

CILT Sri Lanka Update

1. TERRITORY ACTIVITIES – Industry

- a. 29th November** – CILT project team concluded the consultancy project on rail freight survey and CILT Chair presented the survey findings to the ADB consultants.
- b. 13th December** - Chairperson CILT and IVP SA attended the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce National Agenda Committee meeting to discuss the GATF engagement to develop a framework for MCC in SL.
- c. 14th/17th December** - CILT was invited to be a Technical Partner for POMS 2018 international conference organized by University of Peradeniya with Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) USA. Chairperson CILT was invited to be the Session Co-Chair for logistics and supply chain management track and was a speaker at the conference workshop along with council member Upali de Zoysa, who spoke about port developments.
- d. Logistics Leaders Evening – 10th January 2019**
The first Logistic Leaders Evening for 2019 was held at Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo and Mr. Tham Kok Kuan Simon, Assistant General Manager CHEC Port City Colombo (Pvt) Ltd, was the keynote speaker. He spoke on the topic “Port City Colombo - The Art & Science of Transport & Logistics to Build a New City”
- e. 16th January** - CILT Chairperson was invited to attend the stakeholder meeting with the new Secretary to Ports, Shipping and Southern Development at the Ministry.
- f. 22nd January** - National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) team met the CILT Chair and SG to discuss joint engagement opportunities with CILT.
- g. 22nd January** - Vice Chair CILT represented CILT at the stakeholder engagement meeting held at Sri Lanka Port Authority
- h. P B Karandawela Memorial Lecture – 24th January 2019**
The P.B. Karandawala Memorial Lecture was held at the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Training & Research Institute. The lecture was conducted jointly with Company of Master Mariners. Capt. Peshala Medagama, CMILT delivered the keynote speech on the topic “Contribution of International Shipping and Maritime community towards sustainable development”.
- i. 29th January** - Secretary General CILT attended the second meeting for stakeholder engagement held at Sri Lanka Port Authority. Stakeholders were taken on a inspection visit around the warehouse at the port.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- a.** As at 31st December 2018 CILT achieved a membership growth of 38% (MILT and above)
- b.** **25th January** - HIPG Roadshow, Hambantota - 57 participants took part in the event and they are to send their member application in due course.
- c.** **28th January** – CILT was invited to the NSBM Open day to conduct a membership drive at NSBM, Green Campus in Homagama. 45 student members enrolled as new members at the event.

3. EDUCATION

- a.** **6th December** – CILT organized a public workshop on Warehouse Management at EFL Auditorium and 45 participants attended the workshop. CILT also conducted a membership drive at the event
- b.** **9th January** - Council Member Chaminda Perera represented CILT and met the Civil Aviation Training Centre (CATC) training head to discuss joint opportunities
- c.** **24th January** – Re-accreditation audit visit for BSc Degree in Transport & Logistics Management at University of Moratuwa

4. WILAT

- a.** **28th November** - Chairperson of WiLAT SL together with Ms. Nadia Abdul Aziz, Chairperson of WiLAT Dubai represented WiLAT at the Lloyd's List South Asia, Middle East & Africa (SAMEA) Awards Dinner which was held on the 2018 at Palazzo Versace Hotel, Dubai
- b.** **29th November** - CILT Chair was invited to share WiLAT “Ignite” mentoring program with CORE JUSTICE program of women lawyers
- c.** **4th December** - WiLAT endorsed the WIM Top50 women’s conference
- d.** **27th December** – Vice Chairperson WiLAT SL, Gayathri Karunanayake was invited to do a session for CILT Bangladesh team to assist them to set up a WiLAT forum in BD. They intend to set up the WiLAT forum in April at their CILT AGM
- e.** **31st December** - Ms. Dhashma Karunaratne, Chairperson of WiLAT Sri Lanka attended the 7 million TEU achievement Ceremony of Port of Colombo which took place at Jaya Container Terminal
- f.** WiLAT SL Chairperson addressed more than 350 young undergraduates representing all the faculties of University of Colombo at ‘INSIGHT’, the corporate day organized by AIESEC Colombo Central in collaboration with the Career Guidance Unit of Faculty of Management & Finance. The session was on the topic of ‘Current Corporate Demands’ which will help the undergraduates to become successful in the corporate arena.

- g. 23rd January* - CILT Chairperson was part of the press conference to promote the Future of Women International conference, which will be held from 14-15 February. WiLAT is an Associate partner of the conference and CILT Chair and WiLAT chair have been invited as moderator and a panellist in the Professional women forum
- h. 26th January* - WiLAT SL was represented at the ‘Coastal Clean-up CSR project’ organized by WISTA Sri Lanka on the coastal stretch from Dehiwala Station up to Mt. Lavinia Hotel. Addressing the pressing concern of marine conservation, the focus of the project was to enhance the public awareness on the importance of Marine conservation
- i.* Chairperson WiLAT SL attended the breakfast meeting with His Excellency, Tung-Lai Margue (Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka and Maldives) hosted by The European Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka on the working relationship between Sri Lanka and the European Union & to discuss and be a part of the upcoming trade and business plans for 2019. In addition, LinkedIn top voice 2017/2018, Alexandra Galviz showcased techniques, strategies and hacks on how to build an online presence on LinkedIn as the ideal B2B and B2C platform.

5. YPF

- a. 10th January* – CILT Chairperson was invited to attend the YouLead (USAID funded project) youth labour market assessment findings workshop
- b. 23rd January* - CILT signed a MOU with YouLead (USAID funded project) to address youth unemployment and gender diversity in the transport and logistics sector through WiLAT and YPF

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