



Sri Lanka – Russia Business Council

Ceylon Chamber of Commerce



Review of Activities & Accounts
2018/2019

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Introduction

The Sri Lanka-Russia Business Council was inaugurated on 09th August 2001, on the initiative of the then Russian Ambassador in Sri Lanka, Mr. Mikhail A. Konarovskiy and then Chairman of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Chandra Jayaratne with a primary objective to function as a promoter and facilitator of bilateral trade, investments and tourism between Sri Lanka and the Russian Federation, particularly to promote exports to Russia.

The membership of the Council was 66 as at 31st March 2016

Objectives

- To promote trade, tourism and other services between Sri Lanka and Russia and in particular to promote exports from Sri Lanka to Russia.
- To encourage Russian investment and joint business ventures in Sri Lanka between Russian and Sri Lankan investors.
- To exchange information on trade and investment with the appropriate bodies in Russia.
- To conduct joint meetings with Russian business organizations in Sri Lanka and in Russia.
- To serve as a recognized representative of business sector interests in Sri Lanka in matters concerning business relationships with Russia.
- To promote Sri Lankan participation in trade fairs in Russia.
- To co-operate with the Government of Sri Lanka in the pursuit of the above objectives.
- To establish links with the Chambers of Commerce in Russia to cooperate with each other in the pursuit of each other's objectives.
- To undertake all matters that is incidental or conducive to attaining the above objectives.

Executive Committee 2018/2019

PATRON

His Excellency H. E. Yuri Borisovich Materiy
Ambassador
Embassy of the Russian Federation

President

Mr. Priyantha Hapuarachchi
South Asia Textiles Limited

Vice Presidents

Mr. Buddhapriya Ramanayake
Mos Lanka Investments (Pvt) Ltd

Mr. Buddhika Liyanage
Avian Technologies (Pvt) Ltd

Treasure

Shamindi Kumarasinghe
Nature's Beauty Creations Limited

Immediate Past President

Mr. Isuru Samarasinghe,
Unitrades (Pvt) Limited

Committee

Access International Projects (Pvt) Ltd;
Andrew The Travel Company (Pvt) Ltd
Freight Links International Pte Ltd
Imperial Tea Exports (Pvt) Ltd
Maharaja Organization (Projects) Pvt Ltd
Regency Teas (Pvt) Ltd
Orifini Jewelers (Pvt) Ltd
SALOTA International Pvt Ltd
Spillburg Holdings (Pvt) Ltd

Secretariat

The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
No.50, Navam Mawatha, Colombo 2.

Members

ACCESS INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS (PVT) LTD
ADVANTIS FREIGHT (PRIVATE) LIMITED
AITKEN SPENCE MOSCOW (PVT) LTD
AKBAR BROTHERS (PVT) LTD
ANDREW THE TRAVEL COMPANY (PVT) LTD
ASIA TEAS (PVT) LTD
AVIAN TECHNOLOGIES (PVT) LTD
BASILUR TEA CO. (PVT) LTD.
BUILT ELEMENT LIMITED
CBL NATURAL FOODS (PVT) LTD
CEYLON BISCUITS LTD
CEYLON FRESH TEAS (PVT) LTD
CEYLON PLANTATIONS COLOMBO (PVT) LTD
CHRYSOTILE INFORMATION CENTRE
CLASSIC TEAS (PVT) LTD
CONCORD EXOTIC VOYAGES (LANKA) PVT LTD.
CONSULTING ENGINEERS & CONTRACTORS (PVT) LTD
CROSSBRANDINVESTMENTS (PVT) LTD
DAC GRAPHICS
DELMEGE FORSYTH & CO (EXPORTS) LTD
DELTA SHIPPING PTE LTD
EMPIRE TEAS (PVT) LTD
ESWARAN BROTHERS EXPORTS (PVT) LTD
EURO ASIA CARGO (PVT) LTD
EURO-SCAN EXPORTS (PVT) LTD
FIBER CEMENT PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
FINLAYS COLOMBO LIMITED
FLEXIPRINT (PVT) LTD
FREIGHT LINKS INTERNATIONAL (PTE) LTD
GALADARI HOTEL LTD
GALLE FACE HOTEL MANAGEMENT COMPANY
GEORGE STEUART TEAS PVT LTD
GLOBAL LOGISTICS SERVICES (PVT) LTD
GORDON VINTAGE TEAS CEYLON (PRIVATE) LIMITED
HAYCARB PLC
HVA FOODS PLC
IMPERIAL TEAS (PVT) LTD
JAFFERJEE BROTHERS
JAY SEA FOODS PROCESSING (PVT) LTD
JETWING TRAVELS (PVT) LTD

KAUSHALYA TEA EXPORT COMPANY
KWANG SENG TRANSPORT SERVICES LANKA (PVT) LIMITED
LALAN RUBBERS PVT LTD
LANKA LOGISTICS & TECHNOLOGIES LTD.
LANKA MOUNTCASTLE (PVT) LTD
LANKA TRACTORS LTD
LATEX GREEN PVT LTD

MAC HOLDINGS (PVT) LTD
 MACK AIR (PVT) LTD
 MALTRAS INTERNATIONAL (PVT) LTD
 MARINE TRANSPORT SERVICES (PVT) LTD
 MAY COMPANY CEYLON (PVT) LTD
 MEGA TREND LANKA (PVT) LTD
 MILLENNIUM TEAS (PVT) LTD
 MOS LANKA INVESTMENTS (PVT) LTD
 NATURE CEYLON TRADING PVT LTD
 NATURE'S BEAUTY CREATIONS LIMITED
 OROFINI JEWELLERY (PVT) LTD
 PREMIER NATURAL TEAS (PVT) LTD
 QATAR AIRWAYS
 RANFER TEAS (PVT) LTD
 REGENCY TEAS (PVT) LTD
 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK
 RHINO ROOFING PRODUCTS LIMITED
 SALOTA INTERNATIONAL (PVT) LTD
 SIGIRI ROOFING (PVT) LTD
 SINDBAD (PRIVATE) LTD
 SKYMARK TRAVELS
 SOUTH ASIA TEXTILES LIMITED
 SPILLBURG HOLDINGS (PRIVATE) LIMITED
 SRI RAMCO ROOFINGS LANKA (PVT) LTD
 STASSEN EXPORTS (PVT) LTD
 SUNSHINE TEA (PVT) LTD
 TANGERINE TOURS LTD
 TEA TANG (PVT) LTD
 THE CAPITAL MAHARAJA ORGANISATION LIMITED THE
 THE SWADESHI INDUSTRIAL WORKS PLC
 UNILEVER LIPTON CEYLON LIMITED
 UNITRADES (PVT) LTD
 UNIWORLD TEAS (PVT) LTD
 WALKERS TOURS LTD
 WORLD TRAVEL CENTER COLOMBO (PVT) LTD
 WORLDLINK SHIPPING COLOMBO (PVT) LTD
 ZAM GEMS (PVT) LTD

Patrons and Presidents

PATRONS OF THE SRI LANKA RUSSIA BUSINESS COUNCIL		PRESIDENTS OF SRI LANKA RUSSIA BUSINESS COUNCIL	
NAME OF RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR/ PATRON	TENOR OF OFFICE	NAME	TENOR OF OFFICE
His Excellency Mikhail Konarovsky	2001-2002	Desamanya Deva Rodrigo	2001 to 2004
His Excellency Mikhail Karpov	2002-2004	Mr Jayantha Karunaratne	2005 to 2007
His Excellency Alexey Shebarshin	2005-2008	Mr Nimal Cooke	2008 to 2010
His Excellency Vladimir Mikhaylov	2008-2012	Mr Mohomad Shabir	2011
His Excellency Alexander Karchava	2012-2017	Mr Hiran Karunaratne	2012 to 2014
His Excellency Yury Materiy	2017 to date	Mr Isuru Samarasinghe	2015 to 2017
		Mr Priyantha Hapuarachchi	2017 to present

Review of Activities

The 15th Annual General Meeting

Sri Lanka - Russia Business Council of The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce held its 15th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 27 September 2019 at the Russian Centre Colombo. Mr. Igor Karavaev, Deputy Head of Mission, Russian Federation was the Chief Guest.

Mr. Priyantha Hapuarachchi, Chief Financial Officer of South Asia Textiles Limited, was elected as the President of the Council for the year 2018/2019.

Mr. Buddhapriya Ramanayake, Director, MOS Lanka Investments (Pvt) Ltd and Mr. Buddhika Liyanage, Director, Avian Technologies (Pvt) Ltd were appointed as the Vice Presidents of the Council while Ms. Shamindi Kumarasinghe, Head of Marketing, Nature's Beauty Creations Limited elected as the treasure. Mr. Isuru Samarasinghe, Managing Director Unitrades (Pvt) Limited will serve the committee as the immediate Past President.

The Committee elected comprised of;

Access International Projects (Pvt) Ltd
Andrew The Travel Company (Pvt) Ltd
Freight Links International Pte Ltd
Imperial Tea Exports (Pvt) Ltd
Maharaja Organization (Projects) Pvt Ltd
Regency Teas (Pvt) Ltd
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SALOTA International Pvt Ltd





Russia National Day Supplement -15th June 2018

Sri Lanka- Russia Business Council published a six page supplement in Daily Mirror on the occasion of National Day of Russian Federation on 15th June 2018. Avian Technologies (Pvt) Ltd, Built Element (Pvt) Ltd, Basilur Tea Exports (Pvt) Ltd, Imperial Tea Exports (Pvt) Ltd, HVA Lanka Exports (Pvt) Ltd, MOS Lanka Investments (Pvt) Ltd, Regency Teas (Pvt) Ltd, Stassen Exports (Pvt) Ltd, Maltras International (Pvt) Ltd, South Asia Textiles Limited, Easwaran brothers (Pvt) Ltd, Hyson Teas (Pvt) Ltd Salota International (Pvt) Ltd, Consulting Engineers and Contractors (Pvt) Ltd contributed to the supplement.

Trade Enquiries

The trade enquiries received from various sources requesting for contacts of buyers, sellers, agents were circulated among members.

Establishment of Links with Prominent Chambers in Russia

During the year under review, the Council continued its efforts in maintaining close relations with prominent Chambers in Russia for promotion of bilateral trade.

Liaison with the Russian Embassy in Sri Lanka

The Russian Embassy in Sri Lanka has extended its fullest co-operation to all activities of the Council from its inception. The Embassy also supported the Council members by providing trade related information and facilitating the issue of visas.

The Council wishes to place on record its appreciation for the assistance provided by His Excellency Yuri Borisovich Materiy, Ambassador, Russian Federation in Sri Lanka and Embassy Officials for coordinating the activities pertaining to the Council and for attending the Council events regularly.

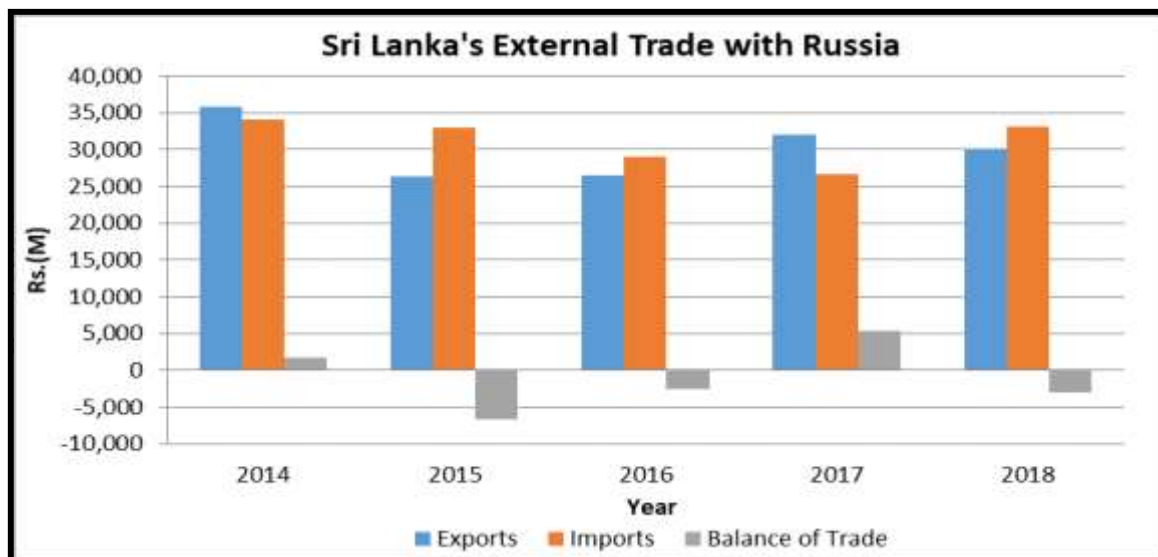
Sri Lanka - Russia External Trade 2014 - 2018

SUMMARY OF EXTERNAL TRADE WITH RUSSIA							
2014 - 2018							
				Rs.M			US\$M.
Year	Exports	Imports	Balance of Trade		Exports	Imports	Balance of Trade
2014	35,746	33,989	1,758		219.92	209.11	10.81
2015	26,312	32,947	(6,636)		161.88	202.70	(40.82)
2016	26,497	29,082	(2,585)		163.02	178.92	(15.90)
2017	31,984	26,655	5,329		196.77	163.99	32.78
2018	30,112	33,113	(3,001)		185.26	203.72	(18.47)

Rate of Exchange as at 31-December-2018 - US \$ 1 = Rs.162.5403

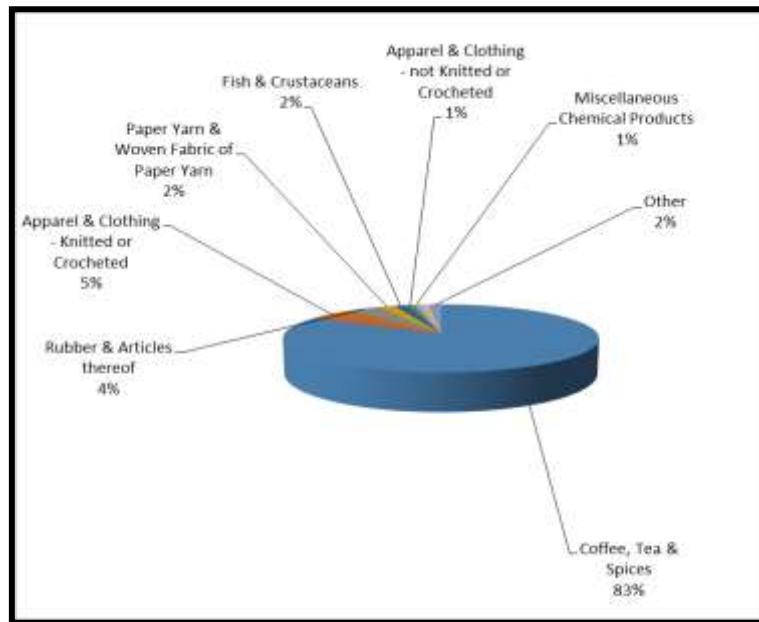
Percentage share of Russia in total trade of Sri Lanka		
	Exports	Imports
	%	%
2014	2.42	1.35
2015	1.85	1.28
2016	1.72	1.02
2017	1.79	0.82
2018	1.53	0.92

Total Sri Lanka Trade with All Countries							
			Rs.M				US\$M.
Year	Exports	Imports	Balance of Trade		Exports	Imports	Balance of Trade
2014	1,475,067	2,512,833	(1,037,766)		9,075.08	15,459.75	(6,384.67)
2015	1,420,565	2,581,365	(1,160,801)		8,739.77	15,881.39	(7,141.62)
2016	1,536,167	2,841,383	(1,305,216)		9,450.99	17,481.10	(8,030.11)
2017	1,789,882	3,252,585	(1,462,703)		11,011.93	20,010.95	(8,999.02)
2018	1,974,260	3,587,048	(1,612,788)		12,146.28	22,068.67	(9,922.39)



SRI LANKAS EXTERNAL TRADE WITH RUSSIA - 2018				
MAIN ITEMS EXPORTED FROM SRI LANKA TO RUSSIA - 2018				
		Rs.M	%	US\$M.
Coffee, Tea & Spices		25,098	83.35	154.41
Apparel & Clothing - Knitted or Crocheted		1,605	5.33	9.87
Rubber & Articles thereof		1,189	3.95	7.32
Paper Yarn & Woven Fabric of Paper Yarn		549	1.82	3.38
Fish & Crustaceans		458	1.52	2.82
Apparel & Clothing - not Knitted or Crocheted		255	0.85	1.57
Miscellaneous Chemical Products		164	0.54	1.01
Headgear & Parts		128	0.42	0.79
Electrical Machinery & Equipment & Parts		111	0.37	0.69
Animal or Vegetable Fats & Oils		89	0.30	0.55
Other		466	1.55	2.87
Total		30,112	100.00	185.26

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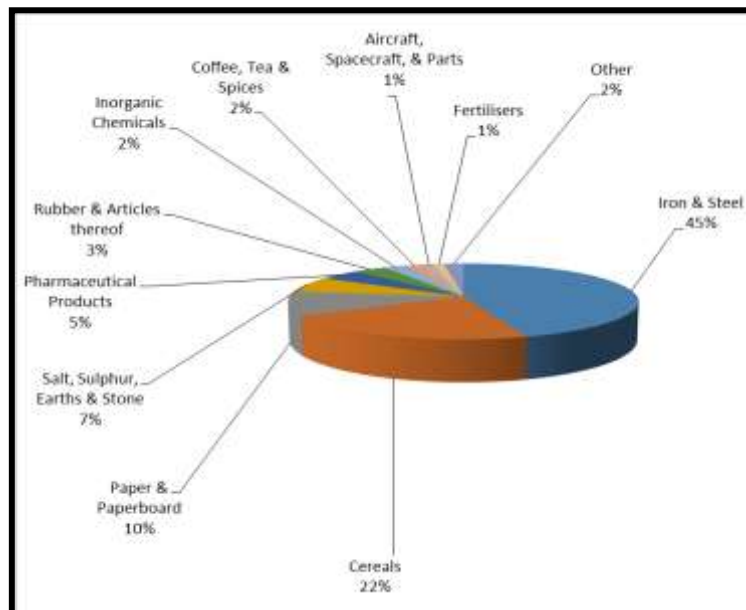
Source - Sri Lanka Customs

Compiled by the Foreign Trade/Information Division

The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce

Date -01/Mar/2019

SRI LANKAS EXTERNAL TRADE WITH RUSSIA - 2018
MAIN ITEMS IMPORTED TO SRI LANKA FROM RUSSIA - 2018



Source - Sri Lanka Customs

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The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce

Date -01/Mar/2019

Secretariat

The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce provided secretarial service to the Council during the period under review.

Accounts

M/s. KPMG were elected auditors of the Council. The Audited statement of the Accounts of the Council for the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 is annexed.

By order of the Committee

Sgd.
Ayoni Rangala
For Secretary

Financial Review 2018-2019



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Report of the Auditors' on the Statement of Receipts and Payments of Sri Lanka -Russia Business Council

To the Executive Committee of Sri Lanka -Russia Business Council

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Payments ("the Statement") of Sri Lanka -Russia Business Council ("the Council") for the year ended 31 March 2019. This Statement is the responsibility of the Executive Committee of the Council. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the accompanying statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the Statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting policies used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Statement. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Council's policy is to prepare the accompanying statement on the receipts and payments basis. On this basis revenue is recognized when received rather than when earned, and expenses are recognized when paid rather than when incurred.

In our opinion, the accompanying statement presents fairly, in all material respects the receipts and payments of The Council during the year ended 31 March 2019 in accordance with the receipts and payment basis as described in Note 2.


CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

31 May 2019
Colombo

KPMG is Sri Lanka partner to the member firm of the KPMG network of independent member firms affiliated with KPMG International Cooperative ("KPMG Network") a Swiss entity.

M.S. Murali ACA	P.V.A. Perera ACA	G.P. Jayewardene ACA
T.J.E. Rajakumar ACA	W.M.U.C. Perera ACA	M.A.S. Joseph ACA
S.M. S.M. Jayawardena ACA	W.D.C. Rajapaksa ACA	S.L.D. Perera ACA
S.S. J. Kumaraarachchi ACA	R.M.P.A. Rajapaksa ACA	M. R.K.B.T.S. Rodrigo ACA
R.L. Rajan ACA	A.N.M. Samarasinghe ACA	M. S.T. N. Perera ACA
Principals - E.D.L. Perera FCPA (UK), I.H. Atanagoda-Chartered Accountant, I.T. Jayawardena ACA		

**SRI LANKA - RUSSIA BUSINESS COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

For the year ended 31 March,

	2019	2018
	<u>Rs.</u>	<u>Rs.</u>
Receipts		
Membership subscription	325,000	390,000
Entrance Fees	1,000	4,000
Investment income	177,127	147,746
Income received in connection with:		
- Annual General Meeting	10,000	30,000
- Felicitation to Russian Ambassador Jan 2018	5,000	205,000
- Farewell to the Ambassador 15/08	-	196,000
- National Day supplement 2018	765,250	800,000
- Russian Visa facilitation Fees	362,250	-
- Welcome Dinner	-	12,000
- Dinner with Two Ambassadors	-	78,000
Total receipts	<u>1,645,627</u>	<u>1,862,746</u>
Less: Payments		
Expenses incurred in connection with:		
- AGM Expenses	129,162	321,009
- National Day supplement	-	381,000
- Farewell to the Ambassador 15/08	-	307,556
- Felicitation to Russian Ambassador Jan 2018	-	245,066
- Moscow Delegation 2017	-	5,000
- Dinner with Two Ambassadors	-	110,548
- National Day supplement 2018	454,250	-
- Russian Visa facilitation Fees	225,078	-
Entertainment & Refreshment Expenses	12,895	12,479
Printing and Stationery	5,462	8,191
Postage, fax and courier services	2,537	4,085
Sundry expenses	39,780	15,000
Audit fee	33,346	32,945
Secretarial fees	153,606	144,101
Income Tax	4,386	-
Communication cost	18,000	12,000
Tax Advisory Services	-	11,765
WITT Expense	-	14,745
Web Hosting Charges	54,000	54,173
Total payments	<u>1,112,502</u>	<u>1,677,663</u>
Net receipts	<u>533,125</u>	<u>185,083</u>
Closing balance (Note 01)		

Note 1: All the receipts and of the Council are done through the current accounts of the The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. Therefore the balance reflects the Associations cash and Cash Equivalents.

	2019	2018
	<u>Rs.</u>	<u>Rs.</u>
Current account with The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce	282,222	549,097
Fixed deposits held on behalf of the Council by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce:		
- Hutton National Bank	750,000	850,000
- Sampath Bank	1,000,000	500,000
	<u>2,432,222</u>	<u>1,899,097</u>

**SRI LANKA - RUSSIA BUSINESS COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

For the year ended 31 March 2019.

Note 2- Basis of Preparation

The Council's policy is to prepare the accompanying statement on the receipts and payments basis. On this basis revenue is recognised when received rather than when earned, and expenses are recognised when paid rather than when incurred.

The Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Statement of Receipts and Payments.

For and on behalf of the Committee of the Sri Lanka - Russia Business Council.



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Priyantha Hapuarachchi
President
Sri Lanka Russia Business Council



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Buddhapriya Ramanayake
Vice President
Sri Lanka Russia Business Council

31 May 2019
Colombo

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