

CILT Sri Lanka
REPORT TO IMC| February 2020 – April 2020| IVP SOUTH ASIA

1. Education/Scholarships

- **12th February** - Accreditation audit of Ocean University was held at the University premises by a three member audit team consisting of Dr Mahinda Bandara, Accrediation Team leader, Mr Channaka de Alwis, VC CILT and Dr Indika Sigera, Council member CILT. Ms Gayani de Alwis, Chairperson of CILT and Mr Henry Tix, Education Coordinator too were present as observers. CILT Annual report was presented to the Vice Chancellor during the audit-briefing meeting.
- **03rd March** – Upon the invitation of Dean of Management faculty of University of Ruhuna, Ms. Gayani De Alwis, Chairperson, and Council members Mr. HA Premaratne, Dr. Priyangani Jayasundara, Ms. Vijitha Weerasinghe, Ms. Gayathri Karunanayake and Mr. Joe Rajadurai, Secretary General CILTSL visited the university. Chairperson made a brief presentation about CILT and benefits offered. Discussions were held to get support from CILT on their new SC program curriculum development and also their willingness to join the CILT university network.
- **28th April** – 1st webinar series organized by Educational sectional committee was held under the theme of “**Opportunity to Reboot**” via ZOOM. Mr. Ruki De Silva joined the session as the resource person and fifty(50) participants joined online for the session.

2. Membership Development

- **17th February** – CILT held a roadshow at SAGT with the participation of twenty-four (24) employees. Chairperson CILT and SG General and Education coordinator took part at the Road show.
- **18th February** – CILT was invited to conduct a road show at Fonterra foods pvt ltd to their Supply chain leadership team. 65 executives and managers attended the session. CILT SL Chairperson spoke about CILT and its global presence and the benefits of being part of a global professional body. Gayathri Karunanayake, WiLAT Chair shared the WiLAT journey and invited the females team members to join CILT.
- **03rd March** – As an initiative to establish CILTSL Southern Chapter, Chairperson CILT Ms. Gayani De alwis, Council members Mr. HA Premaratne, Dr. Priyangani, Ms. Vijitha Weerasinghe, Ms. Gayathri Karunanayake and Mr. Joe Rajadurai, Secretary General CILTSL visited HIPG to have a kick off meeting. Officials from Mattala Airport, Hayleys Advantis and HIPG were present at the meeting. Mr Tissa Wickremasinghe, COO of HIPG during his opening address thanked CILT for this timely effort and extended his fullest support to set up the Southern CILT SL branch.
Chairperson gave away membership certificates for 18 new members from HIPG during the visit.
- **10th March** – CILT Central Chapter YPF/WiLAT section launch was held on 10th March 2020, at University of Peradeniya. Ms. Harshani Edirisinghe, Mr. Viraj Rathnaweera, and Mr. Uddepa Jayawardena represented YPF SL with Ms Vijitha Weerasinghe and Dr Priyangani Jayasundara represented WiLAT SL. Gayani De Alwis, Chairperson, CILT addressed the gathering and explained the importance of being part of CILT and respective YPF and WiLAT representatives spoke about WiLAT and YPF. The audience comprised of both student members as well as non-student members of undergraduates of Department of Manufacturing & Industrial engineering and management faculty. CILT Central Chapter Chairman Dr Asela Kulatunga. WiLAT Coordinator Subodha Dharmapriya, YPF Coordinator Marlin Jayawickrema were present at the launch ceremony.
- **20th and 21st April, 2020** - CILTSL membership evaluation team held its first online viva session for 8 members during the curfew period during the Covid crisis.

- **IOI membership application evaluation**

Three (03) membership applications have been received from Madagaskar. Once all required documentation is received, membership application will be evaluated.

3. **External Engagements**

- **2nd February** - CILT Chairperson was invited^[1]_{SEP} for the Green HRM forum by the MBA batch at NSBM Green Campus as a speaker/panelist on 2nd February 2020. Director Daraz and CEO NPC were the other panelists.
- **13th February** – CILT Chairperson was invited to moderate a panel discussion at the Forum on “**Disruptive technologies in SC**” on 13th February at the Mahaweli Centre auditorium.
- **11th February** - CILT Chairperson was invited for a workshop organized by ICLEI South Asia in collaboration with the World Bank & FAO on “**Urban Food Systems**” as a panelist on 11th February at the Ramada Hotel.
- **19th February** – By-Law revision committee meeting to review all amendments for the AGM 2020 held at DRH logistics office. Chairperson Ms. Gayani de Alwis, Com members Mr. HA Premaratne, Mr. Diren Hallock, Mr. Chaminda Perera, Mr. Channaka de Alwis, and Dr. Namali Sirisoma attended the meeting and approved the revisions pending council approval.
- **20th February** – An overview on CILT SL was published for the first time in National Transport Commission (NTC) 2019 Transport Statistics Hand Book. The former DG NTC and CILT SL Council member Ms Vijitha Weerasinghe made the initiative possible.
- **23rd February** - Chairperson of CILTSL was invited to speak on career opportunities in Supply Chain Management as a Guest Lecturer at NIBM on 23rd February. NIBM agreed to become a Corporate partner of CILT.
- **25th February** - In response to a request made by Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) Mr HA Premaratne was nominated from CILT to represent policy review committee of SLTB.
- **02nd March** – An eight member CILT council delegation paid a courtesy visit to the new SLPA Chairman Major Gen. Daya Rathnayaka at SLPA. CILT Chairperson gave a brief presentation on CILT and its global presence and activities. Chairman SLPA invited CILT to engage with SLPA and take the lead to resolve transport and logistics issues at the port.

4. **Events**

- **07th February** – CILT and PIMA jointly held its 02nd joint CPD session under the theme of “**Mobility for the next generation**” at PIM Auditorium on 07th February, 2020. Dr. Dimantha De Silva made the key note speech and the panel was moderated by Mr. Diren Hallock whilst Dr. Namali Sirisoma, Dr. H. R. Pasindu, Ms. Ramya Weerakoon and Mr. Nayana Mawilmada joined the session as panelists. Over seventy (70) members from CILT and PIMA participated at the event.
- **04th March** – CILT SL Aviation sectional committee organized a field visit to Rathmalana Airport. Chairman of Aviation Sectional committee Ajith Ekanayake arranged the visit. Several council members and members

attended the visit. The participants were able to visit Air Traffic Control-Area Control center and the Air force museum. Thirty (30) participants took part in the visit got valuable insights on air traffic control operations.

5. WiLAT

- **15th February** - WiLAT conducted a roadshow at CINEC Metro Campus, Nugegoda for CILT diploma/advance diploma students. Twenty (20) students took part in the road show. Chairperson CILT and VC WiLAT Maithree Attanayake attended the road show.
- **20th February** – CILT & WiLAT jointly organized a field visit to CCS, Ice cream factory in Awissavella for members and over sixty (60) members took part in the visit.
- **04th March** - WiLAT celebrated its 7th anniversary and International Women's day at Victorian, Kingsbury. Mr. Hyeonyong Choi addressed the gathering as the keynote speaker and Ms. Aroshi Nanayakkara, Ms. Chamila Bandara, Mr. Hemnida Jayaweera, Ms. Lonali Rodrigo attend the event as panelists. Mr. Ibrahim Saleem moderated the session and over 140 participants attend the event.
- **28 March - WiLAT Celebrates Earth Hour 2020.** WiLAT SL having pledged to support Earth Hour Sri Lanka in 2016, this year marked the hour by joining people from a record-breaking 190 countries and territories to support Earth Hour 2020 digitally on Saturday, 28 March, at 8.30 p.m.
- **29th April - WiLAT Exco Meetings** - The COVID19 pandemic did not disrupt the WiLAT Exco from having their regular monthly meetings. The team met monthly in the past two months during the curfew period virtually via Zoom platforms to conduct their meetings, share ideas, discuss on projects and carry out the initiatives lined up. WiLAT successfully held all 12 monthly meeting this tenure.

6. YPF

- **YPF Case Study Challenge (YPC)** was held at HATCH, Colombo. Over 45 teams from universities and corporates registered for the YPC. 38 teams submitted and 4 teams were shortlisted for the finals. This is the first time the teams were given a real life case study about the Port of Colombo to study and present their proposals. The judging panel consisted of Dr Dan Malika Gunasekara, Ms Gayani de Alwis, SLPA officials, Nimesh Indika and Pradeep Karunathilake, The chief Guest of the YPC was Mr Upali de Zoysa, Additional Managing Director SLPA and Council member CILT. Teams from the department of Transport and Logistics of University of Moratuwa won the first three positions and the Nestle team won the 4th position.

7. **CILT Central Chapter Activities**

- **Guest Talk on Traffic Congestion and Possible Solutions** - The second Guest talk was held on 14th January 2020 at NIBM, Kandy, entitled "**Traffic Congestion- Any Way Out?**". Dr. Jayalath Edirisinghe, Head, Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, and University of Peradeniya did the presentation. The forum opened the path to discuss about the emerging techniques for finding solutions to traffic congestion in Kandy.
- **Guest Talk on Developing Supply Chain Strategies**
The third guest talk was held on 19th January 2020, titled "**Significance of Supply Chain Strategy,**" by Dr. Senavi Kiridena, Senior Lecturer, University of Wollongong, Australia. The guest talk was held at the DMIE Seminar Room, Department of Manufacturing and Industrial Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya.

8. Covid 19 Actions/Projects

- **WiLAT CSR** - WiLAT Exco made personal contribution to assist the Family Health Bureau, which is the focal point of maternal and child health in SL to successfully equip the maternal care unit for diagnosed COIV19 mothers at Colombo East Base Hospital, Mulleriyawa with the basic supplies required. Dr. Chandramalee De Silva, Director / Maternal and Child Health of the Family Health Bureau thanked WiLAT for their efforts.
- **CILT SL** - CILT SL donated PPEs and medical devices for the front line medical officials at the Colombo National Hospital and the 512 Army Brigade in Jaffna.
- **Interview on the current crisis** - Chairperson CILT was interviewed by Daily News the English national daily on the current Coronavirus crisis and the article was published on 20th April under the title “Corona virus crisis -How digital solutions can improve logistics efficiency”
- **CILTSL Ideathon 2020** – CILT launched Ideathon 2020 to tackle supply chain, Transport and logistics challenges during the COVID 19 pandemic situation. The entire competition held virtually from 22nd April – 02 May 2020 and 53 submissions were received within 03 days and worldwide participation from 7 countries (USA, Nigeria, India, Malaysia, Oman, Canada and Sri Lanka).
Mr. Chaminda Perera, Secretary CILT and Ms. Gayathri Karunanayake, Chairperson WiLAT extended their support as facilitators to the CILTSLideathon2020. The CILT, WiLAT, YPF team was led by Ms. Indeewari Chandrasekara, (WiLAT Exco) with Mr. Shamith Wjethilake (CILT Council), Mr. Pasindu Pathiranage, (YPF Exco) and Mr. Vimukthi Mahakumbura (CILT Student member) as organizing committee members under the mentorship of Chairperson CILT SL. The panel of judges consisted of industry leaders Mr. Diren Hallock (Lead judge), Ms. Kasturi Wilson, Mr. Heminda Jayaweera, Mr. Chalinda Abeykoon, Ms. Jayomi Lokuliyana, Mr. Ahamed Irfan and Prof. Ajith de Alwis. The winning ideas will be pitched to investors and CILT will initiate an incubator in the future to support these ideators.
- **Webinars** - CILT and WiLAT SL started a series a knowledge sharing webinars during the curfew period to engage with the members and to educate them on SC, logistics and transport responses to Covid-19. Also Mr Romesh David, Ms Gayani de Alwis, Mr Upali de Zoysa and Ms Gayathri Karunanayake represented many panels during this period representing the sector sharing their expertise.
 - ❖ **CILT SL Webinars** - Conducted the inaugural joint webinar on 15th April 2020 with European Chamber of Commerce (ECC) on the theme “ Supply Chain & Logistics Frontier during Lockdown”. The session consisted of panelists from port, airport, retail industry and logistics. Chairperson CILT moderated the session. 120 participants joined the webinar.

Second joint CILT/ECC webinar was held on the theme “Rethinking Tourism” with travel and tourism industry leaders. Editor Daily FT, Mr Nisthar Cassim, moderated the session. 200 participants joined the webinar. Both joint webinars were live streamed through face book and many were able to access the webinar.
 - ❖ **CILT International best practice sharing webinar series** - CILT SL Chairperson shared the Sri Lankan Covid 19 response along with Egypt in the first CILT international best practice sharing webinar session on 22nd April 2020.
 - ❖ **WiLAT Knowledge Sharing Forums**
 - WiLAT organized its maiden Webinar on the topic “The Role of Logistics and Supply Chain Industry during the COVID19 & the Life of the Back Stage Crew” on 23rd April 2020 and witnessed the participation of 65, including overseas participants from Bangladesh, South Africa, Ireland and India. Two other webinars are lined up in the future.

- WiLAT organized a webinar to motivate the membership on 5th May on the topic “**Reset Thinking**” by Sanjeev Jayarathnam. 35 participated at the webinar.
- **Concept Paper** - CILT submitted a concept paper to the Covid 19 Presidential Taskforce to supplement the current guidelines on “Managing movement of people to minimize threat of COVID-19 in Sri Lanka” on 29th April 2020
- **Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC) National Agenda Committee (NAC)** – Mr Romesh David, Prof Amal Kumara and Gayani de Alwis were part of the CCC (NAC) team on logistics and transport developing a paper on public transport and international transport as guidance to the government before resumption of work.
- **SME Task force** - CILT was invited by CMA on 28th April to provide assistance to SME businesses to exploit opportunities & meet challenges of Covid-19 pandemic and in setting up of the help desk for SME sector. Chairperson CILT is representing the taskforce for SC, logistics and transport sector to support the SME businesses.
- **Research Project on food supply chain & distribution** - PIM together with CILT have submitted a proposal at the request of National Science Foundation (NSF) to initiate a research project on “Strategic Supply Chain Management for Food Distribution in Sri Lanka” during the Covid-19 crisis situation. Awaiting approval from the government to initiate the work.
- **Survey on the impact to the industry sector**- The National Human Resources Development Council (NHRDC) of Sri Lanka under the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Council and Local Government has approached CILT to conduct a survey to understand the impact to the logistics and international trade sector to understand the real situation and changes in the labour market due to COVID-19 and Identify suitable recommendations to reboot the sector.