

The 24th CACCI Conference Sri Lanka Economic Summit 2010

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Facing Global and Local Challenges: The New Dynamics for Economic Development

Reaping the benefits of a war free era, Sri Lanka is now increasingly focused on economic development. The business community has ventured into new avenues, expanding and diversifying business, and accelerating economic growth. New opportunities have also arisen for foreign investment, as well as for building public-private partnerships.

On the global scale, economies are emerging from the setbacks suffered during the recession, and Asia is playing a lead role in this. The region, home to a young and growing population, has much potential to offer to the world. However, it has been confronted with major challenges, calling the public and private sectors to rethink and refocus on issues. In addition, climate change, food security and population aging are also some of the key issues facing the region.

In such a context, for the first time in its decade long journey, Sri Lanka Economic Summit for 2010 will be held jointly with the Annual Conference of the Asia Pacific Chambers of Commerce (CACCI), a grouping of 27 countries in the Asia Pacific region.

The conference will explore in depth the current challenges faced by the Asian economies, identify priority areas on which countries and companies need to focus

and recommend policy responses to the changing trends locally and globally. It will also focus on how the governments, international financial organisations and private sector participants can adapt to ensure growth and macroeconomic stability in Asia. Presented by The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, the Conference also seeks to provide an opportunity to meet and network with participants from Asia – Pacific economies.

In addition, the conference will also focus on promoting investment and trade. Experts will discuss in detail strategies that could be adopted to attract foreign investments, examine successful models implemented by other states and mechanisms to ease and expedite implementation of large-scale infrastructure projects.

Participants will benefit from enhanced knowledge on global challenges and strategies to overcome them. Furthermore, they will also have an opportunity to learn of ways to develop their businesses and promote their products in Sri Lanka, while sourcing products from the country. Especially aimed at chairmen, CEOs, directors, senior managers, executives, management trainees, foreign investors, senior government officials and academics, the Conference will be held from July 5 to 7, 2010 at Cinnamon Grand, Colombo.

Day One

Monday, July 5, 2010

CACCI Parallel Breakout Sessions (optional)

9.00 am – 10.30 am Parallel Breakout Sessions 1

Asian Textiles and Garments Council

Asian Chemicals Industry Council

Young Entrepreneurs Group Asia-Pacific

Asian ICT Council

10.45 – 12.15 pm Parallel Breakout Sessions 2

SME Development Council

Asian Council on Tourism

Women Entrepreneurs Council

6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Opening Ceremony of the 24th CACCI Conference and the SRI LANKA Economic Summit 2010

Welcome Address by Prof Lakshman R Watawala Chairman of the Conference Committee

Address by Dr Anura Ekanayake

Chairman, The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce

Address by Kosala Wickramanayake

President, Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka

Welcome Statement by Harvey Chang

President of CACCI

Chief Guest - Official from the Government of Sri Lanka

Keynote Speaker - (tbc)

Congratulatory Remarks by Sohn Kyung-Shik

Chairman, The Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Brief Response by Dr Jeffrey Koo

CACCI Honourary President

Presentation of Testimonials of Appreciation to the Chief Guest and the Keynote Speaker

Day Two

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

Plenary Sessions and Speakers

9.00 am – 10:30 am **Plenary Session 1 - Climate Change: Mitigating its Impact on Business and Economic Development**

Takashi Hongo

Special Advisor and Director General for Environment Finance Engineering

Department, Japan Bank for International Co-operation

Renton de Alwis

Former Chairman, Sri Lanka Tourism Board

Shirani Yasarathne

International Union for Conserving Nature, Bangkok

Dr Mehdi Fakheri

Vice President for International Affairs, Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Mines

Chairman. Moderator: Annisul Huq,

President, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry and

Chairman, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry

11.00 am -12:30 pm

Plenary Session 2 - Investing in Human Capital and Technology for Sustainable Economic Growth

Keynote Speaker: Dr Sarath Amunugama

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance and Planning

Dr Morris Chang

Founding Chairman, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) – (tbc)

Dr Hyeun-Suk Rhee

Director, United Nations Asian Pacific Training Centre for Information & Communication Technology for Development (UN-APCICT)

Ravi Peiris

Director General, Employers Federation of Ceylon

Chairman/Moderator: Sergey Vasiliev

Director, International Cooperation Department, Chamber of Commerce of the Russian Federation

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

Plenary Session 3 - Issues on Food Security and Opportunities in Innovative Agriculture/Plantation

Rebecca Cohn

Mission Director, USAID, Sri Lanka

Prof Shabd Swaroop Acharya

Honourary Professor, Institute of Development Studies, India

Dr Anura Ekanayake

Chairman, The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce

Darren Lee,

Board Director, Ten Ren Tea

Chairman/Moderator: Dr Mehdi Fakheri

Vice President for International Affairs, Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Mines

3.50 – 5.20

Plenary Session 4 - Economic Implications of an Aging Population: Challenges and Opportunities

Dr W Indralal de Silva

Professor and Head, Department of Demography, University of Colombo

Prof Alfred Chan Cheung Ming

Professor and Director, Asia-Pacific Institute of Aging Studies, Hong Kong
Prof Mohammad Afzal
Honourary Professor of Demography, Population Research Centre, Pakistan – (tbc)
Chairman/Moderator: Ambassador Benedicto V Yujuico
CACCI Executive Vice President & Chairman Emeritus, Athena e-Services.

Day Three

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

8.30 – 9.00 am Opening Session of the Joint Sri Lanka Economic Summit – CACCI Conference

Welcome Remarks: Prof Lakshman R Watawala Chairman, Conference Committee

Keynote Speaker: Prof G L Peiris

Minister of External Affairs – (tbc)

9.00 am – 10.30 am

Plenary Session 5 – Foreign Direct Investment Opportunities in Asia & Pacific

Keynote Speaker: Basil Rajapaksa

Minister of Economic Development – (tbc)

Atul Bindal

President, Mobile Services, Bharti Airtel

Jegathesan

Chief Executive Officer, JJ International Consultants

Session Chairman: (tbc)

11.00 am – 12.30 pm

Plenary Session 6 – Accelerating Infrastructure Development

Government Policy on Infrastructure Development

Keynote Speaker: Dr P B Jayasundara

Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development

International Funding for Accelerating Infrastructure Development

Richard W A Vokes

Country Director and Resident Representative, Asian Development Bank – Sri Lanka Resident Mission

Gajendra Haldea

Advisor to DCH (Infrastructure), India – (tbc)

Session Chairman: J D Bandaranayake

Past Chairman, The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and Chairman/DG, Board of

Investment, Sri Lanka

2.00 pm – 5.20 pm

Plenary Session 7 - Fast Tracking the Economy

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm Panel discussion 1

Keynote Speaker: Mahinda Samarasinghe

Minister of Plantations

Export Agriculture: Samantha Ranatunga, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, CIC Colombo

Fisheries: Indu Ranasinghe

Director General, Ministries of Fisheries – (tbc)

IT/BPO: Madu Ratnayake

Vice President and General Manager, Virtusa

Industrial Sector: W K H Wegapitiya

Chairman, LAUGFS Holdings

Plantation Industry: Dr Rohan Fernando

Director, Aitken Spence / Head, Business Dev and Plantations, Aitken Spence Plantations

Tourism: Srilal Miththapala

President, Sri Lanka Tourist Hotel Association

Moderator: Savithri Rodrigo

3.50 pm – 5.20 pm

Panel discussion 2

Keynote Speaker: Ajith Nivard Cabraal

Governor, Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Apparel: A Sukumaran

Chairman, Joint Apparel Association Forum (JAAF)

Banking and Finance: Nick Nicolaou

Chief Executive Officer, The Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC)

Construction: Rohan Tudawe

Managing Director, Tudawe Brothers

Developing Managerial Skills: Dr Uditha Liyanage

Director, Postgraduate Institute of Management

Ports and Shipping: Mohan Pandithage

Chairman and CEO, Hayleys

Moderator: Arun Dias Bandaranayake