

MSTI Galle Opens Its Newest Branch In Colombo

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MERCMARINE Training, formerly known as MSTI Galle, opened their new premises at 696/4, Maradana Road, Colombo 10. Chief Guest Dr Jürgen Morhard, Ambassador of Germany in Sri Lanka, officially opened the new premises, while the occasion was further graced by Thomas Kriwat, CEO—MERCMARINE Group of Companies, Capt Abdhul Latif Mohomad, Minister of State for Transport and Communication Maldives, Ajith Senvirathne, DG—Merchant Shipping, Capt Rohan Codipilly, COO—MERCMARINE Group of Companies, Capt Athula Hewavithana, Senior Deputy Harbor—Master Port of Colombo, Capt Keith Jayasuriya, GM—MERCMARINE Training and many other distinguished invitees and members of the staff.

Founded as Mercantile Seamen Training Institute(MSTI Galle), the objective of MERCMARINE Training is the training and development of local youth in the field of Maritime. MERCMARINE has extensive experience in providing the best in terms of expertise and training in Maritime. Furthermore, all the courses offered have been approved by the Ministry of Merchant Shipping Division of Sri Lanka and the company has also obtained ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System Certifications from DNV, an attestant to their quality service. Adding to this excellence, MERCMARINE is further

certified and accredited by City & Guilds as well.

The new branch will oversee the functions of MERCMARINE Training, enabling quality marine training accessible to existing, new and prospective seafarers. The new training facility is a fully-fledged training unit providing STCW short courses, electronic simulator courses (ECDIS) and Officer Cadet training. "We believe that the opening of the Colombo branch in the heart of Colombo 10, Maradana-opposite Ananda college, will provide great accessibility for all our seafarers wide spread all over the country. This new Branch is just five minutes away from the Mardanana railway station and bus halt. This makes us the only maritime training school in the heart of Colombo," said Capt Keith Jayasuriya, GM—MERCMARINE Training.