

FCCISL ANNUAL REPORT 2014

With a new, business-friendly Government in place, as well as a legislative and policy framework that promises transparency, accountability and the rule of law, Sri Lanka appears poised to make a strong and determined effort not only aimed at overcoming the effects of three decades of debilitating conflict, but also taking the economy forward.

Plans to create a 'knowledge based social market economy', several business and technology zones, as well as tourism zones promise steady and sustainable growth for the private sector, especially the Small and Medium-scale Enterprises (SMEs), which account for a significant portion of economic activity in Sri Lanka.

This gives the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Sri Lanka (FCCISL), the apex body of representing the largest number of business entities in the island, an ideal opportunity to enhance its role as the champion of private enterprise, as well as a catalyst for comprehensive and inclusive economic development across the nation.

Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Sri Lanka (FCCISL) represents the collective goals and aspirations of 56 chambers of commerce and business associations, in addition to being the voice of over 15,000 business units. The membership of FCCISL includes large, medium, small and micro segments of manufacturing, production, trade and services.

FCCISL continues its role in providing a wide spectrum of services for its membership, ranging from advisory, lobbying, consultative and promotional activities, whilst providing valuable information required for the growth of its constituent sectors and organisations.

FCCISL's commitment, drive and mission continue, always pursuing its lofty goals in the interests of its member organisations.

VISION

“We, the apex body of chambers and associations of commerce and industry, champion the promotion of business excellence in Sri Lanka”

MISSION

“We make Sri Lankan businesses competitive locally and globally, providing comprehensive and innovative business support services in a socially and environmentally responsible manner, while adding optimal value to stakeholders”

OUR OBJECTIVES

FCCISL is guided by the following key objectives that have undoubtedly contributed to the success it has achieved thus far.

Moreover, the organization has made a conscious effort to review these objectives at regular intervals and take appropriate action where necessary, so that it can sustain the momentum and growth it has brought to the business and industrial sectors of this country.

- Promote the interests of its federated units, both trade industrial associations and chamber bodies
- Aid, stimulate and play a catalytic role in the business and industrial development of the country
- Protect, encourage and safeguard the cause of the private sector through effective participation in the process of consultation and interaction with the government, ministerial consultative committees and other inter-related bodies or agencies
- Provide advisory services to the government, lobby and participate in the formulation and execution of business and industry related policies, acts and programmes
- Assist in the creation of an organized private sector in Sri Lanka through a network of chambers of commerce and industry and commodity/sectoral associations
- Provide up-to-date information services to the businesses and government and the community at large
- Foster cooperation with related national and foreign organizations

“The FCCISL has, over the years, earned a reputation as a balanced organisation that plays a genuine and progressive role to uplift the business and industrial sectors of the country.”

OUR SERVICES

- Small and Medium Enterprise Development
- Regional Chamber Development
- Research and Policy Advocacy
- Lobbying and Consultancy
- Industrial Relations and Job Placement
- International Affairs
- Human Resources Development
- Training and Capacity Building
- Membership Services
- Foreign Trade and Investment Promotion
- Networking and Event Management
- Project Management Services
- Global Business Contacts Management/Promotion
- Certificates of Origin (COO) and other Certification

OUR CORE COMPETENCIES

- Wide experience and expertise in diverse fields
- Quality of service
- Continuous government-industry interface for evolving a shared vision on economic matters
- Rallying point for trade diplomacy for promoting regional and global trade and investment
- Highly trained, experienced and accomplished, multi-disciplinary, multi-lingual intellectual capital at our Secretariat
- State-of-the-art office infrastructure for conferences, board meetings and business promotions
- Professional approach for evolving quick solutions to economic and industrial issues
- Institutionalized services in quality assurance, energy auditing, sustainable and environmental issues, human resources, industrial relations and small and medium enterprise development
- Widest outreach in the private sector with 30 district and province based chambers of commerce and industry
- One-stop-shop for promotion of small and medium enterprises
- Longstanding track record of formulating and implementing donor supported business and economic development programmes
- Reliable and competent associate in public-private partnership

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure and pride that I present the Annual Report for the year 2014 -2015 to our members, partners and other stakeholders.

I assumed duties as the President of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industries of Sri Lanka (FCCISL) on 01st of January 2014, having served this organization for almost two decades in various capacities. During this period FCCISL has gone through many challenges, causing a turbulent atmosphere for me and my team to effectively manage. Colossal losses, unsettled debts, demands from creditors and resignation of some directors and key employees seriously eroded the reputation of the organization, thereby demotivating the remaining staff members.

Ladies and gentlemen, I had to act fast and lead this uphill task of transforming FCCISL into a sustainable and successful organization with clear hopes of growing fast. I started this with the appointment of a banker turned corporate, Mr. Ajith. D. Perera, as the Secretary General. This was followed by the appointment of competent and proven entrepreneurs such as Mr. Sarath Kahapalarachchi, Mr. Ruwan Edirisinghe, Mr. Ruwan De Silva, Mr. Meththananda Vidanagamachchi and Mr. Lakshman Walpitagamage, as members of the board. This new team immediately started making the necessary strategic moves.

Our first move was the opening communication channels with donor agencies, government institutions and chamber members, with a view to solicit their views and assistance. We also activated the SAARC Life Forum, which could generate income for us. We gradually activated our trade and investment division and managed to organize the "Turning Point" Investment forum in Colombo in September 2014, which was attended by over 50 foreign investors. In addition, all national newspapers and TV stations gave wide coverage to this event, thereby bringing FCCISL into limelight again. Towards the latter part of 2014, we started sending trade delegations to India, Pakistan and China, eventually re-building our healthy relations with most of the international agencies that were highly critical of the previous management of FCCISL. I wish to sincerely thank Mr. Ajith D Perera – Secretary General for his untiring efforts in this regard.

Simultaneously our membership also started growing. Tiles and Sanitary ware Importers Association, Roof Tile Association and Micro Finance Practitioners Association are some of the new organizations that have obtained our membership. We also signed an MOU with the University of Kelaniya to offer internships to students.

Conducting the Sri Lanka Entrepreneurs of the Year Awards Ceremony for 2014 was a serious challenge for all of us as many of our experienced employees had left us during the troubled period. However our Vice President Mr. Ruwan Edirisinghe, ably assisted by the remaining staff members, made all arrangement within 4 months and held the event on 29th January 2015 on a grand scale.

With all these developments by the end of the year 2014, FCCISL recorded an operational profit which helped us to reduce the overall loss from RS 28,451,871 to Rs 17,707,982.

Year 2015

2015 had been a year of further consolidation of our activities and results. We continued to work hard and increased our activities in the fields of trade and investments and SAARC life membership. We also sent around 300 Sri Lankan businessmen to attend various trade fairs and B2B sessions during 2014-2015. Most of these tours were fully funded by overseas exhibitors. By 2015, FCCISL has become an obvious choice for many inbound trade delegations. We received senior officials and business delegates from overseas chambers and individual businessmen, almost every week.

In February 2015, FCCISL took another constructive step to set up a SAARC NTM desk funded by GIZ Kathmandu to monitor, record and analyze Non-Tariff Measures and Non-Tariff Barriers in the SAARC environment. Simultaneously, FCCISL launched the Indo-Ceylon Economic Dialogue (ICED) in Kandy. FCCISL had its second edition to coincide with Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visit to Sri Lanka in March 2015. This event was attended by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, which also paved the way to develop a long-term relationship with FICCI. Towards the latter part of the year FCCISL in collaboration with SAARC Trade Promotion Network organized a national workshop on Training of the Trainers on NTM's in SAARC environment, which was attended by 25 representatives from regional and national chambers in the country.

During this year two leading national associations –Sri Lanka Tea Traders Association and Vehicle Importers Association of Sri Lanka joined FCCISL as its members. Also Sri Lanka Financial and Economic Journalist Forum and the Colombo Chamber of Commerce were formed under the guidance of FCCISL.

FCCISL also joined ITEC (Indian Technological Economic Cooperation) to promote a scholarship program and offered scholarships to our membership. We also initiated the SRIPA dialogue to promote trade and investment with Pakistan at a forum in Colombo attended by a strong business community representing Pakistan-Sri Lanka business council in Karachi, Pakistan. In addition, FCCISL took a major step on trade and investment in collaboration with SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Islamabad, Pakistan, by organizing another SAARC Investment Forum –Turning Point on South Asian Tourism and Climate Change and Business Opportunities. We revived the chamber leaders' summit in the year 2015 and had two editions, which were attended by large number of representatives from the chamber movement.

In the middle of the year, FCCISL further improved its income generation and started recording profits, which is a significant achievement for me, personally, and for the board members, collectively.

FCCISL also adopted a new theme for 2016 and 2017 to focus on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management. As a preamble to the new theme FCCISL organized a workshop on Climate

Change and Disaster Risk Reduction in collaboration with the French Embassy on 13th October 2015. Towards the latter part of the year, FCCISL signed an MOU with UNDP –Colombo to join the Sri Lanka Comprehensive Disaster Reduction Program on 22nd December 2015.

During 2015, we increased the number of Board of Directors and for the first time in FCCISL history, a board chair was allocated to a representative of the Women’s Chambers in Sri Lanka. This position was filled by Mrs. Shirley Jayawardena, Chairperson of the Central Province Women’s Chamber of Small Industries and Commerce. The other board chair was allocated to Colombo Chamber of Commerce and its founder President Dr. Amila Kankanamge, recently.

I am happy to announce that today I relinquish my duties as the President on a positive note and would like to thank all Board Members, Chamber Members, Secretary General, all staff members, government officials, donor agencies, Diplomatic Community, UN Agencies, SAARC CCI and SAARC TPN for the support extended to me during my tenure.

Ajith Wattuhewa
President

SECRETARY GENERAL'S MESSAGE

I am delighted to send this message for the Annual Report for year 2014-2015.

I assumed duties as Secretary General on 20th May 2014 and had to share the daunting task of reviving the FCCISL, together with the newly appointed President and Board of Directors. It was no secret that FCCISL was left with empty coffers and as a result was facing so many issues internally and externally, inherited from the previous managements.

Looking at the overall economic prospects of the country during the year 2014, the major positive factors of the Sri Lankan macro environment for our businesses was the economic growth of around 6% per annum and the lower rate of interest maintained by Sri Lankan banks.

However, the gap between the rich and poor, as well as regional imbalances in economic development continue to widen, as the benefits of economic growth are unevenly distributed among the people.

Meanwhile, the Asia-Pacific region has achieved a remarkable record of economic growth, delivering average annual expansion of 7.6% from 2004 to 2014. The region is exposed to greater environmental risks arising from climate change and is vulnerable to economic shocks and natural hazards. The gap between infrastructure needs and available financing also remains a problem. Hundreds of millions of people remain in poverty.

It was in this context that FCCISL had to revisit available strategies as a way out and I am happy to note that we have managed to convert a huge loss making organization into an organization with a manageable loss by the end of the year, thereby setting the stage to make profits by year 2015.

I would like to sincerely thank my President, Board of Directors, all staff, the Diplomatic community in Sri Lanka, ADB, IFC and officials of the Government of Sri Lanka for the support extended to me during this period.

Ajith D Perera
Secretary General

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa – President, FCCISL

Mr. Sarath Kahapaarachchi – Senior Vice President, FCCISL

Mr. Ruwan Edirisinghe – Vice President, FCCISL

Mr. Ruwan De Silva – Director, FCCISL

Mr. Mettananda Widanagamachchi – Director, FCCISL

Mr. Lakshman Walpitagamage – Director, FCCISL

Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa - President, FCCISL

Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa was appointed to the Federation Board in 2008 and inducted the Vice President in December 2010. He is the Chairman / Managing Director of Central Pre Cured Retreads (Pvt) Ltd and Asian International Promoters (Pvt) Ltd. Ajith holds a National Diploma in Technology in Polymer Technology with specialization in tyre retreading and fibre glass boat building from the University of Moratuwa. With over 15 years experience in chamber activities, Ajith initiated the formation of Kalutara and Gampaha district chambers and the provincial chamber in Uva. He was the Founder Chairman of Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uva Province in 1996 and presently serves on the Chamber Board as the founder Chairman.

GOVERNANCE:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE SECRETARIAT

The governance of the Federation today is based on a three-tiered structure, as a result of the constitutional changes introduced with effect from September 2008.

At the pinnacle of this structure is the Board of Directors, headed by the President, the Senior Vice President, the Vice President, the Immediate Past President and three persons appointed by the Executive Council to represent National Chambers, Regional Chambers, Trade Associations and Institutions. The Board is responsible for the planning and management of the Federation.

The second or the representative tier is the Executive Council which constitutionally provides for one representative and one alternate from each Institutional member of the Federation to be represented on it. The Executive Council is tasked with deciding policy.

The third tier relates to the administration of the affairs and the Secretariat of the Federation headed by a Secretary General. He is responsible for the conduct of the business of the Federation under the direction of the Board of Directors.

The synthesis of the three principal components of governance of the Federation was intended to bring about more effective controls in the affairs of the body and its widely dispersed functional areas.

It should be noted that these structural changes have strengthened and added greater accountability to the Federation.

The Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka stands well above related bodies in this country in terms of its size, strength and diversity of services. Its status rests on its extensive service base, professionalism and acknowledged contribution towards the progress of the private enterprise system of this nation. At its core, it is not only a committed driver of the economic ideals enshrined in its Articles of Association, but also from a macro-perspective, a promoter of the concepts of the freedom of enterprise.

OUR COUNCIL

- 1. Ampara District Chamber of Commerce and Industry**
Mr. Wijayasiri
- 2. Anuradhapura District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture**
Mr. Amal Piyathilake
- 3. Association of Licensed Foreign Employment Agencies**
Mr. M Faizer Mackeen
- 4. Batticaloa District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture**
Mr. Ahilan Selvarajah
- 5. Business Chamber of Commerce**
Mr. Jagath Savanadasa
- 6. Central Province Exporters' Chamber**
Mr. Jagath Udaya Kumara Dissanayake
- 7. Central Province Women's Chamber of Small Industry and Commerce**
Ms. Shirley Jayawardana
- 8. Ceylon Hardware Merchants' Association**
Mr. S.T.S. Arulananthan
- 9. Ceylon Institute of Builders**
Mr. Saliya Kaluarachchi
- 10. Ceylon National Chamber of Industries**
Mr. Ruwan Edirisinghe
- 11. Chamber of Commerce and Industries Trincomalee District**
Mr. V. Kalaichelvan
- 12. Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Yarlpanam**
Mr. Kanagasabai Poornachandran
- 13. Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uva Province**
Mr. M.I.M Pathahulla
- 14. Chamber of Tourism Industry**
Mr. A.M. Jauffar

- 15. Chamber of Young Lankan Entrepreneurs**
Mr. Idunil Ukwatte
- 16. Galle District Chamber of Commerce & Industries**
Mr. Lakshman Walpitagamage
- 17. Hambantota District Chamber of Commerce**
Mr. M. Azmi Thassim
- 18. Institute of Personnel Management Sri Lanka**
Mr. P.G. Thennakoon
- 19. International Business Council**
Mr. Kosala Wickramanayake
- 20. International Chamber of Commerce in Sri Lanka**
Mr. Keerthi Gunawardena
- 21. Jaffna Women's Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agribusiness**
Ms. C. Rubendra
- 22. Kalutara District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture**
Mr. Sarath Kahapalaarachchi
- 23. Kilinochchi District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture**
Mr. M. Ignētious
- 24. Kurunegala District Women's Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agribusiness**
Ms. Nilmini Tissera
- 25. Mannar District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture**
Mr. N. Ganeshalingam
- 26. Matale District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture**
Mr. Mohamed Hanifa Muhuseen
- 27. Matara District Chamber of Commerce and Industry**
Mr. Mettananda Widanagamachchi
- 28. Matara District Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry**
Ms. Udari Osaka
- 29. Moneragala District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture**
Mr. A.V.K. Bandula
- 30. Mullaitivu District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture**
Mr. T. Sothylingam

- 31. National Chamber of Handicrafts of Sri Lanka**
Mr. R.A.P.G. Walirathne
- 32. National Construction Association of Sri Lanka**
Mr. Walter Perera
- 33. Nuwara Eliya District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture**
Mr. Nawaratne Hettiarchchi
- 34. Polonnaruwa District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture**
Mr. H.D.D Gunasekera
- 35. Protected Agriculture Entrepreneurs' Association of Sri Lanka**
Mr. R.S. Wijesekara
- 36. Puttalam District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agribusiness**
Mr. K.F.J. Macdonald Perera
- 37. Sabaragamuwa Province Chamber of Commerce and Industry**
Mr. L.H.D. Shantha
- 38. Software Exporters' Association**
Ms. Manori Dissanayake
- 39. Sri Lanka Association of Hair Dressers & Beauticians**
Ms. Swineetha Gunawickrama
- 40. Sri Lanka Association of Printers**
Mr. Johnny Fernando
- 46 Sri Lanka Fruit and Vegetable Producers', Processors' and Exporters' Association**
Mr. Ismath Mohamed
- 48. Sri Lanka Gem and Jewellery Association**
Mr. Armil Sammoon
- 49. Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing**
Mr. Sanjeeva Rodrigo
- 50. Sri Lanka Philippine Business Council**
Mr. Mineka Wickramasingha
- 51. Sri Lanka Ukraine Business Council**
Mr. Samantha Kumarasinghe

52. Tourist Hotels Association of Sri Lanka

Mr. Jayantissa Kehelpannala

53. Vavuniya District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

Mr. S. Sureshkumar

54. Vehicle Importers Association of Sri Lanka

Mr. Dammika Peiris

55. Wayamba Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Mr. T.M. Razeek

56. Women's Chamber of Industry and Commerce

Mrs. Indrani Fernando

OUR MEMBERS

The institutional membership of the Federation comprises a wide spectrum of bodies covering a multiplicity of economic sectors of the country. Furthermore, they are spread across the length and breadth of Sri Lanka.

53 such bodies are members of the Federation. Out of these, 8 are National Chambers and 30 are Regional Chambers which cover the entirety of districts in the country and serve the interests of several active areas in trade and commerce such as Kandy, Kurunegala, Ampara, Hambantota, Kalutara and the districts in the North and East of Sri Lanka.

Our membership also has 11 Associations representing a diversity of interests such as employment, construction, private tea factories, vegetable producers, processors and exporters, gems and jewellery, hardware and tourism.

Our membership also consists of 03 Institutions and 02 Councils. As a result of this depth and diversity, the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka is a truly representative body at the helm of affairs of the private sector in this country.

NATIONAL CHAMBERS (08)

1. Business Chamber of Commerce

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Fax : 011 2448957
Email : bcchamber@sltnet.lk

2. Ceylon National Chamber of Industries

No. 20, First Floor, Galle Face Court 2, Colombo 3
Tele : 011 2452181/2331444
Fax : 011 2331443
Email : cnci@slt.lk
Web : www.cnci.biz

3. Chamber of Tourism and Industry

No. 20, Deal Place, Colombo 03.
Tele : 011 4378322, 011 2575765
Fax : 011 2575765
Email : info@chambertourisam.lk

4. Chamber of Young Lankan Entrepreneurs

No. 24, Beddagana Road, Kotte

Tele : 011 7538615/2883560

Fax : 011 7538616

Email : coyle@isplanka.lk / coyle@dialognet.lk

Web : www.coyle.lk

5. International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka

No 53, Vauxhall Lane, Colombo 2

Tele : 011 5333392, 2307841, 2307825

Fax : 011 2307841

Email : iccsl@sltnet.lk

Web : www.iccsrilanka.com

6. National Chamber of Handicrafts of Sri Lanka

No. 155, 2nd Floor, William Gopallawa Mawatha, Kandy

Tele : 081 22 20235

Fax : 081 22 20235

Email : nchsl@fccisl.lk

Web : www.nchsl.com

7. Women's Chamber of Industry and Commerce

No. 380/7, Sarana Road, BauddhalokaMawatha, Colombo 07

Tele : 011 2671762

Fax : 011 2669074

Email : wcic1@sltnet.lk

Web : www.wcic1.org / www.wcic1.lk

INSTITUTIONS (03)

8. Institute of Personnel Management Sri Lanka

HR House, No. 43, VijayaKumaranathunga Mawatha, Colombo 05

Tele : 011 2199988 / 011 2809902

Fax : 011 2199935/75

Email : pgt@ipmlk.org

Web : www.ipmlk.org

9. Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing

SLIM Home, No 94, AnandaRajakaruna Mawatha, Colombo 10

Tele : 011 2675000

Fax : 011 2681660

Email : inquiry@slim.lk

Web : www.slim.lk

10. Ceylon Institute of Builders

No. 48, C.S.C.T Building, Thalawathugoda Road, Pitakotte

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Fax : 011 2885933

Email: ceo@ciob.lk / info@ciob.lk

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COUNCIL (3)

11. International Business Council

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Fax : 011 2778820

Email : kosala@slt.lk

12. Sri Lanka Philippine Business Council

C/O Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry
of Sri Lanka, 53, Vauxhall Lane, Colombo 2

Tele : 011 2304253/4

Fax : 011 2304255

Email : lankaphilbusinesscouncil@gmail.com

13. Sri Lanka Ukraine Business Council

No. 377/1, Wesiri Mawatha ,Hokandara South, Hokandara

Tele : 011 4309275-7

Fax : 011 2760782

Email : samantha@nbc.lk

ASSOCIATIONS (11)

14. Association of Licensed Foreign Employment Agencies

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Tele : 011 2336661 / 2

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Email : alfea@sltnet.lk

Web : www.alfea.org

15. Ceylon Hardware Merchants' Association

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16. National Construction Association of Sri Lanka

No. 350 A, Pannipitiya Road, Pelawatta

Tele : 011 2786325 -26

Fax : 011 2784355

Email : ncasl@sltnet.lk

Web : www.ncasrilanka.com

17. Protected Agriculture Entrepreneurs' Association

No. 254/ 1, Shodans Building, Muruthalawa Road, Peradeniya

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Fax : 081 2387121

Email : paea@sltnet.lk

Web : www.paea-lk.org

18. Software Exporters' Association

No. 50, Nawam Mawatha, Colombo 02

Tele : 011 2392840, 2421745 -6

Fax : 011 2449352

Email : irangika@chamber.lk

Web : www.softwaresrilanka.com

19. Sri Lanka Association of Hair Dressers and Beauticians

No. 41, Ridgeway Place, Colombo 04

Tele : 011 2596221

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Email : slahab12@gmail.com / nandana@imageconsultants.lk

20. Sri Lanka Association of Printers

No. 290, D R Wijewardena Mawatha, Colombo 10

Tele : 011 2472315

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Email : slap@srilankaprint.com

21. Sri Lanka Fruit and Vegetable Producers', Processors' and Exporters' Association

No 80, Reclamation Road, Colombo 11

Tele : 011 2327810

Fax : 011 2332331

Email : zuraishh@hotmail.com

Web : www.srilankafruit.com

22. Sri Lanka Gem and Jewellery Association

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Email : info@slgja.org

Web : www.slgja.org

23. Tourist Hotels Association of Sri Lanka

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

Tele : 011 5588855

Fax : 011 2449352

24. Vehicle Importers Association of Sri Lanka

No. 36/B, H.D.S Jayasinghe Mawatha, Kalubowila, Dehiwela

Tele : 011 2828222

Fax : 011 2827819

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Web : www.viasl.com

REGIONAL CHAMBERS (29)

25. Ampara District Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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Web : www.amparachamber.lk

26. Anuradhapura District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

No. 75, SGI Patumaga ,Gunasekara Building, Anuradhapura

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Fax : 025 2226964

Email : adccia@yahoo.com

Web : www.anuradhapurachamber.lk

27. Batticaloa District Chamber of Commerce and Industry

No. 56, Thamayaikerny Road, Batticaloa

Tele : 065 22 26656

Fax : 065 22 26656

Email : necbp@sltnet.lk

Web : www.batticaloachamber.lk

28. Central Province Exporters' Chamber

Bank of Ceylon Building, No. 22 B, 2nd Floor, Kotugodella Street, Kandy

Tele : 081 2205176

Fax : 081 2205175

Email : cpec@fccisl.lk

Web : www.exportchamber.lk

29. Central Province Women's Chamber of Small Industries and Commerce

No. 38, George E De Silva Mawatha, Kandy

Tele : 081-2228571

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Email : cpwcic@yahoo.com

Web : www.centralwomenschamber.lk

30. Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Central Province

No. 1/2, Sangaraja Mawatha, Kandy

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31. Chamber of Commerce and Industries Trincomalee District

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Email : chambertrinco@gmail.com

Web : www.trincomaleechamber.lk

32. Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uva Province

No. 30, Udayaraja Mawatha, Badulla

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Fax : 055 2224195

Email : cciup@sltnet.lk , uvachamber@gmail.com

Web : www.uvachamber.lk

33. Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Jaffna

No. 124, Rasaavinhoddam Road, Jaffna

Tele : 021 22 26609

Fax : 021 22 26609

Email : jaffnacciy@sltnet.lk

Web : www.yarlpanamchamber.lk

34. Galle District Chamber of Commerce and Industries

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Fax : 091 7396143

Email : gallechamber@yahoo.com

Web : www.gallechamber.com

35. Galle District Women Entrepreneurs' Chamber

No.26, MahaliyaWatta, Makuluwa, Galle

Tele : 091- 5627342

Email : gallewomen@yahoo.com

Web : www.gallewomenschamber.lk

36. Gampaha District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

No. 49/2/1, Yakkala Road, Gampaha

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Web : www.gampahachamber.lk

37. Hambantota District Chamber of Commerce

Tangalle Road, Hambantota

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Web : www.hdcc.lk

38. Jaffna Women's Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agri Business

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Email : jwccia@ymail.com

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39. Kalutara District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

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40. Kilinochchi District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

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Email : kdccia2011@gmail.com

Web : www.kilinochchichamber.lk

41. Kurunegala District Women's Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agribusiness

No.04, Sunitech Building, 2nd Floor, 1st Lane, BaudhalokaMawatha, Kurunegala

Tele : 037 2232108

Fax : 037 2232108

Email : kurunegaladistrictwomenschamber@yahoo.com

Web : www.kurunegalawomenschamber.lk

42. Mannar District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

1st Floor, Esplanade Road, Moor Street, Mannar

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Email : mdccia@sltnet.lk

Web : www.mannarchamber.lk

43. Matale District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

No. 10, Vihara Road, Matale

Tele : 066 7390700 / 703

Fax : 066 7390702

Email : matalechamber@gmail.com

Web : www.matalechamber.lk

44. Matara District Chamber of Commerce and Industry

No. 05 A 1/1, C A Ariyathilake Mawatha, Matara

Tele : 041 22 29883

Fax : 041 22 29883

Email : matarachamber@gmail.com

Web : www.matarachamber.lk

45. Matara District Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry

No. 3/6, Siri Darmarathna Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara

Tele : 041 5670105

Fax : 041 2227494

Email : mdwc@hotmail.com

Web : www.matarawomenschamber.lk

46. Moneragala District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

No. 64, Opposite Tri-Star Garments, Moneragala Road, Buttala

Tele : 055 2273416

Fax : 055 2273416

Email : mdcciabuttala@gmail.com

Web : www.moneragalachamber.lk

47. Mullaitivu District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

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48. NuwaraEliya District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

"AGCO", Black Poll, NuwaraEliya

Tele : 052 2234747

Fax : 052 2224078

Email : nedccia@sltnet.lk / agconw@yahoo.com

Web : www.nuwaraeliyachamber.lk

49. Polonnaruwa District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

Savsiri Furniture, Main Street, Medirigiriya

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Web : www.polonnaruwachamber.lk

50. Puttalam District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agribusiness

No. 66, 2nd floor, Kurunegala Road, Chilaw

Tele : 032- 2221487

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Email : puttalamchamb@sltnet.lk

Web : www.puttalamchamber.lk

51. Sabaragamuwa Province Chamber of Commerce and Industry

No. 2/8, Bandaranaike Mawatha, Ratnapura

Tele : 045 22 23662

Fax : 045 22 22056

Email : sccija@sltnet.lk

Web : www.scci.lk

52. Vavuniya District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

1st Floor, Sathiya Building, No 57, 1st Cross Street, Vavuniya

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Fax : 024 2224313

Email : vdccia@yahoo.com

Web : www.vavuniyachamber.lk

53. Wayamba Chamber of Commerce and Industry

No. 18, 1st Floor, Jayawansa Building, Mihindu Mawatha, Kurunegala

Tele : 037 22 24356, 22 24355

Fax : 037 22 24355

Email : wcci@sltnet.lk

Web : www.wayambachamber.lk

PAST PRESIDENTS, VICE PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES
GENERAL

Term of Office body represented	President and the Member body represented	Vice Presidents and the Member	Secretaries General
1973/1974	Mr. Mallory E. Wijesinghe (Ceylon Chamber of Commerce)	Mr. P.A. Silva, Mr. H.R. Fernando (The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka) Mr. N.U. Jayawardena Mr. V.L. Wirasinha (The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce)	Mr. John Rodrigo / Mr. T. Seneviratne
1974/1975	Mr. Mallory E. Wijesinghe (Ceylon Chamber of Commerce)	Mr. H.E.P. de Mel (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries) Mr. H.R. Fernando (The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka)	Mr. John Rodrigo / Mr. T. Seneviratne
1975/1976	Mr. Mallory E. Wijesinghe (Ceylon Chamber of Commerce)	Mr. H.E.P. de Mel (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries) Mr. H.R. Fernando (The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka)	Mr. John Rodrigo / Mr. T. Seneviratne
1976/1977	Mr. H.R. Fernando (The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka)	Mr. H.E.P. de Mel (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries) Mr. V.L. Wirasinha (The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce)	Mr. T. Seneviratne
1977/1978	Mr. H.R. Fernando (The National Chamber of Commerce of	Mr. Gilbert Jayasuriya (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries)	Mr. T. Seneviratne

	Sri Lanka)	Mr. M. Kundanmal (The Mercantile Chamber of Commerce of Ceylon)	
1979/1980	Mr. Gilbert Jayasuriya (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries)	Mr. M. Kundanmal (The Mercantile Chamber of Commerce of Ceylon) Mudaliyar N.W.J. Mudalige (The All Ceylon Trade Chamber)	Mr. T. Seneviratne
1980/1981	Mr. Gilbert Jayasuriya (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries)	Mudaliyar N.W.J. Mudalige (The All Ceylon Trade Chamber) Mr. A.D.E. de S. Wijeratne (The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka)	Mr. T. Seneviratne
1981/1982	Mudaliyar N.W.J. Mudalige (The All Ceylon Trade Chamber)	Mr. A.H. Rajkotwala (The Mercantile Chamber of Commerce of Ceylon) Mr. W. GranwillePerera (The Sri Lanka Chamber of Small Industry)	Mr. T. Seneviratne
1982/1983	Mudaliyar N.W.J. Mudalige (The All Ceylon Trade Chamber)	Mr. A.H. Rajkotwala (The Mercantile Chamber of Commerce of Ceylon) Mr. W. GranwillePerera (The Sri Lanka Chamber of Small Industry)	Mr. T. Seneviratne
1983 / 1984	Mr. A.H. Rajkotwala (The Mercantile Chamber of Commerce of Ceylon)	Mr. W. GranwillePerera (Sri Lanka National Council of	Mr. T. Seneviratne

		International Chamber of Commerce) Mr. D.M. Perera (The Tourist Hotels Association of Sri Lanka)	
1984/1985	Mr. A.H. Rajkotwala (The Mercantile Chamber of Commerce of Ceylon)	Mr. W. Granville Perera (Sri Lanka National Council of International Chamber of Commerce) Mr. D.M. Perera (The Tourist Hotels Association of Sri Lanka)	Mr. T. Seneviratne
1985/1986	Mr. Alloy R. Jayawardene (Sri Lanka Chamber of Small Industry)	Mr. Stanley William (Mercantile Chamber of Commerce of Ceylon) Mr. Y.P. Muthukumarana (All Ceylon Trade Chamber)	Mr. T. Seneviratne
1986/1987	Mr. Alloy R. Jayawardene (Sri Lanka Chamber of Small Industry)	Mr. Stanley William (Mercantile Chamber of Commerce of Ceylon) Mr. Y.P. Muthukumarana (All Ceylon Trade Chamber)	Mr. T. Seneviratne
1987/1988	Mr. A.R.P. Wijesekera (Ceylon National Chamber of Industries)	Mr. Stanley William (Mercantile Chamber of Commerce of Ceylon) Mr. H.D. de Silva (National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka)	Mr. T. Seneviratne / Mr. A.F. Ludowyke

		Mr. Kumara Semage (Sri Lanka Chamber of Small Industry)	
1988/1989	Mr. Chandra Karunanayake (Ceylon National Chamber of Industries)	Mr. Stanley William (Mercantile Chamber of Commerce of Ceylon) Mr. W. Granwille Perera (Sri Lanka National Council of International Chamber of Commerce)	Mr. A.F. Ludowyke
1989/1990	Mr. Chandra Karunanayake (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries)	Mr. Stanley William (Mercantile Chamber of Commerce of Ceylon) Mr. K. Jayasuriya (The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka)	Mr. A.F. Ludowyke
1990/1991	Mr. W. Granwille Perera (Sri Lanka National Council of International Chamber of Commerce)	Mr. Macky Hashim (Sri Lanka Gem Traders' Association) Mr. Sugath Kodituwakku (Sri Lanka Chamber of Small Industry)	Mr. A.F. Ludowyke / Mr. B.H. Dushyantha Mendis
1991/1992	Mr. W. Granwille Perera (Sri Lanka National Council of International Chamber of Commerce)	Mr. Macky Hashim (Sri Lanka Gem Traders' Association) Mr. Sugath Kodituwakku (Sri Lanka Chamber of Small Industry)	Mr. A.F. Ludowyke / Mr. B.H. Dushantha Medis
1992/1993	Mr. Patrick Amarasinghe (National Exporters Association of Sri Lanka)	Mr. Macky Hashim (Sri Lanka Gem Traders' Association) Mr. Lal de Mel	Mr. B.H. Dushyantha Mendis / Ms. Avanti Moonasinghe (Deputy)

		(The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries)	
1993/1994	Mr. Patrick Amarasinghe (National Exporters Association of Sri Lanka)	Mr. Macky Hashim (Sri Lanka Gem Traders' Association) Mr. Nihal Abeysekera (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries)	Mr. Anil Cooray
1994/1995	Mr. Patrick Amarasinghe (National Exporters Association of Sri Lanka)	Mr. Macky Hashim (Sri Lanka Gem Traders' Association) Mr. Nihal Abeysekera (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries)	Mr. Anil Cooray
1995/1996	Mr. Patrick Amarasinghe (National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka)	Mr. Macky Hashim (Serendib Chamber of Commerce and Industry) Mr. Nihal Abeysekera (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries)	Mr. Anil Cooray
1996/1997	Mr. Patrick Amarasinghe (National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka)	Mr. Macky Hashim (Serendib Chamber of Commerce and Industry) Mr. Nihal Abeysekera (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries)	Mr. Anil Cooray / Mr. Samantha Abeywickrama
1997/1998	Mr. Patrick Amarasinghe (National Chamber of Exporters of	Mr. Macky Hashim (Sri Lanka Gem Traders' Association)	Mr. Samantha Abeywickrama

	Sri Lanka)	Mr. Nihal Abeysekera (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries)	
1999	Mr. Lal de Mel (Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing)	Mr. Macky Hashim (Sri Lanka Gem Traders' Association) Mr. Nihal Abeysekera (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries)	Mr. Samantha Abeywickrama
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2001	Mr. Macky Hashim (Sri Lanka Gem Traders' Association)	Mr. Nihal Abeysekera (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries) Mr. Nawaz Rajabdeen (Serendib Chamber of Commerce & Industry)	Mr. Samantha Abeywickrama
2002	Mr. Macky Hashim (Sri Lanka Gem Traders' Association)	Mr. Nihal Abeysekera (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries) Mr. Nawaz Rajabdeen (Serendib Chamber of Commerce & Industry)	Mr. Samantha Abeywickrama
2003	Mr. Nihal Abeysekera (The Ceylon National Chamber of	Mr. Nawaz Rajabdeen (Serendib Chamber of Commerce &	Mr. Samantha Abeywickrama

	Industries)	Industry)	
		Mr. Kosala Wickramanayake (Sri Lanka Chamber of Small Industry)	
2004/2005	Mr. Nihal Abeysekera (The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries)	Mr. Nawaz Rajabdeen (Serendib Chamber of Commerce & Industry) Mr. Kosala Wickramanayake (Sri Lanka Chamber of Small Industry)	Mr. Samantha Abeywickrama
2005/2006	Mr. Nawaz Rajabdeen (Serendib Chamber of Commerce & Industry)	Mr. Kosala Wickramanayake (Sri Lanka Chamber of Small Industry) Mr. Tissa Jayaweera (International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka)	Mr. Samantha Abeywickrama
2006/2007	Mr. Nawaz Rajabdeen (Serendib Chamber of Commerce & Industry)	Mr. Kosala Wickramanayake (Sri Lanka Chamber of Small Industry) Mr. Tissa Jayaweera (International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka)	Mr. Samantha Abeywickrama
2007/2008	Mr. Nawaz Rajabdeen (Serendib Chamber of Commerce & Industry)	Mr. Kosala Wickramanayake (Sri Lanka Chamber of Small Industry) Mr. Tissa Jayaweera (International Chamber of Commerce	Mr. Samantha Abeywickrama

		Sri Lanka)	
2008 /2009	Mr. Kosala Wickramanayake (Sri Lanka Chamber of Small Industry)	Mr. Tissa Jayaweera (International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka) Mr. Kumar Mallimaratchi (Tourist Hotels Association of Sri Lanka)	Mr. Samantha Abeywickrama
2009	Mr. Kosala Wickramanayake (Sri Lanka Chamber of Small and Medium Industries)	Mr. Tissa Jayaweera (International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka) Mr. Kumar Mallimaratchi (Tourist Hotels Association of Sri Lanka)	Mr. Samantha Abeywickrama / Mr. Sam Stembo (Assistant Secretary General)
2010 (Jan – Nov)	Mr. Kosala Wickramanayake (Sri Lanka Chamber of Small and Medium Industries)	Mr. Tissa Jayaweera (International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka) Mr. Kumar Mallimaratchi (Tourist Hotels Association of Sri Lanka)	Dr. Thusitha Tennakoon
2010 / 2011	Mr. Tissa Jayaweera (International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka)	Mr. Kumar Mallimaratchi (Tourist Hotels Association of Sri Lanka) Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa (Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uva Province)	Dr. Thusitha Tennakoon
2011	Mr. Kumar Mallimaratchi (Tourist Hotels Association of Sri Lanka)	Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa (Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uva Province) Mr. W.K.H. Wegapitiya (Chamber of Young Lankan Entrepreneurs)	Dr. Thusitha Tennakoon
2012	Mr. Kumar Mallimaratchi	Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa	Dr. Thusitha Tennakoon / Mr. Sam Stembo

	(Tourist Hotels Association of Sri Lanka)	(Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uva Province) Mr. W.K.H. Wegapitiya (Chamber of Young Lankan Entrepreneurs)	(Acting Secretary General) / Mr. Nalin Attygalle
2013	Mr. Kumar Mallimaratchi (Tourist Hotels Association of Sri Lanka)	Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa (Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uva Province) Mr. Sarath Kahapalaarachchi (Kalutara District Chamber of Commerce)	Mr. Nalin Attygalle
2014	Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa (Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uva Province)	Mr. Sarath Kahapalaarachchi (Kalutara District Chamber of Commerce) Mr. Ruwan Edirisinghe (Ceylon National Chamber of Industries)	Mr. NalinAttygalle / Mr. Ajith D. Perera

EDUCATION AND TRAINING DIVISION

While education in Sri Lanka has achieved impressive milestones such as a very high level of literacy and near universal primary school enrolment, this has not translated into having a workforce that is capable of contributing towards the technological and managerial revolution that are required to take the country toward the path of rapid industrialization and economic development.

The focus on rote-based learning, lack of proficiency in English and the limited ability to produce large numbers of qualified and high quality personnel in the science and technology fields continue to hamper the country's development efforts.

FCCISL Education & Training Division was created for the specific purpose of creating a trained workforce in identified sectors, who can find meaningful employment in national and global labour markets.

FCCISL Training and Capacity Building Division is geared towards providing entrepreneurs and employees the necessary skills and knowledge to develop their businesses. With the help of numerous donor organisations, FCCISL has expanded its footprint across remote parts of the country in disseminating much required skills, while also encouraging and empowering individuals to set up their own enterprises.

Of particular concern to FCCISL is the relatively limited participation of women in the workforce. The organization has set up many pioneering schemes to build up this vulnerable sector, which could contribute immensely toward the country's social and economic progress.

FCCISL offers training programs ranging from seminars and workshops to advanced certificate and diploma courses, with special emphasis on issues that have an impact on how businesses operate. These are need-based training programmes, which enable recipients to achieve their organizational, career and personal goals.

The division is exploring advanced and innovative learning methodologies and taking efforts to include content related to employability within the curriculum. Towards this end, it has included the contribution of policy makers, educators and academics working in a broader spectrum of fields, including education, training and skills development, enterprise and entrepreneurship development. Career development is a blessing to the division to play a dynamic, competitive and pioneering role in the education and training industry of Sri Lanka.

Objectives

The long-term strategic objectives of the education and training division of FCCISL are:

- Making lifelong learning a reality
- Uplifting the quality of Sri Lankan manpower to meet the demanding needs of the world labour market
- Improving the quality and efficiency of education and training
- Promoting equity, social cohesion and active citizenship

- Enhancing creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship, at all levels of education and training.
- Minimising unemployment

Handwerk Centers (HwC)

FCCISL Training Division operate two fully fledged vocational training centers named 'FCCISL Handwerk Center' for technical and vocational training in Kalutara and Thirukkivil in Ampara. Handwerk Centers are construction industry related vocational training institutes. It is a collaborative effort of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCISL), National Construction Association of Sri Lanka (NCASL) and Handwerkskammer Koblenz, Germany (HwK).

Through this project, two vocational training centres have been set up in Kalutara for the Western Province and in Thirukkivil for Eastern province, with the objective of training construction industry skilled staff in masonry, carpentry, building painting, welding, electrical wiring, air-conditioning and related fields. It also offers opportunities for those who are already employed in the industry to gain post employment skills upgrading. In addition, the center handles company-specific training for enhancing capacity and skills development.

Our Strategic Training Partners

FCCISL Training Division acts as a platform for its partner organizations to implement their training programs or projects island wide by providing them with high-end training infrastructure and coordination support of qualified and experienced staff. These training programs vary from publicly funded apprentice training to fee-levying adult training programmes such as management studies. The Division also acts as a vehicle for the public sector institutions and professional associations stated below, by making their programmes available for the entrepreneurs, employees and youths all over the country.

- Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing (SLIM)
- Institute of Personnel Management Sri Lanka (IPM)
- Institute of Human Resource Advancement (IHRA) of the University of Colombo
- Department of Official Languages (DoL)
- Education for Knowledge Society Project of the Ministry of Education (EKSP)
- Central Bank of Sri Lanka
- The Academy of International Trade and Transport
- Orient Academy (Pvt) Ltd
- BPO Academy

These programs are organized by FCCISL solely or in collaboration with its reputed training partners. By participating in these training programmes recipients obtain three advantages such as better wages, greater employment stability and higher income.

HR AND ADMIN DIVISION

The primary focus of the Human Resources function is to maximise the performance of employees towards meeting the organisation's strategic goals and objectives. Thus, this function encompasses diverse activities such as recruitment and retention of employees, designing benefit schemes, training and development, performance appraisal and rewarding, in addition to externally focused activities such as industrial relations and collective bargaining.

Human Resource Management also involves a strategic and comprehensive approach to managing people and the workplace culture, which are prerequisites for creating and maintaining an empowering, motivating workplace environment.

Pursuing these objectives, the Human Resource and Administration Division of the FCCISL handles General Administration, Human Resource Management, Transport, Security, Maintenance and welfare.

The Human Resources Department, under the guidance and support of the FCCISL President, Mr. Ajith Watthuhewa and Secretary General, Mr. Ajith D. Perera, as well as the Board of Directors, has been able to carry out a considerable degree of organizational re-structuring in order to enhance efficiency and productivity of all departments and staff members. This has resulted in improving the financial viability of FCCISL, while also enhancing staff morale and camaraderie among staff members.

Structured for Success

FCCISL introduced a three-tiered governance structure in 2008, which has strengthened the efficiency and effectiveness of the organization, while creating an environment which encourages transparency and accountability. It also clearly defines and demarcates the roles of individuals within the governance structure, which contributes towards the overall efficiency of the organization.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is headed by the President and includes the Senior Vice President, Vice President, Immediate Past President and three persons appointed by the Executive Council to represent the National Chambers, Regional Chambers, Trade Associations and Institutions.

Executive Council

The Executive Council is responsible for deciding policy matters pertaining to FCCISL. The Constitution of FCCISL provides for one representative and one alternate for each institutional member of the Federation.

Secretariat

The Secretariat carries out the day-to-day functioning and administration of the Federation. It functions under the leadership of the Secretary General.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

As the continuing and rapid progress of globalization integrates national and regional economies, societies and cultures through the global network of trade, communications and transportation, Sri Lanka too is moving towards a more visible and integral role on the international stage.

The International Affairs Division spearheads activities of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka in all matters pertaining to international affairs, such as participating in and organizing trade promotions, maintaining relationships with international chambers, as well as organizing trade and investor fora.

The International Affairs Division has built up extensive international connections and remains the focal point in Sri Lanka for the:

- SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SAARC CCI)
- Confederation of Asia Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI)
- China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT)

Any individual or company from the Sri Lankan business community can obtain membership of these international organizations, based on the recommendation of FCCISL.

Membership entitles a variety of privileges such as the SAARC multiple-entry visa, which allows for easy travel to all SAARC nations.

International Membership Services

The International Affairs Division has been engaged in the following international membership services:

- **Confederation of Asia Pacific Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI)**
 - Contributed to the Newsletters of YEGAP - Young Entrepreneurs Group Asia Pacific
 - ACCC - Asian Council on Construction & Contracting Council
 - Circulation of information, profiles, enhancement of awareness of CACCI membership
 - Conducted CACCI Roadshow Workshop Colombo
 - Organising annual gatherings
- **SAARC Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SAARC CCI) –**
 - SAARC Forum Lifetime & Annual Members were enrolled
 - 63rd Executive Committee meeting of SAARC CCI
 - Capacity Building program for the SAARC CCI Desk officers
 - SAARC CCI information circulation
 - SAARC visa exemption scheme for businessmen

International Investor Forum 2014

'Turning Point Investor Forum 2014' was organized successfully by the international Affairs Division of FCCISL on 25th and 26th September at the Kingsbury Hotel Colombo. Shown below are highlights of this event.



Investor Forum 2014 was hosted under the theme of macro-economic targets set by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and the government policy document 'Five Hubs'. The areas of focus were Property Development, Hotels and Tourism, Renewable Energy, Creation of Knowledge Based Jobs, IT, Education, Digital Infrastructure, Food Processing and SMEs. This Forum provided the platform for international and Sri Lankan investors and entrepreneurs to find new avenues for collaborative effort and ventures in the above sectors.

Trade Delegation Business meet on 'Exceptional Business Opportunities in Vietnam'

A Trade Delegation meeting on the above theme was held on 09th December 2014 at the Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo. Her Excellency Ms. Phan Kieu Thu, Ambassador of Viet Nam to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, was the chief guest. The event was graced by distinguished delegates who represented the Ministry of Trade and Industry of Viet Nam.



The participation of Vietnamese delegates from industries such as oil and gas, furniture, IT services, food and agriculture products and textiles was conducive to exploring possibilities of promoting bilateral trade ties between the two countries.

MOU with Oman Chamber



Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa, President of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka, is seen exchanging the MOU signed with the Vice Chairman of the Oman Chamber, Mr. Rodha Salah.

MOU with Qingdao Chamber of E-Commerce, Qingdao, China

FCCISL signed an MOU with Qingdao Chamber of E-Commerce, Qingdao, China.



Pictured from left to right are Mr. Ajith D Perera, Secretary General FCCISL, Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa, President FCCISL, Mr. Shu Chun Wang, President Qingdao Chamber of E-Commerce, Mr. Lalith K. Nallaperuma, Coordinator.

Seminar on 'Business Opportunities Available in Philippines'

The seminar was organized by FCCISL at the Kingsbury hotel on Tuesday 15th July 2014, where the key speaker was Mr. John Paul Inigo, Trade Counsellor of the Embassy of the Philippines in New Delhi.



Participation at this seminar included nine Key Exports Sectors, namely, IT –BPM & Other services, Electronics, Agribusiness (Food & other resource based products), Minerals, Transport, Motor Vehicle Parts, Garments/Textile, Home-style (Furniture/Decor/Gift items), Wearable's (Fashion Accessories/Bags/Shoes/Jewellery).

Through this seminar, Sri Lankan businessmen and entrepreneurs were afforded the opportunity to obtain the following:

- Special Investors Resident Visa (SIRV) - encourages investments by foreign nationals through the issue of multiple indefinite visas for as long as investment subsists.
- Special Retirees Resident visa (SRRV) - encourages foreign nationals to retire and live in the Philippines
- Multiple Indefinite Visa –for those who invest USDS 20,000-50,000, as long as investment subsists

‘2nd China-South Asia Exposition’ and ‘22nd China Kunming Import and Export Commodities Fair’ in Kunming, China

Held concurrently from 6-10 June 2014, these events were co-hosted by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce and the Peoples’ Government of Yunnan and other Provinces, while commercial departments of the South Asian countries were invited to join forces in holding the exposition.

China-South Asia Exposition is an important platform for China and South Asia to carry forward their objective of promoting all-round cooperation and development between China and South Asia, in addition to expanding trade and exchange with other countries and regions. This exposition focuses on boosting investment-centered cooperation, accelerating inter-connectivity, constructing economic corridors jointly and expanding the trade in services. FCCISL, along with the other organization in Sri Lanka facilitated Sri Lankan exporters to display their products at the Sri Lankan Pavilion at the exposition.

Sri Lanka Pavilion at the ‘2nd China-South Asia Exposition’ and ‘22nd China Kunming Import and Export Commodities Fair’

Sri Lankan exporters displayed their products at the Sri Lankan pavilion, with support from the FCCISL.





9th China South-Asia Business Forum (CSABF)

The 9th China South-Asia Business Forum (CSABF) was held from June 5-7, 2014, jointly sponsored by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry and People's Government of Yunnan Province. The CSABF is aimed at building a platform for dialogue and to establish mechanisms to promote better cooperation among business circles and councils in China and South Asian countries. Hence, it has been defined as a 'brand-name forum' for bilateral cooperation between China and South Asian Business circles.

Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa President of FCCISL, addressed the Tourism and Services Panel of the Forum. Mr. Wattuhewa in his speech stated that the Government of Sri Lanka, in consultation with the private sector, launched a Tourism Development Strategy with a holistic approach to its growth. As a result of this endeavor, Sri Lanka had 1.2 million tourist arrivals with earnings of US Dollars 1.75 billion in 2013.

He further added that by increasing room strength from the existing 30,000 rooms to 50,000 within the next two and a half years and promoting infrastructure development, including the beautification of the city of Colombo and the historic cities of Kandy and Galle, along with the Northern and Eastern Provinces, the target of 2.5 million visitors to the island can be achieved by 2016.

Setting Up the Sri Lankan Business Council, UK



FCCISL set up the Sri Lankan Business Council, UK, with a view to promoting bilateral trade and economic relations. The council is headed by Mr. Colin Bond, a business professional based in Bristol.



Mr. Colin Bond President, Sri Lankan Business Council UK

FCCISL President Meets Ambassadors With the Ambassador of France



Newly appointed President of Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Sri Lanka, Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa, paid a courtesy call on His Excellency, the Ambassador of France for Sri Lanka and the Maldives, M. Jean-Paul Monchau. They discussed ways and means of enhancing bilateral trade relations between two countries.

With the Ambassador of Myanmar



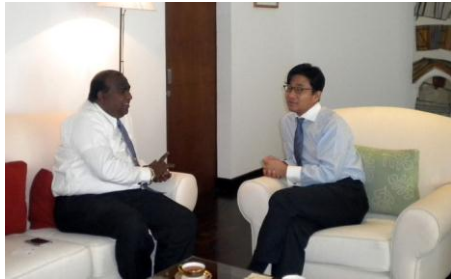
FCCISI President, Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa, paid a courtesy call on His Excellency, Ambassador of Myanmar, Mr. Min Thein Zan, at the Myanmar Embassy in Colombo .

With the Malaysian Envoy



FCISI President Ajith Wattuhewa paid a courtesy call on Malaysian High Commissioner, His Excellency Azmi Zainuddin at the Malaysian High Commission Office in Colombo.

With the Ambassador of Korea



Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa and Ambassador of Korea, Mr Arjuna Jongmoon Choi

With the High Commissioner of Australia

President of Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Sri Lanka Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa met Her Excellency, Robyn Mudie, the High Commissioner of Australia for Sri Lanka.



Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa, President FCCISL and Her Excellency Robyn Mudie, High Commissioner of Australia for Sri Lanka

With the High Commissioner of Canada in Sri Lanka and the Maldives

President of Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industries of Sri Lanka Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa met Her Excellency Ms. Shelley Whiting, High Commissioner of Canada for Sri Lanka and the Maldives. They had a very informative and useful discussion focused on bilateral trade promotions to help business communities in Sri Lanka and Canada.



Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa, President FCCISL pays a courtesy call on High Commissioner of Canada in Sri Lanka and the Maldives

Launch of CAAYE Summit Report in Chandigarh, India

Commonwealth Asia Alliance of Young Entrepreneur (CAAYE) Summit – 2013 event report was released by Ms. Katherine Ellis, Director – Youth Affairs, Commonwealth Secretariat, London, on 6th February 2014 at Chandigarh, India, during the Regional Senior Officials meeting.

The Commonwealth Asia Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs – CAAYE, is the premier network of young entrepreneurs in Commonwealth Asia member countries and the organizations that support them. CAAYE representatives and young entrepreneurs from the region came together in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in November 2013 for the 2nd CAAYE Summit with the theme “Profit with Purpose”, held in conjunction with CHOGM in Colombo.

The Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCISL), the most represented private sector apex body of Regional Chambers and National Institutes, hosted the CAAYE’s flagship ‘Young Entrepreneur Summit 2013’, supported by the Commonwealth Secretariat, London.

The CAAYE Summit report was presented by Mr. Nalin Attygalle, Secretary General/CEO of FCCISL and Mr. K. Vinopavan – Country Representative of CAAYE for Sri Lanka, to Ms. Katherine Ellis, in the presence of Mr. Aminul Islam Khan, Acting Regional Director of CYP Asia Centre; Ms. Nurul-Huda Mohamed Afandi, President of CAAYE; Dr. Rahul Mirchandani, Founder President of CAAYE and fellow country representatives.

The Senior Officials Meeting also provided the platform for CAAYE representatives to meet and network with officials from Ministry of Youth, government agencies and civil society members from Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Brunei, Singapore, Malaysia and the Maldives.



Pictured from Left to Right:

Ms. Shazia Bakshi – Founding Chair of CII’s Young Indians, Srinagar Chapter

Mr. K. Vinopavan – Country Representative of CAAAYE for Sri Lanka

Ms. Nurul-Huda Mohamed Afandi – President-CAAAYE

Mr. Aminul Islam Khan, Acting Regional Director of CYP Asia Centre

Ms. Katherine Ellis, Director – Youth Affairs, Commonwealth Secretariat, London

Mr. Nalin Attygalle, Secretary General/CEO of FCCISL

Dr. Navita Mahajan, Moderator - CAAAYE Leadership Assembly

Dr. Rahul Mirchandani – Founder President – CAAAYE



Official Group photograph of Senior Officials Meeting of CYP Asia Centre, held in Chandigarh, India.

FCCISL Facilitates Outbound Trade Delegations

Business Opportunities Forum, Muscat, Oman

Lead by Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa President FCCISL

The Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) held the Business Opportunities Forum 2014, from 16th to 17th November, as an initiative for improving the Oman private sector and to develop the business activities and the entire SME sector through the launching of contracts and investment opportunities of large companies, in order to achieve direct and real benefits for SMEs. Foreign participation was from Europe, Africa and East Asia in addition to GCC countries. The OCCI agreed to cover the expenses of registration charges, accommodation and transportation of five participants from FCCISL.

India Engineering Sourcing Show IV, Bombay

Lead by Mr. Ajith Wattuhewa, President FCCISL and Mr. Ajith D. Perera Secretary General FCCISL.

India's largest international engineering sourcing show, organised by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, with EEPC India as the lead agency, was held from 16th - 18th December 2014. More than 500 exhibitors participated, together with 10,000 visitors from India and overseas, representing USA, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, ASEAN, SAARC, Africa, CIS and LAC countries.

Sectoral focus was on Industrial Supply, Metal & Shop Floor, Industrial & Electrical Machinery, Automotive Components, Innovation and Technology Manufacturing, Retail Engineering, along with Investments & Engineering Project Exports. The organizers agreed to cover the expenses of accommodation, Airport Transfers and reimbursement of partial expense of air tickets for all fourteen participants from FCCISL.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES & REGIONAL CHAMBER DEVELOPMENT

Continuing its role as the apex body representing the largest number of business entities in the island, the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka has placed great emphasis on the development and strengthening of its membership base. By widening the participation of more and more sectors, the Federation has ensured that the benefits of membership filters down to a wider cross-section of businesses in Sri Lanka.

The Membership, Projects and Services Division has played a key role in enlarging and managing the needs of the membership of the organization, as well as providing a host of services to ensure their continued development and sense of belonging with the body. Membership of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka has grown to include 56 chambers and associations comprising 15,000 business entities, many of which can be categorized as Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

With 30 regional chambers across the country, FCCISL has encouraged closer participation between regions and related sectors, while coordinating with the public sector and government authorities at district, provincial and national levels.

Certificate of Origin

Certificate of Origin issued by the Division has been an invaluable aid to Sri Lankan exporters during the year of 2014. The Division also constantly assists the export community to achieve a higher level of competitiveness in overseas markets by providing important and relevant information.

The Division currently provides Certificates of origin to companies from diverse industries such as textiles, ornamental fish, tea, spices, coconut product, fruits and cut flowers. The division has seen an increase in the number of members joining to obtain the Certificate of Origin. During 2013, there has been an addition of 10 new members.

Sri Lankan Entrepreneur of the Year Awards 2014

Sri Lankan Entrepreneur of the Year Awards 2014, the annual flagship event of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka, was hosted for the 19th consecutive year, at Waters Edge, Battaramulla on 29th January 2015.

This is the premier awards ceremony that recognizes and rewards the true spirit of entrepreneurship of the Sri Lankan Business Community, by awarding National and Provincial awards to celebrate their achievements, which are of immense significance for the economic development of our nation. While being privileged to continue this awarding scheme for the 19th successive year, we are confident that it motivates many of our entrepreneurs, both big and small, to uplift their performance to international standards, thereby helping the nation to achieve vast strides in shifting the economy towards a trajectory of rapid and sustainable development, which is also more inclusive in sharing the benefits of such progress among all people.

We sincerely extend our gratitude and best wishes to our sponsors, Mobitel (Pvt) Ltd., the Platinum Sponsor and Bank of Ceylon, who were the Silver Sponsor. Our state sector partner, the Ministry of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprises, electronic Media Partners, Independent

Television Network (ITN) and Neth FM, Print Media partners, Mawbima, Ceylon Today and Event Management Partner AV Dynamic also deserve our gratitude.

The winner of the accolade, the *Sri Lankan Entrepreneur of the Year 2014 Platinum award* was **Mr. Dinesh Bodhitha Saparamadu**, Chairman of hSenid Business Solutions, while the *Sri Lankan Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2014* award went to **Mr. Sampath Aruna Kumara**, Managing Director of Island Dairies (Pvt) Ltd. The **Sri Lankan Women Entrepreneur of the Year 2014** award was clinched by **Ms. Samudrika Dayani De Silva**, Proprietress of Samudra Book Publishers, whilst the **Differently Abled Entrepreneur of the Year 2013** award was won by **Mr. J. M. Asoka Perera**, Proprietor of Safe Hands Products. Winner of the **Hall of Fame award** was **Mr. Merrill J. Perera**, the founder Chairman of Dilmah Tea. We congratulate once again National and Provincial Winners and convey our heartiest appreciation for their vision, perseverance and commitment to bringing about a momentous change in the Sri Lankan business landscape.

SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPERS (SMED)

Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs) account for about 80% of the business sector in the Sri Lankan economy. SMEs in the agri-business sector are mainly engaged in growing spices, fruits and vegetables, while manufacturing encompasses a wide variety of activities. More than 90 percent of businesses in the service sector are SMEs.

This sector plays a significant role in driving innovation, developing entrepreneurial skills, promoting economic growth and social cohesion, in addition to helping in redressing issues of regional imbalances in economic development.

Since the capital required to create employment opportunities is considerably lower among SMEs, they are considered an important source of employment generation, while also contributing towards female participation among the workforce. SMEs currently generate over 35% of employment opportunities in Sri Lanka.

Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCISL) established the Small and Medium Enterprise Developers (SMED) division in 1989 with a view to developing and promoting the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) sector in the country.

Vision

SMED will be a 'Centre of Excellence', the leading service provider, facilitator and the voice of Sri Lanka's Small and Medium Enterprise sector.

Mission

To promote and foster Small and Medium Enterprises to be professional, ethical and competitive as well as responsible towards society and the environment, thereby contributing towards balanced and sustainable socio-economic development of the country.

Objectives

The development of the SME sector in Sri Lanka can be achieved through coherent policy objectives in key subject areas such as skills development, entrepreneurship development, tax concessions, sub-contracting, marketing and access to finance. The desired outcome of such policy objectives include:

- Improving productivity and product quality
- Improving employee safety at work
- Protecting the environment
- Acceleration of industrial and economic development
- Creating employment and income generating opportunities
- Enhancing export capabilities
- Improving managerial and marketing capabilities of SMEs

Challenges and Opportunities

Key challenges and hurdles facing the growth and expansion of SMEs in Sri Lanka are the limited access to finance, underdeveloped infrastructure and technology, access to information, access to

markets, intellectual property rights, technical and managerial skills, networking opportunities with key stakeholders, environmental issues and the regulatory framework. High interest rates charged by lending institutions and the emphasis on collateral further impede the growth of this sector in Sri Lanka.

Hence, the main goal of SMED is to assist SME industrialists to improve their competitiveness through the provision of technical, managerial and marketing inputs in an efficient and timely manner.

Functions and Services of SMED:

- Industrial engineering and technology transfer services
- Energy and environmental services
- Enterprise development services
- Agribusiness development services
- Public Private Partnership for SME promotions and market linkage services
- SME policy, research and advocacy services