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HIP MARITIME EYE VIEW

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- Ro-Ro terminals
- Oil terminals
- Bulk terminals
- Cruise terminals
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Energy Hub

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- Petro chemicals

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Welcome to the 3rd Edition of “HIP MARITIME EYE VIEW”!

With great enthusiasm and delight, we extend our warmest welcome to you for the 3rd edition of “HIP MARITIME EYE VIEW.” As the Editorial Committee, we are thrilled to present yet another captivating issue brimming with inspiration, knowledge, and stories that are bound to enrich your lives.

Our resolute mission is to provide a platform that celebrates our collective achievements, business highlights, engagements, ESG initiatives, news, creativity, intellect, and diverse perspectives through various segments. In this edition, we have curated a brilliant lineup of articles and features that promise to captivate your minds and touch your hearts.

We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering dedication and hard work in maintaining the quality and integrity of our publication. Your contributions have been invaluable in upholding the standards of excellence that our readers have come to expect. We deeply appreciate the time and effort each of you invests in creating compelling content that informs, inspires, and engages our audience.

As we embark on this journey through the pages of the third edition of “HIP MARITIME EYE VIEW”, we urge you to embrace the joy of learning, open your minds to new perspectives, and feel inspired to pursue your passions. May this magazine kindle the flames of curiosity within you and empower you to become agents of positive change in your communities.

Let us not forget that this magazine is a celebration of you—our readers, writers, and supporters—who make this journey worthwhile. Your stories, ideas, and insights are the lifeblood that makes “HIP MARITIME EYE VIEW” a true embodiment of collective wisdom and human connection.



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Third Edition Note

Welcome to the 3rd edition of “HIP MARITIME EYE VIEW”, your dedicated source for insights and developments at Hambantota International Port (HIP). As we continue our journey, published twice a year from 2024 onwards, this magazine aims to keep you informed about the transformative progress of HIP.

This edition covers the progress of the first half of the year 2024, as we delve into the recent advancements and strategic initiatives that are positioning Hambantota as a vital hub in the global maritime landscape driving economic growth and fostering international trade.

One of the highlights of this edition is our coverage of the collaborative efforts between HIP and various global shipping giants. Furthermore, we are excited to share stories from our internal vibrant culture and external community, showcasing the people behind the port’s success. Their dedication and hard work are the true driving forces behind HIP’s achievements. Through their stories, we hope to inspire and connect with our readers, highlighting the human element in our endeavors.

As the Senior General Manager of the HR & Administration Department, I am proud to witness the continuous growth and success of HIP. This magazine is a testament to the collective efforts of the “Magazine Editorial Committee” and the unwavering commitment to excellence by all our contributing and supporting team members.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. We look forward to your continued support and engagement as we navigate the waves of the maritime world together.

Warm Regards,

Jeevan Premasara

Senior General Manager - HR & Administration





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MESSAGE FROM CEO

Message from Chief Executive Officer - HIPG



Navigating New Horizons !

Greetings to our team members, esteemed partners, and associates in the maritime industry,

Welcome to the third volume of "HIP MARITIME EYE VIEW". I am happy to see the continuation of this publication, which we first launched in 2022. From this year onwards, we will publish this magazine twice a year to provide more frequent updates.

Over the past year, we have faced numerous challenges and navigated uncharted waters. In the face of these challenges, I extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the incredible team behind our organization's success.

In 2023, we focused on excellence in strategic partnerships and growth. On October 20, 2023, during a meeting between President Xi Jinping and President Ranil Wickramasinghe, it was agreed to promote Hambantota Port as a key project of the China-Sri Lanka Belt and Road Initiative. Accordingly, HIP established six strategic platforms: South Asia Energy Service Center, South Asia RORO Transshipment Center, Sri Lanka Bulk Cargo Distribution Center, South Asia Maritime Service Center, Regional Con-

tainer Transshipment Center, and Port Industry Concentration Area. HIP delivered excellent port services in 2023, emerging as the fastest-growing RORO port in the region with over 700,000 moves and a 25% year-on-year increase. HIP also welcomed 22 cruise calls and over 6,000 tourists, boosting local tourism. In the energy sector, we achieved a 250% increase in bunker volume and a 145% increase in LPG volume compared to 2022, with vessel calls for marine fuel growing sevenfold. Our productivity improved significantly, with RORO productivity and oil jetty throughput surpassing expectations.

External investor confidence grew rapidly, with HIP signing agreements with ten new clients. Our corporate image and relations further improved with top-level visits and over 60 press releases highlighting HIP's growth. HIP won the Maritime Standards - CSR Award in 2023 for the second consecutive time. ESG is a top priority in our business operation. Cultural events like Mini Olympics; New year events; Family trip; Family port visit; etc., and training programs were enhanced to foster a supportive and dynamic workplace culture.

The year 2024 is proving to be a flourishing one for HIP, with an expected significant increase in overall throughput. While we strive for our business goals, we should never forget that sustainability and ethical practices are at the core of our corporate values. We should be committed to ensure that our growth is not only profitable but also sustainable and socially responsible.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all our staff, partners and associates for your continued support and collaboration. Let us continue to navigate these new horizons with confidence.

Warm Regards,

Johnson Liu
**Chief Executive Officer - HIPG/
The Chief Representative,
Sri Lanka Representative Office
of China Merchants Group**

Message from Chief Executive Officer - HIPS

It gives me much pleasure in penning a few thoughts to the third edition of "HIP MARITIME EYE VIEW", at a very crucial period of transition of HIP.

On the day the company held its Staff New Year Celebration CEO broke the good news that Container operations at HIP will be inaugurated this year. As we continue our journey in a dynamic and demanding environment, we embark on the strategic transition from operating primarily as a Roll-On / Roll-Off RORO and Bulk cargo port include container handling. Straddling one of busiest maritime trade routes, the need for strategic planning in port operations and logistics, investing in infrastructure, and leveraging technology, can help us navigate future challenges more effectively.

This transition not only opens new opportunities for growth but also necessitates careful planning and execution to ensure success. Integrating container operations with existing RORO services, Dry and Liquid Bulk Cargo handling, and handling of Cruise vessels, will demand enhanced coordination and scheduling. Becoming a multi-cargo port can position us as a more versatile and competitive player in the maritime industry. This versatility can attract more shipping lines and logistics companies seeking comprehensive port services.

The shift to handling containers necessitates adherence to environmental regulations and sustainability practices. At this juncture, it is crucial to underscore the importance of maintaining the highest standards of safety. This includes safety protocols, security measures, and adherence to customs regulations. Our work involves numerous hazards, from heavy machinery and large vessels to the complex coordination required for efficient operations. Ensuring safety



not only protects our valued employees but also enhances our operational efficiency and reliability.





The well-being of each team member is our top priority. Adhering to safety SOPs, wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), and staying vigilant can prevent accidents and injuries. Remember, safety is a shared responsibility, and looking out for one another can make a significant difference. As we move forward, let's continue to prioritize safety in all aspects of our work and remain adaptable to the ever-changing landscape of global shipping.

Together, we can ensure the well-being of our team, the efficiency of our operations, and the sustainability of our environment.

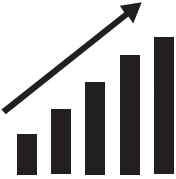

Stay safe and vigilant,

Captain Ravindra Jayawickreme
Chief Executive Officer - HIPS



TOP MILESTONES ACHIEVED IN YEAR 2023

RANK		MILESTONE
1		<p>Excellence in playing a pivotal role in bilateral partnership !</p> <p>On 20th October 2023, President Xi Jinping met President Ranil Wickramasinghe and he urged the two nations to promote Hambantota Port Integrated development plan as a flagship project of the China-Sri Lanka Belt and Road Initiative.</p>
2		<p>Establishing 6 Platforms for redefining HIP's strategic excellence !</p> <p>To establish a Comprehensive Port, 6 platforms have been redefined by HIP to elevate the strategic positioning of the business.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. South Asia Energy Service Center2. South Asia RORO Transshipment Center3. Sri Lanka Bulk Cargo Distribution Center4. South Asia Maritime Service Center5. Regional Container Transshipment Center6. Port Industry Concentration Area
3		<p>Excellence in Port Services excelling as the fastest growing RORO port of the region and a popular destination for Cruise Services !</p> <p>RORO volume exceeded more than 700,000 moves, establishing HIP as the fastest growing RORO port in the region with a 25+ % YOY volume increase. A historical record of 22 cruise calls in 2023 and over 6000 cruise tourists arrived in 2023. A significant growth in the cruise business Strengthens the local tourism industry. Contributing at the national level HIP Tugs supported the salvage operation of MV Xpress Pearl.</p>
4		<p>Excellence in growth and transformation and as an Energy Hub !</p> <p>Over 250% increase of Bunker volume compared to 2022. Over 145% increase of LPG Volume compared to the 2022. Total number of vessel calls receiving marine fuel grew by 7 times compared to the 2022.</p>

TOP MILESTONES ACHIEVED IN YEAR 2023

RANK		MILESTONE
5		<p>Excellence in improving port productivity management !</p> <p>RORO Productivity showed significant improvement compared to the previous year. Average Net Vessel Rate: 1+ % RORO Handling Volume per Hour (Moves per hour): 39+ % RORO handling volume per shift (moves): 8+ % Monthly volume handled (Moves): 45+ % Highest hourly productivity achieved during MV. RCC Tianjin operation.</p> <p>Overall throughput of the oil jetty surpassed 900,000 MT. The distance of the Pilot Boarding Ground (PBG) reduced enhancing operational efficiency.</p>
6		<p>Excellence in securing Investor confidence !</p> <p>The largest centralized agreement signing event was conducted which is a first ever achievement since 2017. Ten (10) new clients signed agreements with HIPG, including three (3) duty-free business projects.</p> <p>Obtained Supplemental Initial Environment Examination (SIEE) for Industrial Park a major efficiency improvement factor for new investor facilitation.</p>
7		<p>Excellence in uplifting Security and Safety standards !</p> <p>HIP maintained the highest level of security implementing a total security safeguarding mechanism model involving all stakeholders. Through this we supported CMPort and CMG for their award-winning efforts to ensure the highest security practices across all foreign investments. HIP's Port Facility Security Plan was reviewed with the assistance of SL Navy in accordance with the International Port Facility Security Code, setting standards above all other ports in Sri Lanka. Received Appreciation certificate from MOL, achieving ZERO damage operation. Obtained the Advanced Performance Award for safety issued by CMG and CMPort. ISO 9001, 14001 & 45001 certification is continued without any non-conformities. Achievement of 700,000+ moves in RORO Operation without any accident. Achievement of 300,000+ man-hours of safe operation at ENS.</p>
8		<p>Excellence in building corporate image and external relations !</p> <p>Visits of Top-level delegates – Top ranking officials visited HIP for observations and commended our rapid growth promising support for the future strategic development of the port. Visit of Ms. Shen Yiqin, State Councilor of China, Visit of Mr. Miao Jianmin, Chairman - China Merchant Group and visits of other key leadership team members from CMPort and Chinese embassy of Sri Lanka. HIP had the honor of hosting a few other top-ranking officials from the government and other diplomatic missions as well.</p> <p>Published 60+ press releases to highlight the voice of HIP with an establishment of a stronger social media presence.</p>

TOP MILESTONES ACHIEVED IN YEAR 2023

RANK	MILESTONE
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Excellence in Caring for Environment & Society and Ensuring Governance !

Won Maritime Standards - CSR Award 2023 for the second consecutive year. 19 CSR Projects were conducted in 2023 and in total HIP has conducted 84+ CSR Projects from 2018 up to end of 2023 with a total expenditure of more than USD 1.2+ million. HIP issued the printed version of company's first ever ESG report.

HIP officially handed over the Hope Village to the villagers in the presence of the CMG Chairman. As an extension to the Human-Elephant Peace theme Save Ali Pancha project was conducted at the Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home (ETH). HIP Sea Fair was introduced for cruise passengers which helped small and medium scale entrepreneurs of Hambantota.

4 km long Internal Elephant Fence built within HIP, resulted in Zero attacks to property and humans while ensuring safety of elephants roaming within. Introduction of Improved lux level LED lamp units to High Masts resulted in 54% Energy Saving.

100% statutory compliance maintained in all legal matters and labour relations. Ensured Decent work conditions of all direct and indirect work forces. Zero legal deviations related to Environment - Obtained Environmental Protection Licenses, Continuation of MEPA Oil Contingency Plan, Obtained the Sea Dumping License.

Excellence in Cultural Transformation !

New cultural events introduced and improved existing ones - Annual Trip, Sri Lankan New Year event, Mini Olympics, Christmas Carols and Talent Show. Internal communications further strengthened with the issue of the second internal magazine.

Improvements in Employee Care - Care fund implementation and health care support with additional hospitalization and critical illness covers.

Enhancements in Employee Training & Development.

Being sensitive to staff needs pay revisions were done to absorb rising living costs and personal tax impacts going beyond industry practices in some areas.

Improved Services and Facilities - Takeover of canteen operation in-house for better service quality. Office space rearrangements were done to create a better working atmosphere.

CEO'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

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At Hambantota Maritime Center on 04th April 2024



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Award List

01. Individual Department Contribution Award - Excellence in improving port productivity Management
02. Individual Department Contribution Award - Excellence in development of Port Services excelling as the fastest growing RORO Port of the region and a popular destination for Cruise Services
03. Individual Department Contribution Award - Excellence in growth and transformation as an Energy Hub
04. Individual Department Contribution Award - Excellence in Safety Performance
05. Inter-department co-operation and Contribution Award - Excellence in Company Culture Transformation
06. Inter-department co-operation and Contribution Award - Excellence in securing Investor confidence
07. Inter-department co-operation and Contribution Award - ISO IMS Scope modification to cover Energy Services
08. Inter-department co-operation and Contribution Award - Collaborative effort to establish and enhance ESG and CSR practices
09. Individual Contribution Award - Best Operational contribution as an individual
10. Cost Saving Award - Information Technology system development efficiency
11. Cost Saving Award - Exchange Rate Fluctuation impact management
12. Cost Saving Award - Fund management securing better Return On Investment
13. Innovation Award - In-house fender fabrication Project
14. Innovation Award - Energy Saving Project
15. Innovation Award - In-house fabricated RORO Tools
16. Best Outsourced Service Provider Award - Fleet Management
17. Best Outsourced Service Provider Award - Engineering Services
18. Best Outsourced Service Provider Award - Administration, Property Management and Janitorial Services

MARITIME HUB ASPIRATIONS

HIP is Sri Lanka's most diversified deep-water, multi-purpose port, positioning itself as a leader in the port industry. As directed by CEO Johnson Liu, we are aiming at becoming South Asia's Regional Maritime Hub by two vital avenues: While we develop facilities to ensure port services capacity at one level and look at HIP's efficiency levels and ensure it conforms to strictest health and safety protocols.

Currently, we are building a matrix of connectivity, our company is experiencing significant growth and development. Our business volume has reached a considerable scale, with both our oil and gas business and RORO business continuing to grow. We have also made a breakthrough in the new container business, with our market share increasing rapidly.



RESTRICTIONS ON DEVELOPMENT

As production grows, we need to do detailed research, identify and locate obstacles to business development, and develop feasible countermeasures. It appears that there are some *safety risks* looming along with the significant increase in operations, and *lack of competency in facing IT challenges* posed by digitalization and intelligent technology to the port industry for competitiveness of port services. The assurance of expert handling of transshipment cargo with uncompromising safety, quality and reliability are profoundly important to attract significant traffic to HIP. Because entering agreements with shipping lines are not determined solely by the physical infrastructure and capability of the ports to accept ships, but also by the availability of efficient operation and supporting soft infra-

structure with state-of-the-art technology and safety performance.

ANXIETY UNSATISFACTORY SAFETY OPERATION

In the current situation and conditions, we should all stay vigilant and take preventive measures to accurately assess risks and avoid allowing them to occur. These are the most important tasks for all of us.

Key concerns include the operation and storage of hazardous chemicals, which pose challenges to the environment and safe production, firefighting and elephants intruding into the port boundary, the ability and experience of the partner to support the production of the newly developed business, and the partner's ability and adaptability to comply with IMO-ISO safety management standards.

A base of evidence for safety risks that need to be addressed. These include a lack of ability to adapt to specific newly developed stevedoring processes, an unqualified on-site safety officer with less experience and responsibility for supervision as per the HIRA plan, and non-compliance with SOPs by shipside during operations and controls. Additionally, there are hidden defects in line production facilities that are not being checked and rectified in a timely manner, a lack of state-of-the-art monitoring systems to cover the on-site area, an aging firefighting central monitoring system for buildings, gaps in defensive fences that allow for accidental elephant intrusion, shortcomings in enhancing safety control levels collectively with individual partners, and regular HIRA not being materialized as per agreement.

IMPROVEMENT TO OBTAIN SAFETY ASSURANCE

To address these concerns, it may be helpful to develop a comprehensive safety plan. It is important to implement ISO-IMO compliance work and prioritize two avenues: solidifying the essential ground for safety management and capability, and targeted risk mitigation and accident prevention with safety guarantee.

When working on the ground, it is essential to address problems in the contractor's domain and take active steps to avoid accidents and reduce risks. The actions include: Establishing safety control conditions and thresholds for vetting contractors, Implementing a qualification admission process based on safety performance records, Enhancing contractor supervision pre- and during engagement, Reviewing safety design documents and enforcing reward / punishment terms, Expanding risk mitigation initiatives with contractors,

SAFETY AND DIGITALIZATION APPROACH OF HIP

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Evaluating on-site safety officer performance and providing feedback, Assessing process safety and developing risk mitigation measures, Introducing technology for process monitoring, Implementing classified management based on project risks, Deploying integrated firefighting technology, Exploring fencing for elephant intrusion prevention.

IT STRATEGY AND PRIORITIES

Implement the CMP overseas home port strategy, based on the positioning of building a unified digital port in Sri Lanka, coordinate IT to support the digital transformation of various businesses such as operation management and production operations, and simultaneously promote network and information security to escort digital development.

Therefore, it is necessary to clarify the construction goals, construction content and implementation route of the work in the next three years in accordance with the unified requirements of the regional digital planning of CMP. While maintaining business collaboration with CICT, we shall continue to promote the digitization for HIPG's business, achieve a high degree of intelligence in operation and management, fully online customer service, and ensure high reliability and high availability of data processing, becoming a leading enterprise in digital applications in the industry.

ACTION PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION

Under the guidance of the overall digital architecture of China Merchants Port, relying on the mature application examples of the three digital platforms of CMcore, SMP and Eport (corresponding to the production business, smart management and smart service of the port, respectively), the IT integration application that can meet the needs of the two ports (and CICT) in container business, production and customer management shall be deployed, supporting continuous process optimization and system development, and helping HIPG improve its competitiveness and reduce costs. The projects planned to be implemented this year include: CTOS application deployment under the CMcore platform, and Eport 3.0 development under the Eport platform.

Following the "unified standard" technical architecture that conforms to the current business status of CMPort, the overall planning, design and construction of network and information security infrastructure

between the two ports (with CICT) shall be implemented to achieve mutual benefit of resources, cost-effectiveness and function sharing, and improve the overall network information security protection capability. This year, it is planned to combine the implementation of the above two projects and implement the supporting network information security projects in accordance with the network security protection construction plan formulated by CMP last year.

SUMMARY

We have a goal to achieve new levels of excellence and advance the industry. Our growing investment choices are being directed to the demand of building a more secure and effective terminal operation environment with the help of cutting-edge digital technologies and green development solutions.

Within our port premises, our production facility is presently under development and construction, it should be a must that we keep staying and building a strong base of evidence for safety concerns and improving overall safety performance. We also need to make our port business and operation fully digital, which will help us succeed and provide great value to our customers.



Greg Chen
Chief Strategy Officer

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT (OPS)

The Operations Department at Hambantota International Port serves as the backbone of the Port's day-to-day activities, ensuring seamless and efficient maritime operations. Comprising a dedicated team of professionals with extensive experience in the maritime industry, the department is responsible for overseeing a wide array of functions critical to port operations.

The scope of the OPS Department encompasses the comprehensive management of port operations, including RORO (Roll-on/roll-off) Operation, Bulk Operation, Cruise Vessel Operation, and the recently initiated Container Operation.

Presently, the OPS team comprises 36 members overseen by Mr. Joey Feng, the General Manager-Operations, alongside key personnel such as Mr. Danushka Pinto, Assistant General Manager-Operations, Senior Manager -Operations, Mr. Thilina Perera. Mr. Joey Feng reports directly to the CEO, Mr. Johnson Liu.

Key Responsibilities of the Department:

- **Vessel Traffic Management:**
 - o Coordinate vessel arrivals.
 - o Manage berthing schedules.
- **Cargo Handling:**
 - o Oversee loading and unloading of RORO, containers and bulk cargo.
 - o Ensure efficient transshipment processes and delivery processes.
 - o Utilize advanced cargo handling equipment and technologies.
- **Terminal Operations:**
 - o Manage berth allocation and yard planning.
 - o Optimize terminal throughput and equipment utilization.
 - o Maintain smooth cargo flow and storage management.
- **Safety and Security:**
 - o Implement and monitor safety protocols and procedures.
 - o Coordinate with QHSE on operation safety measures.



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Customer Service:**
 - o Provide tailored solutions to port users and shipping lines.
 - o Address customer needs and preferences promptly and enhance satisfaction.
- **Resource Management:**
 - o Allocate and manage port resources effectively.
 - o Ensure optimal use of manpower and technology.
- **Compliance and Regulatory Adherence:**
 - o Ensure compliance with local and international maritime regulations.
 - o Maintain proper documentation and reporting standards.
- **Environmental Management:**
 - o Implement environmentally sustainable practices.
 - o Monitor and minimize the environmental impact of port operations.
 - o Promote green initiatives and compliance with environmental regulations.
- **Continuous Improvement:**
 - o Implement best practices and innovative solutions.
 - o Focus on continuous improvement to increase efficiency and reduce costs.



Scope of Business

The Operations Department at Hambantota International Port is dedicated to managing and optimizing the diverse range of maritime activities and services provided by the port. Our scope of business encompasses the following key areas:

- RORO (Roll-on/Roll-off) Operations
- Container Operations
- Dry Bulk Operations
- Break Bulk Operations
- Cruise Vessel Operations

Multi Skilled Employees

At the heart of our operations is a team of highly skilled and versatile professionals. Our employees are the driving force behind our success, equipped with the expertise and adaptability needed to handle the complexities of modern maritime operations. Here's how our multi-skilled workforce enhances our operational capabilities:



- Comprehensive Training and Cross-Functionality
- Specialized knowledge and Expertise in each area
- Adaptability and Innovation
- Commitment to Safety and Quality
- Customer focused approach
- Empowerment and engagement

Business Development

Hambantota International Port, strategically located in the Indian Ocean, began its operations at the end of 2017. Since then, the port has demonstrated remarkable year-over-year growth in cargo volume, establishing itself as a pivotal maritime hub in the Indian Ocean region.

Ro-Ro operation is our primary business focus, and we have achieved significant improvements in Ro-Ro volume since inception. Since commencing operations at the end of 2017, Hambantota International Port has experienced impressive growth in Ro-Ro volumes. Starting with 235,987 units in 2018, the port saw a significant increase to 414,285 units in 2019, nearly doubling the initial volume. Despite a slight dip to 388,031 units in 2020, likely influenced by global disruptions, the port rebounded strongly in subsequent years. In 2021, the volume surged to 535,636 units, continuing its upward trajectory with 558,188 units in 2022. The most remarkable growth occurred in 2023, with volumes reaching a record 700,201 units. This consistent year-over-year increase underscores Hambantota International Port's strategic focus on enhancing its Ro-Ro operations, solidifying its position as a leading maritime hub in the region.

In 2018, the port handled 103,394MT of bulk cargo. This volume increased dramatically in 2019 to 504,560MT and continued to rise in 2020, reaching 756,510MT. The peak was achieved in 2021 with a substantial 1,204,939MT, showcasing the port's expanding capabilities and efficiency. However, in 2022, the volume slightly declined to 1,005,976 MT, and a more pronounced decrease occurred in 2023, with volumes falling to 594,055 MT. These fluctuations reflect the dynamic nature of the bulk cargo market and highlight the port's ability to adapt to varying demands while maintaining a robust operational framework.

Hambantota International Port's container operations have hit the ground running since its inception in 2024, with an impressive tally of 42,342TEUs processed thus far (as at 23rd July 2024). This milestone underscores the port's burgeoning significance as a vital hub for global trade and logistics. Through efficient operations and strategic partnerships, the port has swiftly become a beacon of reliability and excellence in container handling. In addition to its thriving container operations, Hambantota International Port is also making waves in the realm of cruise vessel handling. Year by year, the port has been witnessing a steady increase in cruise vessel operations, affirming its status as a versatile maritime destination.



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

OPS Achievements in Year 2023 & 2024

In 2023, the Hambantota International Port Operations Team celebrated a series of notable achievements, marking a milestone year in its journey of excellence. From enhancing operational efficiency to fostering sustainable practices, the team demonstrated unwavering dedication and ingenuity in every endeavor.

Operational Achievements

- Highest RORO Discharging Volume Per Hour: 567 Moves (MV. RCC TIANJIN V.028A 20/Nov/2023 0500-0600Hrs)
- Highest RORO Loading Volume Per Hour: 448 Moves (MV. GLOVIS SUN V.057 16/Mar/2024 2000-2100Hrs)
- Highest RORO Discharging Volume Per Shift: 4012 Moves (21/Jul/2023, Two RORO vessels were at berth)
- Highest RORO Discharging Volume Handled Per Month: 38,070 Moves (November 2023)
- Highest RORO Loading Volume Handled Per Month: 39,190 Moves (September 2023)
- Highest RORO Volume Handled Per Month: 76,850 Moves (November 2023)

Internally fabricated Tools & developed Systems

- The OPS team was able to complete four projects such as internally fabricated Wheel Dollies, FL Tow Hitch Connector, Barricade Repair Project while saving the additional costs to HIP.
- HIPG Berthing System: HIPG Berthing System is an internally developed system which can facilitate all the BPL functions more effectively and efficiently. The system was developed as a Visual Basic Application in Excel.
- RORO Vessel Productivity Analyzer: RORO Vessel Productivity Analyzer is an internally developed application which can be used for the RORO vessel ETC, Driver allocation, ferry requirement analysis etc.
- RORO Contingency Plan: This application was prepared as a contingency plan for execute the vessel operation when it is not available BTOS system and required network facilities. Visual Basic Application in MS Excel was used to develop this application.

The achievements of the Hambantota International Port Operations Team in 2023 illuminate a path of success marked by innovation, collaboration, and unwavering commitment to excellence. As we reflect on the milestones reached and the challenges overcome, it becomes evident that these accomplishments are not just a testament to our team's capabilities but also a testament to the potential of our port as a catalyst for economic growth and prosperity.

In conclusion, the operations team remains steadfast in its commitment to excellence. With steady growth in RORO, container volume and the dedication of our skilled employees, we continue to uphold the highest standards in port operations. Our team's unwavering commitment ensures that Hambantota International Port remains a trusted partner in global trade and a beacon of reliability in the maritime industry. As we forge ahead, we are poised to meet the challenges of tomorrow with the same determination and passion that define us today.

-Article by OPS Department-



HAMBANTOTA INTERNATIONAL PORT COMMENCES CONTAINER OPERATIONS

In a significant stride towards enhancing its role as a key player in global maritime trade, the Hambantota International Port (HIP) has successfully inaugurated its container transshipment service, marking a historic milestone in the port's journey. The commencement of operations was heralded by the arrival of MV "MSC Ingrid" on April 9th, 2024, as it discharged over 500 TEUs of transshipment containers, setting the stage for increased connectivity and efficiency in shipping operations.

Operated by the renowned Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC), this inaugural service underscores HIP's emergence as a pivotal hub along the east-west shipping route. The maiden shipment, originating from the Rotterdam Port, is slated to reach its final destination in Dubai via the second carrier, "MSC Sky 11", which is scheduled to dock at the port on April 16th.



-Article by CRP Department-

Under the visionary leadership of CEO Mr. Johnson Liu, HIP has forged strategic partnerships with the world's largest container carriers, paving the way for expanded investments in infrastructure and equipment. This investment thrust is geared towards accommodating larger vessels and bolstering the port's capacity to cater to the evolving needs of the shipping industry.

The introduction of container services at HIP is poised to catalyze growth within the Port Industrial Zone, offering investors a seamless pathway for importing raw materials and exporting finished products directly through the port. This development positions HIP as a pivotal gateway and transshipment hub, augmenting its role as a facilitator of trade and commerce.

HAMBANTOTA INTERNATIONAL PORT - MOST SIGNIFICANT FDI CONTRIBUTOR TO SRI LANKA - BOI



Foreign Direct Investment plays a pivotal role in the growth trajectory of any nation, and as a Multi-purpose Comprehensive Port, Hambantota International Port is contributing to the economic and social development of the country since 2017.

Our commitment to investing in the local economy, forging strategic partnerships, and leveraging cutting edge technologies has not only propelled our organization forward but has also impacted establishing a broader economic ecosystem.

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Recognizing our outstanding contribution to the development of economic growth and social development of Sri Lanka, HIPG won the title of "Sri Lanka's Important Foreign Direct Investment Contributor", at the 45th anniversary meeting of the Sri Lanka Board of Investment (BOI) held at the Secretariat of the Presidential Palace on 2nd April 2024.

Mr. Johnson Liu, the Chief representative of China Merchants Group in Sri Lanka and CEO of HIPG received the award from Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickramasinghe during the event. At the award ceremony only three Chinese investments were recognised under the "Sri Lanka's Important Foreign Direct Investment Contributor" category and HIP and CICT were prominent award winners in the group, making CMPort a major Foreign Direct Investment partner of Sri Lanka.



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CMPORT TOP MANAGEMENT MEMBER VISIT

Sea Horse Yachts (Private) Ltd (SHY) and Shenzhen XINJI Group (Private) Limited (Xinji) have officially formed a strategic partnership with Hambantota International Port Group (Private) Limited on 20th March 2024. This collaboration signals a significant step forward in the maritime industry, with a focus on initiating yacht assembling operations for the export market and park-in-park warehousing operations at HIP.

To mark the beginning of these ventures, groundbreaking ceremonies were held at the designated project sites within the port park. Mr. Xu Song, CEO of China Merchants Port Group Co. Ltd, graced both ceremonies as the Chief Guest, accompanied by Mr. Johnson Liu, and Mr. Ali Hussain Didi, Chairman of SHY, along with their respective delegations. Representatives from China Merchants Port Group Co. Ltd, and Hambantota International Port also attended to lend their support to these groundbreaking initiatives.

The plan encompasses the construction of an ultra-modern, high-end yacht assembly plant within the inner park at HIP. Mr. Xu Song expressed his deep honor at witnessing the commencement of this project and highlighted the significance of HIP's ongoing development and expansion. He emphasized its importance not only as a source of pride for China Merchants Port but also as a crucial contributor to Sri Lanka's international endeavors.

The launch of the yacht project underscores the vast potential of HIP in driving economic development and growth. Through collaborative efforts such as these, the port is poised to become a hub of innovation and prosperity in the maritime sector, further cementing its position on the global stage.

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THAI PM'S OFFICE ON FACT FINDING MISSION AT HAMBANTOTA INTERNATIONAL PORT



A recent visit from a delegation representing the Thai Prime Minister's office to the Hambantota International Port (HIP) marks a significant step in fostering collaboration between Thailand and Sri Lanka. The delegation, comprising eight members led by Ms. Wannaporn Niyomthong, Deputy Director from Directorate 8 of Thailand, sought to explore opportunities and gain insights into the operations of the port, which functions under a public-private partnership between the Sri Lankan government and CMPort.

Accompanied by Surapat Phosaen, Minister Counselor from the Royal Thai Embassy in New Delhi, and five analysts, the delegation was hosted by Ms. Prangthip, Counsellor from the Royal Thai Embassy in Sri Lanka. The visit aimed to deepen understanding and identify areas of mutual interest for collaboration between the two countries.

A key highlight of the visit was the extensive discussions held regarding the strategic areas of focus at HIP. These discussions encompassed six pivotal sectors: the South Asia Energy Service Center, South Asia RORO Transfer Center, Maritime Service Center, Industrial Park, Container Transfer Center, and Sri Lanka Bulk Cargo Distribution Center. Additionally, the delegation delved into the port's plans for initiating its first phase of container operations, reflecting a shared interest in the port's future development trajectory.

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HAMBANTOTA INTERNATIONAL PORT STRENGTHENS BOND WITH PORTS AUTHORITY OF THAILAND

In light of Sri Lanka's growing interest in deepening trade relations with Thailand, officials from the Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) embarked on a timely visit to the Ports Authority of Thailand (PAT) and Ranong Port. This visit aimed to reignite the initial connection forged between Ranong Port and Hambantota International Port (HIP) nearly five years ago when a pivotal agreement was signed between PAT and HIPG. During the visit, key discussions centered around HIP's strategic location, which offers unparalleled connectivity to businesses along crucial maritime routes. The focus was also on enhancing the port's services and facilities to ensure seamless cargo movement, transshipment, and transportation, thus bolstering its appeal as a preferred maritime hub.

HIP has already initiated the process of revitalizing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Thailand Ports Authority, underscoring its commitment to strengthening partnerships. In a bid to further solidify this collaboration, HIP plans to extend invitations to teams from the Authority and Ranong Port for reciprocal visits. These visits will facilitate exploration and evaluation of potential business opportunities, fostering mutual growth and cooperation. Additionally, plans are underway for the sharing of information and conducting mutual training sessions for staff of HIP and Ranong Port, fostering knowledge exchange and skill enhancement. During their tour, the HIPG team, led by CEO Johnson Liu, engaged with potential business partners and investors in both Thailand and Singapore, promoting the port and its industrial park. Discussions were held with the Thai-Sri Lanka Chamber of Commerce, with an invitation extended to its membership to visit HIP.

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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

6,000 CRUISE TOURISTS AT HAMBANTOTA INTERNATIONAL PORT



The Hambantota International port (HIP) welcomed over 6000 tourists to Sri Lanka, in the latter part of November and during December 2023. The passengers arrived on 5 cruise liners that called at the port.

The “Azamara Journey” docked on the 29th November carrying 620 passengers. The Luxury cruise liner Mein Schiff 5 which arrived in Sri Lanka from Muscat on the 10th of December, called at HIP on the 11th, carrying 2200 passengers. A group of disembarking passengers from the luxury liner got on e-bikes to go sightseeing in the Hambantota area, keeping with HIP’s green-port drive. This is the cruise ship’s second call for 2023, and its 3rd call at the port, counting the visit in May last year. Other cruise ships that called were the “Celebrity Millennium” on the 5th and 16th of December carrying 3500 passengers and the “Nautica” which arrived on the 19th bringing 498 visitors.

To date this year, HIP has recorded approximately 22 cruise ship calls with most of them arriving from Chennai, via Cordelia Cruise Lines. The shipping line, which offers holiday packages to Indian and international travelers, made a number of ship calls to HIP from June to September this year, on their cruise liner “Empress.” Approximately 7500 tourists arrived at the port throughout the year.

The Nautica and the Celebrity Millennium are bound for Phuket Thailand as their next port of call while the “Azamara Journey” is headed to Sabang, Indonesia. The Mein Schiff 5 is on her onward journey to the Langkawi archipelago in Malaysia. The port’s initiatives to develop the cruise business as well as enhanced facilities to ships and passengers have paid off, resulting in the increase of ship calls HIP.

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HAMBANTOTA PORT FASTEST GROWING RORO TRANSSHIPMENT PORT IN THE REGION 7 LAKH UNITS HANDLED FOR 2023

In a remarkable feat underscoring its rapid growth path, the Hambantota International Port (HIP) has solidified its position as the fastest-growing RORO transshipment port in the region. With an impressive handling of 700,000 transshipment vehicles, HIP has witnessed a notable 26% surge from its 2022 figures, marking a significant milestone in its six-year operational journey.

This milestone was reached with the assistance of the Glovis vessel MV. HAE SHIN V.003B, which efficiently managed 3,626 units for transshipment to Ulsan port, South Korea. Such robust performance firmly positions HIP at the forefront of RO-RO transshipment hubs in the competitive region, reflecting its commendable growth despite various challenges ranging from lockdowns to economic downturns in the country.



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HIP's success in attracting and handling such substantial transshipment volumes can be attributed to strategic agreements with prominent RO-RO lines, ensuring expert handling of cargo with unwavering commitment to quality and reliability. Moreover, efforts to diversify clientele have paid dividends, particularly with the addition of Japanese lines previously focused solely on domestic import cargo. Recognizing that sustained business growth requires more than just volume acquisition, HIP has concurrently invested in enhancing its operational capabilities. Significant investments have been made in expanding yard space and deploying state-of-the-art equipment, underscoring the port's commitment to maintaining world-class standards.

As HIP continues to consolidate its position as a leading RO-RO transshipment hub, its success serves as evidence to the port's resilience, adaptability, and unwavering pursuit of operational excellence. With a firm foundation laid and ambitious growth prospects on the horizon, HIP is poised to chart a course of sustained success in the dynamic world of maritime trade.

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HIGH GROWTH OF OIL AND GAS VESSEL CALLS AT HIP IN 2023

The Hambantota International Port (HIP) has emerged as a dynamic center for oil and gas trade, witnessing a remarkable surge in vessel calls during the year 2023. With over 300 oil and gas cargo vessels visiting HIP, there has been a striking 132 percent increase in vessel calls compared to the previous year, signaling the port's growing importance in the global maritime landscape.

A significant catalyst driving this surge in vessel calls is the active presence of HIP's bunkering partner, Sinopec, in the market. Sinopec's robust operations have brought substantial value addition to HIP's commercial operations, attracting a growing number of vessels seeking efficient bunkering services. In terms of throughput, HIP handled a total of 918,000 metric tons (MT) of oil and gas cargoes in 2023. From this, 700,000 MT constituted bunker cargoes, while 218,000 MT comprised LPG cargoes. July 2023 emerged as the month with the highest number of vessel calls, with a total of 35 vessels docking at HIP, underlining the port's increasing prominence as a preferred destination for oil and gas shipments.

Comparing the figures with the previous year, HIP experienced substantial growth across key metrics. There was a notable 186% increase in LPG vessel calls and a commendable 125% growth in bunker vessel calls in 2023, compared to 2022. Additionally, in terms of throughput, HIP recorded an impressive 218% overall growth, with a 147% increase in LPG throughput and an exceptional 250% increase in bunker throughput compared to the previous year. HIP's success in the oil and gas trade can be attributed to its unwavering commitment to safety, reliability, and operational efficiency in bunkering facilities.

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SAFETY STRENGTHENING YEAR - 2023

In the ambitious endeavor of "Safety Strengthening Year-2023," guided by the steadfast directives of CMPort, several key areas have been identified to fortify safety standards across industries. Firstly, there is a concerted effort to bolster the concept of production safety, ensuring that safety protocols are seamlessly integrated into every facet of operational processes. Additionally, the initiative prioritizes the implementation and reinforcement of effective safety leadership, empowering leaders to champion safety initiatives and cultivate a culture of accountability.

Moreover, there is a strong emphasis on enhancing the safety responsibility of all employees and stakeholders, fostering a collective commitment to maintaining safe working environments. Furthermore, the initiative aims to incentivize safety achievements while enforcing consequences for non-compliance, thereby reinforcing the importance of adherence to safety protocols. Lastly, delineating clear safety responsibility boundaries for each project is essential to ensure clarity and accountability in safety management practices. Through these concerted efforts, "Safety Strengthening Year-2023" endeavors to create safer workplaces, safeguarding the well-being of all involved.



CONTINUATION OF ISO CERTIFICATION (ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, ISO 45001:2018)

In the realm of Quality, Health, Safety, and Environment (QHSE), the commitment to maintaining ISO certifications serves as a beacon of excellence and dedication to operational standards. With the continuation of ISO certifications such as ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, and ISO 45001:2018, the QHSE department underscores its unwavering commitment to upholding rigorous standards across all facets of operations. These certifications not only signify compliance with internationally recognized benchmarks but also symbolize a deep-seated dedication to quality management, environmental stewardship, and occupational health and safety.

By renewing these certifications, organizations reaffirm their pledge to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement, ensuring that processes are aligned with the highest standards of performance and sustainability. As custodians of these certifications, QHSE departments play a pivotal role in driving organizational excellence, fostering a culture of excellence, and safeguarding the well-being of employees, stakeholders, and the environment alike.

COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT & CERTIFICATION

The QHSE department has undertaken significant initiatives to bolster environmental stewardship and regulatory compliance, exemplifying a steadfast commitment to sustainable operations. Notably, efforts to secure an Environmental Protection License and approval for the Oil Spill Contingency Plan by MEPA demonstrate proactive measures to mitigate environmental risks and uphold stringent standards. By navigating the intricate regulatory landscape and meticulously implementing the requirements outlined in the General Register, the QHSE department ensures adherence to best practices and legal obligations. These initiatives underscore a proactive approach to environmental management, fostering resilience against potential hazards and enhancing the organization's reputation as a responsible corporate citizen.

DELEGATIONS & CSR ACTIVITIES

The QHSE department, as a beacon of corporate social responsibility (CSR), has orchestrated a series of impactful delegations and initiatives, exemplifying its commitment to community welfare and environmental stewardship. Firstly, hosting the visit of CM Group's chairman signifies a strategic alignment of corporate leadership with QHSE values, underscoring the importance of safety, quality, and environmental sustainability at the highest levels of governance. Secondly, the department's donation of essential medical items to the district general hospital in Hambantota reflects a profound dedication to public health and well-being, especially in underserved communities. Lastly, facilitating the visit of the EU-affiliated Union Civil Protection Mechanism and MEPA underscores a commitment to international collaboration and regulatory compliance, positioning the organization as a responsible global citizen. These endeavors by the QHSE department not only exemplify a holistic approach to CSR but also reinforce the organization's ethos of making a positive impact beyond its operational boundaries.



SAFETY RECOGNITION

Safety recognition initiatives are crucial in fostering a culture of safety within organizations, and recent efforts have been particularly impactful. The introduction of the QHSE Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) policy and achievement scoring system to internal departments and service providers has been instrumental in inspiring a collective commitment to safety. This unified approach underscores the organization's dedication to prioritizing safety as a fundamental value. Additionally, the recognition of safety excellence during the mid-year performance assessment of 2023 serves as a moment of celebration and acknowledgment of the diligent efforts made by teams to uphold safety standards. Furthermore, the receipt of the CM Group / CMPort safety recognition certificate is a testament to the organization's unwavering dedication to safety, as well as its commitment to meeting and exceeding industry standards. These milestones not only honor the dedication and vigilance of employees but also reinforce the organization's status as a leader in safety and inspire continued efforts towards creating safer work environments.

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OUR CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

HIP MINI OLYMPICS - 2023

At Hambantota Maritime Center from 26th September to 02nd December 2023



HIP MINI OLYMPICS 2023

At Hambantota Maritime Center from 26th September to 02nd December 2023



OUR CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

HIP 6TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

At Hambantota Maritime Center on 08th December 2023



CHRISTMAS CAROL AND EMPLOYEE TALENT SHOW - 2023

At Hambantota Maritime Center on 21st December 2023



OUR CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

CHRISTMAS CAROL AND EMPLOYEE TALENT SHOW - 2023

At Hambantota Maritime Center on 21st December 2023



NEW YEAR CELEBRATION-2024

At Hambantota Maritime Center on 01st January 2024



OUR CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

At Hambantota Maritime Center on 09th February 2024



CASA CRICKET TOURNAMENT

At NCC Grounds, Colombo on 10th February 2024



OUR CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

ANNUAL PIRITH CHANTING CEREMONY

At Hambantota Maritime Center on 14th February 2024



ANNUAL PIRITH CHANTING CEREMONY
At Hambantota Maritime Center on 14th February 2024



OUR CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

HIP ANNUAL STAFF AND FAMILY TRIP/ PORT VISIT

At Araliya Green City on 02nd and 03rd March 2024



HIP ANNUAL STAFF AND FAMILY TRIP/PORT VISIT

At Araliya Green City on 09th and 10th March 2024



OUR CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

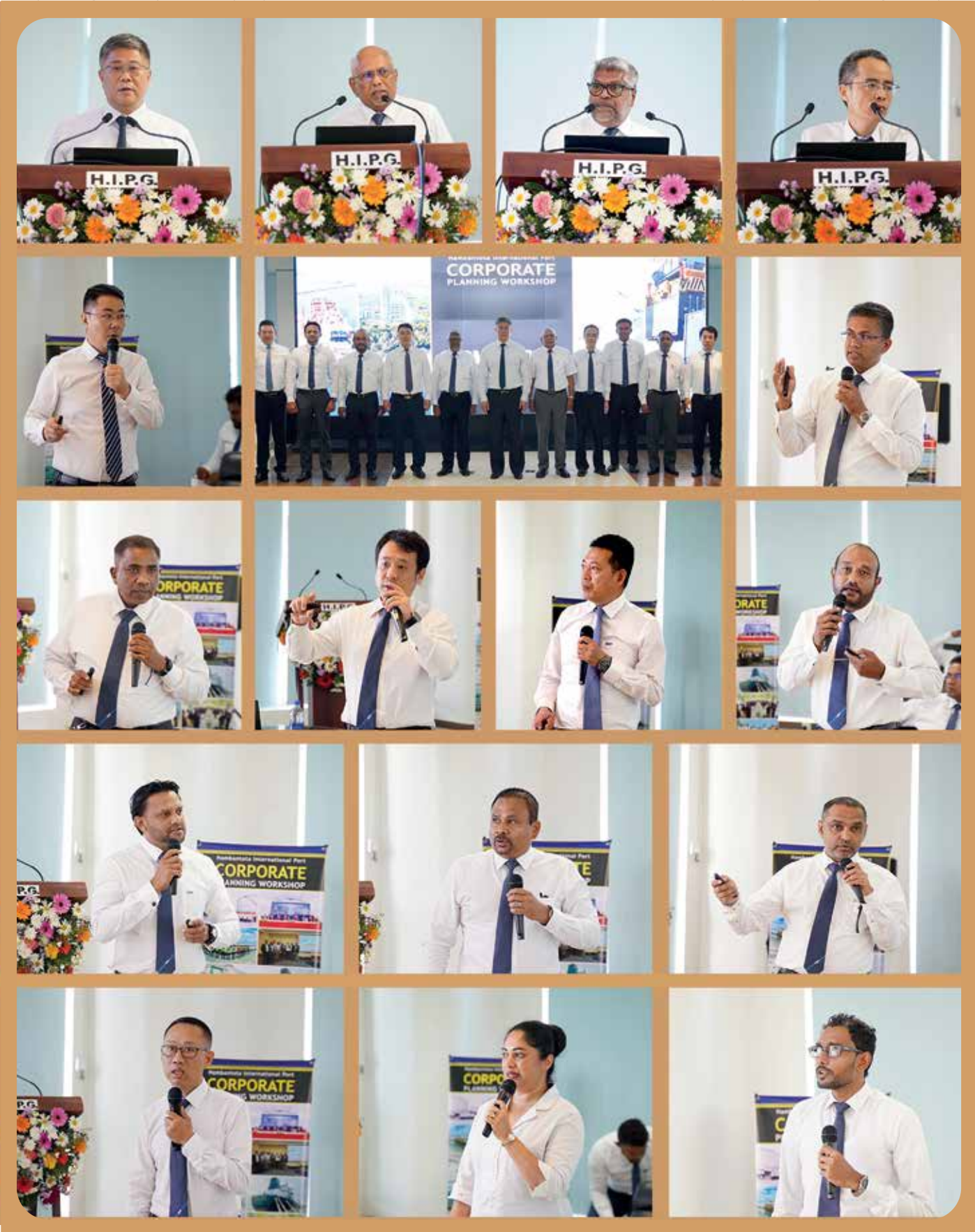
WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

At Hambantota Maritime Center on 08th March 2024



CORPORATE PLANNING WORKSHOP

At Hambantota Maritime Center on 04th April 2024



OUR CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

SINHALA AND TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

At Hambantota International Port Premises on 05th April 2024



SINHALA AND TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

At Hambantota International Port Premises on 05th April 2024



HOPE VILLAGE PROJECT (2ND PHASE) – AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AND GREENHOUSE PROJECT



HIP is setting the pace for sustainable development in the region, with a strong focus on community welfare. Recognizing the vital role of community development, HIP has launched its flagship CSR project, “Hope Village”, in the year 2022 with the objective of uplifting the living standards of the Kandagasmanakada Villagers under the guidance and supervision of our visionary leader Mr. Johnson Liu.



The second phase of the “Hope Village” project, titled “Diri Saru Bima” Agro – Technology Model Farm Project launched showcasing HIP’s commitment to the sustainable development of the country. The main objectives of the project are to create a sustainable and environmental friendly agriculture model while implementing modern agriculture infrastructure (GreenHouse) facilities, Provide opportunities for villagers to earn additional income to ensure good living standards, Minimize the unemployment rate, and provide an opportunity for youth to get an idea about modern Agriculture Technology.

The foundation stone laying ceremony of the “Diri Saru Bima” Agro – Technology Model Farm Project was held on 28th March 2024 with the participation of Executive Management Committee members and OPCO members, Chief incumbent of the Kandagasmanakada temple, Government Officials, University Staff members of the Institute for Agro – Technology and Rural Science at Colombo University and the villagers.



MAIN SPONSORSHIP FOR MIRIJJAWILA MAHA VIDYALAYA CRICKET TOURNAMENT



As a display of dedication to supporting and fostering positive change in society, HIP once again extended its unwavering support, by sponsoring a softball cricket tournament organized by Mirijjawila Maha Vidyalaya situated adjoining the port. Mirijjawila Maha Vidyalaya is renowned for its contributions to education and development of the community surrounding the port.

The driving force behind this event was the Past Pupil's Association of Mirijjawila Maha Vidyalaya. Recognizing the significant societal impact of such initiatives, the organizing committee turned to HIP for sponsorship to ensure the success of their event and HIP enthusiastically responded to the request under the generous guidance of our leader Mr. Johnson Liu.

The event took place on the 14th and 15th of October at the school playground, and it was nothing short of grand. A few HIP team members participated in the opening ceremony representing the HIP management. HIP's involvement and support in this event was highly praised by the officials and community members alike.

DONATION FOR DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL - HAMBANTOTA

As another dedicated effort to prioritize community well-being, Hambantota International Port recently executed another important step in its ESG/CSR strategy by donating valuable medical items to the District General Hospital, Hambantota.

The donation, which took place on the 12th of January 2024 at the Hambantota International Port premises, with the participation of our CEO, Mr. Johnson Liu, Management team members of HIP, and representatives from the District General Hospital-Hambantota.

The donation packs contained essential medical items including gloves, floor disinfectant, body disinfectant, hand sanitizer, cover roles, reusable clothing and etc;. The objective of this donation was not only to support the immediate needs of the hospital but also to fortify its capacity to provide quality healthcare services to the local community.

Through this kind of CSR activities, HIP demonstrates its clear commitment to the well-being of the residents in the Hambantota area, contributing significantly to the broader goal of creating a healthier and more resilient community.



SUSTAINABILITY & CSR

ANNUAL BINARA MAHA PROCESSION AT GALWILA TEMPLE



The Galwila Purana Rajamaha Viharaya, is one of the most historic and leading temples in the Hambantota district. It plays a pivotal role in developing the spiritual life of the devotees from the area to invoke the blessing of Triple Gem. The “Annual Binara Maha Procession” is the largest and most colorful religious and cultural event hosted by the Galwila Temple every year and it has become a main cultural event significant to the Hambantota area following the traditions of Kandy and Kataragama Processions.

Our CEO, Mr. Johnson Liu participated in this grand religious event held on 29/09/2023 as one of the Chief Guests based on an invitation made by Venerable Wimalabuddi Thero, the Chief Incumbent of the temple as well as Chief Sanghanayake of the Southern Province. This shows the respect HIP has earned as a close friend of the community. On the same day, our CEO participated for the opening ceremony of “Makara Thorana” (The gate structure) constructed under the generous financial support of HIP.

DONATION FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN HAMBANTOTA AREA



In the face of adversity, the true essence of humanity is often revealed through acts of kindness and solidarity. The recent flood disaster in the Hambantota area brought about unimaginable hardship for the local community. Under the visionary leadership of Mr. Johnson Liu, HIP embarked on a compassionate journey to aid the flood victims in the Hambantota area. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, HIP decided to provide essential relief in the form of dry ration packs.

HIP, collaborated with three local temples; Samudraramaya Temple, Seetharamaya Temple, and Galwila Temple, to reach the affected families effectively through the “Samma Wayama Foundation fund”. This act went beyond the scope of CSR, and it was a heartfelt response to the cries for help from the affected communities.

Mr. Johnson Liu, Few EXCO/OPCO members, and other team members participated in the donation event held on the 6th of October 2023. A total of 45 dry ration packs were distributed as a part of this compassionate outreach effort targeting the persons who were in highest level of necessity.

HOPE VILLAGE FURNITURE DONATION



The "Hope Village" Project is a flagship community development project conducted by Hambantota International Port from 2021, aiming at providing support for villagers in Kendagasmankada village in Lunugamwehera division of the Hambantota district. This is our most prominent involvement in community development under our ESG strategy to uplift the living standards of people in need. Marking the commencement of second stage of the project, HIP donated all required furniture and common user equipment for the buildings under the guidance of our CEO. Over LKR 2 million worth of furniture and other equipment were handed over to the villagers by our CEO, Mr. Johnson Liu, during the ceremony held on 15th September 2023, at the Hope Village – Community Centre. The Chairman of the Nirmala Welfare Foundation, Committee Members of the Foundation, Government officers who received new offices, Management Members of HIP, and more than 100 villagers participated in this ceremony.

PARTNERSHIP FOR BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN OF HAMBANTOTA DIVISIONAL SECRETARIAT



Blood donation is an act of kindness that can save lives, and once again, HIP reaffirmed its responsibility towards the community by joining hands with the 6th blood donation campaign organized by the Hambantota Divisional Secretariat.

Hambantota Divisional Secretariat Office organizes this blood donation program every year, with the objective of fulfilling the blood requirement of the District General Hospital Hambantota and this year HIP partnered with the program as the main sponsor. The blood donation campaign was held on 19/09/2023 in the divisional secretariat office premises in association with the District General Hospital's Blood Bank. With the help of HIP, the organizing committee gifted an environment friendly Bag manufactured using Reed leaf and a Pomegranate plant for each blood donor.

Around 12 staff members of HIP volunteered for the donation campaign. The CEO/HIPG, Mr. Johnson Liu, members of the management team, and staff members of HIP participated for the donation campaign opening ceremony.

“KOTHA PALANDaweEMA” CEREMONY OF HAMBEGAMUWA MUTHUMALA VIHARAYA



Helping religious institutes is a meaningful way for the companies to engage with the community, promoting cultural heritage and it contributes largely towards the spiritual well-being of people around us.

Recently HIP supported the “Hambegamuwa Muthumala Rajamaha Viharaya” for a pagoda opening ceremony by providing special lifting machinery and technical support upon the request made by the Chief Incumbent of the temple. The Hambegamuwa Muthumala Rajamaha Viharaya is one of the ancient Buddhist temples situated in Hambegamuwa village in Monaragala District. The remains of old structures, pillars, broken Buddha structures, and several clues relating to the old religious practices showcases a rich heritage of Buddhist culture.

After the completion of refurbishment work, temple authorities have organized the “Kotha Palandaweema” ceremony on 23rd August 2023 to officially open the pagoda for public. ETM department with the support of HRA department provided a Mobile Crane (50 T) along with operators to assist the work during the ceremony, and the project was successfully completed under the generous guidance of our CEO, Mr. Johnson Liu.

HIP GAVE ITS HELPING HANDS TO RESCUE AN INJURED BABY ELEPHANT

In a world where corporate responsibility towards the environment is gaining paramount importance, HIP drives green port development concept while ensuring the protection of the environment and wildlife. Our company recently played a vital role in helping a rescue mission of an injured baby elephant.

When news of an injured baby elephant reached the Wildlife Conservation Department, they faced a race against time to save the animal. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, HIP swiftly mobilized its resources and expertise to assist in the rescue mission.

After the tremendous effort of the Wildlife Conservation Team with the support of HIP team members, the injured baby elephant was safely transported to the Udawalawa Elephant Transit Home for further treatments on the 05th of September 2023.

As a company we always take initiatives to protect our environment while providing feasible solutions to mitigate the Human-Elephant conflict, which has identified as one of the major socio environmental issues in Hambantota district. Contribution and commitment extended towards making this rescue mission success by the members of ETM and SEC departments are hereby greatly appreciated.



HIP GREEN WEEK 2024



As a responsible corporate, HIP has been actively engaged in various CSR programs aligned with our ESG framework, guided by the vision of inspiring positive change and empowering our people and communities, while also safeguarding the environment and all life forms for sustainable development. Our commitment to "Care for Planet" is a cornerstone of our ESG framework. As part of our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability, and in alignment with the visionary concept of our CEO, Mr. Johnson Liu, HIP launched the Green Week 2024 and Green Zone project under the Green Port initiative. This initiative marks a significant step towards realizing our vision of environment friendly port operations at Hambantota Port. HIP commenced Green Week 2024 on 6th June 2024.

The Green Zone Project focuses on creating designated areas within our port premises that prioritize environmental sustainability, biodiversity conservation, and public health. By embracing the principles of the green port concept, we are actively working to reduce our environmental impact and De-carbonization.

Since January 2018 until April 2024, we have made remarkable progress, having planted more than 13,000 plants, including 10,000 + trees flourishing within our port premises. Additionally, we have extended our impact by donating more than 2,500 plants to the community. This year, our goal is to plant over 900 plants, with an ambitious target of reaching 17,000 plants by 2028.



NAVIGATING CHALLENGES WHILE EMBRACING SUSTAINABILITY

ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) factors are increasingly shaping the trajectory of businesses worldwide. As environmental concerns like climate change gain prominence, companies are under pressure to adopt sustainable practices to mitigate their carbon footprint and resource usage. Moreover, social factors such as diversity, labour practices, and community engagement are becoming pivotal in determining corporate reputations and consumer preferences. Coupled with robust governance practices emphasizing transparency and accountability, ESG principles are emerging as non-negotiable components of successful business strategies.

Looking ahead, the integration of ESG considerations into business operations will likely continue to gain momentum. Companies that prioritize ESG values not only fulfil their ethical responsibilities but also gain a competitive edge in an increasingly conscious market. By aligning with ESG principles, businesses can foster innovation, attract and retain talent, build stronger relationships with stakeholders, and ensure long-term sustainability and resilience in a rapidly evolving global landscape. As such, ESG is poised to define the future of business by promoting sustainability, social responsibility, and ethical governance as central tenets of corporate success.

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TRUNKFUL OF LOVE: A MOTHER AND CALF ARTWORK



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SUSTAINABLE PORTS

“Sustainable ports are the future’s preferred solution”

Ports serve as the hubs that link vessels all around the world. Since they serve as the industry’s hubs, any improvements made there may benefit the entire industry. For this reason, developing sustainable ports is currently the main priority, with branching out subsequently.

Sustainable ports means ports that adopt strategies and practices to meet their user’s current and future need while protecting and preserving human and natural resources. In simple terms, sustainable ports focus on the social, economic and environmental impacts, as well as business as usual. Mainly they consider the effects they have on the environment when operating and try to minimize those environmental effects.

One of the most effective approaches to achieve environment sustainability of port is the adoption of renewable energy sources and electrification of port operation. Ports can begin to invest in the installation of solar panels and wind turbines to generate clean, sustainable electricity. This energy can be utilized to power various equipment and machinery, including cranes, vehicles, and lighting systems.

Waste management is a key point of any port. The implementation of new port operations related system allows for eliminate waste at port and it leads to increase efficient planning and execution of port operations.

Green infrastructure and design concept play major role in every industry. In port industry, building more sustainable port infrastructure is another key aspect of reducing the carbon footprint. As a green design, ports can renovate their facilities by using sustainable materials and eco-friendly construction techniques.

As a social sustainability, ports can: support their community by giving job opportunities, expand corporate social responsibility, enhance safety and security and protect employee’s rights. Economic growth, trade & logistic facilitation and digitalization are other areas that every port take actions and measures in order to achieve economic sustainable



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Dasara Rathnayaka
SEC



A WONDERFUL JOURNEY

A ship at sea has a destiny,
whether it is to China or Germany.
A ship has no home,
it shall mostly roam.

From sea to sea they sail,
steering clear of strong gales.
A port sees many of these,
they sail in on the breeze.

Many travel to the Indies for trade,
of clothes from Persia, for emeralds or jade.
Many have dreamed of riches from the sea,
though very few find the mysterious key.

The ship's sailors being so brave,
bob fearlessly on the waves.
And see so many beautiful views,
when out on a sunset cruise.
As the new day dawns,

they rise with stretches and yawns.
A boat at bay,
has a place to stay.

A ship at sea,
is almost completely free.
A ship at dock,
will be still as a rock.

Many people who love the sea,
have a common silent plea...
of sailing away,
for fun and adventures on the high sea!

Dilini Mahanama
ENS



A BEACON TO DARING SEAFARERS

The grandiosity of the towering lighthouses

History

The history of lighthouses dates back thousands of years, with some of the earliest known structures being simple bonfires or beacons used to guide ships safely to shore. The ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans all used some form of lighting to aid navigation at sea.

The first known lighthouse was the Pharos of Alexandria, built in Egypt around 280 BC. It was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and stood over 100 meters tall, guiding ships into the busy harbor of Alexandria with its bright beacon.

Throughout history, lighthouses have been constructed using a variety of materials, including stone, wood, and metal. They have evolved from simple bonfires, Oil Lamps, Candles to elaborate structures with sophisticated electrical lighting systems.



Image of the Ancient Pharos Light House, Alexandria, Egypt.

Lighthouses in the Vicinity of HIP

The lighthouses of Sri Lanka were built during British rule. They were operated and maintained by the Imperial Lighthouse Service UK, while some lighthouses had keepers sent from Trinity House UK until 1976 when the Sri Lanka Navy took over the operations and since the mid 1980's the Sri Lanka Ports Authority has been providing this service. The closest Light house to HIP is located at the Hambantota town which is non-operational now.

The most prominent lighthouses closest to our Port are located off shore of the town of Kirinda on the Basses reef. (Maha Ravana and Kuda Ravana)

The Little Basses (Kuda Ravana) like its counterpart is also an active lighthouse built in 1878. The Little Basses lighthouse is located on a reef known as Kuda Ravana Kotuwa (Fort of Little Ravana). Little Basses is a line of reefs off the southeast coast.



Do Lighthouses Symbolize any thing other than the Marine Field?

Over the years, lighthouses have symbolized many things, including guidance, protection, resilience, inspiration and applicable to our day-to-day lives. Metaphorically, lighthouses represent navigation through life's challenges and difficult times. They provide a sense of direction, safety, and hope. Lighthouses also symbolize the importance of staying on course, making informed decisions, and finding our way during darkness or uncertainty. Another part of lighthouses that readily come to mind is safety. Lighthouses are in hazardous locations, warning ships of dangerous coastlines and treacherous waters and guiding them to safe waters.

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Often lighthouses are situated in isolated areas, and their placement in these remote locations creates a sense of seclusion and solitude. Lighthouses evoke a sense of tranquility, inviting contemplation and self-reflection.

Lighthouses are strong structures typically made of stone and brick since they need to endure the most brutal conditions. They epitomize reassurance and stability in a changing world and remind us of the power of staying grounded, focused, and resolute in our beliefs and actions. Since lighthouses are tall and prominent, they're visible from long distances, signaling a welcoming embrace to those searching for a safe place or new beginning.

Being human means dealing with challenges, life can sometimes feel like stormy waters as we try to find our footing during challenging situations. However, lighthouses inspire us to rise above tough circumstances, providing security and solace as we face life's trials.

Overall, lighthouses symbolize overcoming challenges through their beacon of hope, resilience in adversity, guidance in times of turmoil, and representation of strength and perseverance.

Lighthouses operate day and night, regardless of weather conditions, providing a consistent light source to mariners. This unwavering reliability signifies the importance of being vigilant and dependable in our responsibilities and commitments.

Uwais Naazer
GAD



FREEDOM

Freedom is a bird in flight,
Soaring high, out of sight.
No more chains, no more walls,
Freedom answers when it calls.

Running wild through fields of green,
Feeling light, feeling seen.
Living life in your own way,
Freedom brightens every day.



Tharindi Gamage
MSF



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High Growth of oil and gas vessel calls at HIP in 2023



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Thai PM's Office on fact-finding mission at Hambantota International Port



Hambantota International Port - Most Significant FDI contributor to Sri Lanka - BOI



Hambantota International Port commences Container Operations



French Ambassador on a familiarization tour at HIP



Eight Sri Lankan Diplomats visit Hambantota International Port



Cruise Ship makes maiden call at HIP



Two Luxury Liners visit Hambantota International Port



High Powered delegation from CASA visits Hambantota Port