka** in partnership with the **National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA)**, is a remarkable initiative that recognizes and celebrates the achievements of entrepreneurs across various sectors. This year marks the **7th consecutive year** of the competition, underscoring its continued importance in promoting entrepreneurship and innovation. These awards serve not only as recognition for the hard work and success of entrepreneurs but also as a source of inspiration for others to strive for excellence.

The competition will honor entrepreneurs from **Micro. Small , Medium, and Large** businesses in the Western Province.

- There will be a total of around **50 awards**, including **merit awards** across several key business sectors such as: **Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries, Industry / Manufacturing, Hospitality / Tourism / Other Services** reflecting the diversity and vibrancy of Sri Lanka's entrepreneurial landscape.
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- The prestigious awards will be presented during a **Grand Awards Ceremony** on **Wednesday, 11 December 2024**, at the **BMICH (Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall)** in Colombo, one of Sri Lanka's most iconic venues.

A briefing session was conducted for the NEDA Development Officers on 21st August 2024 at 1.30 pm. at the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, Colombo 07. During the session the application process and evaluation criteria was explained to the Development Officers. The National Chamber was represented by the SG/CEO and Events Management team and Mr. Dhanuka Liyanagamage, Director, Mr. Wasantha Senanayake, Assistant Director, Ms. Champika Welikala, Enterprise Promotion Officer, represented the National Enterprise Development Authority.



MEETINGS / EVENTS

FROM SRI LANKA SUPPLIER FORUM

National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka has embarked on a progressive journey of elevating Sri Lankan products and services to the global market through FromSriLanka.com platform. This is an innovative one stop destination platform created to showcase Sri Lankan products and services to the international markets. With over 50 product categories including tea, rubber, apparel, gemstones, and furniture as well as services such as software development and BPO solutions, the platform serves as a comprehensive gateway for sourcing the best Sri Lankan offerings from hundreds of suppliers across the country.

In view of enhancing the supplier base and product portfolio NCCSL conducted an interactive session with a registered suppliers. The inaugural FromSriLanka Supplier Forum 2024 was held on 6 August 2024 at 3.00 pm at National Chamber Boardroom. 56 Suppliers connected online as well as in-person. President and Office Bearers of NCCSL, Sankara IT platform development team and NCCSL staff participated.



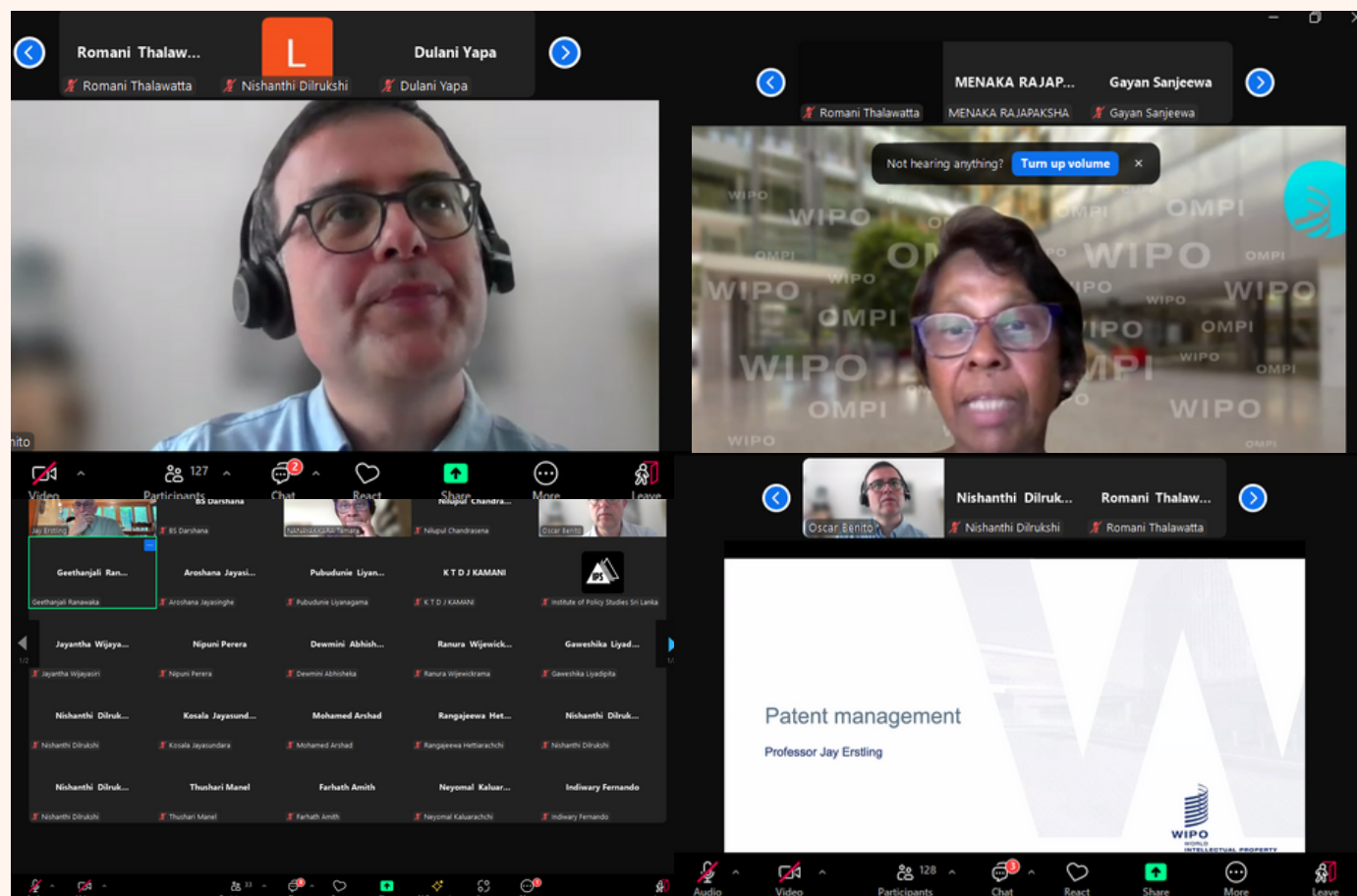
SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS

A WEBINAR SERIES ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS TO EMPOWER SRI LANKAN ENTREPRENEURS

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) in cooperation with the National Intellectual Property Office (NIPO) of Sri Lanka and The International Trade Centre (ITC) organized an ONLINE webinar series titled "Intellectual Property and Business Competitiveness".

These virtual sessions were conducted via Zoom during four consecutive days commenced from 16th -19th July 2024. The objective of the introductory program was to create awareness about the importance of Intellectual Property Management highlighting how intellectual property protects innovations, enhances business competitiveness, generates revenue, encourages innovation, builds brand reputation, attracts investment, and provides legal recourse. Programme was led by Ms. Tamara Nanayakkara, Counsellor, IP for Business Division, WIPO Geneva, along with few other eminent resource persons.

The content of the webinars was covered; copy right management, Patent Management, Trade Secret Management, Role of trademarks and designs in creating a brand presence, Licensing Intellectual Property Rights - Technology Licensing, Licensing Intellectual Property Rights – Brand Licensing, Franchising and Merchandising, IP Issues in Managing a Digital Presence, Using Intellectual Property Databases – Patent and Technology Information, etc.



NATIONAL CHAMBER SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTS WORKSHOP ON "21 POWERFUL JAPANESE METHODS TO CREATE ORGANIZATION EXCELLENCE "

The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka successfully conducted a workshop on '21 powerful Japanese methods to create organization excellence' on 22nd August 2024 at the National Chamber Auditorium.

Mr. Sunil G Wijesinha, the resource person of the workshop (Director of BizEx Consulting (Pvt) Ltd.) has been a proponent of Productivity Improvement Techniques, Employee Involvement Techniques, Business Excellence and Japanese Management Techniques for many years. A past president of JASTECA as well as The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka, he has been recognized with the APO Regional Award and Japan's "Order of the Rising Sun" for his contributions to promoting Japanese management techniques in Sri Lanka.

Key learnings of the workshop provided extensive knowledge about the powerful 21 Japanese methods and practices that are useful to be implemented and maintained in the organisations, which can eventually enhance organization performance and gain competitive advantage. The session was conducted in an interactive and practical approach while discussing the real-life scenarios and how these work methods can be adapted. The participants viewed the program as a timely and effective session that the learnings can be applied in both the personal life and professional career.

The National Chamber extends sincere gratitude to the resource person, Mr. Sunil G Wijesinha and the participants for contributing to the success of the event. We look forward to organizing similar informative sessions in the future for the enhancement of knowledge and skills & the MSME sector.



ENHANCE YOUR PROFESSIONAL IMAGE THROUGH BUSINESS ETIQUETTE: A HALF-DAY WORKSHOP BY THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF SRI LANKA

A half day workshop on "Enhancing your professional image through Business Etiquette" held at the National Chamber on 29th August 2024

The workshop was facilitated by Ms. Preethimali Liyanage Soosaithasan, an experienced Management Consultant and Corporate Trainer (Former Deputy General Manager - Operations, LOLC Factoring Ltd.). The scope of the session was designed to groom the personal image of individuals at work or in their own businesses. Learning about business etiquette enhanced their level of confidence and relationship-building skills in work environments.

The key topics covered by the session were: Personality Development, focusing on creating a positive self-image; Soft Skills Enhancement, aimed at improving personal and professional skills; Effective Communication, mastering both verbal and non-verbal communication; Networking and Building Relationships, offering tips for building strong professional connections; and Cultural Sensitivity, guiding participants on how to navigate cross-cultural interactions with ease. This workshop was ideal for frontline officers, customer care representatives, sales and telemarketers, and contact center staff, helping them improve their professional etiquette and soft skills. Upon completion, participants received a valuable certificate of participation.



'PERPETUATING YOUR FAMILY BUSINESS', AN INSIGHTFUL SESSION ORGANIZED BY THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF SRI LANKA.

KPMG FAMILY BUSINESS

On July 26, 2024, at the National Chamber Auditorium, the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka hosted an insightful session titled "Perpetuating Your Family Business." Partnering with KPMG Sri Lanka, the session featured presentations by Ms. Thamali Rodrigo and Ms. Pyumi Sumanasekara, both Partners at KPMG with extensive experience in advising family-owned businesses on future planning.

The session focused on strategies for succession planning and sustaining family business legacies across generations. Following the presentations, a Q&A discussion provided an interactive platform for the speakers to share their expertise and success stories. The program attracted family business owners, next-generation leaders, professionals, consultants, advisors, startups, and others keen on understanding family business dynamics and succession planning.



AWARENESS SESSION ON GOVERNMENT SECURITIES MARKET

The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka in collaboration with Wealth Trust Securities, successfully conducted an awareness session on Government Securities Market on 12th September 2024 at the Royal Colombo Golf Club. This knowledge sharing session was attended by the council and members of the National Chamber. Session was enriched with the inputs shared by the special guest speaker to the session, Mr. N D Y C Weerasinghe, Superintendent of Public Debt Department of Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

It was intended to create awareness and provide an in-depth understanding of the various Government securities related financial instruments such as Treasury bills, Treasury bonds, etc and emphasis on the contribution to the economy of the country.



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CSR PROGRAMME

A KNOWLEDGE SHARING SESSION ON “ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS”

On August 1, 2024, the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) conducted a knowledge-sharing session titled “Developing Entrepreneurship Skills” for Advanced Level students from Sacred Heart Convent, Galle. This session, designed to provide students practical insights into entrepreneurship, aligned with their curriculum requirements.

During the event, NCCSL provided an overview of its role in supporting business development and shared valuable guidance on building entrepreneurial skills. This initiative aimed to foster a deeper understanding of entrepreneurship among students, equipping them with essential skills for their academic and career journeys. Session enlightened about the Entrepreneurial skills which encompass a variety of competencies that help entrepreneurs build, grow, and sustain their businesses.



BILATERAL SESSIONS

"STRENGTHENING SRI LANKA-ROMANIA TRADE RELATIONS: NATIONAL CHAMBER HOSTS BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR AND ENTERING INTO MOU WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES OF BUCHAREST, ROMANIA "

The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) successfully organized a session on strengthening bilateral trade opportunities between Sri Lanka and Romania on August 09, 2024, at the National Chamber Auditorium. The session was graced by Her Excellency Steluta ARHIRE, Ambassador of Romania in Sri Lanka and Maldives, as the Guest Speaker and Her Excellency M. E. M. Joseph Weninger, the Sri Lankan Ambassador in Romania. NCCSL entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bucharest Chamber of Commerce and Industry to further foster trade relations between the two countries.

Mr. Deepal Nelson, President of the National Chamber, warmly welcomed Her Excellency Steluta ARHIRE, Ambassador of Romania to Sri Lanka and Maldives and Her Excellency M. E. M. Joseph Weninger, the Sri Lankan Ambassador to Romania, who joined the session virtually from Bucharest. There were officials representing the Sri Lankan Embassy in Romania and the Bucharest Chamber of Commerce and Industry. In his address, Mr. Nelson emphasized the importance of generating more export revenue for Sri Lanka, particularly during this critical period. He highlighted that the primary aim of the session was to create direct interactions between Romanian and Sri Lankan entrepreneurs, with a focus on particular sectors such as Tourism, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), Trade, and Export. He also emphasized the significant occasion of the day where NCCSL and CCIB entered into a MoU in view of further strengthening and facilitating trade between both countries.



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Her Excellency M. E. M. Joseph Weninger, Sri Lankan Ambassador to Romania, provided a historical perspective on the longstanding trade relationship between Sri Lanka and Romania, which spans over six decades. She noted that Romania is currently Sri Lanka's 71st largest export destination and 25th largest source of imports. She identified key opportunities for collaboration in the Garment industry, Tourism, and the export of Ceylon Tea.

Her Excellency Steluta ARHIRE delivered an insightful and enriching speech, expressing her appreciation for the signing of the MoU between the both Chambers to strengthen the bilateral relationships. She encouraged Sri Lankan companies to establish connections with Romanian entrepreneurs and explore avenues in setting up branches in Romania. She also shared valuable information on trade and investment opportunities, highlighting that the partnership created with the MoU would significantly strengthen bilateral relations.

The event featured an interactive Q&A session moderated by Mr. Anura Warnakulasooriya, Senior Vice President of the National Chamber where the Sri Lankan business community engaged extensively with Her Excellency Steluta ARHIRE, seeking clarification on business opportunities in the Romanian market.

Mr. Adrian Badescu, Adviser to the President of the Bucharest Chamber of Commerce and Industry, attended the session in person and elaborated on the opportunities available for Sri Lankan entrepreneurs in Romania.

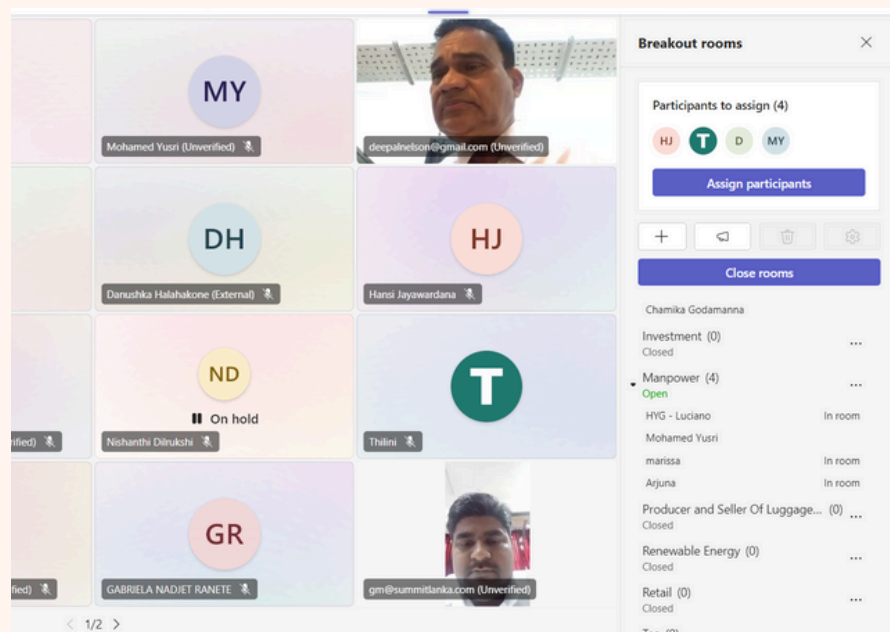
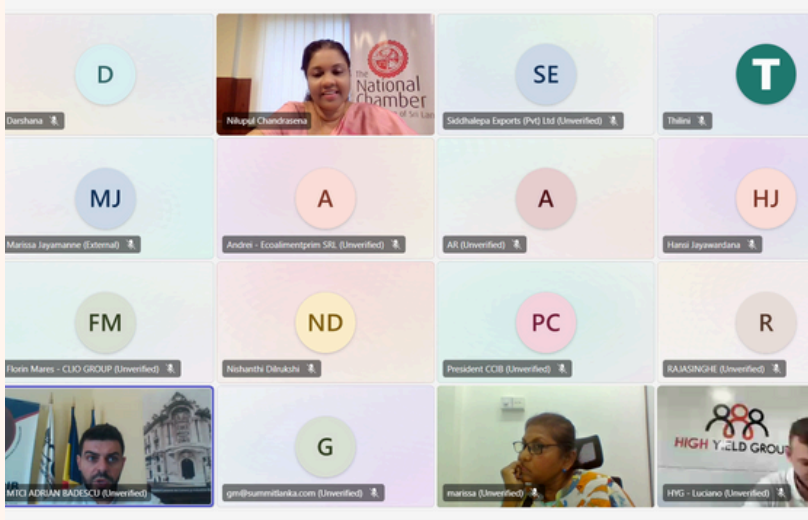
The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka intends to conduct follow-up sessions to facilitate and enhance business tie-ups between Sri Lanka and Romania and virtual B2B meetings.

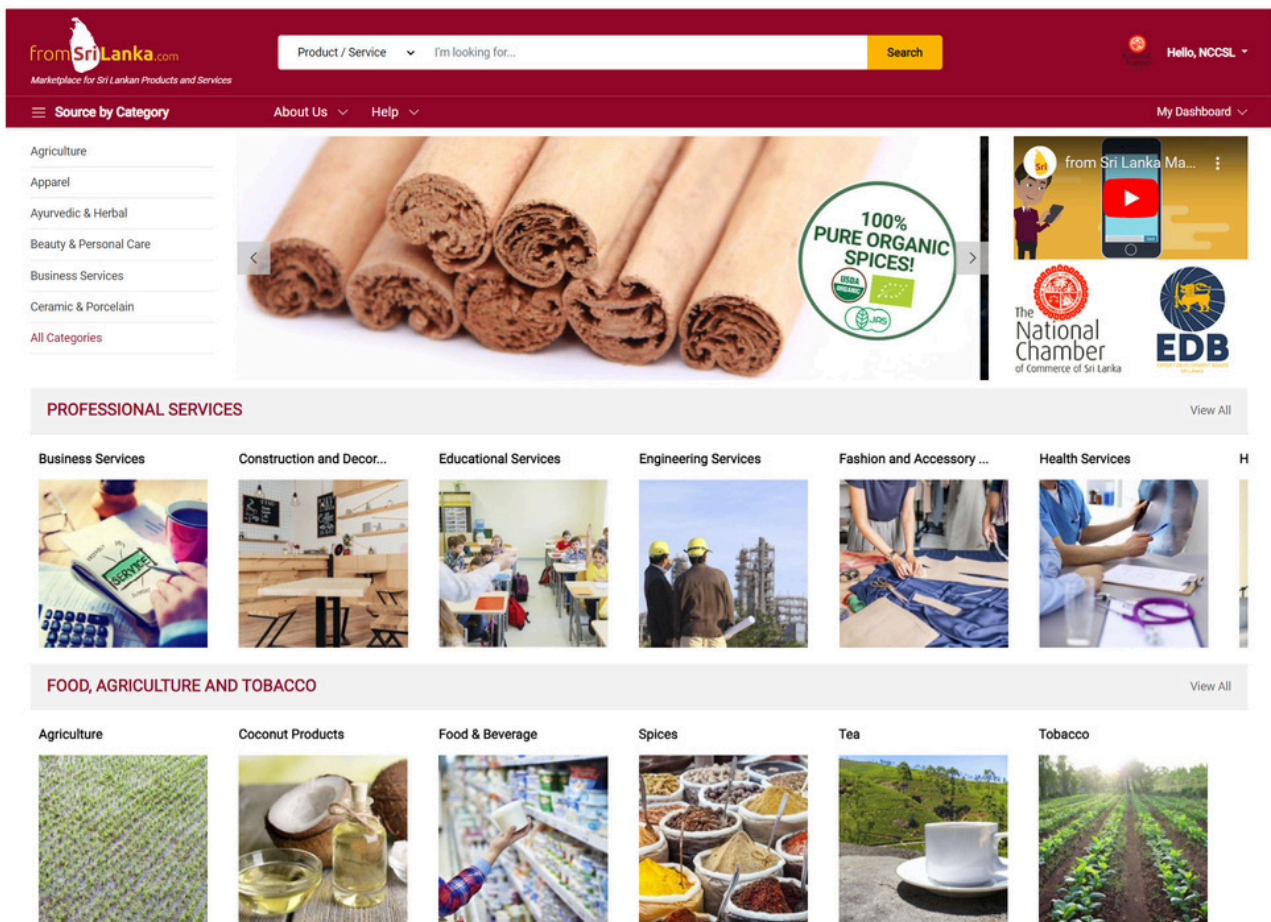


A VIRTUAL B2B SESSION BETWEEN NCCSL AND BCCI

A B2B virtual session was organized by NCCSL in collaboration with the BCCI- Bucharest Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Romania on 3rd of September 2024. There has been significant interest from business delegates representing numerous sectors for B2B opportunities from Romania for Sri Lankan exports i.e Agri food exports, Garment industry, Travel & Tours, Herbal Products, Spices, Leather products, Manpower and Renewable energy.

19 delegates from BCCI and 14 delegates from NCCSL connected to the virtual breakout rooms. Mr. Adrian Badescu, Advisor to the President of BCCI was instrumental in coordinating the session with NCCSL. Mr. Deepal Nelson, President- NCCSL, Office bearers and several council members also joined the session.





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No.	Event	Date, Time & Venue
1	Awareness-Building Workshop on Trade National Single Window System Project, Organized by The Ministry of Finance and USAID - President, Mr. Deepal Nelson and Senior Deputy President, Mr. Anura Warnakulasooriya participated.	03 July 2024 at 9.00 am at the Sapphire Hall, Courtyard by Marriott, Colombo 02.
2	Meeting on Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Exports of Goods & Services - Mr. Gane Kumaraswamy, Council Member, National Chamber & Director, Global Vinyl (Pvt) Ltd, Mr. Shanmugalingam Kandhipan, Representative, Finance Manager, Global Vinyl (Pvt) Ltd participated.	10 July 2024 at 10.30 am at the Sectoral Committee Office of the Parliament of Sri Lanka
3	Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on proposed Economic and Technology Agreement (ETCA) between Sri Lanka and India organized by the Presidential Secretariat - Mr. Anura Warnakulasooriya, Senior Deputy President and Mr. Danushka Jayasinghe, General Manager - Contract & Project Logistics, Digital Transformation, MAC Group participated.	17 July 2024, at 10:00 am at the Auditorium, 01st Floor, SEMA Building, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01.
4	The Ministry of Environment has conducted a briefing session on 'Business-related' National Biodiversity Targets - Mr. Sujeeve P Samaraweera, Past President, Mr. Nandika Buddhupala, Immediate Past President, Dr. Lakmal Fernando, Hon. Secretary and Mr. Parakrama Jayasinghe, Council Member represented the Chamber.	18th July 2024 at 3.30pm at the Galle Face Hotel Conference Hall 2
5	A meeting regarding Non-degradable plastic and polythene waste management in Sri Lanka - Mr. W.D. Alahakoon, Joint Managing Director, Mr. Dineth A. Alahakoon, Corporate Manager – Finance & Ms. Rumeshika Karunasiri of Country Style Foods (Pvt) Ltd and Ms. Ruvini Liyanawaduge - Manager, Production & Technical, E B Creasy & Co., PLC, represented the National Chamber.	19th July 2024 from 12 noon to 2.00 pm at the Industrial Development Board Sri Lanka, Katubedda.
6	Weekly Management meeting of the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka - Office Bearers and Staff was attended.	23rd July 2024, at 4.00 pm. 4th Floor, National Chamber Board Room
7	523rd Council Meeting of the National Chamber - Council Members participated.	25th July 2024 at 3.30 pm. at 4th Floor, National Chamber Board Room.
8	A research study on the “Implementing the Economic Governance Index (EGI) in 25 Districts across Nine Provinces of Sri Lanka” by The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) Secretary General of NCCSL participated in the Key Informant Interview	8 August 2024 at 11.00 am
9	The Workshop on “National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC) Best Practices & National Trade Facilitation Roadmap for Sri Lanka” Organized by NTFC, The International Trade Centre (ITC) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). - Secretary General /CEO represented the National Chamber.	15th and 16th August 2024 at 9.00 am at NH Collection Hotel (previously Movenpick Hotel), Colombo.

10	Meeting on Minimum Common programme for Sri Lanka organized by the YMBA Colombo - Secretary General/CEO, National Chamber participated	15 August 2024 at 5.00 pm at Colombo YMBA Boardroom.
11	Central Bank of Sri Lanka organized an Expert Meeting on Macroeconomic Outlook: Technical Discussion on "The Monetary Policy Report" - Mr. Gamindu Hemachandra, Hon. Secretary, Sri Lanka Association of Non-State, Mr. Usara Sirimanne, Assistant Manager - Assurance, Ernst & Young and Mrs. Nilupul Chandrasena, Secretary General/CEO, National Chamber participated.	16 August 2024 at 2.30 pm. at CBSL Head Office, Colombo.
12	4th Technical Advisory Committee meeting on Food Security and Nutrition organized by the Ministry of Health - Ms. Sanjeewanee Samaraweera, Head of Quality Assurance & Process Development - Quality & Training Department, Pussalla Meat Producers (Pvt) Ltd, represented the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka.	The Office of the Prime Minister at Temple Trees (Sirimathipaya Hall) on 16th August at 2 pm
13	Western Province Entrepreneur awards organized by the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka and NEDA - National Enterprise Development Authority has been launched and a briefing session was conducted for the NEDA Development Officers. During the session the application process and evaluation criteria was explained. The National Chamber was represented by the SG/CEO and Events Management team and Mr. Dhanuka Liyanagamage, Director, Mr. Wasantha Senanayake, Assistant Director, Ms. Champika Welikala, Enterprise Promotion Officer, represented the National Enterprise Development Authority.	21st August 2024 at 1.30 pm. at the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, Colombo 07
14	Forum on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) organized by the Sustainable Development Council. - Secretary General/CEO of the National Chamber participated.	27 August 2024 at 9.30 am. at the Temple Trees Colombo
15	The Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management Sri Lanka (A-PAD SL) organized an annual International Symposium for 2024 themed, "Turning the Tide: 20 Years of Tsunami Readiness and Resilience" - Mr. Parakrama Jayasinghe, Council Member of the National Chamber and Managing Director of Geotech (Pvt) Ltd represented the Chamber.	29th August 2024 at 09.00 am at the Grand Ballroom, Galle Face Hotel, Colombo 03
16	The inauguration ceremony of the Ceylon Coconut Chamber of Industries CCCI - Mr. Deepal Nelson, President of NCCSL, and Secretary General/CEO of NCCSL participated.	29th August 2024 at the National Chamber Auditorium
17	Interviews with new members of the National Chamber - The Membership Committee of National Chamber headed by Dr. Lakmal Fernando, Hon. Secretary chaired the meeting. Executive Council and SG/CEO participated.	4th September 2024 at 2.00 pm onwards at the Chamber Boardroom
18	The Employers' Federation of Ceylon discussion with NCCSL with reference to Ethical Employee Certification program. Mr Harsha Buddhadasa and Ms. Sewwandi Wijesekera of EFC met the National Chamber Management	4 September 2024 at 3.30 pm. at the National Chamber Auditorium

19	Management Meeting of the National Chamber of Commerce - Office Bearers and staff participated.	4th September 2024 @ 3.00 pm at the 4th Floor, National Chamber Board Room.
20	12th Women Leaders Congress, to recognize the Sri Lanka's Woman Leader - SG/CEO participated in the program.	Taj Samudra, Colombo
21	A discussion with the officials of Colombo Stock Exchange(CSE) and the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka(NCCSL), in view of organizing awareness sessions for the SMEs. Mr. Rajeeva Bandaranaike, CEO of CSE and Mrs. Punyamali Saparamadu, Senior Vice President – Commercial, CSE joined the discussion with SG/CEO and Events Management team of NCCSL.	9th Sept 2024 at 2.30pm
22	A discussion with the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) and the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka(NCCSL), in view of presenting an introduction about the 'fromSriLanka platform' of the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka. This online platform is dedicated to enhancing export trade opportunities to the local exporters and it is intended to collaborate and provide the registration opportunities to the NCE member organizations. Mr. Shiham Marikkar-SG/CEO of NCE Mr. Chamika Godamanna, Hon. Treasurer of NCCSL, SG/CEO and fromSriLanka team of NCCSL joined the discussion.	10th Sept 2024 at 11.00 am
23	A webinar on 'Enhancing Agricultural Resilience in the Asia-Pacific Region' organized by the Sustainable Development Council (SDC) Sri Lanka, in partnership with the Asia-Pacific Trade Alliance Chamber of Commerce & Industry (APTA CCI), The discussion featured expert reflections on best practices and innovative solutions towards sustainable agricultural practices from the Asia Pacific Region. SG/CEO joined the discussion.	9 September 2024 at 11.00 am.
24	Consumer Consultation Committee (CCC) Meeting organized by the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) - Dr. Lakmal Fernando, Hon. Secretary of the National Chamber participated	24 September 2024 at 10.00 am at the Office of the PUCSL
25	Sri Lanka China Business Council Corporation SLCBCC celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the council, grand ceremony - Guest of honour of the session Mr. Deepal Nelson, President of NCCSL, Dr. Lakmal Fernando, Hon. Secretary of NCCSL and Secretary General/CEO of NCCSL participated	29th August 2024 at the Galadari Hotel, Colombo.
26	New Member interviews of the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka Chaired by Dr. Lakmal Fernando, Hon. Secretary - Four new members and SG/CEO participated	9th and 10th July 2024 at 9.00 am at the 4th floor Boardroom
27	Weekly Management meeting of the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka - Office Bearers and Staff was attended.	23rd July 2024, at 4.00 pm. 4th Floor, National Chamber Board Room
28	523rd Council Meeting of the National Chamber - Council Members participated	25th July 2024 at 3.30 pm. at 4th Floor, National Chamber Board Room.
29	Meeting on Climate Impact Awards	30 July 2024 9:00 am at the National Chamber Boardroom.

30	National Chamber Weekly Management Meeting - Office Bearers and Chamber Staff participated.	6 August 2024 at the National Chamber Boardroom at 1.30 pm.
31	FromSriLanka Supplier Forum 2024 - 56 Suppliers connected online as well as in-person. President and Office Bearers of NCCSL, Sankara IT platform developer and Chamber staff participated.	6 August 2024 at 3.00 pm at National Chamber Boardroom.
32	Meeting to discuss the “Implementing the Economic Governance Index (EGI) in 25 Districts across Nine Provinces of Sri Lanka”. The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) and SG joined the meeting.	8 August 2024 at 11.00 am via online
33	Management Meeting of the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka - Office Bearers, Secretary General and staff participated.	14 August 2024 at 3.00 pm. at the 4th Floor, Boardroom.
34	524th Council Meeting of the National Chamber of Commerce - Office Bearers, Council members and SG/CEO participated.	12th September 2024 at 3.30 pm at the Golf Club Colombo
35	A virtual discussion with the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka and the Central Province Chamber of Entrepreneurs in view of organizing capacity building programs targeted at the MSME's in the Central province. Mr Yasas Chandrasekara-President and Mr. Nilantha Amarasinghe, Senior Vice President, of the Central Province Chamber of Entrepreneurs, Mr. M. Thahir, Senior Vice President of Matale Regional Chamber and SG/CEO and the Events management team of National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka joined the discussion.	19 September 2024 at 2.00 pm
36	Weekly Management Meeting of the National Chamber - President, Hon. Secretary, SG/CEO and National Chamber Staff participated.	19 September 2024 at the Boardroom.
37	A discussion with the software development team of the NBEA system development to re-assess the user requirements - to discuss about the NBEA system 2025. SG and Events Management team attended the meeting.	25 September 2024 at 9.30 am onwards at the National Chamber premises
38	New Member interviews of the National Chamber - chaired by Dr. Lakmal Fernando, Hon. Secretary, SG/CEO and two members participated.	26 September 2024 at 9.30 am at Chamber Boardroom
39	Constitution review committee of NCCSL, conducted the initial discussion - Mr. Deepal Nelson, President, NCCSL, Mr. Anura Warnakulasooriya, Snr. Deputy President, NCCSL and the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Chamika Godamanna along with the committee members and SG participated in the virtual discussion.	26th September 2004 at 11.00 am onwards at Chamber Boardroom



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