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This milestone celebrates the resilience and innovation of exporters who bring our nation's products and services to global markets. As we mark this achievement, we reaffirm our commitment to empowering exporters and strengthening Sri Lanka's export sector for the future.



For four decades, the Chamber has stood as a steadfast partner to exporters—providing guidance, advocacy, and a platform for growth. Through changing global landscapes and economic challenges, our commitment has remained unwavering: to support exporters, strengthen their resilience, and help them reach new and emerging international markets.

This milestone reflects not only the Chamber's journey, but also the determination, innovation, and perseverance of Sri Lankan exporters who continue to carry our nation's products and services to the world.

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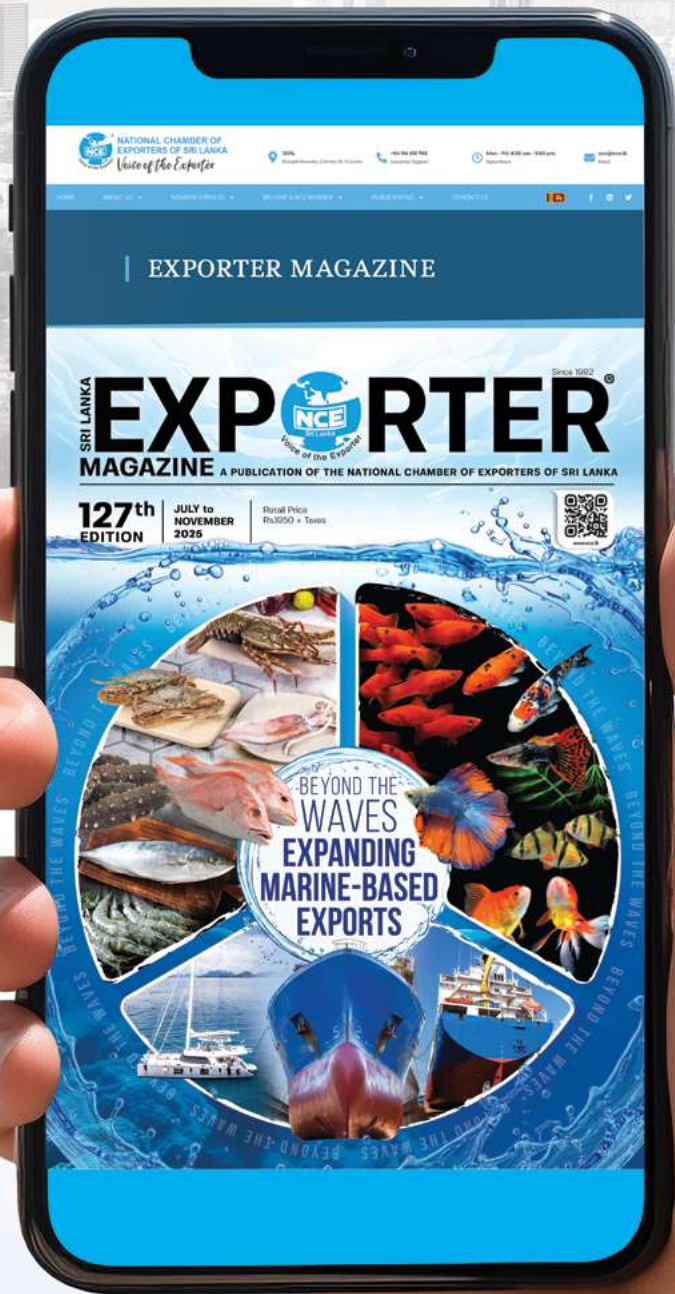
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A DUAL CELEBRATION OF LEGACY AND EXCELLENCE

The 128th edition of **Exporter Magazine** marks a truly significant milestone in our journey—an edition that not only reflects on four decades of institutional excellence but also celebrates the remarkable achievements of Sri Lanka’s export community through the NCE Export Awards 2025.

As we commemorate 40 years of dedicated service to the nation’s export sector, this special dual-cover edition stands as a symbol of both legacy and progress. Over the past four decades, the Chamber has played a pivotal role in shaping Sri Lanka’s export sector—advocating policy reforms, enabling global market access, and empowering exporters to compete on the world stage. This anniversary is not merely a reflection of years gone by, but a tribute to resilience, collaboration, and forward-thinking leadership.

Within these pages, readers will find a rich retrospective of our journey—capturing defining milestones, leadership contributions, and the collective strength of our membership. From policy advocacy to global partnerships, and from pioneering enterprises to long-standing member success stories, the Chamber’s impact has been both deep and far-reaching. We take pride in the enduring relationships built over time and the trust placed in us by the export community.

Complementing this celebration of legacy is the vibrant showcase of excellence through the NCE Export Awards 2025. This prestigious platform

continues to recognize and honor the outstanding achievements of Sri Lankan exporters who have demonstrated innovation, resilience, and global competitiveness. The awards not only spotlight individual success stories but also reflect the broader strength and diversity of our export sector.

This edition captures the essence of a memorable awards evening—highlighting key moments, distinguished winners, and the spirit of excellence that defines Sri Lanka’s export industry. The “Most Outstanding Exporter – 2025” feature stands as a testament to what can be achieved through vision, perseverance, and commitment to quality.

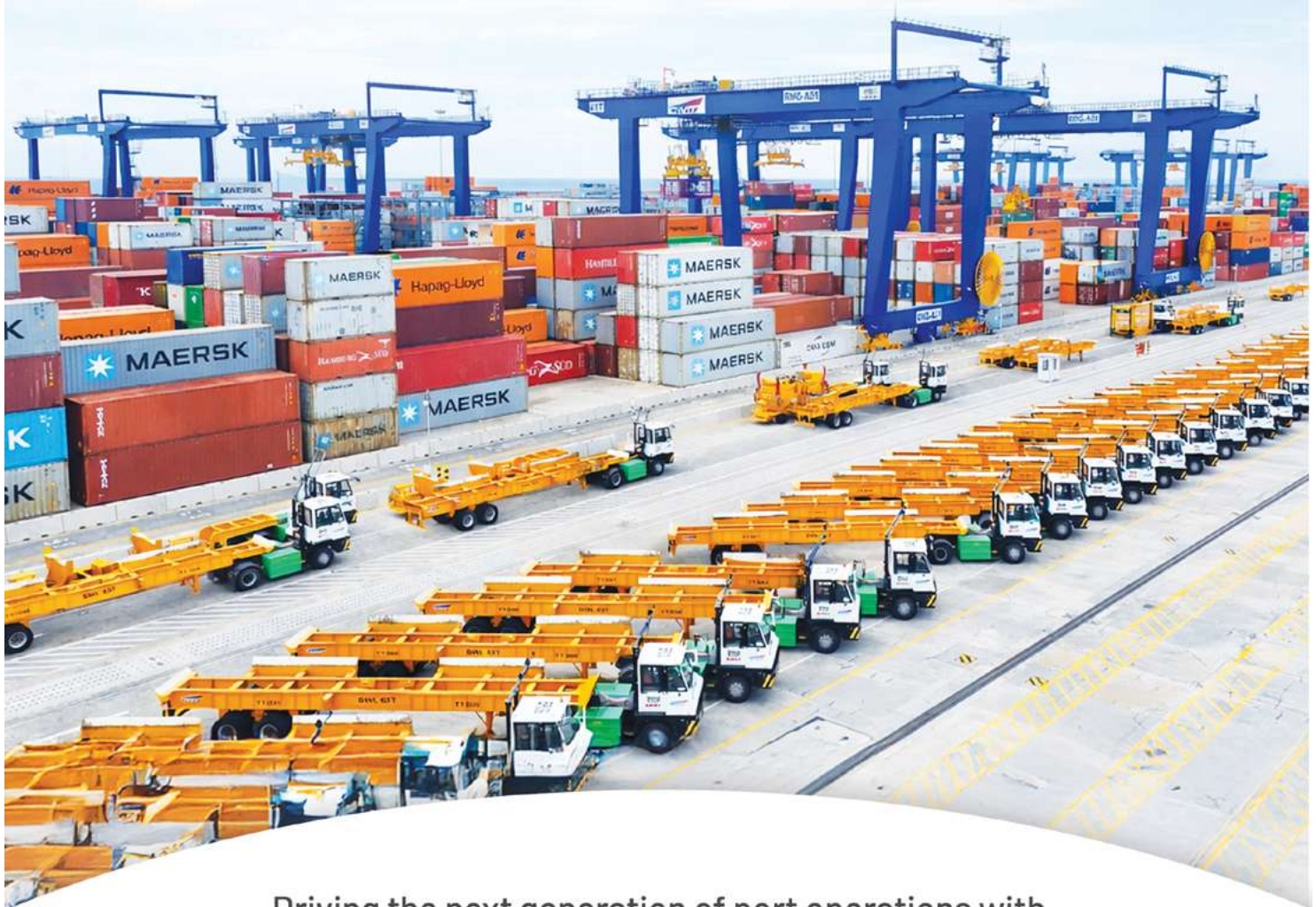
As we stand at this intersection of reflection and recognition, we also look ahead with renewed purpose. The global trade environment continues to evolve, presenting both challenges and opportunities. The Chamber remains steadfast in its mission to support exporters, encourage innovation, and contribute meaningfully to national economic growth.

This commemorative edition is more than a publication—it is a celebration of people, progress, and potential.

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2. Provides enterprise a competitive edge in international markets.
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MR. INDHRA KAUSHAL RAJAPAKSA

It is a pleasure to mark the **40th Anniversary of the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE)**. Since its establishment by the late Deshabandu Patrick Amarasinghe, the NCE has grown to become the voice of Sri Lanka's exporters, representing their interests and supporting them as they address challenges and pursue opportunities in global markets.

Over the years, the Chamber has expanded its presence at the regional level, working closely with local chambers and other stakeholders to encourage and support exporters across the country. We also maintain strong working relationships with government ministries and agencies, collaborating to address sector-related matters, provide guidance, and advocate for policies that support Sri Lanka's export competitiveness. Through our participation in national policy forums in both the government and private sectors, the NCE continues to contribute to shaping the country's economic and trade environment.

The NCE also works closely with universities and academia to provide members with access to research, training, and development opportunities. These efforts help exporters strengthen their innovative capabilities and remain competitive in global markets. In addition, the Chamber has reinforced international connections through active and continuous engagement with overseas trade missions and partnerships with foreign trade chambers, creating opportunities for market access and collaboration.

A key initiative currently underway is the revival of the National Institute of Exports as the Chamber's education and training arm. This initiative aims to offer structured programmes that will improve the skills and knowledge of exporters and support their long-term, sustainable growth in the global economy.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Council, the Management Committee, past presidents, and all the members for their continued support and cooperation. Together, we will continue to support Sri Lanka's export sector and persist in improving ethical and innovative practices. We will ensure that the NCE remains a dynamic and strong platform for exporters, empowering them to effectively contribute to the country's economic development.



Message from the **Chairman** Publications Advisory Committee (PAC) The National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE)

MR. DILSHAN RAJAPAKSA

It is with great pride and a deep sense of accomplishment that we present this special edition of the *Exporter Magazine* in commemoration of the **40th Anniversary of the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE)**.

Over the past four decades, the Chamber has played a vital role in representing and empowering Sri Lanka's export community. From its inception, the NCE has stood as the collective voice of exporters, working tirelessly to promote international trade, enhance competitiveness, and create new opportunities for Sri Lankan products and services in global markets. This remarkable journey has not been without its challenges. However, through resilience, collaboration, and forward-thinking leadership, the Chamber has continuously adapted to changing global dynamics while remaining steadfast in its mission to support the nation's export sector.

A key instrument in this journey has been the *Sri Lanka Exporter Magazine*, the flagship publication of the Chamber. For over three decades, the magazine has been published consistently without interruption, evolving into a respected platform that showcases insights, success stories, and emerging trends within Sri Lanka's export industry. It has served as a valuable resource for exporters, policymakers, and industry stakeholders by disseminating knowledge, market intelligence, and thought leadership relevant to international trade.

Today, as we release the **128th edition**, the magazine continues to expand its reach and influence, connecting with a broad readership both locally and internationally through its print and digital platforms. Its growing audience reflects the increasing relevance of Sri Lanka's export sector and the importance of maintaining informed dialogue among industry stakeholders.

This commemorative issue is therefore not only a celebration of the Chamber's 40-year milestone but also a reflection of the progress, resilience, and aspirations of Sri Lanka's exporters. It highlights the achievements of the past, acknowledges the challenges that have shaped our journey, and looks ahead to the opportunities that lie before us as we collectively strive to strengthen Sri Lanka's presence in global trade.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all contributors, industry experts, and stakeholders who have supported the publication of this magazine over the years. Their valuable insights and commitment have ensured that the *Exporter Magazine* remains a trusted source of knowledge and inspiration for the export community.

As we celebrate this significant milestone, I am confident that the Chamber will continue to build on its legacy, developing innovation, collaboration, and sustainable growth for the benefit of Sri Lanka's export sector and the national economy.

Congratulations to the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka on reaching this remarkable milestone, and best wishes for many more years of impactful service to the export community.



Message from the **Secretary General/CEO** **The National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE)**

MR. SHIHAM MARIKAR

As I reflect on the 40 year journey of the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka, I am proud to be part of this institution. I have served the Chamber for the past 15 years, working with many Presidents and contributing to its growth. I also had the privilege of witnessing the guidance of our Founder President, the late Mr. Deshabandhu Patrick Amarasinghe, during his time on the Council.

Over the years, the NCE has grown and strengthened its role in supporting exporters. A remarkable achievement has been the continuation of the NCE Export Awards every year for the past 33 years without a break, recognizing and rewarding the best performing exporters in the country. Equally notable is our in house publication, *The Exporter magazine*, which has been published continuously and remains a key source of insight for our members. Our daily newsletter, *Exporter Digest*, keeps members informed of the Chamber's activities and has been widely appreciated by our membership.

The Chamber's work on sectoral issues, guided by our Council members, sectoral heads, and patrons, has been a key strength. Through workshops, seminars, regional programs, overseas trade delegations, and partnerships with educational institutions, we have enhanced the capacity and reach of our members. Another milestone was acquiring our own property, which today serves as the home of the Chamber and a symbol of its stability.

I sincerely thank all past Presidents, members, Council and Management Committee members, staff, and stakeholders. Your support and guidance have been a great strength to the Chamber's success. As we celebrate the 40th Anniversary, we honour this journey and look forward to continuing our work to strengthen Sri Lanka's export sector.



Message from the **Chairman/CEO,** **Sri Lanka Export Development Board**

MR. MANGALA WIJESINGHE

On behalf of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board, I extend my warmest congratulations to the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka on this momentous occasion of your 40th Anniversary.

Over four decades, NCE has been an unwavering voice for Sri Lanka's export community, championing the interests of exporters and contributing immensely to the growth of our national economy. Your dedication to fostering a vibrant export culture and nurturing businesses to reach global markets has been truly commendable.

As we navigate an ever-evolving global trade landscape, the role of NCE remains more vital than ever. The EDB and NCE share a common vision — to position Sri Lanka as a competitive and dynamic export nation. We are proud of our continued partnership and look forward to strengthening this collaboration in the years ahead.

I wish the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka continued success, growth, and impact for the next 40 years and beyond.



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Message from **DR. KINGSLEY BERNARD** Past President (2003-2004)

Dear members and stakeholders,

It's an honour to reflect on the incredible journey of the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) as it celebrates 40 remarkable years. As a past president, I'm proud of the chamber's growth and contributions to Sri Lanka's export sector.

I may be failing in my duty, if I do not pay a tribute to our founder President late Deshabandu Mr Patrick Amarasinghe and few of his friends rallied round him in establishing the NCE, ably assisted by Mr Rasa Weerasingham, despite many an obstacles faced in forming this exclusively dedicated chamber for the exporters in Sri Lanka. Which amply testifies the visionary of these business leaders.

The flagship event of the NCE, Export Awards was the brainchild of Mr Amarasinghe who led the chamber for seven long years and launched many more projects of pioneering nature. NCE has been a driving force, empowering exporters, fostering networking, and advocating for trade-friendly policies. Congratulations, NCE, on this milestone and many more years of excellence and growth.



Message from **DR. D K RAJAPAKSA** Past President (2005 - 2006)

Warm Greetings on the 40th Anniversary

As a Past President, it is with immense pride and deep appreciation that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka on the celebration of its 40th Anniversary.

For four decades, the Chamber—nationally identified as the “Voice of Exporters”—has remained the foremost representative body advocating for Sri Lanka's export sector. Through policy advocacy, capacity building, market promotion, and industry collaboration, the Chamber has played a decisive role in strengthening the nation's export economy and enhancing Sri Lanka's global competitiveness.

We pay special tribute to its visionary founder, the late Deshabandu Patrick Amarasinghe, whose foresight, leadership, and unwavering commitment laid the strong foundation upon which the Chamber continues to grow and thrive. His legacy continues to inspire generations of exporters and business leaders.

The NCE Export Awards, Sri Lanka's most prestigious annual event recognizing excellence in exports. This flagship event not only honors outstanding exporters but also sets benchmarks for innovation, quality, sustainability, and global achievement—reinforcing the Chamber's mission to elevate Sri Lankan exports to greater heights.

Having had the privilege of serving as President, I have witnessed the dedication, unity, and resilience that define our membership and leadership. The Chamber's 40-year journey is a testament to collective strength, visionary guidance, and an enduring commitment to national development.

Congratulations on this remarkable achievement and milestone.

PAST PRESIDENTS & LEADERSHIP LEGACY



Message from **MR. ROHAN FERNANDO** Past President (2007 - 2008)

I consider it a privilege, and an honour in sending a message on reaching 40 years of existence by the National Chamber of Exporters established in 1986.

The NCE was the brainchild of Sri Lanka's foremost entrepreneur late Mr. Patrick Amarasinghe as its founder president together with late Mr. Rasa Weerasingham as the Secretary General.

I was invited in the late 1980 to join the NCE to represent the tea exporter sector and had the opportunity to work closely with both Patrick and Rasa.

The purpose of the organization was to send a strong message to the government of the day on the importance of entrepreneurship and establish an export driven economy to empower the nation. Towards this the NCE campaigned hard to have in place stable exporter friendly National policies to encourage the local entrepreneurs to go global priming the international supply chains.

We were very much encouraged by the response when the NCE was consulted before every budget and accepted most of our positive suggestions.

During the period of my tenure as the president, we initiated regular meetings with former presidents seeking their advice and wise counsel in shaping a strong National initiative towards exports. Looking back, I am proud of the progress we made which formed the nucleus for the strong organization we have today.

I am happy to note the NCE with its close to 500 membership is reaching four decades of continuity helping the exporters on the way.

Whilst thanking the past office bearers and the present council of directors, May I wish the organization strength and foresight to aim towards a 50 billion USD in exports by the time we reach the half a century.

Believing in Sri Lanka can, will take us to where we want to be.



Message from **MR. SARATH DE SILVA** Past President (2009 - 2010)

Today on the 40th birthday of NCE, I remember the words of the Deshabandu Patrick Amarasinghe which he has conveyed to me about the amount of negotiations and obstacles he and his team had to overcome to give birth to NCE which gave distinct recognition and highlighted the contribution of the exporter community to the Sri Lankan economy.

This made it possible for the presidents who chaired this proud chamber to negotiate further for better facilities and in sometimes exporter expansion-grants and tax incentives to the exporters of our country.

I'm truly proud to have presided over this august chamber and as an exporter myself, thank all those who initiated and continued in the path of exporter recognition both locally and globally. This would not have been possible without the general membership and the committed management committees and dedicated members of the staff of NCE.

I wish NCE a greater future!

PAST PRESIDENTS & LEADERSHIP LEGACY



Message from DR. JAGATH PEIRIS Past President (2011-2012)

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka on the celebration of its 40th Anniversary in March 2026—an important milestone in its distinguished journey. I also fondly recall the 25th Anniversary in 2011, a memorable occasion on which I had the honour of being inducted as the 7th President of the Chamber.

Over the past four decades, the Chamber has steadfastly served as a catalyst for export growth, empowering hundreds of exporters to expand beyond our shores and compete confidently with leading international brands.

The contribution of NCE members to Sri Lanka's export sector has been immense. They have generated employment for thousands of young people, transforming school leavers into skilled, globally competitive technicians and craftsmen.

NCE has truly earned its reputation as the "Voice of the Exporter." Its views are respected by policymakers and have helped shape national economic direction. This recognition reflects the dedication of past and present Office Bearers, Council Members and Secretariat Staff.

I wish the Chamber continued success in strengthening Sri Lanka's export future.



Message from ENG. MANGALA P.B. YAPA Past President (2013)

I extend my warmest congratulations to the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka on reaching this landmark — **forty years of dedicated service to Sri Lanka's export community.**

When the National Exporters Association was founded in 1986, it represented a bold and visionary commitment to giving exporters a unified, focused voice. That vision has only grown stronger with time. Today, the NCE stands as the country's sole Chamber exclusively serving the export sector — a distinction earned through decades of consistent advocacy, capacity building, and unwavering support for Sri Lankan exporters navigating an ever-evolving global marketplace.

The camaraderie among members, the professionalism of the Secretariat, and the passion of its leadership left a deep and lasting impression on me. Milestones such as the Annual Export Awards, the Sri Lanka Exporter magazine, the Certificate of Ethical Trading, and the establishment of the National Institute of Exports stand as enduring symbols of what this Chamber has built — not just for exporters, but for Sri Lanka.

I commend President Mr. Indira Kaushal Rajapaksa, Secretary General Mr. M. Shiham Marikar, the Council, and the entire membership for their continued commitment to the Chamber's mission. The 27th of March 2026 will indeed be a celebration worthy of this remarkable journey.

As the NCE embarks on its next forty years, may it continue to champion Sri Lanka's exporters with the same spirit and dedication that have defined its first four decades.

Congratulations, and onwards to greater heights!

PAST PRESIDENTS & LEADERSHIP LEGACY



Message from **MR. SARADA DE SILVA** Past President (2014-2016)

It is a great pleasure I congratulate the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE) on reaching the remarkable milestone of 40 years of service to our nation's export community and country. Over the past four decades, the NCE has been at the forefront of promoting Sri Lankan products to the world, supporting exporters through challenges, and advocating for policies that strengthen our international competitiveness. Continuous increase in export are mostly due to the interventions by NCE and its members.

As a past president, I have witnessed firsthand the dedication, vision, and professionalism that have guided the NCE through changing global and domestic trade landscapes. The chamber has not only championed economic growth but has also fostered collaboration, knowledge sharing, and ethical business practices across various sectors in exports.

Congratulations to the entire team, council members, stakeholders, and more so to its members who have contributed to this journey. May the NCE continue to thrive, innovate, and lead Sri Lanka's exporters to even greater achievements in the years to come which imperative to the growth of the country's economy and social fabric.



Message from **MR. RAMAL G JASINGHE** Past President (2017-2018)

My association with the Chamber began over 30 years ago, as a Deemed Exporter within the Service sector.

One week into my new job at Union Assurance Insurance , my boss appealed to me as its General Manager Marketing to consider approving an advertisement for one of the very early editions of the Exporter Magazine way back in 1995. If I recall correctly this was the First Edition.

I guess the message is that the Exporter magazine became the voice of the Exporter and the organ of information to the SME export community, founded through the movement pioneered by the entrepreneurial spark of the Late Deshabandu Patrick Amarasinghe.

I'm happy to note that the Chamber continues to write and rewrite its story of relevance and navigate successfully through the changing economic and political climate over the past 40 years.

May the next 40 years prove to be more interesting to the Chamber!

PAST PRESIDENTS & LEADERSHIP LEGACY



Message from **MRS. RAMYA WEERAKOON** Past President (2019-2020)

I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka on the celebration of its 40th anniversary.

Over the past four decades, NCE has played a transformative role in strengthening Sri Lanka's export sector, empowering entrepreneurs, and positioning our nation competitively in global markets. The Chamber has remained a steadfast voice for exporters, fostering innovation, resilience, and sustainable growth.

I joined NCE in 1996 as a member, and it is indeed a remarkable milestone to witness its inspiring 40 year journey. Having had the privilege of serving as President, I am deeply honored to have contributed to this progress. This milestone reflects the dedication, vision, and collective commitment of all members and leaders who have shaped the Chamber's success.

May NCE continue to inspire excellence and drive Sri Lanka's export achievements for many decades to come. I wish the NCE and its team continued strength and success.



Message from **MR. RAVI JAYAWARDENA** Past President (2021-2023)

Delighted to congratulate National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) on its 40th anniversary and wish to share some thoughts for future improvements. .

The founding fathers' of NCE espier Chamber to be the leading export facilitator and with a comprehensive media plan on Print, Electronic and Social Media targeting national and internation stakeholders this could be archive.

Present day in the global markets ethical /fair trade take precedence over standard trading practices especially for SMEs'. During my tenure as President of NCE, process certifying enterprises based on fair trading activities which facilitate this need.

In 2023 as the President, I had privileged to take the leadership to acquiring a permanent home of the NCE in spite many challenges including COVID. Confident the elected leadership of the Chamber will develop the Secretariate for greater benefit of the Membership.

All my good wishers for success.



Message from **MR. JAYANTHA KARUNARATNE** Past President (2023-2024)

I am delighted to be a member of the National Chamber of Exporters as it celebrates its 40th anniversary. Established by visionary philanthropists, the Chamber has consistently supported the exporter community with a clear mission and energetic leadership. Over the years, it has aligned its vision with national priorities, taking up exporters' concerns with government authorities and representing Sri Lanka in international forums.

I have been associated with the Chamber for more than 25 years and had the privilege of serving as President in 2023-2024. Its strong constitutional framework ensures transparency and provides members with opportunities to address common trade issues requiring regulatory attention.

As Sri Lanka aims to achieve USD 30 billion in export revenue by 2030, we believe this target is achievable through value addition, innovation, and consistent support from policymakers. The Chamber has always been committed for strengthening the export sector and contributing meaningfully to the nation's economic progress. I wish all success for the National Chamber of Exporters.



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As we mark the 40th anniversary of the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka, we take pride in reflecting on a journey that has been defined by vision, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the nation's export community.

The Chamber's story began in 1986 with the establishment of the National Exporters Association (NEA)—a collective initiative driven by the need to represent and support Sri Lankan exporters at a time when the sector was still evolving. In 1994, this initiative was formally incorporated as the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE), emerging as a leading private sector Trade Chamber in the country dedicated exclusively to serving exporters.

From these humble beginnings, the Chamber has grown into a dynamic and influential institution, representing a diverse membership spanning products and services across global markets. Over the years, it has remained steadfast in its purpose—to be the **"Voice of the Exporter"**, advocating for the interests of the export community and contributing to national economic progress.

Throughout four decades, the Chamber has consistently expanded its role and services to meet the evolving needs of exporters. From facilitating trade through the issuance of Certificates of Origin, to disseminating vital market intelligence, conducting training and capacity-building programmes, and organizing trade delegations and exhibitions, the Chamber has played a pivotal role in strengthening the global competitiveness of Sri Lankan exporters.

The introduction of the *Sri Lanka Exporter Magazine* in 1992 and the continued hosting of the Annual Export Awards stand as landmark initiatives that have both informed and inspired the export community. These platforms have not only showcased Sri Lanka's export capabilities to the world but have also recognized and celebrated excellence within the industry.

Equally significant has been the Chamber's role in policy advocacy—serving as a bridge between exporters and policymakers, ensuring that the concerns and aspirations of the private sector are effectively represented. Through dialogue, representation, and collaboration, the Chamber has contributed to shaping a more enabling environment for trade and export growth.

As we celebrate this milestone, we also acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our past presidents, council members, and the wider membership whose dedication and leadership have shaped the Chamber's legacy. Their collective efforts have ensured that the Chamber continues to evolve while remaining true to its founding purpose.

Today, as the global trade environment becomes increasingly complex and competitive, the Chamber stands ready to embrace new opportunities and challenges. With a renewed focus on innovation, market diversification, and sustainable growth, we remain committed to supporting exporters in navigating the future with confidence.

This 40-year journey is not merely a reflection of institutional longevity—it is a testament to the strength, resilience, and ambition of Sri Lanka's export community.

As we look ahead, we reaffirm our commitment to continue serving as the trusted partner and voice of exporters, working together to elevate Sri Lanka's presence in global trade for generations to come.

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Message from
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Message from
MR. REGINALDO LANETE
Ceo President - Chamber Of Commerce Brazil Asia.



We congratulate The National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka on its 40 years of history, dedication, and extraordinary contribution to strengthening Sri Lanka's foreign trade. Over four decades, the Chamber has been an active and strategic voice in promoting exports, supporting businesses, connecting markets, and boosting the country's international competitiveness. Its consistent performance in defending the interests of exporters, promoting innovation, and creating global opportunities demonstrates a commitment to sustainable growth and business excellence. The entity not only represents the export sector but also inspires confidence, professionalism, and a vision for the future.

Celebrating 40 years is recognizing a trajectory marked by achievements, solid partnerships, and significant economic impact. May this symbolic date be just another milestone in an even more prosperous journey, full of new opportunities, international expansion, and the strengthening of trade relations around the world.



Message from
MR. DAVID DONINOTTI
Secretary General
Italian Association of Foreign Trade (AICE)



We are delighted and honoured to celebrate the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka on this important occasion, marking its 40th anniversary.

This is a significant milestone.

A moment to proudly celebrate the past and look to the future with optimism and ambition.

Foreign trade has been, and must once again be, a lever for growth and development for the economies of the Countries, and at the same time, a tool for fostering peace and cooperation between businesses and people across continents.

The Italian Association of Foreign Trade extends its sincere best wishes for a successful future.



Message from
MR. RANGA GOONAWARDENA
Founder & CEO - Ethera Business LLC
Former High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to the Maldives



On behalf of Ethera Business LLC, I extend our warmest congratulations to the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary. This significant milestone reflects the Chamber's enduring commitment to strengthening Sri Lanka's export sector and fostering meaningful global trade partnerships.

We greatly value the collaboration between our organizations and commend the Chamber's continued leadership in advancing Sri Lankan exporters internationally. With our focus on the Sri Lanka-Maldives business corridor and cross-border advisory work, we remain committed to supporting Sri Lankan exporters in exploring opportunities in the Maldivian market while contributing to stronger bilateral trade engagement between our two countries.

We wish the Chamber continued success in its important mission and look forward to further strengthening our partnership in the years ahead.

Warm regards



Message from
DR. NASIR AWAN MBE DL
Deputy Lieutenant West Midlands
To His Majesty's The King's Lord Lieutenant
President - Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce UK



As President of the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce UK, I am delighted to extend my warmest congratulations to the Sri Lanka Chamber as it prepares to celebrate its 40th Anniversary in March 2026. This remarkable milestone reflects four decades of dedication to strengthening Sri Lanka's export sector, empowering businesses, and advancing international trade partnerships that contribute to global economic growth.

Over the years, the Sri Lanka Chamber has demonstrated outstanding leadership in supporting enterprises, championing innovation, and promoting strong commercial links with key markets around the world. Its commitment to fostering collaboration and opening new avenues for trade continues to play an essential role in driving sustainable development and economic opportunity.

We in Birmingham UK, deeply value our relationship with Sri Lankan businesses and look forward to further building on this partnership. As you celebrate this significant anniversary, I wish the Sri Lanka Chamber continued success, resilience, and prosperity in the years ahead.

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Message from **MR. MUNISH KANWAR** Chief Executive Officer Colombo West International Terminal (Pvt) Ltd.



Warmest congratulations are extended to the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka on its 40th Anniversary, marking four decades of dedicated service to the nation's export community.

Over the years, the Chamber has played a pivotal role in strengthening Sri Lanka's export sector by advocating for exporters, promoting international market access, and fostering collaboration across industries. Its consistent efforts have significantly contributed to enhancing the global competitiveness and resilience of Sri Lankan exporters.

Colombo West International Terminal (Private) Limited (CWIT) is proud to be associated with the National Chamber of Exporters as the Exclusive Port Terminal Partner. This partnership reflects a shared commitment to facilitating efficient trade, strengthening logistics capabilities, and supporting the continued expansion of Sri Lanka's export economy.

As the country advances its ambitions in global trade, strong industry partnerships will remain essential in driving sustainable growth and innovation. Best wishes are extended to the National Chamber of Exporters for continued success in the years ahead.



Message from **MR. DUMINDA HULANGAMUWA** Country Managing Partner EY Sri Lanka & Maldives



Partnering with the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) has been a meaningful journey for EY.

As Strategic Knowledge Partner, we have convened dialogues, shared objective insights, and helped build capability across Sri Lanka's exporter community—linking policymakers, industry leaders, and SMEs around practical solutions.

The partnership has strengthened EY, and it has also sharpened our understanding of sector realities, enriched our thought leadership, and deepened relationships that enable more relevant services in trade facilitation, sustainability, governance, and digital transformation.

We congratulate NCE on their 40th anniversary, and we look forward to advancing competitiveness and inclusive growth—together.



Message from **MR. DAMITH PALLEWATTE** Managing Director/ CEO Hatton National Bank PLC



It is a pleasure to extend my warm congratulations to the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) on its 40th anniversary. Over the past years, NCE has demonstrated exceptional commitment to uplift Sri Lankan exporters, and its contribution to the nation's export landscape is truly commendable.

Our collaboration with NCE has been highly productive, creating mutually beneficial opportunities and enabling us to collectively support the country's export sector. Through this partnership, we remain committed not only to providing

financial solutions, but also to deliver vital market insights and industry expertise. We firmly believe that empowering exporters is essential to strengthen Sri Lanka's position as a globally competitive, quality-driven export nation.

As we look ahead, we reaffirm our dedication to fostering growth, innovation, and resilience. Together with NCE, we will continue to support Sri Lankan exporters as they navigate global challenges, capitalize on emerging opportunities, and strive for remarkable progress in 2026 and beyond.



Message from **MR. R.K. OBEYSEKERE** Chairman Sri Lanka Tea Board



A Tribute to 40 Years of Excellence in Export Leadership

As the apex government body dedicated to promoting Ceylon Tea and facilitating the tea export community, the Sri Lanka Tea Board takes great pride in its long-standing strategic partnership with the National Chamber of Exporters. For over a decade, our collaboration has been instrumental in strengthening the capacity and resilience of the Sri Lankan export fraternity. The NCE's role in empowering exporters and driving knowledge

transfer has been truly exemplary. Its initiatives continue to catalyze economic growth by expanding Sri Lanka's international market share and positioning our exporters as formidable global brand leaders.

We commend the NCE for its 40-year journey of fostering excellence and competitiveness. On behalf of the Sri Lanka Tea Board, I extend our warmest congratulations to the National Chamber of Exporters on its 40th Anniversary. We look forward to many more decades of shared success.



Message from **MR. KAPILA PRASAD** CEO MISL Holdings (Pvt) Ltd



On behalf of MISL Holdings, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE) on celebrating its remarkable 40th Anniversary. For four decades, the NCE has played a pivotal role in strengthening Sri Lanka's export sector by fostering collaboration, knowledge sharing, and global market opportunities for exporters.

It has been a privilege for MISL to partner with the NCE as a strategic technology partner. Through this partnership, we have had the opportunity to engage closely with Sri Lanka's

vibrant export community and contribute to their digital transformation journey. The platform created by the NCE has enabled us to understand industry challenges, support exporters with innovative technology solutions, and strengthen our commitment to enhancing efficiency, traceability, and global competitiveness.

We are grateful for the strong relationship we share with the Chamber and look forward to continuing this partnership in empowering Sri Lankan exporters for many years to come.



Message from **MR. RAMESH JAYASEKARA** Director/CEO Seylan Bank PLC



It is a privilege for Seylan Bank to be part of this landmark edition of the Exporter Magazine, especially as the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) celebrates its 40th Anniversary.

Over the past four years, our partnership with the NCE has been a source of immense value for Seylan Bank. Through active participation in NCE events, we have deepened our engagement with Sri Lanka's export community and gained invaluable insight into the evolving needs of exporters, enabling

us to craft financial solutions that are better aligned with the realities of international trade.

We are proud to stand united alongside an institution that has consistently championed the interests of Sri Lankan exporters with unwavering commitment for nearly four decades. On behalf of the entire Seylan Bank family, I extend our warmest congratulations to the NCE and wish the Chamber continued success in the years ahead.



Message from **MR. DEEPAL DE SILVA** Chief Operating Officer Sampath Bank PLC



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It is a distinct honour to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka on the landmark occasion of its 40th Anniversary. Over the past four decades, the Chamber has played a pivotal role in advancing Sri Lanka's export sector, serving as a strong and unifying voice for exporters while promoting the country's presence in global markets. Sampath Bank is proud to maintain a longstanding partnership with the Chamber in supporting the growth and sustainability of the export community. Through this collaboration, we have contributed as a knowledge partner in enhancing the capabilities

of new entrants to the industry and supported exporters in obtaining Ethical Trading Certifications, enabling them to meet international standards and access global opportunities. Our continued engagement through exporter awards, seminars, and industry forums has further strengthened our bond with the Chamber and its distinguished membership.

As exports remain a cornerstone of Sri Lanka's economic progress, we commend the Chamber's enduring leadership and look forward to further strengthening this valued partnership in the years ahead.



Message from **MR. ZULFICAR GHOUSE** Managing Director Expack Corrugated Cartons PLC.



As the Managing Director of Expack Corrugated Cartons PLC, I am pleased to extend our warmest congratulations to the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE) on its remarkable 40th Anniversary and the publication of the 128th edition of The Exporter Magazine.

Our 14-year partnership with the NCE has been both rewarding and inspiring. As a Main Strategic Partner and longstanding supporter of its flagship initiatives, we have greatly benefited from the Chamber's unwavering commitment to promoting

Sri Lankan exporters, fostering industry collaboration, and creating valuable platforms for knowledge sharing and recognition.

The NCE has played a pivotal role in strengthening the export sector, motivating businesses to achieve higher standards in both quality and global competitiveness. We are proud to be associated with an organization that continues to contribute so meaningfully to national economic progress.

We commend the NCE on four decades of excellence and wish continued success in the years ahead.



Message from **MR. NALEEN EDIRISINGHE** Director / CEO Pan Asia Bank



It is a privilege to extend my warmest congratulations to the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka on this prestigious Awards Ceremony. As a Strategic Partner of the National Chamber of Exporters, Pan Asia Bank is proud to be associated with an institution that continues to be the true voice of our exporters — advocating their interests, fostering innovation, and strengthening Sri Lanka's presence in global trade.

In today's dynamic global market, the resilience, creativity, and dedication of our exporters are vital drivers of economic growth and national prosperity. Recognising their achievements

inspires continued excellence and underscores the important role exports play in shaping our nation's future.

Pan Asia Bank, the truly Sri Lankan bank, remains firmly committed to supporting Sri Lankan exporters in their growth journey, enabling competitiveness, facilitating sustainable expansion, and strengthening their global reach.

As Director/CEO of Pan Asia Bank, I am pleased that our institution stands together with the Chamber and the exporter community in advancing trade, promoting innovation, and celebrating the talent and commitment of our exporters.

NCE STRATEGIC PARTNERS



Message from DR. DURGESH SHARMA CEO, Cotecna India and Sri Lanka



Cotecna is a global leader in Testing, Inspection, and Certification (TIC) services. Founded in Switzerland in 1974, we have spent over 50 years strengthening international supply chains with reliability, quality, and compliance.

In Sri Lanka, we are proud to have been a strategic partner of the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE) since 2023. This partnership has greatly enriched our engagement with the country's export community. Through joint initiatives and continuous industry interactions, we have gained valuable insights into the evolving needs of exporters, enabling us to

further refine our solutions and enhance the value we deliver across key sectors.

The NCE's dedication to empowering Sri Lankan exporters—through market access support, capability development, and value-added services—strongly aligns with our mission of facilitating global trade with excellence.

As the NCE celebrates its 40th Anniversary, I extend my warmest congratulations on this remarkable milestone. Four decades of service to the nation's export sector is truly commendable. We look forward to continuing our collaboration to further strengthen and advance Sri Lanka's export community.



Message from (PROF) DR. A. ARUNA SHANTHAARCHCHI Chairman & Managing Director Sri Lanka Export Credit Insurance Corporation (SLEIC)



On behalf of the Sri Lanka Export Credit Insurance Corporation (SLEIC), I extend my sincere congratulations to the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE) on the significant milestone of its 40th Anniversary.

For four decades, the NCE has played a vital role in strengthening Sri Lanka's export sector by supporting exporters, advocating their interests, and creating valuable opportunities for businesses to expand into international markets.

As Sri Lanka Export Credit Insurance Corporation (SLEIC), we are committed to facilitating the growth of the country's export

trade by providing risk protection and financial solutions that enable exporters to trade with confidence in global markets. In this journey, the role played by institutions such as the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE) in empowering and guiding exporters has been truly invaluable.

SLEIC greatly values its association with the NCE and appreciates the Chamber's continued efforts in promoting and developing Sri Lanka's export community.

We congratulate the NCE on this important milestone and wish the Chamber continued success in advancing Sri Lanka's export sector in the years to come.

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We are proud to be associated with the **National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka**, with our late Chairman, **Mr. Neil Fernando**, being a founding member and our company a member since 1987. Over the years, we have witnessed the Chamber's remarkable journey and the invaluable contributions of its members in strengthening Sri Lanka's export sector.

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Over the past four decades, the Chamber has played a pivotal role in advancing Sri Lanka's export sector, creating opportunities for businesses to grow beyond borders and strengthening the nation's presence in global markets. Its continued commitment to supporting exporters, fostering innovation, and advocating for industry progress has made a meaningful impact on the country's economic journey.

As an organisation with a strong export footprint, CBL values the partnership and guidance of the Chamber in enabling Sri Lankan brands to reach international markets with confidence and credibility.

We commend this significant milestone and look forward to the Chamber's continued leadership in shaping the future of Sri Lanka's export landscape.

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1986

In 1986 *The National Exporters Association (NEA)* was established to support the exporters of Sri Lanka

1992

NCE Annual Export Awards

Since 1992 uninterruptedly holding annual Export Awards to encourage and recognize achievements of Sri Lankan exporters.



1992

Commencement of publication of the 'Sri Lanka Exporter' Magazine

A powerful platform for Exporters and services providers to exporters to advertise and create awareness of their products and services.



1994

In 1994 it was incorporated as *The National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE)*

becoming the only trade Chamber in Sri Lanka serving exclusively to the Export Sector.

2008

Authorization on issuing Certificate of Origin

Certificates of Origin & other related documents required by exporters.



2009

Establishment of partnership with Ind-expo Certification Ltd.

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2009

Establishment of partnership with National Cleaner Production Centre - Sri Lanka

NCPC, Sri Lanka was initially set up by UNIDO.

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- RECP Assessments
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2011

NCE celebrated the 25th anniversary of its establishment

2013

Commencement of a program to link producers in the North with exporters in the South, supported by the International Labour Organization

This Project was implemented in the North of Sri Lanka covering the districts of Killinochi, Vavuniya, and Mullaitivu in collaboration with the 'Local Empowerment for Economic Development (LEED) project supported by the International Labour Organization (ILO), and funded by Austrade of the Australian Government.



2014

Potential Exporter Program/Aspiring Exporters

To assist Small Scale Entrepreneurs – With vision to becoming Exporters

A special membership category called "Aspiring Exporters" was introduced

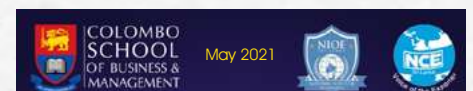
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- Participate in Chamber Market Access and Trade Promotion Programmes – Overseas Business Delegation
- Actively participating in "Market Reach" projects with all Sri Lankan Trade Missions across the world.

2014

Establishment of the National Institute of Exports (NIOE)

NIOE was established as the education arm of the National Chamber of Exporters



These courses are of immense benefit to entrepreneurs in the export sector, employees in Export Enterprises, and school leavers who wish to embark on a career in the field of exports.

2016

NCE celebrated the 30th anniversary of its establishment

With the Annual General Meeting held on the 14th of January, 2016

This unique and glamorous event was attended by over 230 participants including member exporters, government officials and special invitees. The Chief Guest was Hon. Eran Wickremaratne, Deputy Minister of State Enterprise Development, while the Guest of Honour was H. E. Tim Huggins – Deputy High Commissioner of Australia in Sri Lanka.

2016

NCE obtained the Quality Management System certification in compliance with ISO 9001:2015



2017

NCE celebrated its 25th Annual Export Awards

The Silver Jubilee of the Annual Export Awards of the NCE Conducted on the 29th of September at the Hilton Colombo

Chief Guest Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka is addressing to the gathering.

2018

NCE launched the 100th issue of the "Sri Lanka Exporter" magazine

17th May 2018



2019

NCE elected the 1st Lady President of the Chamber Mrs. Ramya Weerakoon

Mrs. Ramya Weerakoon, a leading and established Apparel Exporter was served as the President for the Chamber for two consecutive years (2019 & 2020).



2019

NCE launched Certificate of Ethical Trading (CET)

Exclusively for NCE Member Exporters

The evaluation process is done in collaboration with the Indexpo Certification Ltd.

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- Provides an enterprise to be competitive in the international market
- Serves to attract the attention of stakeholders



2021

Introducing the Exporters Digest

With a view to disseminating information to the Members on a monthly basis, this Publication is released to all members on a Digital Platform on the 01st of Every Month



2022

NCE Organized the 01st International Exhibition

Sri Lanka Export Brands" Expo 2020 Dubai, U.A.E

"Sri Lanka Export Brands" 17 to 20 February 2022

48 Companies



2022

NCE celebrated its 30th Annual Export Awards

The Chamber in celebrating the Pearl Anniversary of the Exports Awards this year, has organized under the theme "Recognizing, Inspiring and Strengthening" - a 30 years of unbroken commitment to Sri Lankan Exporters.



2023

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2025

NCE launched the 125th issue of the "Sri Lanka Exporter" magazine



2025

Affiliation with 18 Trade Chambers both local and Overseas

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2006 - Omega Line Ltd



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2019 - Samson Rubber Products (Pvt) Ltd



2020 - Jaindi Export (Pvt) Ltd



2021 - Joint Agri Products Ceylon (Private) Limited



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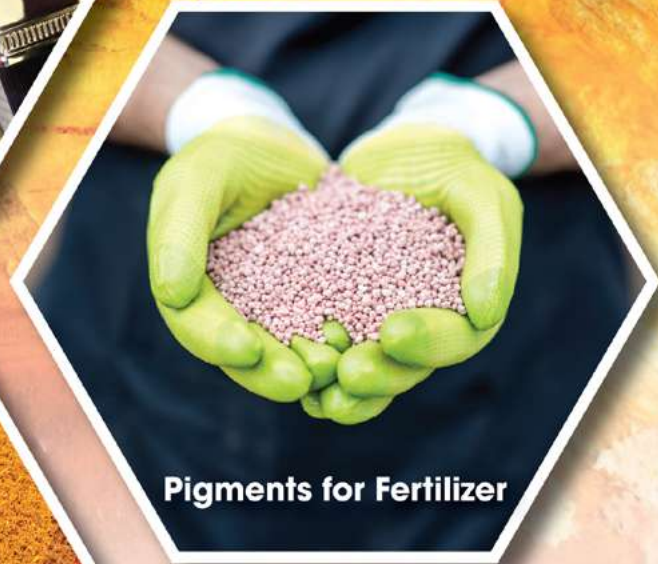
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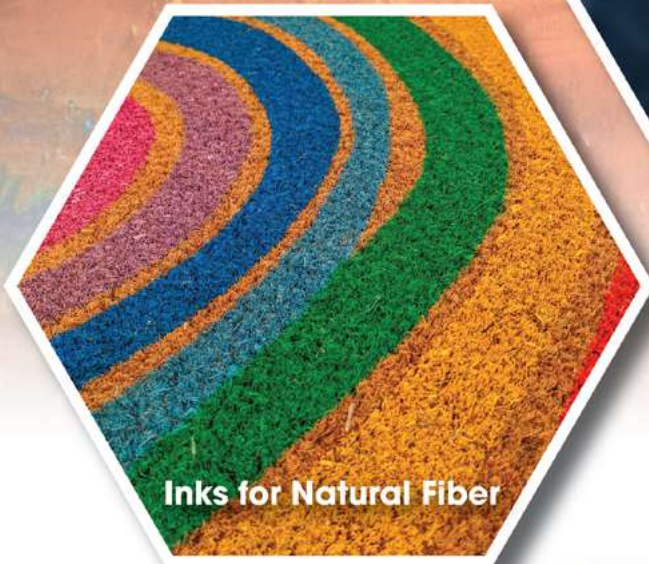
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NCE EXPORT AWARDS 2025: CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN SRI LANKA'S EXPORT SECTOR



Mr. Indhra Kaushal Rajapaksa
NCE President Delivering the Welcome Address

Awards 2025, marking its **33rd edition**, was held on **13th February 2026**, standing out as a distinguished evening dedicated to recognizing the resilience, innovation,

and global competitiveness of Sri Lanka's export community. Hosted at the prestigious **Shangri-La Colombo Main Ballroom**, the event brought together industry leaders, policymakers, and key stakeholders in a grand celebration of excellence.

Set amidst an atmosphere of elegance and refinement, this year's awards were held under the compelling theme "**Empower · Expand · Excel**"—a vision that reflects the evolving aspirations of Sri Lanka's export sector: empowering enterprises, expanding into new international markets, and excelling through innovation and quality.

The magnificently appointed ballroom, enhanced by tasteful décor and ambient lighting, provided a fittingly sophisticated setting for an evening of such significance.

The welcome address was delivered by **Mr. Indhra Kaushal Rajapaksa**, President of the NCE, who extended a warm greeting to the distinguished audience. In his remarks, he underscored the importance of **progressive policy support** to strengthen the export sector, while emphasizing the need to empower exporters to navigate the complexities of an increasingly competitive global marketplace with confidence and resilience.

The event was graced by the Chief Guest, **Hon. Sunil Handunnetthi**, Minister of Industries, whose presence reaffirmed the Government's commitment to advancing the nation's export industry.

The evening was further elevated by the presence of the Guest of Honour and keynote speaker, **Hon. Hanif Yusuf**, Governor of the Western Province.

With an audience of over **700 attendees**, the ceremony witnessed the participation of leading export companies, industry stakeholders, and prominent members of the business community—clearly reflecting the pivotal role of exports as a driver of Sri Lanka's economic growth.

Categories and Evaluation Process

The awards honoured excellence across a broad spectrum of sectors, presenting both **sector-specific and special awards** to exporters demonstrating outstanding performance. The evaluation criteria encompassed **export growth, market diversification, innovation, sustainability, and contribution to foreign exchange earnings**.

A hallmark of the NCE Export Awards is its **transparent and credible evaluation framework**. Submissions were assessed through a rigorous and impartial process by a panel of independent Panel of Judges, supported by a dedicated Technical Committee. The process was facilitated by **Ernst & Young**, ensuring integrity, consistency, and adherence to internationally recognized standards.

Inspiring Addresses

In his address, the Hon. Minister of Industries highlighted the **vital role exporters play in strengthening Sri Lanka's economic resilience and enhancing its global competitiveness**. He stressed the importance of recognizing and supporting exporters who continue to perform amidst challenging global conditions with determination and innovation.



Hon. Sunil Handunneththi
Minister of Industries Addressing the gathering

The keynote speaker, Hon. Hanif Yusuf, echoed these sentiments, emphasizing that exporters form the **backbone of the national economy**. He noted their crucial contribution in generating foreign exchange and reaffirmed that recognizing their achievements through platforms such as the NCE Export Awards is both meaningful and well-deserved, serving as a catalyst for continued growth and excellence.



Hon. Hanif Yusuf
Governor of the Western Province Addressing the Gathering

Highlights of the Evening

The evening was marked by moments of pride and celebration as leading export companies were honoured for their achievements. These recognitions symbolized not only commercial success but also a steadfast commitment to **quality, innovation, and sustainable growth**, closely aligned with the theme *Empower · Expand · Excel*.



Enhancing the grandeur of the occasion were **captivating entertainment performances**, which added vibrancy and elegance to the proceedings. The seamless fusion of tradition and contemporary artistry created a memorable and engaging experience for all in attendance.

The event also served as a platform for forward-looking dialogue, offering valuable insights into **global market trends, export diversification, and innovation-driven growth strategies**.

A key announcement of the evening was that the **next NCE Export Awards ceremony will be held on 11th December 2026**, generating anticipation for yet another prestigious gathering of Sri Lanka's export community.

A Night of Prestige and Purpose

The **NCE Export Awards 2025** stood as a powerful testament to the **strength, resilience, and ambition of Sri Lanka's export sector**. The grandeur of the evening reflected the importance of its purpose—recognizing those who continue to elevate the nation's presence in global markets.

More than a celebration, the event reaffirmed a shared vision for the future: a dynamic, competitive, and globally recognized export sector driven by excellence.

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SGS wins gold award at the NCE Export Awards

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This milestone strengthens our resolve to deliver measurable value – empowering businesses to enhance quality, reinforce safety, ensure compliance and advance sustainability with confidence. It motivates us to deepen partnerships and contribute meaningfully to the continued growth of Sri Lanka's export sector. My sincere appreciation to our teams, customers and partners who make this continued success possible year after year.

— **Amit Thakkar**,
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HONOURING NCE CHALLENGE TROPHY WINNERS AT THE NCE EXPORT AWARDS 2025

The prestigious **NCE Challenge Trophy**, first introduced in 2021, once again took center stage at the **33rd NCE Export Awards 2025**, celebrating organizations committed to ethical trading practices. This distinguished award, conferred upon deserving recipients, symbolizes a steadfast dedication to ethical integrity within the business community.

As a vital part of the awards program, the **NCE Challenge Trophy** was presented to outstanding organizations across various size categories—**small, medium, large, and extra-large**. The selection process was based on three key dimensions: **Environmental Stewardship, Social Accountability, and Economic Prosperity**. These criteria, aligned with the eight principles outlined in the **Certificate of Ethical Trading** issued by the Chamber, aimed to recognize organizations that have demonstrated exceptional commitment to ethical excellence.

The **NCE Challenge Trophy** stands as a beacon of distinction, reinforcing the significance of maintaining high ethical standards. It honors organizations that not only excel in ethical business practices but also contribute significantly to **environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and economic well-being**. This esteemed accolade highlights the importance of ethical conduct in fostering responsible and sustainable business practices.



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Tea & Tea Products Sector



GOLD AWARD

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Extra Large Category
Logistic Services Sector



GOLD AWARD

Agromet Asia (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Recycled Products Sector



GOLD AWARD

Agromet Asia (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Suppliers to Exporters Sector



BRONZE AWARD

Alpha Apparels Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Textiles and Garments Sector



GOLD AWARD

Bairaha Farms PLC
Medium Category
Poultry & Livestock Products Sector



GOLD AWARD

Bio Extracts (Pvt) Ltd.
Medium Category
Pharmaceutical Products including Medicinal related Ayurvedic & Herbal Products.

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD WINNERS - 2025



BRONZE AWARD

Bonterra Limited
Extra Large Category
Coconut & Coconut Products Sector



SILVER AWARD

Bughary Bio Spices (Pvt) Ltd.
Medium Category
Organic Products Sector



BRONZE AWARD

Bughary Bio Spices (Pvt) Ltd.
Large Category
Spices and Spice based Products Sector



BRONZE AWARD

Ceylon Agro Industries Limited. (Prima Group Sri Lanka)
Large Category
Confectionary Products Sector



GOLD AWARD

Ceylon Biscuits Limited
Extra Large Category
Confectionary Products Sector



GOLD AWARD

Ceylon Cold Stores PLC
Large Category
Confectionary Products Sector



SILVER AWARD

Ceylon Jewelry Manufacturers (Pvt) Ltd.
Medium Category
Gems & Jewellery Sector



BRONZE AWARD

Ceylon Tips Branding (Pvt) Ltd.
Medium Category
Gems & Jewellery Sector

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD WINNERS - 2025



SILVER AWARD

Ceylon Tips Branding (Pvt) Ltd.
Medium Category
Leather & Leather-based Products Sector



GOLD AWARD

Ceylon Tips Branding (Pvt) Ltd.
Medium Category
Tea & Tea Products Sector



BRONZE AWARD

Cocotech Exports Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.
Medium Category
Coconut & Coconut Products Sector



GOLD AWARD

Colombo Dockyard PLC
Extra Large Category
Boat & Ship Building, and Repair Services Sector



SILVER AWARD

Colombo Export & Import Agencies (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Spices and Spice based Products Sector



GOLD AWARD

D. Samson Industries (Pvt) Ltd.
Medium Category
Leather & Leather-based Products Sector



BRONZE AWARD

Dankotuwa Porcelain PLC
Large Category
Ceramic, Porcelain, and other Clay Products Sector



GOLD AWARD

DASA Solutions (Pvt) Ltd.
Small Category
Business & Professional Services Exports Sector

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD WINNERS - 2025



Derana Marketing Services (Pvt) Ltd.
Large Category
Processed Food Products Sector



Diamond Cutters Limited
Extra Large Category
Gems & Jewellery Sector



Dipped Products PLC
Extra Large Category
Rubber & Rubber Products Sector



dkw-Aqua International (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Packaging Products Sector



Dutch Lanka Trailer Manufacturers Limited
Extra Large Category
Machinery & Light Engineering Products Sector



Eco Trends (Pvt) Ltd.
Large Category
Coconut & Coconut Products Sector



Edinborough Products (Pvt) Ltd.
Medium Category
Processed Food Products Sector



Empire Teas (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Tea & Tea Products Sector

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD WINNERS - 2025

GOLD AWARD

Enrich Tea and Food Exports (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Fresh & Processed Agricultural Export Crops Sector

GOLD AWARD

Expo Commodities (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Organic Products Sector

GOLD AWARD

Expo Commodities (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Spices and Spice based Products Sector

BRONZE AWARD

Flex Film International (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Packaging Products Sector

SILVER AWARD

Foreconns Canneries
Medium Category
Processed Food Products Sector

BRONZE AWARD

GAC Shipping Limited
Large Category
Business & Professional Services Exports Sector

GOLD AWARD

Green Space International (Pvt) Ltd.
Medium Category
Coconut & Coconut Products Sector

SILVER AWARD

Green Space Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.
Medium Category
Coconut & Coconut Products Sector

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD WINNERS - 2025



PRESTIGIOUS AWARD WINNERS - 2025



SILVER AWARD

HJS Condiments Limited
Extra Large Category
Fresh & Processed Agricultural Export Crops Sector



GOLD AWARD

hSenid Business Solutions PLC
Large Category
ICT, BPO & related Services Sector



BRONZE AWARD

Lakmali Trading
Small Category
Recycled Products Sector



GOLD AWARD

Lanka Hydraulic Institute Ltd.
Medium Category
Business & Professional Services Exports Sector



GOLD AWARD

LAUGFS Corporation (Rubber) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Rubber Tyres and Accessories Sector



GOLD AWARD

Lihini Seafoods (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Fisheries & Fishery Products Sector



GOLD AWARD

Link Natural Products (Pvt) Ltd.
Large Category
Pharmaceutical Products including Medicinal related Ayurvedic & Herbal Products.



GOLD AWARD

Macksons Tiles Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.
Medium Category
Ceramic, Porcelain, and other Clay Products Sector

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD WINNERS - 2025



Maliban Biscuit Manufacturers (Pvt) Ltd.
Large Category
Confectionary Products Sector



McLarens Shipping Ltd.
Large Category
Business & Professional Services Exports Sector



Millennium Teas (Pvt) Ltd.
Large Category
Tea & Tea Products Sector



N P S Packaging (Pvt) Ltd.
Medium Category
Packaging Products Sector



New Lanka Global Export (Pvt) Ltd.
Medium Category
Spices and Spice based Products Sector



NJ Exports
Large Category
Gems & Jewellery Sector



Overdime Exports (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Packaging Products Sector



Overdime Exports (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Recycled Products Sector

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD WINNERS - 2025



SILVER AWARD

Overdime Exports (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Suppliers to Exporters Sector



GOLD AWARD

PGP Glass Ceylon PLC
Extra Large Category
Glass and Glass Products Sector



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Rhino Consultants & Facilitators (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Textiles and Garments Sector



SILVER AWARD

Richard Pieris Exports PLC
Extra Large Category
Rubber & Rubber Products Sector



SILVER AWARD

Samson Bikes (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Machinery & Light Engineering Products Sector



GOLD AWARD

Samson Compounds (Pvt) Ltd.
Medium Category
Rubber & Rubber Products Sector



GOLD AWARD

Samson International PLC
Large Category
Rubber & Rubber Products Sector



GOLD AWARD

Samson Manufacturers (Pvt) Ltd.
Small Category
Rubber & Rubber Products Sector

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD WINNERS - 2025

BRONZE AWARD

Samson Reclaim Rubbers Ltd.
Medium Category
Rubber & Rubber Products Sector

SILVER AWARD

Samson Rubber Industries (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Rubber Tyres and Accessories Sector

GOLD AWARD

Sanken Overseas (Pvt) Ltd.
Extra Large Category
Business & Professional Services Exports Sector

GOLD AWARD

Scanwell Logistics Colombo (Pvt) Ltd.
Large Category
Service Providers to Exporters Sector

SILVER AWARD

Senikma Holdings (Pvt) Ltd.
Large Category
Coconut & Coconut Products Sector

GOLD AWARD

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Extra Large Category
Service Providers to Exporters Sector

GOLD AWARD

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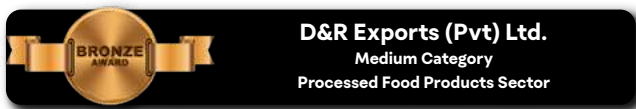
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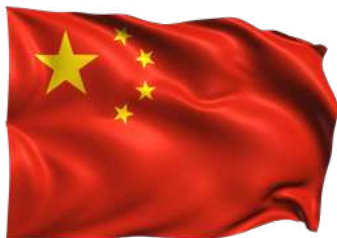
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Key initiatives include organizing Business-to-Business (B2B) meetings during NCE delegations' visits to partner chambers abroad. Additionally, several overseas chambers have shown interest in visiting Sri Lanka with delegations to explore trade and investment opportunities with NCE members. These interactions provide a valuable chance for Sri Lankan exporters to network, showcase their products, and gain insights into international market trends.

NCE is dedicated to expanding its international collaborations, continuously working to establish more partnerships with other countries' leading trade chambers. These efforts promise increased market access, diverse business opportunities, and potential growth in bilateral trade. NCE encourages its members to actively engage in upcoming activities and capitalize on the benefits offered through this expanding network of global partnerships.

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New Year Fellowship and Renewed Commitment

The Secretariat and staff of the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) commenced the New Year on 05 January 2026 with a breakfast gathering held in a spirit of fellowship and optimism. The event was graced by members of the Management Committee, who extended their well-wishers and encouragement to the team for the year ahead.

During the occasion, the President and the Management Committee reaffirmed their shared vision of empowering and uplifting Sri Lankan exporters. The staff was encouraged to embrace the New Year with renewed enthusiasm, a positive outlook, and a strong commitment to excellence. With the addition of new members to the NCE team, the Secretariat and leadership collectively reiterated their dedication to serving the nation and contributing meaningfully towards achieving Sri Lanka's export aspirations in 2026.



NCE Export Awards 2025

The 33rd Edition of the NCE Export Awards was successfully held on 13 February 2026 at the Shangri-La Main Ballroom, Colombo, with the participation of over 850 distinguished guests representing the Sri Lankan export community and key stakeholders.

Organized by the Chamber, the prestigious event recognized and celebrated the exceptional achievements of exporters

for the year 2025. The ceremony highlighted the resilience, innovation, and global competitiveness demonstrated by Sri Lankan exporters across a wide range of sectors.

The highest accolade, **“The Most Outstanding Exporter Award,”** was awarded to Dipped Products PLC in recognition of its outstanding export performance. The event marked yet another milestone in the Chamber's continued efforts to promote export excellence and acknowledge the invaluable contribution of exporters to the national economy.



Strengthening Sri Lanka–Korea Trade Relations

On the 08th December 2025, the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE) had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Jong Kyung Moon, CEO of SUNGJI Co. Ltd. and Chairman of the Global Trade Committee of the Hwaseong Chamber of Commerce & Industry, for a special business interaction session.

With the participation of 10 Sri Lankan companies, the meeting successfully explored opportunities for enhanced trade collaboration, particularly in PVC pipe manufacturing and the paper & tissue industry.



A productive and insightful engagement, paving the way for stronger international partnerships, export growth, and business networking between Sri Lanka and Korea.

NCE Holds Productive Meeting with the Ambassador of Egypt

The NCE held a productive meeting with the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt on 19th December 2025, aimed at strengthening bilateral trade relations between Sri Lanka and Egypt.

The discussion focused on establishing direct linkages between the NCE and leading trade chambers in Egypt, with a view to facilitating closer cooperation between exporters of both countries. Key areas of interest included the organization of reciprocal trade delegations, business-to-business engagements and information sharing to create new market access opportunities.

The meeting highlighted the mutual interest in enhancing trade collaboration and expanding commercial partnerships,



particularly in sectors with high export potential. Both parties expressed their commitment to working closely to promote trade, investment and long-term economic cooperation.

The NCE looks forward to developing these initiatives further and develop stronger connections with Egyptian trade counterparts to support Sri Lankan exporters in entering and expanding within the Egyptian market.

NCE Meets with the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea

The NCE held a cordial meeting with the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea on 26th December 2025 to discuss avenues for strengthening bilateral trade and business cooperation.

The main focus of the discussion was the proposed NCE Business Delegation to South Korea scheduled for mid-June, which aims to create direct market access opportunities and strengthen partnerships between Sri Lankan and Korean businesses.

During the meeting, the NCE also provided an update on its growing membership base, previous successful engagements in South Korea, and identified new areas of trade and collaboration with Korean counterparts. Both parties expressed interest in facilitating business-to-business interactions, knowledge



sharing and long-term cooperation to further enhance trade relations between the two countries.

The NCE looks forward to working closely with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea to ensure the successful implementation of these initiatives and to open new avenues for Sri Lankan exporters in the Korean market.

NCE Holds High-Level Discussions with Turkish Embassy to Strengthen Bilateral Trade Ties

The NCE held a cordial and productive meeting on 31st December 2025 with His Excellency Dr. Semih Lütfü Turgut, Ambassador of Türkiye, and the newly appointed Commercial Counsellor, Mr. İsmail Tulukcu.

The discussions focused on strengthening trade and investment relations between Sri Lanka and Türkiye, with special emphasis on enhancing exporter linkages, identifying new market opportunities, and fostering closer collaboration between



the business communities of both countries. Both parties expressed their commitment to working together to promote mutual trade growth and encourage greater private sector engagement in the period ahead.

Policy Advocacy and Institutional Engagements

On 14 January 2026, the NCE engaged with the Hon. Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security and the Director General of the National Intellectual Property Office (NIPPO) to discuss expediting Sri Lanka’s accession to the Madrid Protocol. Recognizing its importance for enabling Sri Lankan brands to secure international trademark protection, the discussion focused on addressing existing delays and challenges in the accession process. The NCE reaffirmed its commitment to working closely with relevant authorities to fast-track this national priority and strengthen the country’s global branding and export competitiveness.

On the same day, the NCE also met with the Secretary to the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-operative



Development and the Director General of Commerce to officially hand over the NCE Brand Magazine. This flagship publication features 150 export brands of member companies, showcasing Sri Lanka’s export strengths through detailed company profiles and market information. The magazine, in both print and digital formats, is expected to enhance global visibility and support international market access initiatives.

Government Engagements on Industry Support and Regulatory Challenges

The NCE held a constructive meeting with the Hon. Deputy Minister of Industries on 17 January 2026, together with its members, to discuss flood relief support for industries affected under the DITWA programme. The discussions focused on identifying further avenues of assistance, while reviewing progress and existing support mechanisms to ensure continued recovery of impacted businesses.

Further strengthening its advocacy role, the NCE met with the Hon. Deputy Minister of Environment on 02 February 2026 to address regulatory challenges faced by exporters in the



horticulture and aquatic plant sectors. Key concerns included delays in obtaining Forest Department permits for the import of mother plants and export of tissue-cultured varieties. The Chamber emphasized the need for streamlined processes and reiterated its commitment to working collaboratively with the Ministry to facilitate sustainable export growth.

Strategic Partnerships and Export Development Initiatives

On 24 February 2026, the NCE initiated discussions with MAS Capital (Pvt) Ltd to explore a strategic partnership focused on advancing digitalization within Sri Lanka’s export sector. The dialogue centered on enhancing digital services, improving ease of doing business, and increasing operational efficiency through innovative solutions to strengthen exporters’ global competitiveness.



Enhancing Export Readiness Through Global Certification Awareness

The National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE) successfully conducted a Seminar on **Global Certification Standards (Halal, Kosher & QA)** on 10 December 2025 at the Tulip Hall, BMICH, with the participation of over 75 exporters and industry stakeholders.

The seminar featured expert insights from distinguished resource personnel. Rabbi Joel Weinberger, Regional Director – South Asia at PS Kosher Food Works / Star-K Kosher Certification, delivered a comprehensive session on Kosher Certification, outlining its requirements and growing demand in North American and European markets. Aakif A. Wahab, Director/CEO of Halal Assessment Council (Guarantee) Limited, provided an in-depth overview of Halal Certification, including compliance processes



and expanding global opportunities. The session on Quality Assurance and global certification systems was conducted by Rukshan Dayarathne, Assistant Manager – FSMS at SGS, who emphasized the importance of internationally recognized standards in ensuring product credibility and competitiveness.

Interactive discussions and networking opportunities enabled participants to gain practical guidance on certification pathways, reinforcing Sri Lanka's export readiness and compliance with global standards.

Promoting SMEs and Local Industries

The NCE actively participated in the **Rebuild Industries – Made in Sri Lanka Trade Fair 2025**, held from 26 to 28 December 2025 at Weligama Beach. Organized by the National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA) in collaboration with regional authorities, the exhibition served as a key platform to promote local manufacturing and SME development.

Representing the Chamber, Susantha Rupathunga, Senior Executive – Member Services, promoted the **Aspiring Exporter**



Programme, creating awareness among SMEs on opportunities to enter international markets. The event attracted significant public interest and contributed to strengthening domestic industries and market linkages.



Strengthening Regional Trade Linkages – Jaffna Delegation

In January 2026, the NCE organized a business delegation to Jaffna alongside the **Northern Investment Summit (NIS) and the Jaffna International Trade Fair (JITF)**, with the participation of 18 member exporters.

The Chamber's presence at the summit was facilitated by NCE President Indhra Kaushal Rajapaksa, enabling valuable engagement with public and private sector stakeholders. The delegation fostered meaningful connections with suppliers, producers, and emerging exporters from the Northern Province,



opening avenues for regional collaboration.

Members also participated in a structured B2B forum organized by The Management Club (TMC), followed by visits to the Jaffna International Trade Fair, further strengthening business linkages and exploring regional production capabilities. The initiative highlighted NCE's commitment to inclusive trade development and regional integration.



Flagship Policy Forum: Convening Leaders for Economic Resilience

The NCE successfully hosted its flagship policy forum, **“Convening Leaders for Economic Resilience,”** on 28 January 2026 at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel, attracting over 200 senior industry representatives.

A key highlight was the detailed budget analysis presented by Mr. Suresh Perera, offering valuable insights into taxation, regulatory changes, and fiscal strategies relevant to exporters.



The forum served as a vital platform for dialogue between policymakers and the export community, supporting informed decision-making and strategic planning.

Leveraging Digital Platforms for Global Market Access

On 10 March 2026, the NCE conducted an insightful session titled **“Business Conversion & Global Reach through Social Media Platforms,”** focusing on the strategic use of digital platforms for export growth.

The session provided practical guidance on transforming online engagement into measurable business outcomes, enabling exporters to integrate social media into their broader marketing and expansion strategies. Participants gained valuable insights



into enhancing global visibility, increasing market share, and driving international business conversions through effective digital engagement.

Monthly Management Committee and Council Meetings

Quarterly Update (December 2025 – February 2026)

The NCE continued its regular governance and stakeholder engagement processes through the successful conduct of its Management Committee and Council Meetings for the final quarter of 2025 and the first two months of 2026. These meetings served as important platforms for policy dialogue, decision-making, and addressing key issues impacting the export sector.

The December 2025 Management Committee and Council Meetings were held on 18 December 2025, where policy-level decisions and a range of critical issues concerning exporters were deliberated. Discussions focused on strengthening the Chamber’s strategic direction while addressing emerging challenges faced by the export community.

The first meetings for the year 2026 were convened on 27 January 2026 at the Best Western Hotel. The Management Committee Meeting reviewed key operational and policy matters relating to the Chamber’s activities and future direction. This was followed by the Council Meeting, where several sector-specific concerns were discussed in depth.



A key highlight of the January Council Meeting was the participation of Mr. Mangala Wijesinghe, Chairman of the

Export Development Board (EDB), who shared valuable insights into ongoing initiatives and support extended to exporters. Special emphasis was placed on assistance provided to those affected by the recent DITWA cyclone, particularly in relation to recovery and relief measures. The session concluded with a networking opportunity, and newly inducted members were formally presented with their membership certificates.

The February 2026 Management Committee and Council Meetings were held on 19 February 2026, continuing discussions on matters of national importance and key challenges affecting the export sector. Members engaged in constructive dialogue on practical solutions to enhance resilience and competitiveness within the industry.



The meeting also marked the final Council and Management Committee session for the current term. Newly enrolled members were formally recognized with the presentation of membership certificates, signifying their integration into the Chamber. The existing Council and Committee members are scheduled to seek re-election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting in March 2026.



Overall, the meetings held during this period were productive and forward-looking, reinforcing the Chamber’s commitment to strong governance, active stakeholder engagement, and continuous support for Sri Lanka’s exporter community.

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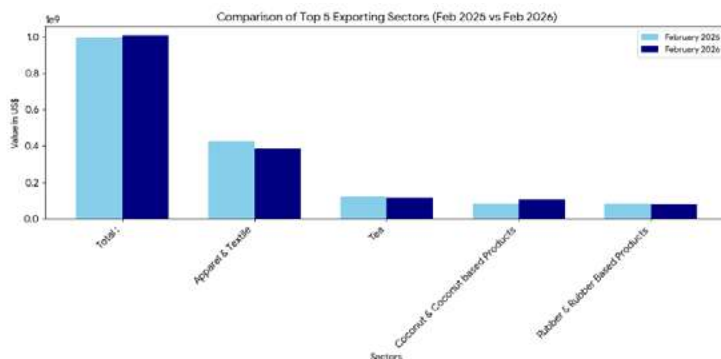
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S.10	Apparel & Textile	429,189,867	388,774,014	470,354,882	447,235,958	384,430,870	2,119,985,591
S.01	Tea	126,540,043	111,778,797	105,820,513	121,838,587	114,989,451	580,967,391
S.03	Coconut & Coconut based Products	123,970,893	103,851,159	96,084,556	98,745,023	104,265,892	526,917,523
S.02	Rubber & Rubber Based Products	80,106,640	75,550,602	76,546,281	77,964,957	78,400,467	388,568,947
S.19	Engineering Products	54,555,690	67,582,057	65,122,910	61,857,994	63,752,502	312,871,153
S.11	Food, Feed & Beverages	64,605,198	45,309,966	48,673,609	52,320,891	56,229,635	267,139,299
S.04	Spices, Essential Oils & Oleoresins	38,388,910	37,456,452	44,213,735	37,210,917	39,435,659	196,705,673
S.21	Petroleum Products	48,183,400	38,488,049	33,888,698	33,054,325	33,943,500	187,557,972
S.08	Fish & Fisheries Products	16,959,154	18,119,627	25,200,094	53,367,624	25,607,492	139,253,991
S.09	Diamonds, Gems & Jewellery	37,602,479	13,497,261	15,922,361	16,757,938	17,274,887	101,054,926
S.22	Other Manufactures	19,416,119	15,145,795	24,985,972	16,416,842	22,299,528	98,264,256
S.18	Base Metal Products	12,863,462	17,227,195	15,682,337	32,103,496	11,841,202	89,717,692
S.16	Chemicals & Plastic Products	12,264,669	14,037,217	11,255,247	7,508,962	10,269,147	55,335,242
S.12	Tobacco	9,951,730	8,237,349	11,305,074	13,776,309	11,436,204	54,706,666
S.07	Other Export Crops	9,225,965	11,608,992	10,750,789	9,378,217	8,524,287	49,488,250
S.17	Non-metallic Mineral Products	8,334,643	6,604,729	7,692,444	11,042,583	7,370,060	41,044,459
S.05	Fruits, Nuts and Vegetables	6,432,472	6,519,937	8,284,975	9,386,178	7,912,396	38,535,958
S.15	Paper & Paper Products	6,878,740	6,704,545	7,680,456	9,450,594	4,278,275	34,992,610
S.95	Miscellaneous Products	7,614,408	4,149,122	7,435,349	3,670,112	2,406,554	25,275,545
S.14	Wood & Wooden Products	3,524,424	3,803,378	3,385,525	77,682	2,071,651	12,862,660
S.13	Leather Products	2,226,486	1,502,892	1,636,659	1,241,471	1,815,677	8,423,185
S.20	Footwear and Parts	1,652,899	1,180,590	1,158,369	1,089,881	1,072,065	6,153,804
S.06	Cut Flowers & Foliage	1,331,183	1,061,326	1,093,243	1,547,345	793,674	5,826,771
TOTAL :		1,121,819,474	998,191,051	1,094,174,077	1,117,043,885	1,010,421,072	5,341,649,559

1. Overall Export Trend (January - February)

The overall export performance shows a positive growth trend when comparing the first two months of 2025 and 2026.

Period	Total Export Value (US\$)	Percentage Increase
Jan - Feb 2025	2,001,281,805	-
Jan - Feb 2026	2,127,464,957	+6.31%

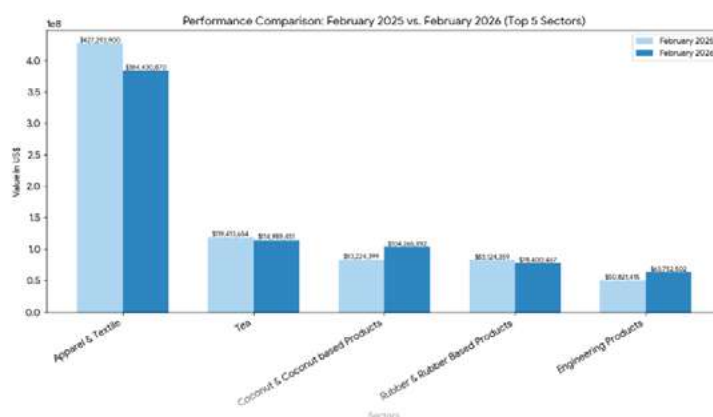
The trend indicates a steady increase in cumulative export value during the start of the year, driven by significant growth in specific non-traditional and agricultural sectors.



2. Main Exporting Sectors (Top 5 Performance)

The following table highlights the top five sectors by export value in February 2026 and compares them to February 2025.

Sector	February 2025 (US\$)	February 2026 (US\$)	Growth (%)
Apparel & Textile	427,293,900	384,430,870	-10.03
Tea	119,413,654	114,989,451	-3.70
Coconut & Coconut Products	83,224,399	104,265,892	+25.28
Rubber & Rubber Products	83,124,359	78,400,467	-5.68
Engineering Products	50,821,415	63,752,502	+25.44



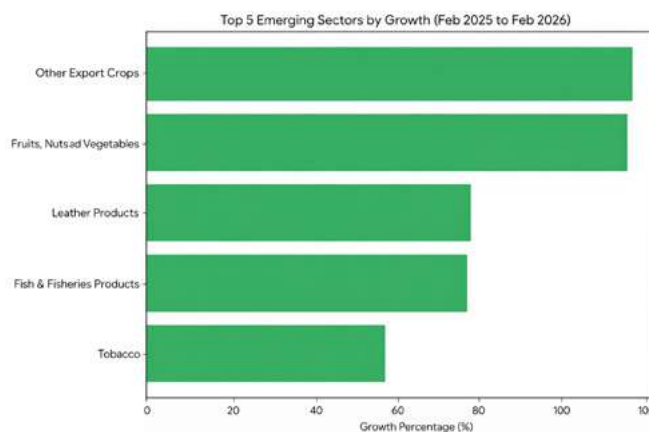
Analysis of Main Sectors:

- **Apparel & Textile** remains the dominant sector, contributing over 38% of the total exports in February 2026, despite a 10% decline compared to the previous year.
- **Coconut and Engineering Products** have shown strong resilience and significant growth, offsetting some of the declines in the apparel and tea sectors.

3. Emerging Sectors (Highest Growth Rate)

The “emerging sectors” are identified based on their remarkable percentage increase from February 2025 to February 2026. These sectors represent new areas of growth for the economy.

Emerging Sector	February 2025 (US\$)	February 2026 (US\$)	Growth (%)
Other Export Crops	4,068,723	8,524,287	+109.51%
Fruits, Nuts and Vegetables	3,793,782	7,912,396	+108.56%
Leather Products	1,013,118	1,815,677	+79.22%
Fish & Fisheries Products	14,340,101	25,607,492	+78.57%
Tobacco	7,020,788	11,436,204	+62.89%



Key Insights:

- **Agricultural Diversification:** “Other Export Crops” and “Fruits, Nuts and Vegetables” have both more than doubled their export values, suggesting a successful expansion in agricultural exports beyond traditional tea and rubber.
- **Fisheries:** This sector has shown a substantial leap, nearing a 79% increase, marking it as a critical pillar for future export revenue.

4. Detailed Year-on-Year Analysis (February 2025 vs. February 2026)

The total export value for the month of February alone increased from \$996.47 million in 2025 to \$1,010.42 million in 2026 (+1.40%).

- **Growth Drivers:** The primary drivers of growth in early 2026 are Coconut-based products, Engineering products, and the Fisheries sector.
- **Challenges:** The traditional powerhouses—Apparel, Tea, and Rubber—all experienced slight to moderate contractions in February. This suggests a transition in the export portfolio where miscellaneous and agricultural sub-sectors are becoming increasingly important to maintain total export levels.
- **Stability:** Despite the decline in some major sectors, the overall growth remains positive, indicating a more diversified and robust export economy compared to the previous year.

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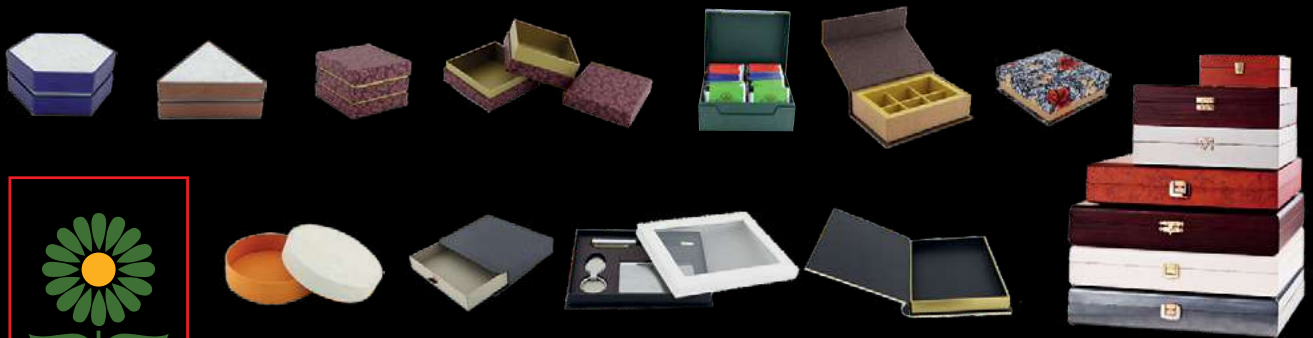
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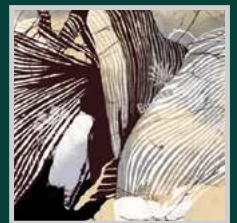
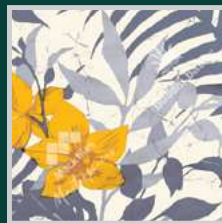
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