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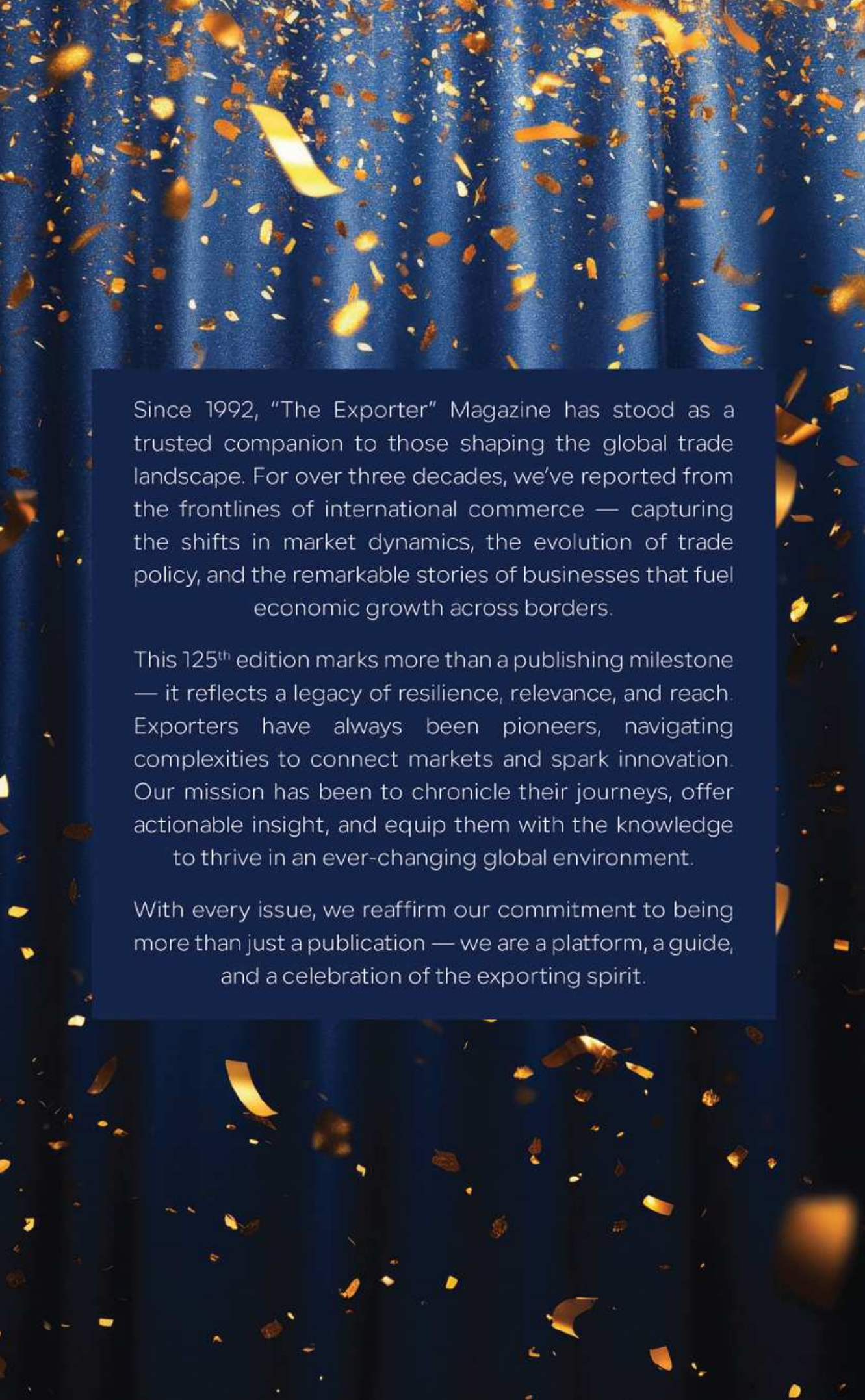
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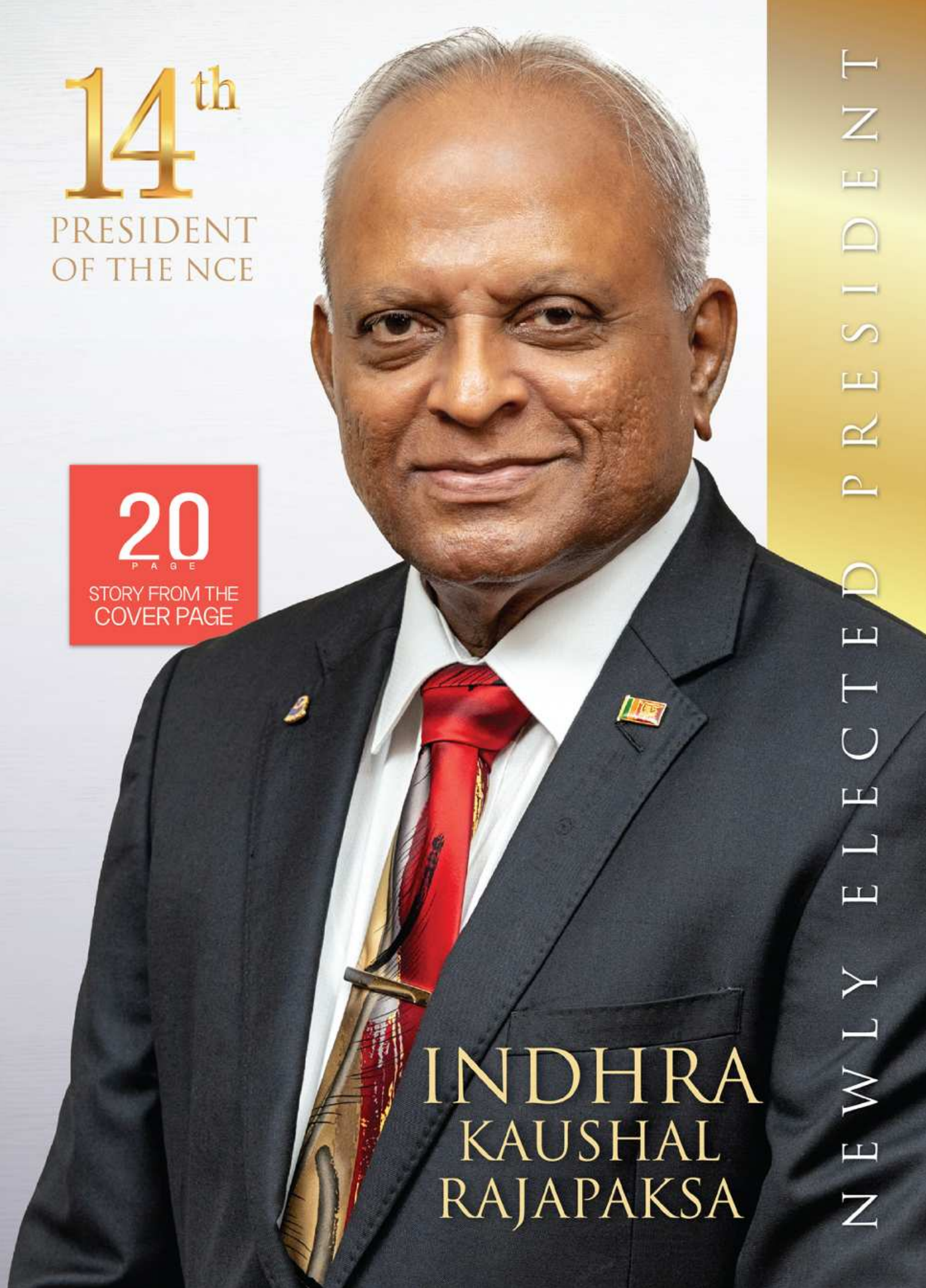
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PRINCIPLE 8

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NCE is the first and only trade Chamber in Sri Lanka to issue a Certificate of Ethical Trading of Good Governance.

This service will bring significant benefits to exporters as follows:

1. A Credible Certificate from The National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka that Confirms adherence to Good Trading Practices, ethical behavior and adherence to the legislations related to labour, environment and Industries.
2. Provides enterprise a competitive edge in international markets.
3. Serves to attract the attention of stakeholders in the international marketplace, particularly buyers who prioritize ethical considerations.
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SRI LANKA EXPORTER MAGAZINE

Celebrating 125 Issues of Championing Export Excellence

The Sri Lanka *Exporter magazine*, the flagship publication of the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) of Sri Lanka, marks its 125th issue in 2025. Since its inception in 1992, the magazine has been an invaluable resource for the export community, fostering growth, knowledge, and advocacy in Sri Lanka's export sector.

FOUNDING AND EVOLUTION OF THE MAGAZINE

The NCE was established in 1986 as the country's sole trade chamber focused exclusively on the export sector. Recognizing the need for a dedicated platform to share knowledge, celebrate successes, and address industry challenges, the NCE launched ***Sri Lanka Exporter*** in 1992. Over the years, the magazine has adapted to the evolving needs of its readers and the global trade environment, evolving from a quarterly print publication into a comprehensive digital resource.

MILESTONES IN THE MAGAZINE'S JOURNEY

- **2018**: The magazine celebrated its 100th issue, a significant milestone that marked its impact on Sri Lanka's export industry.
- **2020s (COVID-19 Transition)**: During the pandemic, the magazine swiftly transitioned to a digital format, ensuring continued accessibility and timely updates for exporters.
- **Recent Editions**: The magazine has highlighted emerging topics such as sustainable export practices, the role of SMEs in export growth, and the importance of digital transformation in the export industry.

CORE THEMES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Throughout its history, ***Sri Lanka Exporter*** has focused on key themes that are crucial to the growth and sustainability of the export sector:

- **Market Insights**: Offering in-depth analyses of global trade trends, emerging markets, and trade agreements impacting Sri Lankan exporters.
- **Policy and Advocacy**: Examining government policies, regulatory frameworks, and their implications for the export sector.
- **Innovation and Technology**: Highlighting technological advancements, digital transformation, and innovative export practices.
- **Sustainability and Ethical Trade**: Promoting sustainable export practices and adherence to global ethical standards.

The magazine has featured contributions from a wide range of stakeholders, including policymakers, industry experts, and successful exporters, offering readers a well-rounded perspective on the export landscape.

KEY CONTRIBUTORS

The magazine has consistently showcased the voices of various stakeholders:

- **Industry Experts and Economists**: Providing valuable insights into global trade dynamics and market policies.
- **Successful Exporters**: Sharing first-hand experiences and strategies for expanding into new markets.
- **Government Officials and Policymakers**: Outlining initiatives and support programs for the export sector.

SPECIAL SEGMENTS: NCE EXPORT AWARDS

A notable feature of the ***Sri Lanka Exporter*** magazine is its coverage of the NCE Export Awards, which honour excellence within the export industry:

- **Most Outstanding Exporter of the Year**: The magazine regularly profiles awardees of this prestigious recognition.
- **Category-Specific Awards**: The magazine also highlights achievements across various sectors, acknowledging the diverse contributions within Sri Lanka's export community.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

In its digital transformation, Sri Lanka Exporter is now available online, ensuring easy access to its content for a global audience. Exporters, policymakers, and stakeholders can access the latest editions through the NCE's official website, staying informed on key developments in the industry. The transition to a digital format has broadened the magazine's reach, allowing it to respond to the growing need for real-time, relevant information and making it more accessible to an international readership.

LOOKING AHEAD: THE FUTURE OF SRI LANKA EXPORTER

As the magazine celebrates its 125th issue, it remains steadfast in its mission to support and promote Sri Lanka's export sector. With the continued backing of the NCE and its network of contributors, ***Sri Lanka Exporter*** is poised to remain a critical resource, fostering innovation, growth, and global competitiveness for ***Sri Lankan exporters*** in the years to come.

Through its comprehensive coverage, ***Sri Lanka Exporter*** continues to play a vital role in shaping the future of Sri Lanka's export sector, ensuring it thrives on the global stage.

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Congratulations



Mr. Mangala Wijesinghe

Chairman/Chief Executive Officer, Export Development Board (EDB)

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warm congratulations to the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka on the remarkable achievement of publishing the 125th edition of the ***Sri Lanka Exporter Magazine***. This milestone reflects the magazine's longstanding commitment to empowering Sri Lanka's exporter community through consistent, high-quality content and insightful analysis.

Since its inception in 1992, the ***Sri Lanka Exporter Magazine*** has played a pivotal role in fostering dialogue, sharing knowledge, and highlighting the resilience and innovation of Sri Lankan exporters. It continues to be a vital conduit between policymakers, industry professionals, and the global marketplace, contributing meaningfully to the evolution of our export sector.

As Sri Lanka navigates an increasingly competitive global trade environment, platforms such as this magazine remain essential in promoting our national export agenda, inspiring entrepreneurship, and building stronger international trade relationships.

On behalf of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board, I commend the National Chamber of Exporters for its unwavering dedication to the advancement of Sri Lanka's export sector. I wish the ***Sri Lanka Exporter Magazine*** continued success as it continues to serve as a voice for exporters and a catalyst for sustainable economic growth.



Mr.Indhra Kaushal Rajapaksa

President, NCE

It is with great pride that I extend my warmest congratulations on this remarkable milestone-125 editions of ***Sri Lanka Exporter Magazine***. Since its inception in 1992, this valued publication has served as a vital platform for sharing industry insights, fostering dialogue, and strengthening Sri Lanka's export community.

Its consistent publication, now in both print and digital formats, has significantly contributed to promoting our exporters and showcasing Sri Lanka's competitive strengths on local and international stages.

As President of the Chamber, I commend the entire team behind this success for their relentless commitment and hard work. Your efforts have played a key role in supporting and elevating our export sector.

A heartfelt thank you to all members and prospective members whose invaluable commitment and contribution have steered us this far-and beyond.

May this milestone inspire continued growth, innovation, and collaboration in the years ahead. I wish ***Sri Lanka Exporter Magazine*** and all its stakeholders ongoing success and prosperity.



Mr. Shiham Marikar

Secretary General/Chief Executive Officer, NCE

We are proud to launch the 125th edition of the ***Sri Lanka Exporter magazine***, a key publication of the NCE. This milestone reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting and celebrating the achievements of Sri Lanka's export community. The magazine continues to serve as a valuable platform for knowledge sharing, industry insights, and showcasing innovation across sectors. We thank all who have contributed to its success and look forward to driving Sri Lankan exports to new heights.



Mr. Jayantha Karunaratne

Immediate Past President/Patron, NCE

It is with immense pride that I extend my warmest felicitations on the occasion of the 125th edition of ***Sri Lanka Exporter Magazine***. Reaching this milestone is a testament to the publication's enduring relevance and its significant role in promoting and supporting Sri Lanka's export sector.

Since its inception in 1992, the magazine has served as a vital platform-bringing together exporters, policymakers, and industry stakeholders, while consistently highlighting the achievements and challenges of our export community. Its evolution into both print and digital formats demonstrates its adaptability and continued commitment to delivering timely, high-quality content to a diverse readership.

As the Immediate Past President, I have witnessed first-hand the impact this publication has had in advancing the national export agenda. I commend the dedicated editorial team and all contributors for their tireless efforts in producing a publication that informs, inspires, and connects.

May ***Sri Lanka Exporter Magazine*** continue to thrive as a cornerstone of industry dialogue and development for many more editions to come.



Mrs. Ramya Weerakoon

Past President/Patron, NCE

I wish to extend my sincere Congratulations to the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka on the landmark release of the 125th edition of the ***'Sri Lankan Exporter'*** magazine.

It is indeed a remarkable milestone, and I am honored to be part of this significant celebration.

My association with the NCE began in 1996, when I first joined as a member, on behalf of Ramya Apparels Pvt Ltd. As my businesses slowly grew into the Ramya Holdings entity that stands today, our companies have actively engaged the chamber for our Certificate of Origin requirements. NCE provides other services such as government and trade relations.

During the same time, NCE has recognized the performance of our group with Trendywear (Private) Limited, Ramya Horticulture (Private) Limited and our Directors going on to win numerous awards at their prestigious Exporter of the Year awards ceremony.

I wish the NCE and the team continued success in the years to come!



Mr. Ramal Jasinghe

Past President/Patron, NCE

It is a great privilege to trace and reminisce the formative years of Exporter which has graced the bookshelves of power, referred to in many policy deliberations, served as a reliable source of information to businesses and enterprises both Nationally and Internationally.

A personal encounter I've had with the Exporter, was when my brother was visiting the Country after a long pause casually picked up the magazine from the seat on Business Class of our National Airline and stumbled upon a feature I had written for the magazine years ago! Hence the power of connectivity and reach that this journal enjoys.

In 2018, during my term as President we celebrated the Centenary issue. I recall quipping, that this issue should be dipped in Gold and kept for future generations of Export entrepreneurs to use as a guide. Time indeed flies!

As we celebrate the 125th Edition, my Best Wishes to the 200th!!



Mr. Sarada De Silva

Past President/Patron, NCE

As a longstanding and active member of the export community, I have had the privilege of being associated with the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) over many years, including in leadership roles such as that of President. This association has afforded me valuable insight into the evolving landscape of Sri Lanka's export sector, as well as the instrumental role played by the ***Sri Lanka Exporter Magazine*** in supporting its development. In my travels overseas every chamber I visited in countries had the NCE Exporter Magazine.

The publication's 125th edition marks a significant milestone. Since its inception, the magazine has served as a vital conduit of information, offering strategic insights and sectoral updates that have supported exporters and informed international stakeholders. In the context of my own field-Spices and Spice-related Products, a priority sector under the National Export Strategy-the magazine has played a key role in enhancing global visibility and advocating for the resolution of sector-specific challenges through informed dialogue.

Over time, the Sri Lanka Exporter has established itself as the authoritative voice of the export community. I extend my sincere congratulations on this achievement and wish the publication continued success in advancing the interests of Sri Lanka's export sector.



Dr. D.K. Rajapaksa

Past President/Patron, NCE

It is with great pleasure that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the ***Sri Lanka Exporter Magazine*** on the remarkable achievement of publishing its 125th edition. Since its inception in 1992, the magazine has served as an indispensable platform for knowledge sharing, policy engagement, and industry visibility-contributing significantly to the advancement of Sri Lanka's export sector.

As the official publication of the National Chamber of Exporters, its consistent efforts in showcasing export excellence and highlighting sectoral developments have been both timely and impactful. The expansion into digital formats and the growing international readership underscore the publication's relevance in a rapidly evolving global trade environment.

I commend the editorial team and all contributors for their dedication and vision. May the magazine continue to inspire, inform, and empower the exporter community for many years to come.

Warmest congratulations and best wishes.



Mr. Dilshan Rajapaksa

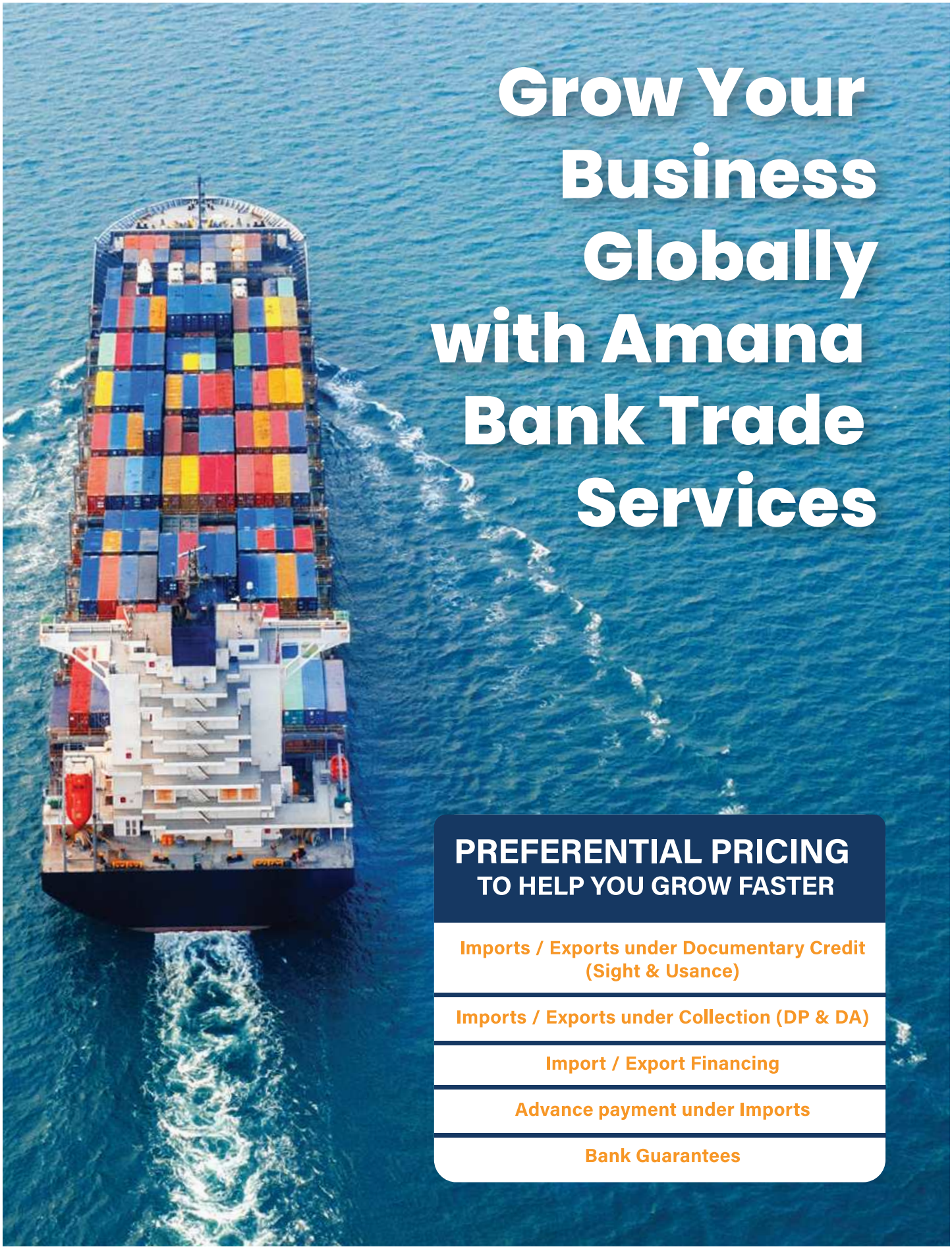
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It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest congratulations to the editorial team on this commemorative issue. With a combined reach through both print and digital platforms, our circulation now exceeds 50,000, marking a significant milestone that proudly positions us as Sri Lanka's leading magazine dedicated to the export community.

As a voice of the export community, it has consistently informed, inspired, and connected stakeholders across industries, while promoting innovation and global competitiveness.

This publication has become a trusted platform that celebrates excellence and fosters knowledge-sharing within our export ecosystem. Its commitment to excellence and relevance has not only supported exporters but has also contributed to the broader economic development of the nation.

On behalf of the Publications Advisory Committee, I commend the dedication and professionalism of everyone involved in its production and look forward to witnessing its continued growth and positive impact on Sri Lanka's export community.



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Leading the National Chamber of Exporters into a New Era

NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT

The National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE) proudly welcomes Indhra Kaushal Rajapaksa as its newly elected President, a distinguished leader whose extensive experience in business, industry, and national development promises to drive the Chamber toward greater heights.

Mr. Indhra Kaushal Rajapaksa brings a wealth of expertise, spanning multiple sectors, to his leadership at the NCE. As the Chairman of the Polymer Advisory Council under the Ministry of Industries and Vice President of the National Chamber of Exporters, he has long been at the forefront of championing industrial growth and trade development. His influence extends across multiple organizations, including his roles as President of The Management Club, Chairman of the Chamber of Marine Industries, and Vice President of the Confederation for Small and Medium Scale Industries (COSMI). His extensive contributions to professional institutions include serving as Past President of both the Plastics and Rubber Institute and the Chartered Management Institute, UK – Sri Lanka Branch.

In addition to his industry leadership, Mr. Rajapaksa has played a vital role in promoting international business relations. As the President of the Sri Lanka Pakistan Business Council, an Executive Committee Member of the Sri Lanka China Business Council, and Vice President of the Sri Lanka Singapore Business Council, he has actively facilitated cross-border trade and economic collaboration.

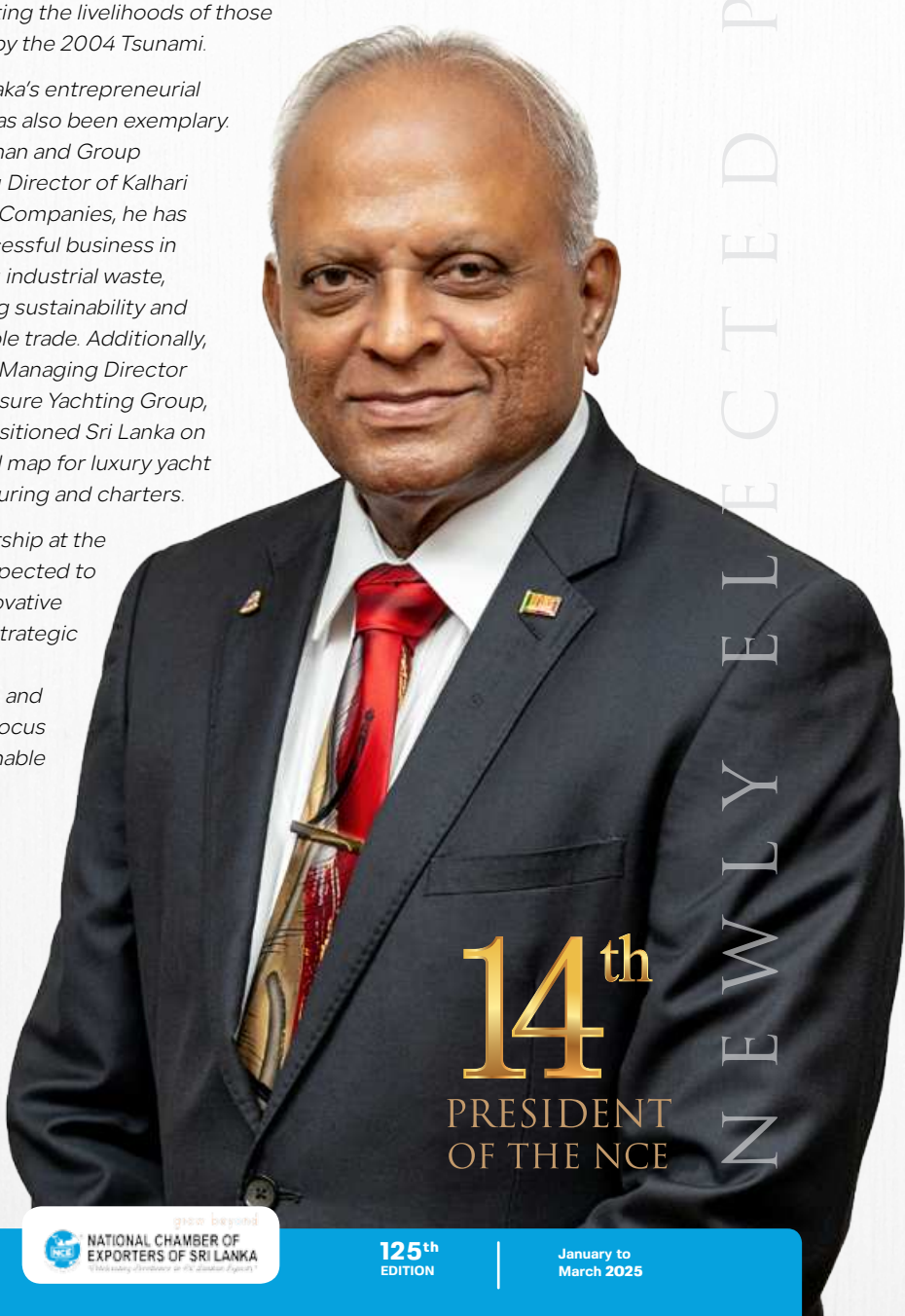
His academic background includes a Fellowship from the Plastics and Rubber Institute and an MBA in Business Management from Vinayaka Mission University, India. He is also a CMgr CCMI Chartered Companion and Past Multiple Council Chairman of Lions International District 306. With a strong foundation in business administration and industry-specific expertise, he is well-equipped to drive strategic initiatives within the NCE.

Beyond his corporate engagements, Mr. Rajapaksa has made notable contributions to social causes. He is the Director of the Suwa Arana Trust, reflecting his commitment to community service. His involvement in national development was particularly significant when he served under the Presidential Secretariat in the Task Force for Rebuilding the Nation, focusing on rehabilitating the livelihoods of those affected by the 2004 Tsunami.

Mr. Rajapaka's entrepreneurial journey has also been exemplary. As Chairman and Group Managing Director of Kalhari Group of Companies, he has led a successful business in exporting industrial waste, promoting sustainability and responsible trade. Additionally, as Group Managing Director of Sea Leisure Yachting Group, he has positioned Sri Lanka on the global map for luxury yacht manufacturing and charters.

His leadership at the NCE is expected to bring innovative policies, strategic growth initiatives, and a strong focus on sustainable trade practices. With his proven track record in industry and governance, Mr. Indhra Kaushal Rajapaksa is poised to take Sri Lanka's export sector to new heights, ensuring its resilience and competitiveness in the global market.

The NCE and its members stand ready to support and collaborate with their new President as he embarks on this journey of strengthening Sri Lanka's export sector, developing new opportunities, and advocating for policies that benefit businesses and the economy at large.



14th PRESIDENT OF THE NCE

From Vision to Action

NCE President Charts the Future of Sri Lankan Exports

An Exclusive Interview with Newly Elected NCE President, Mr. Indhra Kaushal Rajapaksa

Q ***Mr. Rajapaksa, congratulations on your election as the President of the NCE. Can you tell us about your journey with the Chamber so far?***

A: Thank you. It's a great honour to serve in this role. My journey with the NCE began in 2008 as a member. Since then, I've had the privilege of serving on the Council from 2014, taking on roles as an office bearer starting in 2018, and later serving as Vice President. Over these years, I've witnessed the Chamber evolve into a highly proactive, results-oriented institution. It has been both inspiring and rewarding to contribute to this transformation.

Q ***What is your overarching vision for the export sector under your leadership?***

A: My vision is centered on strengthening Sri Lanka's export sector through collaborative partnerships, strategic advocacy, and diversification. Our national export target is USD 19 billion by 2025. It's ambitious but achievable if we harness the collective efforts of both public and private stakeholders. The key is to work smarter—cutting red tape, engaging with policymakers early, and addressing real-time challenges exporters face.

Q ***Speaking of challenges, what are some of the critical issues you believe must be addressed immediately?***

A: There are several. Bureaucratic inefficiencies, trade barriers, and policy uncertainties continue to hold exporters back. One pressing concern is the removal of the SVAT scheme. If proper VAT refund mechanisms aren't in place, especially for SMEs, we risk cash flow disruptions. We at the NCE are actively lobbying for a smooth transition and urging policymakers to consult us before introducing any new trade-related policies.

Q ***You've often spoken about the need to diversify Sri Lanka's export basket. Could you elaborate on that?***

A: Absolutely. Relying on a narrow set of industries makes our economy vulnerable. We must invest in emerging sectors like shipbuilding, marine offshore services, electronics, processed food, renewable energy, and vehicle accessories. These sectors not only promise sustainable growth and foreign exchange earnings but also offer greater integration into global value chains. With our strategic location in the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka can be a regional hub for maritime and offshore industries.

Q ***The Secretariat plays a central role in the Chamber's activities. What's your view on its current contributions?***

A: The Secretariat, led by our Secretary General Mr. Shiham Marikar, is doing an exceptional job. From organizing the prestigious NCE Export Awards to running capacity-building programs, they've significantly supported exporters. Another standout initiative is the Certificate of Ethical Trading (CET), which over 100 members have received since 2019. We're now working on securing accreditation for it through the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board, further enhancing its value.

Q ***What are some of the key focus areas you plan to drive during your tenure?***

A: There are six major focus areas:

1. **Enhancing collaboration** – strengthening partnerships with government, private stakeholders, and international institutions.
2. **Expanding market access** – especially through partnerships with overseas trade chambers.
3. **Trade delegations in 2025** – to key regions like the Middle East, Scandinavia, the UK, and the Far East.
4. **Addressing workforce shortages** -by working with the Ministry of Labour to develop skilled training programs.
5. **Madrid Protocol implementation** – to boost competitiveness through better trademark protection.
6. **Single Window System** – advocating for a streamlined export process to reduce delays and bottlenecks.

Q ***You mentioned working with Sri Lankan missions overseas. What role will they play moving forward?***

A: Our overseas missions are a key pillar of our strategy. With support from the relevant ministries, we're working closely with these missions to actively connect Sri Lankan exporters with international buyers and facilitate FDI. In the next few months, we'll roll out a dedicated platform to help our members engage more effectively with these missions and strengthen trade ties globally.

Q ***Finally, what message would you like to share with the members of the NCE and the broader export community?***

A: My message is simple: **let's work together**. Achieving our goals requires the full cooperation of the Council, Management Committee, Secretariat, and every member. Your insights and contributions are vital. Together, we can shape forward-thinking policies, remove obstacles, and build a more resilient, competitive export sector. The NCE has a rich legacy, and with purpose and unity, we can take it—and Sri Lanka's exports—to new heights.

Q ***Thank you, Mr. Rajapaksa, for sharing your thoughts and plans. We wish you every success in your tenure.***

A: Thank you. I look forward to working with all our stakeholders to realize our shared vision for an export-driven Sri Lanka.



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General Activities

NCE Commences Operations for the New Year

With blessings and a forward-looking vision, the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE) officially commenced operations for 2025. The Chamber President and the NCE Management Committee extended their best wishes to the team during the formal start of the New Year.

As we move ahead, the NCE reaffirms its unwavering commitment to enhancing member services and championing the interests of Sri Lankan exporters. We look forward to building strong relationships with the new government and trade stakeholders, while addressing sector-specific export challenges effectively.

Our policy direction remains focused on aligning national strategies with export development goals-fostering national prosperity through the growth of our exporters. Let us work together, innovate, and elevate Sri Lankan exports to new heights in 2025!



30th Annual General Meeting & Post Business Forum

On 20th March 2025, the NCE marked a key milestone with the successful hosting of its 30th Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Post Business Forum.



The event featured a leadership transition, reflections on past achievements, and a strategic outlook for the future.

Outgoing President Mr. Jayantha Karunaratne shared insights on the Chamber's resilience amid challenges, while the newly elected President Mr. Indhra Kaushal Rajapaksa pledged his dedication to strengthening the export sector.



Secretary General/CEO Mr. Shiham Marikar presented the Chamber's strategic roadmap for 2025–2026, highlighting expanded lobbying efforts, global partnerships, trade mis sions, and regional outreach.



Keynote speaker Dr. Howard Nicholas, a distinguished economist, delivered a powerful address on economic strategies for export growth. The forum concluded with a shared commitment to advancing Sri Lanka's position in global trade.



Launch of the Digital Sri Lanka Export Brands Magazine



During the 30th Post AGM Business Forum, the NCE proudly launched the **Digital Edition of the Sri Lanka Export Brands Magazine**, spotlighting over 100 Sri Lankan export brands.

The magazine has been distributed to over 500 international business entities, reaching more than 50,000 global business contacts.

The NCE will continue to champion the visibility and competitiveness of Sri Lankan exporters through strategic digital promotion, partnerships, and global media outreach-unlocking new opportunities in the international marketplace.

Congratulations to Foreconns Canneries - Celebrating 35 Years



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to **Foreconns Canneries** on celebrating their 35th anniversary in March 2025!

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Wishing you many more years of success and innovation in the global food industry!

Certificate of Ethical Trading (CET)

At the Post Business Forum on 20th March 2025, NCE awarded the **Certificate of Ethical Trading (CET)** to five companies (Ceylon Jewelry Manufacturers (Pvt) Ltd, Hero Nature Products (Pvt) Ltd, Meridian Maritime Services Limited, New Lanka Global Export (Pvt) Ltd & Synex Holdings (Pvt) Ltd). These companies were recognized for successfully completing the rigorous evaluation process and for their commitment to ethical trading practices.



Additionally, a significant milestone was reached with the launch of the **NCE Standard for Ethical Trading Practices and Good Governance for Exporters** (Version 01: 20.03.2025). This standard is now progressing towards **accreditation by the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board (SLAB)**.

The official handover to **IND-EXPO CERTIFICATION LIMITED** took place during the Forum, received by Mr. Canisius Fernando (Chairman) and Mr. Chaminda Pathiraja (Board Member), marking a vital step in promoting ethical standards across the export sector.



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NCE Collaborations

Over the past months, the NCE has actively engaged in strategic partnerships aimed at empowering Sri Lankan exporters through digital innovation, financial transparency, and efficient logistics.



Dialog Enterprise Joins as Digital Technology Partner

Dialog Enterprise, a subsidiary of Dialog Axiata PLC and Sri Lanka's leading ICT solutions provider, partnered with the NCE as its official *Digital Technology Partner*. This collaboration focused on equipping the exporter community with cutting-edge technological expertise. Dialog Enterprise delivered tailored solutions including converged connectivity, cloud services, cybersecurity, data analytics, IoT, and more—enhancing the global competitiveness of Sri Lankan exporters.



NCE Partners with Colombo Stock Exchange

In a significant move to promote financial transparency and corporate governance, the NCE joined hands with the *Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE)*. This initiative encouraged exporter enterprises to explore listing opportunities on the CSE, fostering enhanced financial discipline and long-term sustainability.



PickMe Sri Lanka Teams Up with NCE for Logistics Solutions

To streamline transportation and logistics for exporters, *PickMe Sri Lanka* collaborated with the NCE to deliver comprehensive logistics solutions. From freight transportation and last-mile delivery to business travel, PickMe provided exporters with reliable, tech-enabled services featuring real-time tracking, multiple payment methods, and round-the-clock customer support. This initiative contributed to greater convenience and operational efficiency for businesses across the country.

These partnerships mark a pivotal step in strengthening the Sri Lankan export sector, reinforcing NCE's commitment to supporting exporters through innovation, collaboration, and access to essential services.

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Trade Delegations and Market Access Activities

The NCE has been actively involved in a series of impactful engagements over the past months, building vital trade connections and exploring new markets to support Sri Lankan exporters.



Meeting with Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI)

On 13th February 2025, the NCE held a productive meeting with the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) in Bangladesh to explore potential collaborations. The meeting was facilitated by Ms. Srimali Jayarathna, Counsellor (Commercial) at the High Commission of Sri Lanka in Dhaka, paving the way for strengthened trade ties between the two countries.



Engagement with Birmingham Chamber of Commerce - GBCC

Continuing its efforts to deepen international business links, the NCE met with the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce (GBCC) on 31st January 2025. Building on the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2023, the meeting focused on furthering the cooperative framework between the two chambers and exploring avenues for mutual benefit.



Webinar on Business Opportunities in Indonesia

In collaboration with the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Jakarta and the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN), the NCE successfully conducted a webinar on 18th March 2025. The event brought together over 30 Sri Lankan and Indonesian companies for insightful discussions on trade and investment prospects, setting the stage for future cross-border collaborations.



Enhancing Sri Lanka–China Trade Relations

On 31st January 2025, the NCE partnered with the Sri Lanka-China Business Cooperation Council to strengthen economic relations with China. This strategic initiative was aimed at unlocking new business and investment opportunities while supporting exporters in accessing and expanding within the Chinese market.



B2B Forum in Maldives: A Platform for Bilateral Trade

In a noteworthy move to boost regional trade, the NCE met with the Foreign Minister of Maldives, H.E. Dr. Abdullah Khaleel, earlier this year. As a result, a successful Business-to-Business (B2B) Forum was held in Malé, Maldives, in April 2025. This forum offered Sri Lankan exporters a unique opportunity to connect with Maldivian enterprises, form new partnerships, and explore promising trade avenues.

These initiatives highlight NCE's unwavering commitment to supporting exporters through strategic international engagement and market access facilitation.

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Stakeholder Engagements & Strategic Dialogues

NCE AT THE FOREFRONT OF EXPORT ADVOCACY

Over the past quarter, the NCE has actively engaged with key ministries, government bodies, international institutions, and private sector stakeholders to further its mission of empowering Sri Lankan exporters. Here's a look back at our recent activities:

Strategic Engagements with the Hon. Minister of Industries





The NCE held two impactful meetings with the Hon. Minister of Industries-on **15th January** and **5th March 2025**-focusing on a range of initiatives aimed at strengthening Sri Lanka's export sector and industry policy environment.

During these discussions, the NCE officially handed over its **policy recommendations** and held extensive dialogue on strategic plans to elevate the national export agenda. Key outcomes from these engagements include:

- **Sectoral Representation:** The Ministry pledged to formally include **NCE Council Members** in **Sector Advisory Committees**, providing a structured platform for addressing sector-specific challenges in policy development.
- **Expo 2026 Proposal:** The NCE proposed organizing a **Sri Lankan Expo in 2026**, aimed at promoting local products to global markets. Discussions on this initiative will continue throughout the year.
- **"Sri Lankan Brands" Pavilion at Osaka Expo 2025:** The NCE will lead the creation of a dedicated Sri Lankan Pavilion at this global event, showcasing the country's innovation and product excellence.
- **Digital Portals for Trade Facilitation:**
  1. One portal will enable **Sri Lankan trade officers in foreign missions** to submit regular updates on market initiatives and opportunities for exporters.
  2. Another portal will list **region-wise raw materials and goods**, allowing exporters to identify local buy-back opportunities and improve supply chain transparency.
- **Policy Influence and Reforms:** The NCE will play a consultative role in shaping and responding to new policy matters initiated by the Ministry, ensuring exporters' voices are represented.
- **Streamlining Approvals:** Specific attention was given to the **boat-building sector**, with plans to simplify approval processes and minimize operational delays.
- **Support for Niche Industries:** The Ministry committed to supporting the **ornamental fish industry**, including the launch of a specialized online portal to increase visibility and streamline operations.
- **Website Modernization:** The Ministry's website is set for a comprehensive upgrade, transforming it into a centralized portal featuring detailed exporter, supplier, and stakeholder information.
- **Exporters' Development Council of Ministers:** A new **Management Committee** will be established to enhance governance and coordination in export development.

These meetings reaffirm the Ministry's and NCE's shared vision for a vibrant, resilient, and globally competitive export sector, with continued collaboration expected to drive impactful results for exporters across the island.



Meeting with SLECIC Chairman

On **21st January 2025**, the NCE team met with the Chairman and senior officials of the **Sri Lanka Export Credit Insurance Corporation (SLECIC)** to explore avenues for enhancing support services for exporters. The meeting focused on improving risk mitigation tools and export credit coverage.



Meeting with the Officials of CHEC Port City

Officials from CHEC Port City visited NCE on the 21st January 2025 to explore potential collaborations aimed at supporting Sri Lanka's export sector. Discussions focused on leveraging Port City's infrastructure to enhance market access, promoting investments, and co-hosting trade expos and networking events. Both parties also explored opportunities in sustainability, innovation, and policy advocacy to create a competitive, investor-friendly environment. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to fostering economic growth and strengthening Sri Lanka's position in global trade.



Meeting with Ace Cargo (Pvt) Ltd to Enhance Export Efficiency

On 10th February 2025, NCE officials met with Mr. Nishan Jayawardena and his team from Ace Cargo to explore tailored logistics solutions that enhance efficiency for exporters. The partnership aims to support smoother, cost-effective export processes.



NCE Meeting with the Hon. Minister of Trade

On 11th February 2025, the NCE team met with the Hon. Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security & Co-operative Development to discuss key export-related matters. Highlights of the discussion included the appointment of Trade Officers in international markets, the Pakistan-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (FTA), and Sri Lanka's accession to the Madrid Protocol.



Official Opening of the Local Geographical Indications (GI) Registry

Sri Lanka has officially launched the Local Geographical Indications (GI) Registry, established by the National Intellectual Property Office (NIPO) on 27th February 2025.

This landmark initiative marks a significant milestone in strengthening intellectual property rights and enhancing the value of Sri Lanka's unique products in both local and international markets.

The event was organized by NIPO, supported by the European Union and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), held under the esteemed patronage of Hon. Mr. Wasantha Samarasinghe, Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security, and Co-operative Development.

From left to right: Mr. Juan Pablo (UNIDO), Mrs. Geethanjali Ranawaka (NIPO), Mr. Mangala Wijesinghe (EDB), Hon. Wasantha Samarasinghe, Mr. K.A. Vimalenthirarajah (Ministry of Trade), and Dr. Jairo A. Villamil-Diaz (UNIDO). Hon. Wasantha Samarasinghe handing over the first GI application to the Chairman of the EDB, Mr. Mangala Wijesinghe.

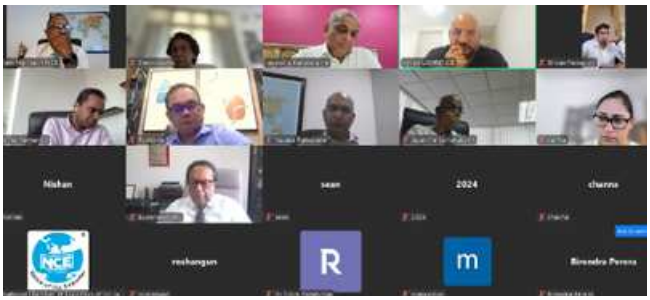
NCE officials had the honor of attending this event.



Pre-Validation of the Revised National Green Reporting System (NGRS)

On **4th March 2025**, NCE joined stakeholders at Water's Edge for the pre-validation of the **revised NGRS Guidelines**, hosted by the Ministry of Environment. The session aimed to enhance the sustainability reporting framework in alignment with global standards, with NCE contributing its expertise and perspectives.

Joint Chamber discussion on Removal of SVAT



On 06th of March 2025, seventeen chambers and associations gathered for a Zoom session to discuss the ongoing SVAT matter. The session was led by the NCE. Concern s were raised regarding the SVAT removal in September 2025 and Inland Revenue Department's (IRD) ability to manage timely VAT refunds, particularly due to a lack of coordination with Customs, which could delay refunds for up to six months.

Additionally, there were discussion that corruption may resurface, similar to the period before the introduction of SVAT, when VAT refunds were allegedly linked to bribery. To address the backlog of refunds, it was proposed that large-scale exporters be consulted to quantify the issue, with a comprehensive report submitted to authorities. Another major concern is that removing SVAT could create a significant cash flow burden on exporters, forcing them to borrow funds to manage negative cash flows. A study will be conducted to assess the additional costs exporters would incur if they had to finance working capital through borrowing. It was also clarified that the removal of SVAT is not an IMF condition, but rather a proposal from Sri Lankan authorities to tackle perceived revenue leakages.

Moving forward, two options were discussed during the meeting: advocating for the retention of SVAT while addressing its issues or working with the government on its removal by September 2025. If removal is necessary, it is crucial that the IRD develops a functional VAT refund system, and a pilot project involving all stakeholders be conducted for six months to ensure the system's effectiveness before full implementation. Associations were assigned tasks, such as gathering data on VAT refund backlogs and assessing the financial burden on exporters, with deadlines set for the end of March 2025. A meeting with the President and key stakeholders is also planned for early April 2025. The next steps are critical, and we urge all members to contribute to the efforts of gathering data and preparing a strong case to address exporters' concerns.



25th Exporters' Forum Hosted by EDB

The Sri Lanka Export Development Board (EDB) hosted the 25th Exporters' Forum at its headquarters on March 24th, 2025, providing a vital platform for exporters to voice their concerns and seek practical solutions to the challenges faced in the export sector. The National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) also actively participated in the forum, discussing various issues faced by member exporters and exploring possible solutions, including the abolishing of SVAT, digitalization of the custom procedure and issuing export-related documentations. The forum was graced by the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development, Hon. Sunil Handunnett; Hon. Chathuranga Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development; Hon. Dr. Harshana Suriyapperuma, Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning; Hon. Susil Ranasinghe, Deputy Minister of Lands and Irrigation; and Hon. Eranga Udesh Weeraratne, Deputy Minister of Digital Economy. Other participants included Mrs. Tilaka Jayasundara, Secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development; Mr. Chaminda Pathiraja, Additional Secretary; Mr. Mangala Wijesinghe, Chairman/Chief Executive Officer; and other senior officials from relevant authorities.



National Single Window (NSW) Project: Towards Trade Facilitation

In March 2025, NCE took part in a stakeholder meeting led by the Deputy Minister of Finance to discuss the implementation of the **National Single Window Project**-a digital platform that promises to streamline trade documentation and clearance procedures for exporters and importers. NCE reiterated its full support for this transformative initiative.



Engagement with the World Bank – Export Competitiveness Focus

NCE met with **World Bank officials** to align on policy priorities related to export competitiveness and reform. We highlighted members' concerns, gained insight into ongoing government reforms, and discussed future collaboration for data-driven policy advocacy.

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NCE Hosts Successful Post-Budget Forum for Exporters

The NCE successfully hosted its much-anticipated Post-Budget Forum, bringing together a broad spectrum of exporters and service providers from across the country.

The event featured a compelling keynote address by Mr. Suresh Perera of KPMG, who offered a detailed analysis of the National Budget and its implications for Sri Lanka's export sector. His insights shed light on fiscal policies, taxation updates, and strategic considerations for navigating the evolving business landscape.

A lively panel discussion followed, diving deep into critical concerns including the Simplified Value Added Tax (SVAT) system and related tax policies. Panelists provided valuable clarifications and practical guidance for exporters adapting to the current economic climate.

The forum drew significant participation and fostered engaging dialogue, reaffirming NCE's role as a trusted platform for knowledge-sharing and advocacy. The Chamber remains committed to supporting exporters through timely, relevant forums and strategic engagement



Seminar on Quality and Compliance requirements for Agri-Food Products

On **28th January 2025**, the NCE organized a technical seminar aimed at strengthening exporter awareness on **international compliance standards** for agri-food products.

Participants from food production, packaging, trading, and allied industries gained critical knowledge on **testing, inspection, and labeling requirements** for export markets. The seminar featured expertise from **Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI)** and **Cotecna Lanka (Pvt) Ltd**, providing practical insights into quality assurance processes and regulatory compliance.

This initiative forms part of NCE's continued efforts to build capacity and competitiveness among exporters in the agri-food sector.



Preventive Controls Qualified Individual (PCQI) Training Equips Food Sector Professionals

The NCE, in collaboration with **HNB**, conducted the latest **Preventive Controls Qualified Individual (PCQI) Training Programme from 25th to 28th March 2025,** focusing on the **updated Version 2 curriculum.**

This intensive 20-hour online training was tailored for professionals in food production, packaging, and beverage sectors. Delivered via Zoom, it enabled remote participation while maintaining high engagement and quality standards.

A total of **seven participants** completed the training, enhancing their skills in food safety protocols and regulatory compliance-key elements for maintaining export readiness and international market access.



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Internal Staff Training on Business Etiquette

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This interactive training aimed to equip NCE staff with the knowledge and skills necessary to uphold high standards of workplace behavior, fostering a culture of respect and professionalism. The session was well received, with participants engaging in discussions and practical exercises that reinforced key etiquette principles.

Monthly Management Committee and Council Meetings

January 2025 Council and Management Committee Meetings



On **16th January 2025**, the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) convened its **Monthly Management Committee and Council Meetings** at the Chamber Secretariat. These sessions provided a vital platform for members to deliberate on key issues affecting Sri Lanka's export sector.

Discussions centered around the ongoing economic challenges and focused on identifying actionable strategies to ensure sustained growth and resilience across export industries. The collective insights and contributions of Council Members emphasized the Chamber's commitment to proactive policy engagement and industry advocacy.



A significant highlight of the January Council Meeting was the **presentation of membership certificates** to several newly joined companies. This symbolic gesture not only marked their formal induction but also reflected the Chamber's dedication to growing a robust, collaborative exporter community.



The NCE also proudly awarded the **Certificate of Ethical Trading (CET)** to two of its member companies, recognizing their commitment to responsible and sustainable business practices:

1. ***Lion Brewery Ceylon PLC***
2. ***Art Decoration International (Pvt) Ltd***

These certifications reflect the Chamber's vision of promoting ethical standards across all sectors of the export industry.



The Last Management and Council Meeting for the Term

The **final Management Committee and Council Meeting** for the 2024/25 financial year took place on **27th February 2025**, marking the conclusion of a productive term for the current leadership.

The meeting brought together Council Members for in-depth discussions on sector-specific challenges and collaborative solutions aimed at strengthening Sri Lanka's export performance. It was a moment of reflection and appreciation for the valuable contributions made by the outgoing Council and Management Committee members.

Looking ahead, the **next Council Meeting scheduled for April 2025** will welcome a newly elected leadership team, poised to guide the Chamber into the new financial year with renewed vision and purpose.

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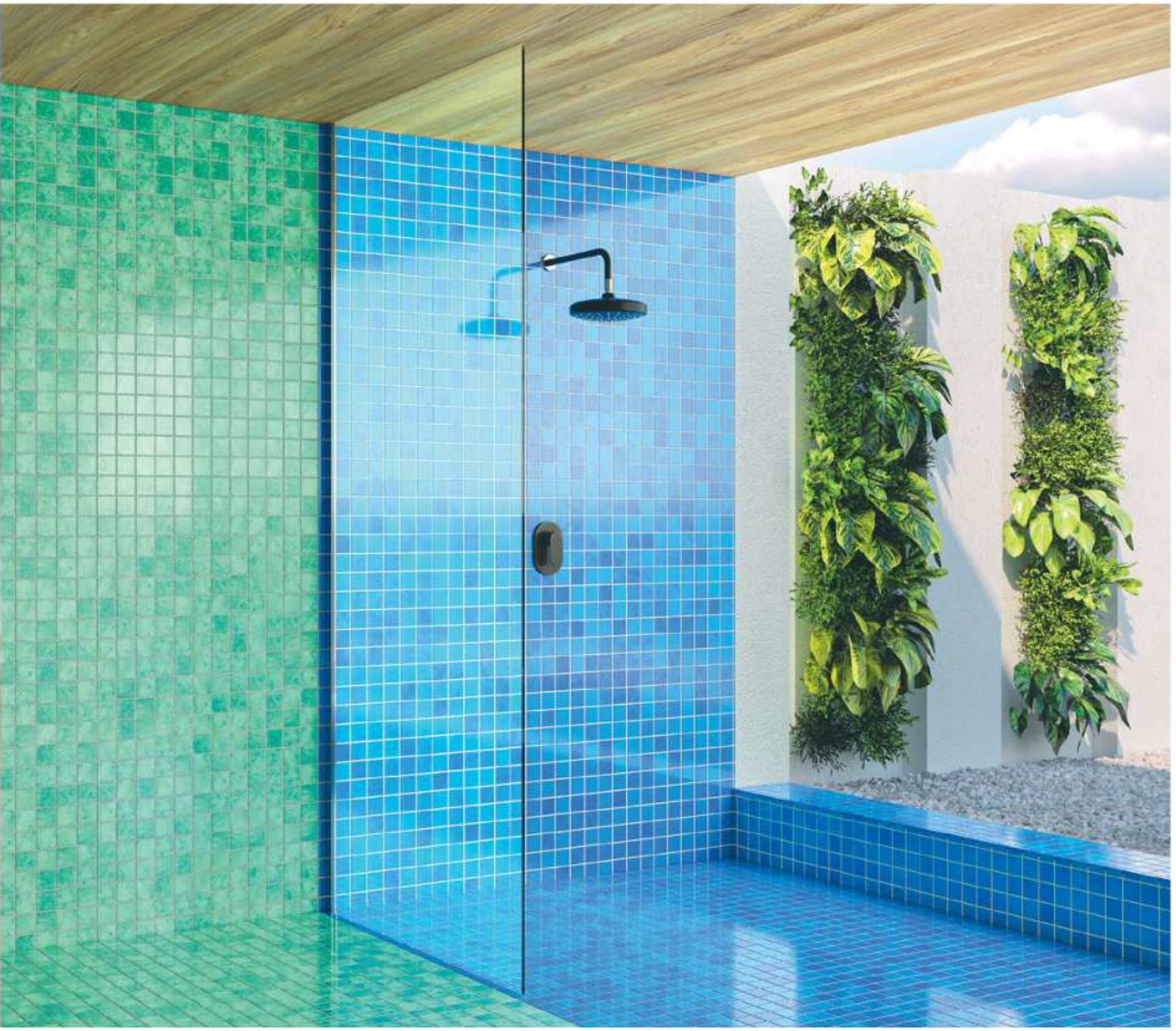

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Foreconns Canneries established in 1989 is the first fish canning factory in Sri Lanka approved by the European Union. There are over 75 employees currently employed.

The nature of business at Foreconns Canneries includes the processing of canned and bottled cashews, vegetables, chutneys and pickles and vacuum-packed fish and dried fish. Foreconns produces a variety of ethnic food items which are mainly distributed in foreign countries. Some of our main products include Spicy Tuna (Ambulthiyal), Tuna fish curry, Breadfruit curry, Cashew curry and Fish Spread etc.

The maintenance of European Union and Food and Drug Administration (USA) standards together with HACCP, ISO 22000 and SLS certification has enabled us to provide great satisfaction to end users in taste in every piece and drop.

These high-quality products thus ensure a shelf life of 2 years. In fact, the performance of the thermal sterilization without adding any preservatives or permitted colors will hold its genuine taste and aroma throughout its long shelf life.

The continuous quality and other facility improvements done in satisfying the end users have also been recognized by various entities including Industrial Development Board, National Chamber of Exporters and Export Development Board etc.

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HALAL ASSESSMENT COUNCIL (GUARANTEE) LTD

The Halal Assessment Council (Guarantee) Limited, or HAC, incorporated under the Companies' Act No. 7 of 2007, is the only entity that issues Halal compliance certification in Sri Lanka based on professional and internationally accepted Halal standards.

With more than 8000+ products certified locally, HAC is advancing the national export strategy, facilitating Sri Lankan exporters to tap into the expanding Global Halal food industry projected to reach US$1.67 trillion by 2025. Sri Lanka's Halal-certified product exports were estimated at US$1.7 billion in 2022 indicating availability of much scope for gaining market share.

The Halal Assessment Council (HAC) for the 2nd consecutive year, was conferred with Gold at the 31st National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) Export Awards, acknowledging its role as a key enabler in Sri Lanka's export economy.

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HAYLEYS AGRICULTURE HOLDINGS LIMITED

Hayleys Agriculture drives local economic growth through robust export initiatives, leveraging Sri Lanka's agricultural richness and innovative methods. This approach fosters global expansion by creating revenue and jobs, supporting local farmers, and enhancing Sri Lanka's global reputation. With a sustainability focus, the company ensures enduring economic benefits for communities nationwide.

Island Magic Beverages utilises Sri Lanka's tropical fruits, especially the King Coconut, known as a superfood rich in antioxidants and essential nutrients. Island Magic Jackfruit from HJS Condiments Limited revolutionises the vegan meat substitute market, while CocoLife by Hayleys prioritises Coconut kernel-based products, supporting local farmers and sustainable agriculture.

Hayleys Agro Biotech Pvt. Ltd. excels in tissue culture (TC) plantlet production, serving global markets with premium-quality plants. Quality Seed Company Limited is the only Sri Lankan exporter of F1 hybrid flower seeds and maintains high standards through advanced production facilities.

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HDDES EXTRACTS (PVT) LTD

HDDES Extracts is a renowned company in the spice and extracts industry in Sri Lanka, specializing in the cultivation, processing, and export of high-quality spices, essential oils, flavors, and fragrances. With a commitment to excellence, sustainability, and innovation, HDDES Extracts has established itself as a leading player in the global spice and extracts market. By leveraging its integrated production capabilities, certifications, and commitment to innovation, the company is well-positioned to meet the evolving needs of global markets and drive continued growth and success.

Company is certified with BRC, ISO 22000, FSSC 22000, Organic (EU, NOP,JAS) and Fair Trade, SMETA, FDA, Kosher and Halal

HDDES Extracts is dedicated to sustainable farming practices, ensuring minimal environmental impact and promoting biodiversity. The company supports local communities by providing development opportunities for farmers and workers.

The company has more than 40 years of experience engaging in the Value-added Spice sector by recognizing as the Presidential Export and NCE award winner.

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INTEROCEAN CONTAINERS (PVT) LTD

Interocean Containers started in 1975, providing services as an agency company for international container leasing. Today, we are an ISO 9001:2015 certified company with nearly 50 years in the business, offering a variety of products and services:

• Freight Forwarding • Non-Vessel Owning Common Carrier (NVOCC) Agency • ISO Tank Agency • Marine Container Trading & Rental
• Container Conversions • Supply of Flexibags & Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBCs)

Our experienced team, combined with our advanced IT infrastructure, allows us to deliver a wide range of services in the sectors listed above.

We specialize in the sale of containers from top international leasing companies throughout Sri Lanka and the Indian Subcontinent. As a leading container buyer in Sri Lanka, we keep a significant inventory of both 20-foot and 40-foot standard and refrigerated containers.

To learn more about Interocean Containers and our services, please visit our website at www.ioc.lk

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LANMIC EXPORTS (PVT) LTD

Established in 1998, LANMIC Exports (Pvt) Ltd resides in the Avissawella Export Zone and is a pioneer in the processing and exporting of high-quality minerals in Sri Lanka. Over 500 dedicated employees and a modern R&D laboratory enable us to provide our customers with the best possible products.

LANMIC Exports has been supplying a wide array of high quality and customised mineral products to all leading local industries and overseas customers, and the main products are fine, ultrafine and dispersions of Calcium Carbonate, Dolomite, Zirconium silicate, Quarts, Feldspar, Talc, Mica and Industrial Clays.

With ISO 9001:2015 certification, LANMIC Exports ensures that our products are subject to a strict quality control process aligned with international standards and industry standards. Also, the company is well equipped with all the facilities to offer customize products with value additions to suite the different requirements of our esteemed customers.

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LAUGFS CORPORATION (RUBBER) LTD

A renowned manufacturer of high-quality solid rubber tires for industrial off-the-road applications. Our company is committed to delivering top-tier mobility solutions that enhance the efficiency, safety, productivity, and mobility of the off-the-road sector worldwide. We take pride in our cutting-edge technology and continuous research that drive us to push the boundaries of high-quality tire manufacturing. Our mobility solutions include off-the-road tires for material handling, construction, mining, and port operations that boast advanced features, durability, and superior performance, even in the harshest environments.

As a socially responsible company, we're dedicated to minimizing our environmental footprint by exploring eco-friendly materials and practices to contribute to a greener future. Our customers are our top priority, and we aim to build long-lasting relationships by providing exceptional customer service, tailored solutions, and prompt support through our customer-centric approach that ensures their unique requirements are met with precision and care.

Headquartered in Sri Lanka, LAUGFS Rubber has established a global presence, serving clients across continents. Our distribution network in the USA and Europe, along with strategic partnerships, enables us to reach businesses of all sizes, offering them the reliability and performance that they need to meet their customer demands.

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MANISHA EXPORTS (PVT) LTD

MANISHA EXPORTS (PVT) LTD is a leading Sri Lankan manufacturer and 100% exporter of coconut fiber and coconut substrates. We serve more than 100 customers all over the world by being a total solution provider for wide range of applications under growing media, horticulture, erosion control, bedding and large variety of industrial applications. MANISHA EXPORTS has years of domain expertise in coconut products and processes, but what sets it apart from the competition is its capacity to combine traditional knowledge with modern, high-tech production methods and cutting-edge research to produce consistently outstanding eco friendly products with premium quality to address global needs. The Company strives to build premium-quality, sustainable product lines, inspire and produce eco-friendly solutions to address global needs and problems, and cause no harm to the environment. We have a wide range of products — Mix fibre, mattress fibre, Machine twisted fibre, Grow bags, 5kg/25kg cocopeat/chips blocks, weed mats, 500g/650g briquettes etc. Company has been awarded 'Best Exporter -Coconut Fibre Products' for four years consecutively 2019/20, 2020/21,2021/22 and 2022/23 at the presidential export awards hosted by Export Development Board of Sri Lanka.

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MASS LOGISTICS INTERNATIONAL (PVT) LTD

Outsourcing in Shipping (Total Logistics Solutions)

MASS Logistics International (Pvt) Ltd., is as an organization offering various logistic solutions to our customers. Our services include offering shipping solutions, planning logistics, advising customers the best solution, assisting their organizations, and also offering freight broking. We believe that we have the drive and the commitment to make things happen and have the right connections to Sri Lankan Customers through our long term involvement in the shipping trade.

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MCLARENS CONTAINERS (PVT) LTD

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McLarens Containers (Pvt) Ltd., a pioneer in container depot operations in Sri Lanka, has been in business since 1979.

McLarens Containers an ISO 9001:2015 quality management system certified company and over Four and half decades of existence, has transformed into a versatile and leading logistics provider in Sri Lanka. At present providing a wide range of logistics services to International Container Leasing Companies, Shipping Lines, NVOCC Operators, importers & Exporters as outlined below.

• Container storage and handling • Container cleaning and repair • ISO Tank Container operations • Carrier Transicold authorised Reefer Container Repair Centre • Reefer electricity plugging • Warehousing and Logistics services • Project Cargo Handling

• Flexi Tanks and Intermediary Bulk Container operations • Container transport • Container conversion & trading

To learn more and explore our full range of logistics solutions, visit our website at **www.mclarenscontainers.lk**

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MCLARENS LOGISTICS LTD

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McLarens Logistics Ltd. is a fully-fledged NVOCC Agent, Shipping and Freight Forwarding Company that has become a leading provider of integrated logistics services in Sri Lanka since its establishment in 2003. The company is certified with the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System.

Since 2008, McLarens Logistics has been at the forefront of providing the below services,

• Shipping Agency, NVOCC & ISO Tank Operations • Representing Prestigious Shipping & NVOCC Agencies to facilitate the movement of import/ export cargo to and from Colombo, Sri Lanka. • International Freight Forwarding • Ship Husbandry Services. • Embarked on an eco-friendly venture for upcycling non-cargo worthy marine containers into versatile units such as offices, houses, cafes, moveable toilets, etc.

For more information, visit our dedicated Conversions website at www.containerconversions.lk

To learn more insights into McLarens Logistics, you can visit our website at
www.mclarenslogistics.lk or https://www.linkedin.com/company/mclarens-logistics-group

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NEIL FERNANDO & COMPANY (PVT) LTD

NEIL MARINE

Established since 1969, Neil Marine has been an Asian fibreglass boat manufacturing trailblazer. With over five decades of experience, we've gained local and international acclaim, delivering 40,000 vessels, including 2,000 exported worldwide. Our 42.000 sqm ISO-certified Negombo facility is Lloyd's Register - approved, and we adhere to ISO 9001:2015 and IACS standards. Using the 5S methodology for efficiency, we uphold rigorous quality assurance and supplier standards.

Our facilities hold approvals from Lloyds Register (LR), Det Norske Veritas (DNV), and the American Bureau of Shipping, meeting Recreational Craft Directive (RCD) Design category requirements for European markets. Neil Marine, under Neil Fernando & Co. (Pvt.) Ltd. also boasts esteemed certifications highlighting our commitment to safety, quality, and compliance. Our vision is to be South Asia's premier custom boat manufacturer while expanding globally through unwavering standards, innovation, and customer satisfaction. Our core values drive us to be dedicated, innovative, environmentally responsible, and committed to lasting relationships. At Neil Marine, our legacy is marked by groundbreaking achievements, creativity, and an unwavering commitment to quality.

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NPS PACKAGING (PVT) LTD

With two decades of industry expertise, NPS Packaging amalgamates skilled professionals and state-of-the-art technology to deliver premium Poly Packaging Material. Our ethos revolves around socially responsible and eco-friendly practices, ensuring the recycling and proper disposal of polythene waste. We specialize in a wide array of products including Printed/Unprinted Polythene Bags & Reels (HDPE, LDPE, LLDPE, PP), CO-EXTRUTIONS (BOPP, COEX-BOPP) Garment Bags, and various other packaging solutions such as Side seal, Flat Opening, Envelope, T-Shirt, and Courier Bags, as well as Garbage and Bulk Packing Bags. Holding certifications including ISO 9001-2015, ISO 22000-2018, and GRS Certified, we prioritize quality, sustainability, and customer satisfaction in every aspect of our operations.

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OCEAN TRADE & LOGISTICS (PVT) LTD

Ocean Trade and Logistics is a diversified company involved in shipping, logistics services, export trading, manufacturing fertilizer, and cultivating. Situated in the heart of Colombo, our factory is located in Dambadeniya.

We have expanded our operations into manufacturing and exporting our proprietary brand products such as OTL COWDUNG, U-GROW, and UNIGROW. Additionally, we specialize in handling specialize project cargo, live animals, live plants, and ornamental fish. Today, we proudly stand as one of the top 10 exporters to the Maldives.

OTL Courier Pvt Ltd operates as a subsidiary of the OTL Group, an international courier company. We were the pioneers in establishing direct courier services to the Maldives, Consequently, we have emerged as the market leader in the Colombo-Male courier business.

Over the past 14 years, we have served more than 2000 customers, who have become loyal buyers due to the reliability and service quality we consistently provide.

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PEOPLES ORGANISATION FOR DEVELOPMENT IMPORT & EXPORT (PODIE)

PODIE is a leading spice exporting organisation in Sri Lanka, and a manufacturer of 100% Organic Value-Added Spices produced by our own farmer groups spanned across the country. We have nearly 3000 farmer families currently joined with us. Our Internal Control System (ICS) team ensures monitoring of our small holder farmers & farmer networks, who practice organic farming utilizing only the best organic agricultural inputs (certified organic microbiological fungicide, pesticide, decomposed mixtures & Liquid fertilizers). We do test from internationally reputed laboratories in Germany & in Sri Lanka. We have a wide range of value-added spices in whole form & powder form, Tea blend cuts (natural food flavoring agents) & Spice mixtures. Currently, we export our products to European & Scandinavian countries, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, USA, UK & Canada. PODIE's unique characteristic is that it has a wide range spice mixtures & tea spice mixtures with a variety of numerous flavours.

Certifications - We also adhere to the standards set by WFTO (World Fair-Trade Organisation), FDA (Registrar Corp USA), ISO 22000:2018, HACCP, JAS, EU,

USDA-NOP, US-COEA, Certificate of Ethical Trading & Non-GMO.

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POLYCROME HOLDINGS (PVT) LTD

Polycrome, a pioneering Sri Lankan Brand for over four decades, specialises in manufacturing high-quality electrical products, cable management systems and lighting for the construction sector and end-consumers.

Polycrome, a bellwether in the electrical industry in Sri Lanka, consistently introduce new products and concepts by investing heavily in research and development and have comprehensive laboratory facilities to ensure our innovation and product developments align with the needs of our valuable customers and we do so by complying with applicable international standards.

We have embedded a quality culture into the core value system of our Company, and we believe in offering safe and reliable products to our valuable customers. This "quiet quest for quality" has earned the trust of opinion leaders and consumers.

Polycrome has three manufacturing plants located in industrial zones in Sri Lanka and a dedicated team of over 300+ we create an environment of integrity that reaches opinion leaders internationally through high quality 'Made in Sri Lanka' products.

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We Are The **Leading** Pulses Splitting - **Processor** In Sri Lanka, Exporting To More Than 20 Countries, Since The Year 2008, Quality Guaranteed, Delivered In Time, Automatic Machine Packed To Your Own Logo And Specifications.

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RENUKA FOODS PLC

Renuka Foods PLC is the parent company of our Food and Beverage businesses consisting of Agri Food, Organic Plantations, FMCG, Dairy and related entities. Renuka Agri Foods PLC and Renuka Agri Organics Ltd are the leading manufacturers, marketers & exporters of Coconut based food and beverages from Sri Lanka to the retail, food service and ingredient sectors across 52 countries. Our quality measures are of stringent standards and are not compromised at any point, right from the raw material purchase to the delivery of goods. Our consumer brands portfolio extends with Richlife Dairies and also with FMCG through Shaw Wallace Ceylon Ltd.

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SCANWELL CUSTOMS BROKERS (PVT) LTD

We specialize in imports customs brokerage of all commodities including project cargo to Sri Lanka. Ensures smooth and speedy process, by carrying out brokerage, hassle free, in line with regulations by customs and other authorities; leaving customer to focus their core businesses. A qualified team with license to act as declarant handles our custom brokerage aspect in logistics. Knowhow of local procedures and persistent involvement enables client to be assured of the timely clearance of goods from customs. Ocean or Air, the proficiency of work carried out by our team is unmatched for over 3 decades. We have developed strong relationships with all government bodies with ethical working practices (recognized by NCE awarding a conformity certificate) enabling us greater flexibility in carrying out duties professionally. Scanwell Customs Brokers carriers the commitment of excellence in logistic.

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SCANWELL LOGISTICS COLOMBO (PVT) LTD

Scanwell Logistics, a prominent global entity, specializes in tailored solutions covering international freight forwarding, inland distribution, and comprehensive supply chain support. With a distinguished history spanning over four decades, backed by a network of 60 proprietary offices and a workforce exceeding 1,500 employees worldwide, we ensure prompt, secure, and reliable deliveries on a global scale.

Our services encompass seamless Air and Ocean freight solutions for both Import and Export operations. These services are complemented by an extensive domestic transportation network, bonded and non-bonded warehouse facilities, as well as cross-docking and e-commerce support. Our reputation is founded on a deep understanding of local logistics, a broad international perspective, and a dedication to consistent service excellence, delivering unparalleled value to our esteemed clients.

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SEA HORSE SHIPPING (PVT) LTD

Sea Horse Shipping (Pvt) Ltd offers a kaleidoscope of services catering to handling Main Line Agency, NVOCC, Project and Special Cargo, all types of Break Bulk and Casual Callers, Bunker Brokers, Ship Chandlers, Launch Operators and Crew Recruitments.

Products & Services

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SENSA SOLUTIONS LANKA (PVT) LTD

Pioneering Packaging Excellence with a Global Vision

Incorporated in 2017, Sensa Solutions Lanka Pvt Ltd has swiftly risen to prominence as a leading manufacturing powerhouse in Sri Lanka. Specializing in high-quality packaging solutions, Sensa Solutions serves prestigious high street apparel brands across the USA, UK, and Europe. Additionally, the company extends its expertise to the pharmaceutical, industrial, and FMCG sectors, providing innovative and reliable packaging solutions.

Building on its impressive growth trajectory, Sensa Solutions has recently expanded its operations to Bangladesh, positioning itself as a key player in the regional market. This strategic move underscores the company's commitment to extending its global footprint and delivering exceptional packaging solutions worldwide. Sensa Solutions is dedicated to sustainability and ethical practices, adhering to globally recognized chemical standards and certifications. The company's core philosophy is centered on achieving customer satisfaction through bespoke customer service, delivering the highest quality packaging on time and at the lowest possible cost.

Environmental sustainability is at the heart of Sensa Solutions' product development, ensuring that every packaging solution not only meets customer needs but also contributes to a greener planet. By combining cutting-edge technology with a commitment to ethical standards, Sensa Solutions Lanka Pvt Ltd is setting new benchmarks in the packaging industry, both locally and internationally. As Sensa Solutions continues to grow and innovate, it remains steadfast in its mission to provide unparalleled service and quality. With an eye on global expansion, the company is poised to become a leading name in the packaging industry, known for its dedication to excellence and sustainable practices.

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SGS LANKA (PVT) LTD

We are SGS – the world's leading testing, inspection and certification company. We are recognized as the global benchmark for sustainability, quality and integrity. our 99,600 employees operate a network of 2,600 offices and laboratories around the world.

At SGS we offer a complete suite of solutions at every stage of the value chain to help get your products to meet quality, safety & compliance requirements for all your global destinations. Wherever you are, whatever your industry, our experts worldwide provide specialized solutions to make your business faster, simpler and more efficient.

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SHAN TEAS (PVT) LTD

Naturally the Best

Shan Teas (Private) Limited was established in 2003 and within this short span of time we have been recognized as one of the leading exporters in the Tea industry by ranking ourselves within the first 15 Exporters of Sri Lanka. We currently export to over 20 destinations around the world and have a very strong presence in the CIS, Middle East, Europe and the Far East. In the last three years we have had a rapid growth of over 40% year on year and an Export Volume of 6 million kilograms for the concluded financial year 2020/21. Our team has a collective experience of over 60 years as we have a dynamic blend of youth and experience covering all aspects of the industry such as Planting, Tasting, Blending, Packaging and Shipping. We offer all our customers a full in-house solution starting from Procurement of Teas, Designing of Packages and offering differed types of packing options and logistics. Our strength has been developing very close relationships with our customers and earning their trust by giving them our best services and value for money products and our primary objective is to understand each and every one of our customer's needs and tailor make our products to suit them. We not only specialize in orthodox black teas, but equally strong in a range of other varieties such as green teas, fruit teas, wellness teas, and tisanes. We also specialize in private labeling apart from worldwide marketing of our own brands Windsor, Golden Era and Four Seasons. We are confident that we can provide you a complete solution to your requirement of Ceylon Tea.

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SIERRA CABLES PLC

Sierra Cables PLC is a leading cable manufacturer in Sri Lanka, renowned for its expertise in designing, manufacturing, and distributing high-quality copper and aluminum cable products for both local and international markets. As a company committed to quality, we employ superior raw materials to enhance the overall quality of our final products. Our goal is to manufacture electric cables of the highest standard and provide exceptional customer service worldwide, adhering to local and international industry standards including IEC, BS, ANSI/ICEA, ASTM, AS/NZS, JIS, NFC, SLS-Mark, and other international standards. The company is committed to providing a comprehensive range of services and making every effort to ensure customer satisfaction. The company has established advanced manufacturing facilities overseas and expanded its export reach to Asia, Eastern Europe, Australia, North America, and Africa. This global presence highlights Sierra Cables PLC's dedication to serving diverse markets with top-tier products and exceptional service.

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SMART MARINE LANKA (PVT) LTD

We Smart Marine Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. (SML) was incorporated on 9th December 2009.

● SML is a well-developed NVOCC (None Vessel Operating Container Carrier), Freight Forwarding, Logistic services Provider and Trading Company established in the shipping industry over 14 years. ● SML is structured with great care and clear focus in the shipping industry by professionals who have more than 28 years of experience in the Global Shipping Industry. ● SML has the capacity to undertake assignments ranging from dispatch of a small parcel to shipping Machinery on door to door Basis round the world as we say "DESTINATION ANYWHERE" ● SML provide NVOCC, Sea Freight and Air Freight Service with Extended services in Clearing, Delivering, Total Logistics solution and Supply Chain Management to our valuable customers. ● SML is a member of the SLANA (Sri Lanka Association of NVOCC Agents) ● SML was enlisted as Member of the National Chamber of Exporters as a Service Provider from Year 2010. ● SML Registered Company with the Director General of Merchant Shipping of Sri Lanka as a NVOCC Operator. (A grade License No-FFA01179)

As a progressive organization, we pride ourselves on providing cost-effective and efficient services on 2407-365 days to our Customers Local and Global.

In order we at (SML) would like to draw your attention to our Logistics Services we offer and serve you with expert knowledge and logistic solution to minimize your logistic cost by integrating CFS, Operations/ Freight Forwarding and Liner (shipping) under one umbrella, SML-Smart Marine Lanka

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SPILL BURG HOLDINGS (PVT) LTD

About Us

Spillburg Holdings (Private) Limited is a business advisory cum management consultancy company providing our clients with a diversity of services aiming at improving their businesses through a broad range of value added consulting services. Our main objective is to provide our clients with Value for Money services through a thorough understanding of their business ventures, evaluating business issues and providing timely advises to enhance the value and accelerate the growth of our clientele.

What We Offer

Business Advisory & Project Structuring Legal & Corporate Set Up Accounting & Auditing Tax & Compliance Project Funding/Financing Match Making (JV Partnerships) Project management Business Due Diligence Sourcing Land / Properties

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The oldest manufacturer of Hats, Caps, Bags & Garments with largest range of fabrics & patterns, the design experts will tailor a perfect solution for your community.

A well establish Australian owned, BOI registered company manufacturing high-quality wide range of garments including corporate and school uniforms, hats, bags and other accessories since 2000 under the parent company of Mount Castle Holdings which was established in 1835

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TANTRI TRAILERS (PVT) LTD

Tantri began as a marine engineering firm and has since expanded its offerings to include trailers, communication towers, tankers, and more. With over 40 years of experience, Tantri has designed, manufactured, and exported various products worldwide, adhering to SGS ISO 9001-2015 quality standards. Their modern manufacturing plants in Sri Lanka ensure timely delivery and round-the-clock customer service. Tantri's commitment to quality, technological advancement, and customer satisfaction has earned them a reputation for excellence in heavy engineering. With a dedicated design department catering to individual client needs, Tantri remains a preferred choice for European-standard products at competitive prices.

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The company recently joined the UN Global Compact and is the only seafood company in the Sri Lanka network to be part of it. The Company was awarded the SMETA ETI accreditation for its sustainable labour policies and was awarded the prestigious 4-star status by Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP), the world's leading certification authority in Aquaculture Practices. Building on this remarkable achievement, we are thrilled to share that we have also secured the title of Sri Lanka's first-ever shrimp farm to obtain the ASC (Aquaculture Stewardship Council) certification. Taprobane Seafoods stands by their Blue Change goals which are to support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights, ensuring safe and legal labor, health, productivity and resilience of the global environment now and for the next generations and above all to work against corruption in all its forms.

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MS. KUMARI FERNANDO
Chairperson of Penthouse Group

Ms. Kumari Fernando has established herself as a transformative leader in Sri Lanka's maritime industry, a field historically dominated by men. As the Chairperson of Penthouse Group and the leader behind Neil Marine, she has revolutionized the boat-building sector, integrating sustainability, innovation, and global expansion. Her leadership journey is defined by overcoming significant challenges, reshaping an industry, and setting new benchmarks in green technology, workforce development, and international growth.

Taking the helm of Neil Marine in 2021, Ms. Fernando inherited a legacy from her father, Neil Fernando, who had introduced fiberglass boats to Sri Lanka, fundamentally changing the country's boating industry. However, the maritime sector faced numerous challenges, including rising raw material costs, global supply chain disruptions, environmental regulations, and a shortage of skilled labor. Ms. Fernando's legal background and 20 years of experience in the industry helped her craft innovative solutions to these problems, ensuring Neil Marine's continued growth and success.

> **MS. KUMARI FERNANDO HAS ESTABLISHED HERSELF AS A TRANSFORMATIVE LEADER IN SRI LANKA'S MARITIME INDUSTRY, A FIELD HISTORICALLY DOMINATED BY MEN.**

One of Ms. Fernando's hallmark leadership traits is her commitment to sustainability and innovation. Under her guidance, Neil Marine became a pioneer in eco-friendly boat manufacturing. She championed the use of alternative materials, such as PET plastic and Flexi Teak, reducing the company's environmental impact and production costs. Moreover, she introduced solar-powered manufacturing processes, cutting Neil Marine's carbon footprint and energy costs by 20%.

Recognizing the global demand for green maritime solutions, Ms. Fernando also spearheaded the development of electric and solar-powered boats, positioning Neil Marine as a leader in low-emission vessels. This focus on sustainability not only aligned the company with international environmental trends but also gave it a competitive edge in the growing market for eco-conscious boating solutions.

Ms. Fernando's strategic leadership has significantly expanded Neil Marine's global presence. Through partnerships with global companies such as Fairways Marine (UK) and Menken Maritime (Netherlands), Neil Marine saw a 30% increase in pleasure boat sales within two years. These collaborations helped establish a strong international reputation for the company in markets like Australia, the UK, and South Africa.



INVESTING IN HUMAN CAPITAL

Another challenge faced by Neil Marine was the shortage of skilled labor in the boat-building industry. To address this, Ms. Fernando implemented in-house training programs that combined traditional craftsmanship with modern, sustainable techniques. In collaboration with technical institutions and vocational schools, she ensured a steady pipeline of skilled workers for the future. Additionally, Ms. Fernando encouraged female participation in a traditionally male-dominated industry, breaking gender stereotypes and strengthening the company's workforce.

INDUSTRY INFLUENCE AND ETHICAL GOVERNANCE

Beyond her company's success, Ms. Fernando has made significant contributions to the broader maritime sector. Her advocacy for renewable energy in maritime transport influenced government policies and resulted in incentives for sustainable boating solutions. She has also set high standards for eco-friendly manufacturing, inspiring competitors to adopt more sustainable practices.

Ms. Fernando's leadership is also characterized by a strong commitment to ethical governance. Under her guidance, Neil Marine obtained ISO 9001:2015 certification and Lloyd's Register accreditation, affirming the company's dedication to safety, quality, and transparency. These measures have built stakeholder trust and ensured the company's resilience in a competitive market.

In 2023, the Company proudly obtained the prestigious Certificate of Ethical Trading, issued by the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka. This certification serves as a testament to the Company's commitment to Good Trading Practices.

ACHIEVING MEASURABLE SUCCESS

The impact of Ms. Fernando's leadership is evident through Neil Marine's growth in both revenue and operational efficiency. The company has seen a significant increase in international sales, especially for its eco-friendly boats, while also reducing material waste by 15%, resulting in cost savings. Neil Marine's commitment to quality and innovation has earned over 25 prestigious export awards, cementing its position as a leader in the industry.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES AND SHAPING THE FUTURE

Ms. Fernando's influence extends beyond business. Through her initiatives, Neil Marine has created employment opportunities, particularly in the green technology sector, contributing to Sri Lanka's economic development. Additionally, her commitment to eco-tourism has provided sustainable boating solutions for conservation programs, promoting environmental stewardship.

Her focus on providing affordable, energy-efficient boats has helped customers reduce operational costs while benefiting the environment. This balance between profitability and social responsibility has solidified Neil Marine's reputation as a forward-thinking, responsible company.

LEGACY AND INSPIRATION

Ms. Fernando has shattered traditional gender norms in the maritime sector, becoming a role model for aspiring female entrepreneurs. Her success demonstrates that leadership is defined by innovation, resilience, and strategic thinking rather than gender. She continues to inspire future generations, proving that transformative change is not only possible but inevitable with the right vision and determination.

CONCLUSION

Ms. Kumari Fernando's leadership has reshaped both Neil Marine and the wider maritime industry. Her focus on sustainability, innovation, and workforce development has propelled the company to new heights, setting new standards for the industry. Through her visionary leadership, she has not only driven business success but has also proven that transformative change can come from a blend of strategic foresight, ethical governance, and long-term value creation. Ms. Fernando's achievements are a powerful reminder that with resilience, creativity, and commitment to progress, one can redefine the future.

She urges the Sri Lankan Government to ensure that, regardless of any changes in administration, the research conducted by industry specialists and the reports submitted for improving local boat manufacturing, developing tourism, and enhancing exports are effectively implemented. She emphasizes that these efforts must continue without disruption to drive industry growth and strengthen Sri Lanka's global competitiveness.



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A LEGACY OF QUALITY AND INNOVATION

Since its inception, Finagle Lanka has been driven by the objective of producing world-class bakery products while maintaining the highest international quality standards. Over the years, the company has significantly expanded its product range, production capabilities, and distribution networks to cater to the evolving preferences of modern consumers. Today, Finagle Lanka is synonymous with consistency in taste, freshness, and nutritional value, making it a preferred choice among consumers, retailers, and international buyers as well.

Finagle Lanka specializes in a diverse array of bakery products, including various types of bread such as white bread, whole wheat bread, multigrain bread, and special dietary breads. Additionally, the company produces a wide range of soft and fresh buns, including burger buns, hot dog buns, and dinner rolls, supplying to international restaurant chains such as KFC, Burger King, TGI Fridays, and Subway in Sri Lanka. Beyond fresh bakery items, Finagle Lanka has successfully ventured into frozen bakery products, offering frozen parathas, pizza bases, pastry dough, frozen savory foods, and frozen sweets. This expansion caters to modern consumers seeking convenience without compromising on quality.

EXPANDING HORIZONS WITH INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

Recognizing the demand for authentic Sri Lankan flavors on a global scale, Finagle Lanka has embarked on developing new product lines tailored for export markets. The company has introduced Sri Lankan fish curries and traditional curries, allowing international consumers to experience the rich and diverse flavors of Sri Lankan cuisine. Furthermore, Finagle Lanka has positioned itself as a leading supplier of premium-quality breadcrumbs, capable of fulfilling bulk orders to international markets with efficiency and reliability.

The company's dedication to excellence has fueled its international expansion, with exports reaching markets such as Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the USA, the UK, Maldives, and Hong Kong. The Sales & Marketing division has demonstrated remarkable growth, exceeding export sales targets by 50% in both 2023 and 2024. This impressive performance is a testament to the company's commitment to quality, compliance with global food safety regulations, and strategic partnerships with international distributors. By leveraging its expertise in frozen bakery products, Finagle Lanka continues to capture a significant share of the export market while exploring opportunities in emerging economies. Additionally, the company actively seeks new distributors who share its vision, offering private labeling services to develop exclusive brands for international markets.

COMMITMENT TO QUALITY AND FOOD SAFETY

At the core of Finagle Lanka's operations lies an unwavering commitment to quality and food safety. The company adheres to stringent international standards, including HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points), FSSC





certifications, and FDA compliance, ensuring that every product meets the highest safety and hygiene benchmarks. From sourcing premium raw materials to meticulous packaging processes, Finagle Lanka implements rigorous quality control measures at every stage of production to maintain product excellence.

The company holds certifications such as Halal, GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices), and FSSC 22000, reinforcing its dedication to producing high-quality, ethically manufactured bakery products. Looking ahead, Finagle Lanka is on track to achieve BRC (British Retail Consortium) certification by 2025, further strengthening its position in international markets and fostering trust among global consumers. Furthermore company has proven its standard by receiving the Bronze award for the "Best In House Research and Development Unit" at the National Industry Brand Excellence Award 2024, organized by Industrial Development Board of Sri Lanka.

SUSTAINABILITY AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Beyond business growth, Finagle Lanka remains committed to sustainable practices and corporate social responsibility. The company actively engages in eco-friendly initiatives, including reducing food waste through efficient production processes, utilizing biodegradable and recyclable packaging materials, and supporting local farmers by sourcing high-quality ingredients from Sri Lanka. Additionally, Finagle Lanka is involved in community welfare programs, including food donation drives, contributing to societal well-being while fostering a culture of responsible business operations.

FUTURE GROWTH AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Looking ahead, Finagle Lanka aims to further strengthen its growth trajectory by expanding its product portfolio, enhancing production efficiency, and deepening its presence in export markets. The company is investing in digital transformation, leveraging e-commerce platforms and direct-to-consumer sales channels to provide greater accessibility and convenience to customers. Furthermore, Finagle Lanka plans to introduce healthier bakery alternatives, such as gluten-free and low-sugar products, catering to the rising global demand for nutritious food options.

A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD

Through its dedication to quality, innovation, and sustainability, Finagle Lanka Pvt Ltd has cemented its reputation as a household name in Sri Lanka and a formidable player in the global bakery industry. The company's commitment to continuous improvement, customer-centric product development, and ethical business practices sets it apart as an industry leader. As Finagle Lanka moves forward, its unwavering pursuit of excellence ensures a future marked by expansion, innovation, and continued success on a global scale.

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Innovation has been the backbone of the companies development where a large part of its bottom line has been re-invested into the companies own Research and Development center. This move facilitates the engineering of new products and re-engineering of old products that create opportunities in the market. The work put it has not gone unnoticed as the company has won multiple awards for innovation that include 3 Asia Star awards, 3 consecutive World Star Awards and multiple Lankastar Awards for Packaging Innovation. Further, Polydime has been recognised by many Local and International awarding bodies with prestegeous awards.





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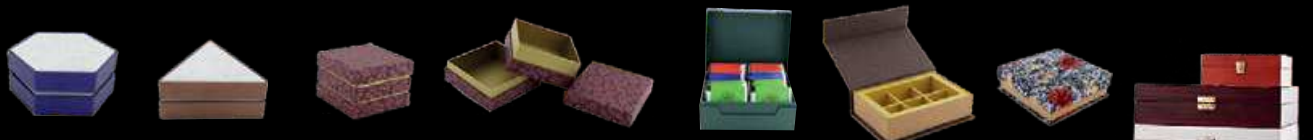




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Foreconns Canneries, Sri Lanka's pioneering fish canning company, marked a major milestone this year as it celebrated its 35th anniversary. The grand event was held on the 12th of March 2025 at the picturesque Jie Jie Beach Hotel in Panadura, bringing together industry leaders, partners, and well-wishers to commemorate over three decades of excellence, resilience, and innovation in the country's export sector.

The event was graced by ***Mr. Nihal Wijerathna***, Managing Director/ CEO of Motha Confectionery Works Pvt Ltd, who attended as the Chief Guest, offering inspiring words of encouragement to the gathered invitees. The event was further honored by the presence of ***Mr. Ariyaseela Wikramanayake***, Founder/Chairman of Master Divers and Pelwatta Dairy Industries Pvt Ltd, as the ***Special Invitee***, whose entrepreneurial achievements serve as a beacon for local industry leaders.

Established in 1989, Foreconns Canneries has grown from modest beginnings into a benchmark company in the food processing and fish canning industry. As the first ***EU-approved fish canning facility in Sri Lanka***, and with certifications including ISO 22000, FDA, and SLS, the company has continually raised the bar for quality, sustainability, and international compliance. Foreconns proudly exports its high-quality products with a two-year shelf life to a wide range of international markets including the ***United Kingdom, Italy, France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and other European countries***, as well as the ***USA, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, and Korea.***

The company offers a diverse product portfolio that meets the tastes of both local and global consumers. Some of the main products include **Spicy *Tuna (Ambulthiyal), Tuna Fish Curry, Breadfruit Curry, Cashew Curry, and Fish Spread***, among others. These ready-to-eat, shelf-stable items showcase Sri Lanka's culinary heritage while maintaining international food safety and quality standards.

In his keynote address, ***Mr. Nimal Jayasuriya,*** Founder and Managing Director of Foreconns Canneries, extended heartfelt gratitude to all employees, partners, and stakeholders who have played a significant role in shaping the company's enduring success.

The highlight of the evening was the recognition and awarding of long-serving and outstanding employees, whose dedication has played a key role in shaping the company's ongoing success. The atmosphere was filled with pride and emotion as employees received awards for their service, commitment, and excellence.

Guests were treated to a gourmet dinner featuring seafood delicacies and products from Foreconns' own range, accompanied by vibrant cultural performances that celebrated Sri Lanka's heritage and the spirit of unity within the organization.

A proud ***winner of National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) Awards since 1998***, Foreconns Canneries remains committed to driving growth in Sri Lanka's export industry. With a focus on quality, innovation, and global reach, the company looks ahead to the future with confidence and pride.


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Control Union at a Glance

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Control Union in Sri Lanka

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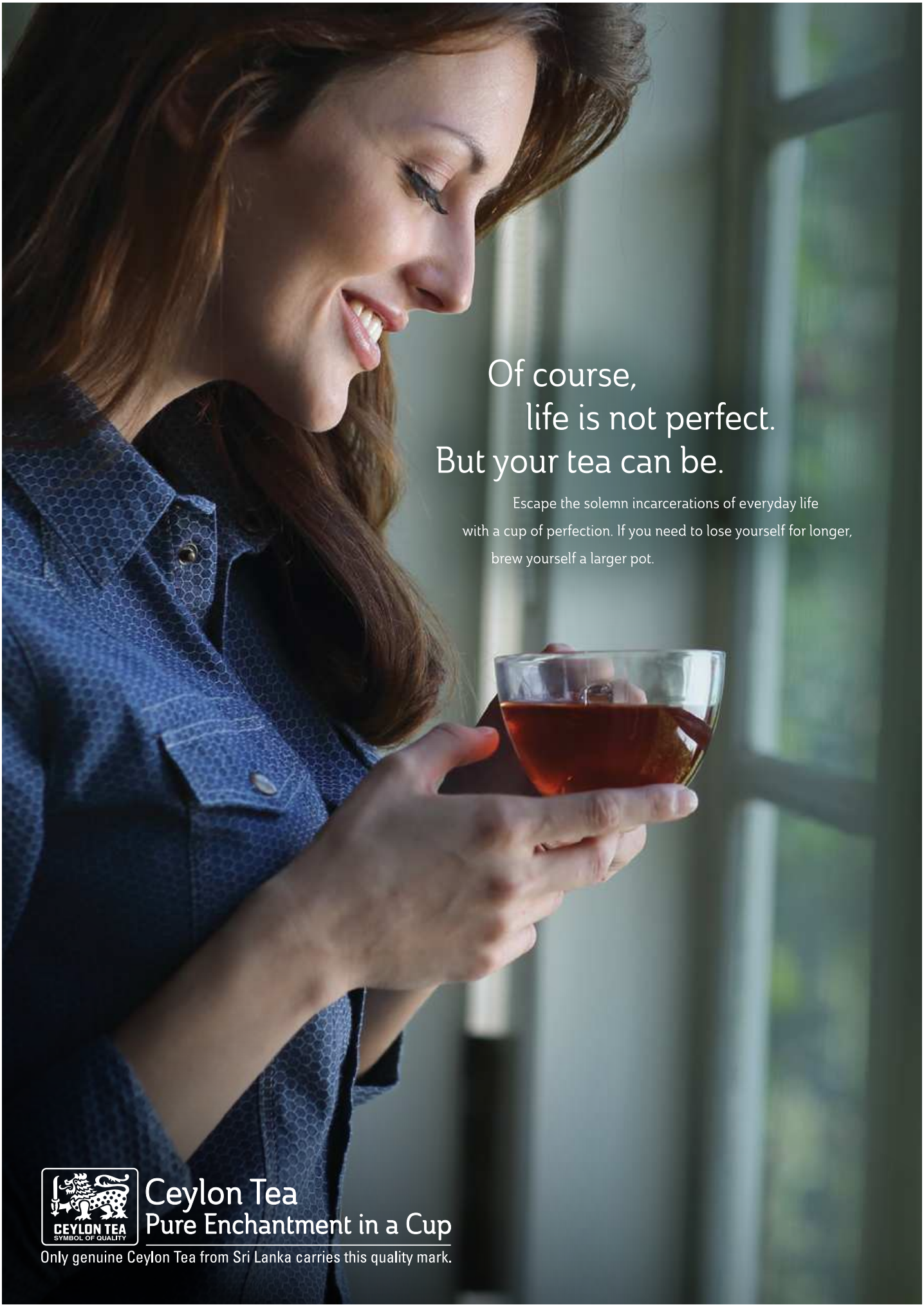
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CODE	DESCRIPTION	March 2024 Value	April 2024 Value	May 2024 Value	June 2024 Value	July 2024 Value
S.10	Apparel & Textile	443,905,026	321,067,219	390,258,000	446,530,666	443,745,021
S.01	Tea	124,859,609	95,464,113	115,030,221	121,746,348	124,701,536
S.02	Rubber & Rubber Based Products	97,974,621	66,590,180	81,178,771	82,638,576	76,794,678
S.03	Coconut & Coconut based Products	79,109,782	60,776,727	68,543,502	67,662,701	75,001,747
S.19	Engineering Products	71,618,904	45,533,711	48,349,043	52,286,177	67,433,464
S.04	Spices, Essential Oils & Oleoresins	17,094,329	18,029,233	25,463,264	47,926,622	61,185,053
S.11	Food, Feed & Beverages	49,446,647	32,381,608	42,241,776	36,979,768	37,051,618
S.08	Fish & Fisheries Products	22,108,538	29,553,842	19,424,864	22,915,762	23,986,311
S.09	Diamonds, Gems & Jewellery	24,841,814	21,678,058	32,188,352	18,612,514	20,956,099
S.22	Other Manufactures	20,005,426	18,071,296	15,233,088	17,952,438	18,351,456
S.18	Base Metal Products	17,425,913	14,925,280	12,562,666	17,396,450	17,005,615
S.21	Petroleum Products	32,876,879	34,945,399	47,655,485	38,179,673	62,225,347
S.12	Tobacco	8,874,135	6,875,192	7,970,863	7,184,624	5,367,523
S.16	Chemicals & Plastic Products	10,854,814	8,844,256	10,798,030	11,501,735	11,431,503
S.15	Paper & Paper Products	9,727,234	8,109,883	10,719,666	10,064,744	9,782,231
S.17	Non-metallic Mineral Products	10,870,633	9,648,967	7,567,911	8,934,909	9,665,029
S.05	Fruits, Nuts and Vegetables	5,411,017	6,859,389	4,953,757	6,791,802	5,813,330
S.14	Wood & Wooden Products	5,098,880	2,593,327	4,242,966	3,952,445	4,003,366
S.07	Other Export Crops	7,955,518	5,349,807	7,050,658	5,645,936	4,917,893
S.95	Miscellaneous Products	6,101,912	2,217,641	4,834,097	962,629	4,368,171
S.13	Leather Products	987,637	1,686,919	1,113,280	1,213,730	984,132
S.06	Cut Flowers & Foliage	2,142,477	1,170,325	1,273,543	2,558,683	1,122,475
S.20	Footwear and Parts	1,148,714	1,433,966	1,585,789	1,548,676	1,690,282
	TOTAL	**1,070,440,460**	**813,806,339**	**960,239,591**	**1,031,187,609**	**1,087,583,880**





August 2024	September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025
Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value
511,139,108	418,665,971	430,224,126	397,200,447	446,837,043	460,228,713	427,293,900	495,939,404
130,544,853	117,037,572	126,814,334	118,150,832	131,604,420	112,695,138	119,413,654	138,832,848
103,791,108	79,477,201	84,691,494	77,200,397	80,738,140	75,058,178	83,124,359	93,095,052
88,372,240	70,970,518	77,158,195	70,195,963	74,475,159	74,277,751	82,503,113	100,668,089
59,297,575	42,964,536	64,605,126	47,801,244	56,203,315	40,643,851	50,821,415	55,483,534
52,039,777	48,027,368	51,291,413	41,278,265	47,162,851	38,975,141	37,940,489	42,121,615
40,718,965	33,212,702	51,352,162	36,283,911	41,484,083	41,734,834	41,240,477	55,484,120
15,564,755	16,992,790	18,957,406	18,266,393	22,127,571	19,251,810	14,340,101	18,707,567
25,434,967	16,075,565	20,940,238	19,713,502	11,033,630	42,278,811	28,936,647	19,407,547
21,278,121	16,825,846	19,932,122	16,996,984	18,705,552	12,908,209	21,561,929	22,203,519
17,604,232	13,931,129	14,878,945	14,632,985	15,480,616	13,842,357	13,397,687	19,360,749
28,474,337	9,091,450	70,560,535	27,185,904	33,944,516	20,974,301	23,393,932	27,705,263
9,063,448	6,906,947	9,814,970	6,782,521	10,711,386	5,475,368	7,020,788	9,637,077
14,235,589	10,652,540	12,340,948	12,202,019	11,733,936	11,835,115	11,398,451	12,421,922
9,734,309	7,723,515	10,207,355	8,318,060	8,742,753	8,383,812	8,242,053	10,949,978
13,086,102	8,503,626	8,772,595	8,656,684	8,464,001	7,352,210	8,566,158	9,812,918
5,947,074	5,379,561	6,822,045	6,014,821	6,849,879	5,707,585	3,793,782	5,049,107
4,417,898	3,570,101	4,216,642	3,906,828	3,902,942	4,775,293	3,385,170	4,108,837
5,490,028	3,422,606	4,148,089	5,587,160	5,467,193	3,597,894	4,068,723	4,981,596
3,826,335	4,138,108	4,586,555	2,837,034	2,858,841	1,000,465	2,377,406	7,004,827
972,829	1,092,082	1,208,034	885,895	1,252,971	955,864	1,013,118	1,537,946
2,279,428	1,391,965	1,653,130	1,374,894	1,346,972	1,074,966	814,634	1,059,689
2,045,607	1,896,430	1,919,902	1,600,095	1,355,154	1,788,526	1,817,627	1,922,399
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SVAT and the Future of VAT Refunds:

Is Sri Lanka Ready for the Transition?



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As Sri Lanka prepares to overhaul its VAT refund framework, the decision to abolish the Simplified Value Added Tax (SVAT) system by October 1, 2025, has sparked growing concern among exporters. While the government aims to modernize tax administration and align with international best practices, the readiness of the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) to implement a reliable alternative remains in question.

SVAT: A Solution That Worked

Introduced in 2011, SVAT was designed to address three persistent challenges in Sri Lanka's VAT system:

- **Cash flow constraints** for exporters due to delayed refunds.
- **Administrative inefficiencies** within the IRD.
- **Rampant VAT refund fraud**, which had previously cost the state millions.

SVAT replaced cash refunds with a credit voucher system, allowing eligible businesses to offset VAT liabilities without waiting for the refund from the Inland Revenue Department. This cashless mechanism significantly reduced opportunities for fraud and corruption while improving transparency.

The Push for Reform—and the Risks

In line with recommendations from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Government has committed to transitioning to a risk-based VAT refund model. As per the VAT Amendment Act No 04 of 2025, certified by the speaker on 11th April 2025, the excess input tax of

- eligible exporters or
- registered persons whose value of supplies exceeds 50% of their total supplies to Strategic Development Projects or Specified Projects for the taxable period or
- projects approved under section 22(7) of the VAT Act,

will be entitled to VAT refund not later than 45 days from the due date of the VAT return submission and subject to the submission of a proper VAT return.

An **"eligible exporter"** means a registered person whose value of zero-rated supplies, during the preceding calendar year, was greater than 50% of the total value of supplies made by that person during the same period.

The Inland Revenue Officers are currently focused on a pilot project, with the goal of issuing refunds within 45 days of the end of the taxable period, subject to conditions outlined by the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue.

However, the Inland Revenue Department's track record raises doubts about the feasibility of this timeline. Refund backlogs dating back over two decades remain unresolved, and recent administrative actions have only deepened taxpayer skepticism.

On December 12, 2024, the IRD issued a notice requiring taxpayers with pending VAT refund claims for periods before December 31, 2015, to submit a written request—signed by the Managing Director—by December 31, 2024. The notice warned that claims submitted after this deadline would not be considered.

This directive is legally questionable. It contradicts the VAT Act, which entitles taxpayers to refunds duly claimed in their returns. This action would have impacted the taxpayer's confidence.

Exporters Face Mounting Pressure

The 2025 Budget targets a record USD 19 billion in export earnings. Yet, the tax policy landscape appears increasingly misaligned with this ambition. The corporate income tax rate for goods exports stands at 30%, while service exports are now taxed at 15% following the removal of the income tax exemptions. The removal of SVAT adds another layer of financial and administrative pressure.

Exporters, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are increasingly concerned about the potential return of refund delays. Without SVAT, they will be forced to rely on timely cash refunds from the IRD to manage working capital. Delays could lead to greater reliance on borrowing and higher interest expenses.

A Call for Strategic Patience

With less than six months remaining before SVAT is abolished, one must ask whether, rather than rushing to dismantle SVAT, the Government should consider a phased approach:

- **Retain SVAT for identified sectors** while piloting the new system.
- **Strengthen SVAT's governance** through enhanced audits and digital integration.
- **Establish a robust mechanism to clear** outstanding VAT refunds, which would enhance taxpayer confidence.
- **Roll out targeted communication on the risk-based refund mechanism and the importance of compliance**

Sri Lanka has struggled for over 25 years to implement a robust, corruption-free tax refund system. SVAT, while not perfect, has been a rare success story. Before discarding it, policymakers must ensure that its replacement is technically sound, digitally driven, and does not disrupt business.

Reform with Responsibility

A Government committed to digital transformation and a corruption-free economy must tread carefully when dismantling systems that work. The SVAT mechanism has provided exporters with predictability, transparency, and efficiency. Until the new refund system is fully operational and proven, maintaining SVAT is not just prudent—it's essential for economic stability and export-led growth.



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INTRODUCTION

The Management Club of Sri Lanka is a premier professional association dedicated to serving the needs of management and senior management professionals across the country. Established with the vision of enhancing the management landscape in Sri Lanka, the club provides a platform for interaction, networking, skill development, and knowledge sharing among its members. Formed in 2001 under the auspices of the Chartered Management Institute – UK Sri Lanka branch, The Management Club (TMC) further strengthens this vision by promoting management practices on par with international standards. It strives to achieve this by offering continuous opportunities for member engagement through business and personal enhancement programs across diverse disciplines within the field of management.

MISSION AND VISION

The primary mission of the Management Club is to empower managers and leaders by providing them with the resources, tools, and networks necessary to excel in their roles. The club envisions a thriving community of professionals who are equipped to navigate the complexities of modern management, drive innovation, and lead their organizations toward success.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND OFFERINGS

1. Networking Opportunities: One of the core functions of the Management Club is to facilitate networking among its members. Regular events, workshops, and seminars are organized to bring together professionals from various industries. These gatherings allow members to share experiences, exchange ideas, and build valuable connections that can lead to collaborative opportunities.
2. Skill Development Programs: The Management Club is committed to the continuous professional development of its members. It offers a range of training programs, workshops, and seminars focused on enhancing management skills. Topics may include leadership development, strategic planning, change management, and communication skills. These programs are designed to equip members with the latest tools and methodologies to excel in their roles.
3. Knowledge Sharing: The club serves as a knowledge hub, providing access to the latest research, trends, and best practices in management. Members benefit from expert talks, panel discussions, and case studies presented by industry leaders and experienced professionals. This knowledge exchange fosters a culture of learning and innovation within the management community.
4. Mentorship Opportunities: The Management Club recognizes the importance of mentorship in professional growth. It connects experienced managers with emerging leaders, facilitating mentorship relationships that can guide younger professionals in their career journeys. These interactions help foster a sense of community and support within the management sector.
5. Member Benefits: Management Club offers a range of benefits for its members including discounts from its partner hotels and many other benefits from organizations partnering with the TMC. Access to the club houses and the board rooms and meeting rooms there in is another value benefit that members enjoy.

The essence of TMC lies in its ability to facilitate cross-disciplinary interactions, enabling members to hone their presentation, interactive, and soft skills essential for effective leadership. By bridging the gap between different professional domains, TMC offers invaluable opportunities for members to glean insights into various business operations, network with seasoned leaders, and ultimately enhance their leadership effectiveness. The Management Club with its branches in Colombo, Mount Lavinia, Jaffna, Moratuwa and Negombo is ready to welcome professional managers who would like to contribute in uplifting the standard of management in Sri Lanka.

CONCLUSION

The Management Club of Sri Lanka plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of management in the country. By fostering a community of professionals dedicated to sharing knowledge, enhancing skills, and building networks, the club contributes significantly to the growth and development of the management profession in Sri Lanka. Whether you are an aspiring manager or a seasoned executive, the Management Club offers invaluable resources and opportunities to help you succeed in your career.

For more information on membership and upcoming events, visit the Management Club's official website or reach out to their administration. Join us in our journey to elevate management standards and practices in Sri Lanka!

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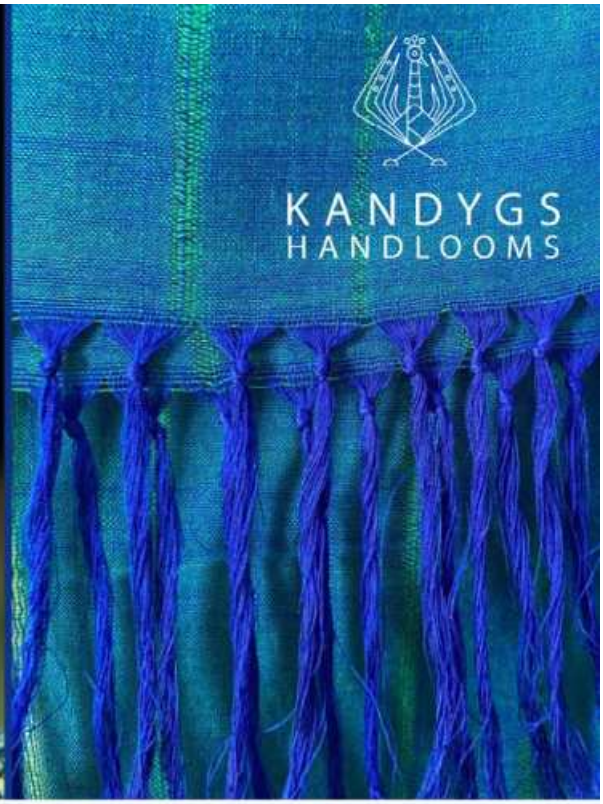
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