



NBEA AWARD

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## Chamber Office Bearers meet the Ministry Secretary of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion

A Delegation comprising Mr.C Lal de Alwis, President of the Chamber and Mr Thilak Godamanne, Chairman-INTRAD Steering Committee met Mr. B H M Ratnasiri, Secretary and Mr. S J S Chandraguptha, Addl. Secretary to the Ministry of Enterprise Development & Investment Promotion on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 to discuss the arrangement on INTRAD - Expo 2010 International Trade fair and Investor forum organized by the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka in association with Ministry of Enterprise Development & Investment Promotion and other relevant government agencies.

## Ten Member Indian Business Delegation Visit the National Chamber

A ten member business delegation from Tamilnadu Small & Medium Industries Mutual Association visited the Chamber on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010. Mr. C Lal de Alwis, President, Mr. Thilak Godamanne, Hony Secretary, Mr. Amal Dias, Deputy Secretary General and Mr. Buddika Mallawaaratchi, Asst. Secretary General along with other members of the Chamber participated at a meeting with the visiting delegates in the Chamber board room.

## Officials of the Sri Lanka office of the World Bank visit the National Chamber

Ms Cecile Niang Economist, Ms Sriyani Hulugalle Senior Economist and Mr. Lohitha Karunasekera Consultant South Asia F.P Development visited the Chamber on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010. A meeting with Mr. Thilak Godamanne, Hony Secretary NCCSL, Mr. Amal Dias, Deputy Secretary General and Mr. Buddika Mallawaaratchi, Asst Secretary General was held in the Board Room to discuss the economic development activities carried out by the World Bank in Sri Lanka and the private sectors' involvement in such activities.

## Seminar on EPF and ETF

A seminar on Employee's Provident (EPF) and Employees Trust Fund (ETF) was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 from 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm at the Chamber Auditorium with 180 participants. Overall administration of the EPF & ETF, types of earnings covered under each scheme, employer, employee contributions, rules of withdrawal, surcharges for late payments and late returns and the benefits accrued to the employees under EPF & ETF were discussed. Resource persons were Mr. W D S C Weliwatta, Commissioner of Labor - EPF Department, Mr. Wasantha Dissanayake, Deputy General Manager - Member Services, ETF Board and Mr. J M S D Udugama, Deputy General Manager - Collection Employee Relations, ETF Board.

## Visit of the Palestine Ambassador

HE Dr. Anwar H Al Agha, Ambassador of Palestine accompanied by Mr Farooq of the Palestine Embassy visited the National Chamber on March 12, 2010 and discussed bilateral trade issues of mutual interest with the President and the Office Bearers of the Chamber.

## Minister of Environment and Natural Resources addresses the members of the Chamber

Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources was the Guest Speaker at a seminar on "Global Warming & Green Economy" held in the Chamber auditorium on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 p.m. Minister Ranawaka pointed out that global warming has become a great hazard to human beings today and it

would lead to extinction of the human race if no action is taken to cut down the emissions drastically. Hon minister also said that the government has taken many steps to encourage the private sector to invest on environment friendly projects and requested the Chamber members to make use of such facilities for the betterment of our future generations.



Picture shows the Hon. Minister addressing the gathering with the Chamber council members looking on

## AOTS representative from Japan visits the National Chamber

Ms. Fumino So, Manager –in charge of Training at the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarships (AOTS) in Japan visited the Chamber on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010. A meeting with her was attended by Mr. Lal de Alwis, the President of the Chamber, Mr. E M Wijetilleke, Secretary General, Mr. Buddika Mallawaratchi, Assistant Secretary General, Mr. Ramachandra Sarma Mahalingam, Chairman – My Cola Company and Mr. Anil de Mel, General Manager, Balangoda Plantation Ltd. A presentation on how the participants at last year's AOTS training program were benefited by their participation was made by a participant.

## Press Conference on INTRAD Expo 2010

A press conference was held at the Chamber Auditorium on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm to promote the 'INTRAD Expo 2010 International Trade Fair and Investor Forum'. The Press conference was attended by senior officials of Sri Lanka Tea Board, Ministry of International Trade, Sri Lanka Export Development Board, Dept of Commerce, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka and Sri Lankan Air Lines.

## Commercial Attache of Iraq Embassy Visits the Chamber

Mr. Al-Rikabi, Commercial Attache' of the Iraq Embassy in Sri Lanka visited the Chamber and had discussions with the Office Bearers on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. Matters pertaining to bilateral trade and the opportunities for Sri Lankans to participate in construction work and contracts were highlighted by Mr. Al-Rikabi.

## Seminar on "Bilateral Trade with China"

A seminar / discussion on "Bilateral Trade between Sri Lanka and Peoples Republic of China" was held at the Chamber Auditorium on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010. Mr. Sun Lee Dong, 1<sup>st</sup> Secretary, Ms Ding Nana 3<sup>rd</sup> Secretary and Ms Gao Wei Hong, Attaché of the Chinese Embassy in Colombo made presentations and joined the discussion. NCCSL members doing business with China participated at the seminar.

## Six member Israel business delegation visit the Chamber

A six member business delegation from Israel led by Mr. Tzuki Deutsch, Chairman – RTS Water Ways Ltd, Israel visited the Chamber and had a meeting with the Chamber members engaged in business with Israel on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 at the

Chamber Boardroom. The discussions centred on promoting trade and investments between the two countries. The Chamber invited them to participate at the forthcoming INTRAD Expo 2010 International Trade Fair & Investor Forum to be held in May 2010.

## National Chamber Signs an MOU with China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) Tianjin Sub-Council

A delegation from China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) Tianjin Sub – Council visited the Chamber on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2010 and had a meeting with the Chamber Office Bearers and members. The delegation was led by Mr. Zhao Xueming, Chairman - China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, Tianjin Sub-council. The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) Tianjin Sub – Council at this meeting. Through the MOU, two parties agreed to cooperate with each other in promoting trade and business between the two countries including exchange of business delegations.



Mr Zhao Xueming, Chairman of China Council Tianjin Sub Council, China, handing over the signed MOU to the President NCCSL – Mr Lal de Alwis at the Chamber Boardroom.

## Visits of an Indian Women's Delegation

A five member women's delegation representing Self Employment Womens Association (SEWA) an NGO from India visited the Chamber on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010. The delegation was accompanied by Mr. Amrit Paul, Commercial Attache of the Indian High Commission in Colombo. The delegation was led by Mrs. Uma Swaminadan. Ms Veena Sharma and Ms Megha Desai also participated at a discussion with the president of the Chamber who was joined by the members of the NCCSL Women's Wing at the discussion. SEWA is already engaged in a project in Batticaloa district in Sri Lanka in training 1000 young widowed women on self employment in the area.

## Seminar on "Expanding Horizons for Women in Developing Countries"

The Women's Wing of the National Chamber held the above seminar at the Chamber Auditorium on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 3.00 pm. The Guest Speaker was Mrs. Shamila Kantha, wife of the Indian High Commissioner in Sri Lanka.

## Visit of five member Chinese delegation

A five member Chinese delegation from the People's Political Consultative Conference of China, Fuzhou Committee headed by Mr Chen Yang Fu, Chairman visited the Chamber Sri Lanka on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and held meeting with the Chamber officials. The delegation expressed their interest to offer training to Sri Lanka Entrepreneurs on Seafood processing. They also showed interest to importing Seafood from Sri Lanka.

## Chamber office Bearers meets foreign Ambassadors in Sri Lanka

Office Bearers of the Chamber paid courtesy calls on the foreign ambassadors in Sri Lanka during the months of March and April in their respective embassies. The Main purpose of the visits were to discuss bilateral trade between Sri Lanka and the respective country and to secure their support for the INTRAD Expo International Trade Fair and Investor forum. The Chamber Delegation met with Following Ambassadors ;.

HE Rosli Ismail, High Commissioner of Malaysia on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010

HE U Ohn Thwin, Ambassador of Myanmar on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010.

HE Vladimir P Mikhaylov, Ambassador of Russia on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010

HE Suhil Chandra Amatye, Ambassador of Nepal on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010

HE Mahmoud Rahimi Groji, Ambassador of Iran on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010

HE Ashok Kumar Kantha, High Commissioner of India on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010

HE Choi Ki Chul, Ambassador of Korea on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Mr. Ahamed J Al Rikabi, Commercial Attache, Iraq Embassy on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010

HE Mrs Mariam Saeed, Acting High Commissioner of Pakistan on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010

The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka launched **The National Business Excellence Awards 2010** and the Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday 25th November 2010, at Hotel Hilton followed by a gala dinner.

**We have now commenced registration of applicants for the National Business Excellence Awards .Duly filled applications should be submitted to the NCCSL Secretariat on or before 31st August 2010.**

Applications can be obtained at Chamber office on any working day from 8.30 am– 5.00 pm on payment of the **application fee of Rs. 2,500/- (for Extra Large, Large & Medium) and Rs. 1,500/- for the Micro sector**

Please refer the Web Site : [www.nationalbusinessexcellence.lk](http://www.nationalbusinessexcellence.lk)

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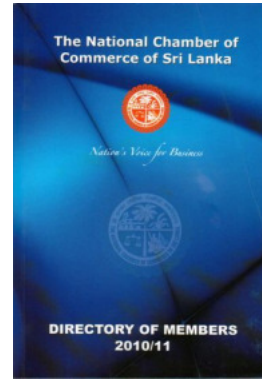
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