



Sri Lanka – Russia Business Council

Ceylon Chamber of Commerce



Review of Activities & Accounts

2019/2020

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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.

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

2019/2020

PATRON

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

President

Mr. Buddhika Liyanage
Avian Technologies (Pvt) Ltd

Vice Presidents

Mr. Kolitha Weerakoon
Imperial Tea Exports (Pvt) Ltd

Shamindi Kumarasinghe
Nature's Beauty Creations Limited

Treasure

Niral Kadawatharatchie
Freight Links International (Pvt) Ltd

Immediate Past President

Mr. Priyantha Hapuarachchi
South Asia Textiles Limited

Committee

Andrew the Travel Company (Pvt) Ltd
Maharaja Organisation projects (pvt) Ltd
MAC Holdings (Pvt) Ltd
Regency Teas (Pvt) Ltd
Rhino Roofing Products Limited
Spillburg Holdings (Pvt) Ltd
Salota International (Pvt) Ltd
MOS Lanka Investments (Pvt) Ltd
Unitraders (Pvt) Ltd

Secretariat

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

Membership as at 31/3/2020

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 FRESH TEAS (PVT) LTD
CHRSOTILE INFORMATION CENTRE
CEYLON PLANTATIONS COLOMBO (PVT) LTD
CLASSIC TEAS (PVT) LTD
CONCORD EXOTIC VOYAGES (LANKA) PVT LTD.
CONSULTING ENGINEERS & CONTRACTORS (PVT) LTD
CROSSBRAND INVESTMENTS (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 (PRIVATE) LTD
GORDON VINTAGE TEAS CEYLON (PRIVATE) LIMITED
HAYCARB PLC
HERITAGE TEAS (PVT) LTD
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 MOUNTCASTLE (PVT) LTD
LANKA TRACTORS LTD
LATEX GREEN PVT LTD
MAC HOLDINGS (PVT) LTD
MACK AIR (PVT) LTD
MALTRAS INTERNATIONAL (PVT) LTD
MAY COMPANY CEYLON (PVT) LTD
MARINE TRANSPORT SERVICES (PVT) LTD
MILLANNIUM TEAS PVT LTD
MEGA TREND LANKA (PVT) LTD
MOS LANKA INVESTMENTS (PVT) LTD

NATURES CEYLON PVT TRADING LTD
 NATURE'S BEAUTY CREATIONS LIMITED
 OROFINI JEWELLERY (PVT) LTD
 PREMIER NATURAL TEAS (PVT) LTD
 RANFER TEAS (PVT) LTD
 REGENCY TEAS (PVT) LTD
 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK
 RHINO ROOFING PRODUCTS LIMITED
 SALOTA INTERNATIONAL (PVT) LTD
 SCANWELL LOGISTICS COLOMBO (PVT) LTD
 SIGIRI ROOFING (PVT) LTD
 SINDBAD (PRIVATE) LTD
 SKYMARK TRAVELS
 SOUTH ASIA TEXTILE INDUSTRIES LANKA (PVT) LTD
 SPILLBURG HOLDINGS (PRIVATE) LIMITED
 SRI RAMCO ROOFINGS LANKA (PVT) LTD
 STASSEN EXPORTS (PVT) LTD
 SUNSHINE TEA (PVT) LTD
 TANGERINE TOURS LTD
 THE SWADESHI INDUSTRIAL WORKS PLC
 THE CAPITAL MAHARAJA ORGANISATION LIMITED THE
 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

Members Appointed

Date Appointed	Member	Category
01/Dec/2019	HERITAGE TEAS (PVT) LTD	Category 1
01/Dec/2019	SCANWELL LOGISTICS COLOMBO (PVT) LTD	Category 1

Number of New Appointments **2**

Members Terminated

Date Terminated	Member	Category
09/May/2019	CEYLON BISCUITS LTD	Category 1
09/May/2019	QATAR AIRWAYS	Category 1
09/May/2019	JEWELX TRADING LTD	Category 1
02/Dec/2019	GLOBAL LOGISTICS SERVICES (PVT) LTD	Category 1

Number of Terminated Members **4**

Review of Activities

The 16th Annual General Meeting

Sri Lanka - Russia Business Council of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce held its 15th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 28th August 2019 at the Russian Centre Colombo. H. E. Yuri Borisovich Materiy, The Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Sri Lanka Russian Federation was the Chief Guest.

Mr. Buddika Liyanage, Managing Director, Avian Technologies Pvt Ltd, was elected as the President of the Council for the year 2019/2020.

Mr. Buddhika Liyanage, Director, Avian Technologies (Pvt) Ltd were appointed as the Presidents of the Council while Ms. Shamindi Kumarasinghe, Head of Marketing, Nature's Beauty Creations Limited and Mr. Kolitha Weerakoon, Director, Imperial Teas (Pvt) Ltd elected as vice presidents. Mr. Niral Kadawatharatchie of Freight Links International (Pvt) Ltd was elected as the Treasurer. Chief Financial Officer, South Asia Textile, Industries Lanka (pvt) Ltd, will join the committee in his capacity as the Immediate Past President.

The Committee elected comprised of;

1. Andrew the Travel Company (Pvt) Ltd
2. Maharaja Organisation projects (pvt) Ltd
3. MAC Holdings (Pvt) Ltd
4. Regency Teas (Pvt) Ltd
5. Rhino Roofing Products Limited
6. Spillburg Holdings (Pvt) Ltd
7. Salota International (Pvt) Ltd
8. MOS Lanka Investments (Pvt) Ltd
9. Unitraders (Pvt) Ltd

Executive Committee 2019/2020





Russia National Day Supplement - 12th June 2019

Sri Lanka- Russia Business Council published a six page supplement in Daily Mirror on the occasion of National Day of Russian Federation on 12th June 2019.

A Russian Soirée

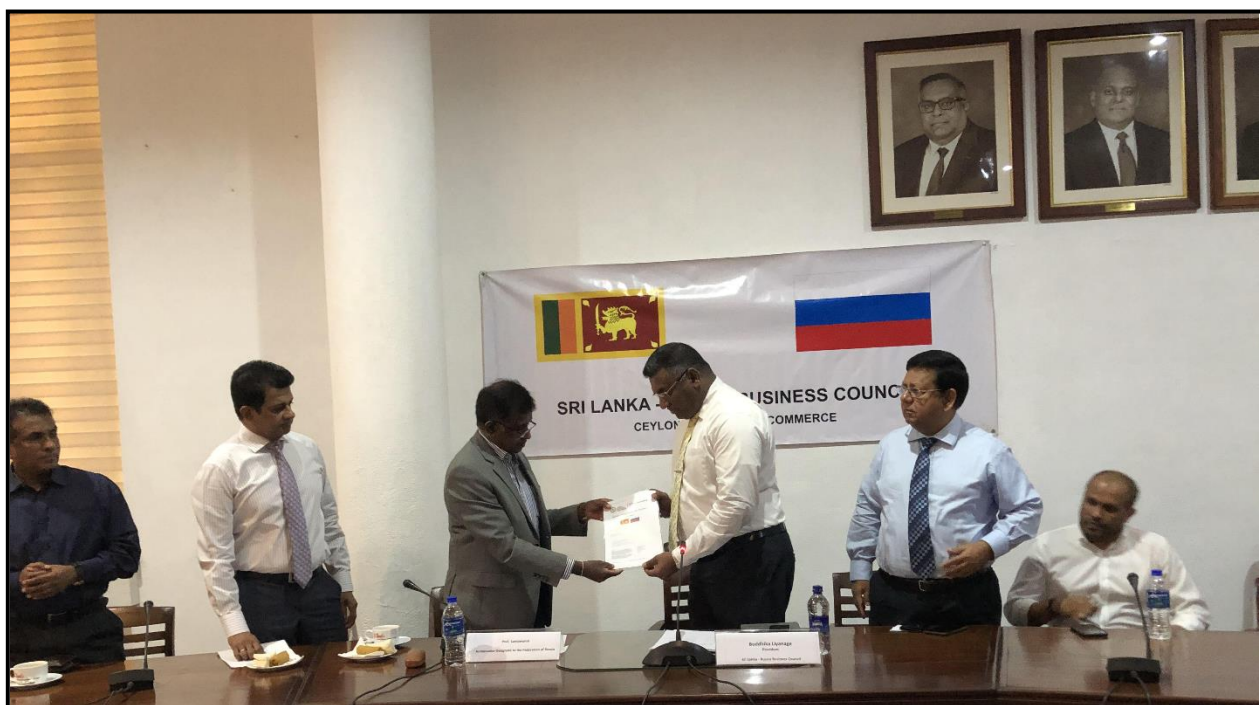
A networking evening for the membership titled “A Russian Soirée” was organized on 06th December 2019 at 7.00 pm, at the Galle Face Hotel. The SLRBC members and their invitees, H. E. Yury B Materiy and the diplomatic staff from the Embassy of Russian Federation, government officials participated at the event.





Interactive session with Prof. M. D. Lamawansa, Ambassador Designate to Russia

An interactive session was organized by the Sri Lanka - Russia Business Council at the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce for members and other interested parties to discuss trade related issues faced, if any, and establish contacts by introducing their company products/services and exchange/share views for further development of trade and investment between Sri Lanka and Russia. The event took place at the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce premises on 03rd March 2020.



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

SRI LANKA'S EXTERNAL TRADE WITH RUSSIA



SUMMARY OF EXTERNAL TRADE WITH RUSSIA

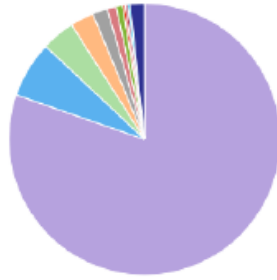
2015 - 2019

Rs. Mn			US \$. Mn			
Year	Export	Import	Balance of Trade	Export	Import	Balance of Trade
2015	26,312	32,947	-6,636	180.22	225.67	-45.45
2016	26,497	29,082	-2,585	176.65	193.88	-17.23
2017	31,984	26,655	5,329	209.79	174.83	34.95
2018	30,112	33,113	-3,001	185.26	203.72	-18.47
2019	29,873	36,913	-7,040	167.09	206.47	-39.38

PERCENTAGE SHARE OF RUSSIA IN TOTAL TRADE OF SRI LANKA

Year	Export %	Import %
2015	1.85	1.28
2016	1.72	1.02
2017	1.79	0.82
2018	1.53	0.92
2019	1.40	1.06

MAIN ITEMS EXPORTED FROM SRI LANKA TO RUSSIA - 2019

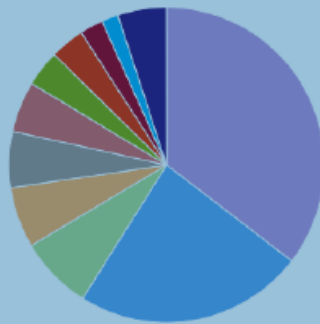


- Coffee, tea, mate and spices
- Articles of Apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted
- Rubber and articles thereof.
- Other vegetable textile fibres
- Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates
- Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof
- Articles of Apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted
- Miscellaneous edible Preparations
- Miscellaneous chemical products
- Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits
- Others

	Rs. Mn	%	US \$ Mn
Coffee, tea, mate and spices	23,986	80.29	134.16
Articles of Apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted	2,011	6.73	11.25
Rubber and articles thereof.	1,180	3.95	6.60
Other vegetable textile fibres	836	2.80	4.67
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	530	1.77	2.97
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof	326	1.09	1.82
Articles of Apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted	224	0.75	1.25
Miscellaneous edible Preparations	100	0.34	0.56
Miscellaneous chemical products	94	0.32	0.53
Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	82	0.27	0.46
Other	504	1.69	2.82
Total	29,873	100.00	167.09

RATE OF EXCHANGE AVERAGE 2019 - US \$ 1 = Rs. 178.78

MAIN ITEMS IMPORTED TO SRI LANKA FROM RUSSIA - 2019



- Cereals
- Iron and Steel
- Salt
- Paper and paperboard
- Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation
- Pharmaceutical products
- Rubber and articles thereof.
- Fertilizers
- Inorganic chemicals
- Copper and articles thereof
- Others

	Rs. Mn	%	US \$ Mn
Cereals	13,077	35.43	73.14
Iron and Steel	8,680	23.52	48.55
Salt	2,774	7.51	15.51
Paper and paperboard	2,300	6.23	12.87
Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation	2,119	5.74	11.85
Pharmaceutical products	1,926	5.22	10.77
Rubber and articles thereof.	1,372	3.72	7.68
Fertilizers	1,303	3.53	7.29
Inorganic chemicals	887	2.40	4.96
Copper and articles thereof	630	1.71	3.52
Other	1,845	5.00	10.32
Total	36,913	100.00	206.47

RATE OF EXCHANGE AVERAGE 2019 - US \$ 1 = Rs. 178.78

Secrétariat

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 01 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

By order of the Committee



Sgd.
Ayoni Rangala
For Secretary

Financial Review

2019-2020



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SLAuSs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the Statement.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards website at:

<http://slaasc.com/auditing/auditorsresponsibility.php>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.


CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Colombo, Sri Lanka
07 July 2020

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

For the year ended 31 March,

	2020	2019
	Rs.	Rs.
Receipts		
Membership subscription	200,000	325,000
Entrance fees	3,000	1,000
Investment income	244,374	177,127
Income received in connection with:		
- Annual General Meeting	30,000	10,000
- Felicitation to Russian Ambassador Jan 2018	-	5,000
- National Day supplement	675,000	765,250
- Russian Visa facilitation Fees	210,600	362,250
- Interactive session with designated Ambassador to Russia	3,000	-
Total receipts	<u>1,365,974</u>	<u>1,645,627</u>
Payments		
Expenses incurred in connection with:		
- AGM Expenses	202,127	129,162
- A Russian Soiree	69,221	-
- National Day supplement	345,000	454,250
- Russian Visa facilitation Fees	182,819	225,078
Entertainment & Refreshment Expenses	14,847	12,895
Printing and Stationery	6,626	5,462
Postage, fax and courier services	115	2,537
Sundry expenses	5,472	19,780
Audit fee	35,833	33,346
Secretarial fees	160,036	153,606
Income tax	95,596	4,386
Communication cost	18,000	18,000
Domain registration	5,750	-
Web hosting charges	55,000	54,000
Total payments	<u>1,196,442</u>	<u>1,112,502</u>
Net receipts during the year	<u>169,532</u>	<u>533,125</u>

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.

	2020	2019
	Rs.	Rs.
Amount due from the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce	246,767	282,222
Fixed Deposits		
- Hatton National Bank PLC	500,000	750,000
- National Development Bank PLC	454,987	-
- Sampath Bank PLC	1,400,000	1,400,000
	<u>2,601,754</u>	<u>2,432,222</u>

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


For the year ended 31 March,

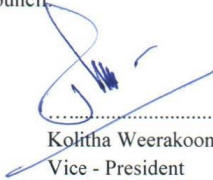
Note 2 - Basis of preparation

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 Executive Committee of the Council is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Statement of Receipts and Payments.

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


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Buddhika Liyanage
President


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Kolitha Weerakoon
Vice - President

07 July 2020
Colombo