

# Golden Gate Pendulum Service Of MSC Returns To Jaya Container Terminal



The Golden Gate Pendulum Service owned by the Geneva-based Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) commenced patronising Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) on a weekly basis expecting more than 1800 moves per vessel.

To celebrate the induction of this service to the JCT/SLPA, a plaque exchange ceremony was held on board the vessel 'MSC ALESSIA' on her maiden voyage at the JCT/SLPA. Plaques were exchanged between Dr Priyath B Wickrama, Chairman of SLPA, and Capt Zvonko Barac, the Master of the vessel and the officials of Messrs.

Commenting on the occasion, the Chairman of SLPA said, "The efficiency and the increased productivity demonstrated by the JCT staff at all levels who worked with dedication and understanding to improve service levels even in this global economic meltdown which hit the shipping industry worldwide, has been clearly evidenced by the MSC's decision to patronise JCT."

"In terms of machinery and other resources, SLPA is well-equipped to handle the

world's largest existing and planned container vessels and deliver unsurpassed standards of service and productivity to our customers," said Capt Nihal Keppetipola, Managing Director of SLPA. He further stated that the return of this service to the state-run JCT was a clear indication of the efficiency of services offered by JCT, the confidence placed by the shipping community who patronises the privately-owned South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) and also the popularity of high standard business ethics practiced by SLPA. He also went on to add that this move would undoubtedly betoken a great future ahead of SLPA.

