

# CNCI NEWS BULLETIN



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### CNCI Achiever Awards 2014 – Official Launch and Media Briefing



The official launch and media briefing of the CNCI Achiever Awards 2014 took place at the Hotel Cinnamon Grand Colombo on 4th April 2014 with the participation of Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce as Chief Guest.

Mr D.W.R. Wijeweera,CIO of Sri Lanka Telecom PLC ,Mr Patrick Alwis, Deputy CEO of Ceylinco Insurance PLC.,

Mr Upali Ranjith,Deputy General Manager (Marketing) of Independent Television Network Ltd, Mr Waruna Mallawarachchi, DGM (Marketing) of Associated Newspapers Ceylon Ltd, Mr Bandula Egodage ,CEO/Chairman Export Development Board were special guests at this launching ceremony.

The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries is conducting the CNCI Achiever awards ceremony for industrial & Service excellence for the 13th consecutive year in Sri Lanka .

Promote Industrial growth in the country by recognizing entrepreneurs especially those who have excelled in the Industrial sector.

### OFFICE BEARERS OF CNCI

- Mr. Gamini Gunasekera - Chairman
- Mr. Preethi Jayawardena - Immediate Past Chairman
- Mr. Tissa Seneviratne - Deputy Chairman
- Mr. Raja Hewabowala - Senior Vice Chairman
- Mr. Ruwan Edirisinghe - Vice Chairman
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- Mr. Sarath Perera - Vice Chairman
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Unveiling of Achiever Gold Trophy 2014 by Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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## Water can be contaminated due to natural phenomena

There is a rich diversity of ecosystems in Sri Lanka, which includes wetlands, natural forests, marine and coastal ecosystems. Sri Lanka is considered as one of the world's twenty five 'Biodiversity Hotspots'. Overall, there are three Biosphere reserves, one World Heritage site, and 41 wetland sites included in the Asian Wetland Directory. Coastal ecosystems are diverse, but their fragmentation, is extremely high, these sources said.

Access to safe drinking water improves the health of the people. Water is a vital natural resource for the public. Understanding where it is and how it moves under the ground is necessary to protect this resource. Experts predict wars in future for water, more than for oil. Water can be made available but providing clean water is a major task, according to sources of the IWMII.

Professor Senarathne said that Laterite absorbs metallic contaminants. He said that iron gives a good taste to the water although too much of iron in the water is not good for health. Scientific proof is very important in case of contaminations and people should not come to conclusions without such evidence and create chaos in the country, Professor Senarathne said.

### Industries and businesses are needed to develop the country.

If there are allegations of environmental pollution due to industrial activity, those should be investigated using scientific methods.

Sixteen of Sri Lanka's coastal lagoons are classified as threatened and constitute nearly half of the country's threatened wetlands. Environmental degradation of the coastal zone is a major hazard faced by Sri Lanka. During the recent past, following the end of war, there has been increasing pressure for development in the coastal zone, particularly for tourism and recreational purposes, near shore fisheries, fish farming, industrial development and housing. Communities have exploited the use of natural resources, such as water, sand and coral, on a commercial basis.

Development has led to the reclamation of estuarial, lagoon and marshy lands. The disposal of sewage, has led to major, especially water pollution problems.

Water is essential for life. The purity and accessibility of drinking water are major concerns in the world. The amount of fresh water is limited and its quality is under constant threat due to human activities and natural environmental factors, according to the International Water Management Irrigation Institute (IWMII). Preserving the quality of fresh water is important for drinking and food production. Health risks arise from the consumption of water contaminated with germs, toxic chemicals, and radiological hazards.

It is of no use if clean drinking water cannot be afforded by a majority and if it cannot be used for agriculture due to contamination, then it is a sad state of affairs. Sri Lanka is blessed with natural water resources which could become a problem as multinational companies are keeping a close watch on these resources, expecting a water scarcity in the future, these sources said.

Soil from Gampaha to Matara which is iron rich is the cause of acidity in the water, said the Vice Chancellor of the Peradeniya University and Professor of Geology, Athula Senarathne. When such soil is close to a wetland, the pH value could decrease to 3 which is a low value, he said. There is no ideal pH value as it depends on pollutant factors in the environment. He said that acidity was not an indicator of pollution.

Referring to the recent water pollution in Thunnane, Hanwell, he said that the reduction of acidity in the water here was a natural phenomenon and the contention that the water is polluted is not exactly true. The soil in this area is mixed with Laterite (Kabook) which has natural iron. Laterite retains the wetness of soil. These conditions have contributed to the low acidity in the area.

Industries and businesses are needed to develop the country. If there are allegations of environmental pollution due to industrial activity, those should be investigated using scientific methods. He said that people should not be frightened and instigated to commit violence as industries are crucial for economic development of the country.

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**Water can be.....**

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The Geology Department of the Peradeniya University has researched into natural phenomena and environmental issues over the years and in a position to help the country.

Sri Lankans have used groundwater resources extensively since ancient times for domestic purposes using shallow open wells in almost all parts of the country. Sri Lanka's largest ground water body extends over 200 km in the northwestern and northern coastal areas. The quality of groundwater is generally good and constant throughout the year. In northern and northwestern coastal areas excessive concentrations of iron and nitrates have been reported due to agrochemicals and fertilizers. Furthermore, due to uncontrolled abstraction of groundwater for domestic and agricultural uses, salt water intrusion has occurred in the coastal areas.

Water bodies which are mainly man-made, cover about four percent of the land. The land of the island is mostly made up of coastal plains, with mountains only in the south central part. Sri Lanka has more than 100 water basins. The climate of Sri Lanka is tropical and heavily influenced by monsoons that bring rain throughout the year. The rainfall range is from under 1,000 mm to over 5,000 mm. Sri Lanka's groundwater resources are considered minor compared to its surface water resources.

The groundwater in Sri Lanka is used for domestic purposes, small scale irrigation, and for industries. However, in recent years, due to increased irrigation and population growth, both shallow and deep water deposits have been subjected to over extraction.

by **Dulmin Samarasinghe**

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Sunday, 30 March 2014

**Achiever 2014 - Official Launch**

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Welcoming of Chief Guest ,Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce by Mr.Gunasekera ,CNCI Chairman



Lighting of oil lamp



Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce addressing the media



Presenting the Memento of Main Sponsorship by Mr D.W.R. Wijeweera, CIO of Sri Lanka Telecom PLC to CNCI Chairman



Mr.Gamini Gunasekera , Chairman of Ceylon National Chamber of Industries addressing the media



Mr.Ruwan Edirisinghe , Chairman of Achiever 2014 Steering committee addressing the media



Mr.Tissa Seneviratne , Chairman of Achiever 2014 Judging committee addressing the media



Maliban Biscuits manufactories (Pvt) Ltd ,Last Year Gold Award Winner addressing the media



## ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

## ECONOMIC INDICATORS -LATEST AVAILABLE

Category	Dec	Dec	Growth	Jan- Dec	Jan- Dec	Growth
	2013	2012	Dec (%)	2013	2012	Jan- Dec (%)
	US\$ Mn	US\$ Mn	US\$ Mn	US\$ Mn	US\$ Mn	US\$ Mn
<b>Exports</b>	986.1	871.0	13.2	10,386.2	9,773.5	6.3
<b>Industrial Products</b>	741.2	643.7	15.2	7,741.4	7,371.2	5.0
<b>Mineral Products</b>	1.7	9.2	81.5	51.6	61.3	(15.9)
<b>Imports</b>	1,551.1	1,519.8	2.1	17,999.2	19,190.2	(6.2)
<b>Deficit in Trade A/C</b>	(565.0)	(648.9)	(12.9)	(7,613.0)	(9,416.7)	19.2
<b>Workers Remittances</b>	636.3	553.2	15.0	6,762.7	5,985.3	13.0
<b>Foreign Direct Investments</b>				870.1	614.7	41.5
<b>Earnings from Tourism</b>	169.3	133.5	26.8	1,402.1	1,038.7	35.0

## EXCHANGE RATES -2014.04.07

Daily Exchange Rates		07.04.2014
Currency	Buying Rate (Rs.)	Selling Rate (Rs.)
Dollar (USA)	129.2100	132.0900
Pound (UK)	213.4400	219.5500
Euro (EU)	176.0300	181.7800
Franc (Switzerland)	143.8900	149.1800
Dollar (Canada)	117.1400	121.1100
Dollar (Australia)	119.0700	123.5500
Dollar (Singapore)	102.0600	105.4200
Yen (Japan)	1.2462	1.286

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## Quality Control Circles (QCC)

Quality Control Circle (QCC) is a management concept similar to 5S concept which originated in Japan in 1960s which enabled factory workers to study systematic problem solving methods and encouraged them to form into small groups that followed a methodical procedure to identify, analyze, find root causes of defects and quality problems, and implement solutions. The workers were trained to use simple QC tools such as Pareto chart and Cause and Effect Diagram, and also more advanced tools such as Control Charts.

QCCs started in many factories in Japan and began making significant strides in quality improvement. Japanese goods quickly changed its image from being "low quality" to "world's best". The philosophy of the Japanese is not only to use the hands of the Japanese workers, but the potential in their brains as well. Quality Circles utilize the knowledge and experience of workers with special training in QC tools. Quality Circles are very popular in many countries.

### Nimal Perera – President SLAAQP (Former Chairman - CNCI)

Recently held Indian National Convention of Quality Circles attracted astounding 7000 participants from all over India and had stunning 1800 presentations of case studies which included 30 to 40 presentations each from leading group of companies such as TATA , BIRLA International Convention of Quality Control Circles (ICQCC) 2014 is scheduled to take place from 12<sup>th</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at BMICH in Colombo with an expected participation of 1200 from 12 countries.

ICQCC 2013 was held in Taiwan in October 2013, with the participation of 1700 which included 1200 foreign participants from 12 countries. The session begins with the registrations and welcome ceremony on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014. The opening Ceremony will be on 13<sup>th</sup> October at the main hall of BMICH followed up with case study presentations of QCC teams by flow level people of factories at the committee rooms of BMICH on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October.

This is a competition stream and already more than 200 case study presentations have been received by the Sri Lanka Association for Advancement of Quality and Productivity (SLAAQP) which is the host organization. This included of case study presentations by world class originations such TOYOTA and KUBOTA of Japan, TATA, Reliance and BAJAJ in India. There is a competitions stream for case study presentations by executive level individuals as well.

This is a good opportunity for the Sri Lankan Industrial sector to experience how the flow level employees are involved in solving quality and Productivity issues in Industries.

More details could be obtained from the website : [www.icqcc2014.lk](http://www.icqcc2014.lk)

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## CNCI MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

### DIP PRODUCTS KATUWAWALA (PVT) LTD. - The leading manufacturer of Adhesives, Detergents, Softeners and Industrial Chemicals



**DIP Products Katuwawala** was founded in 1984 by a young entrepreneur named **Thusitha Jayawardena**. During his career from 1985 he has developed the products of DIP PRODUCTS into four main categories such as Adhesives, Detergents, Softeners and Industrial Chemicals. Today DIP Products Katuwawala is a leading manufacturing company of above mentioned products in Sri Lanka. It has its own unique list of products. Their Vision is to be the best Adhesive manufacturer and the best Softener manufacturer in Sri Lanka.

#### PRODUCT DIVERSITY OF DIP PRODUCTS

##### Adhesives :

One of the main product ranges of the DIP PRODUCTS is **Adhesives**

##### Detergents :

**Detergents** reduces the surface tension of water, specifically surface active agent which constraint at oil-water, interfaces, exerts emulsifying action and thus aids in removing soils.

It has classed as anionic, cationic or non anionic and used in the following applications :

Textile industry detergents	Car wash
Multipurpose detergent (Vim/Dish wash)	Floor Cleaning detergent

##### Softener :

**Dip Products katuwawala Pvt Ltd** is the only sole fabric softener manufacturer for the washing plants in Sri Lanka. There are another few foreign softener suppliers.

Ranges of categories which are developed by the company are as follows :

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### Manisha Auto Engineers – A pioneering spirit of production of local motor spare parts and island wide distributors

Manisha Auto Engineers is a reputed industry which is manufacturing and distributing rubber auto Motor spare parts in Sri Lanka. MAE manufactures rubber bushes, Mounts, Rubber pads, Silent Bushes along with an array of over 200 spare categories.

The successful path of MAE is beginning in 1998. MAE the tiny seed planted in local industrial scope 16 years ago now provide shadow by means of widespread canopy of its huge flora.

MAE established with the capital of 4800/-. First there was only trainee employee who was school leaver, with him we made our first press machine which can be used to manufactures rubber auto parts.

As a result of globalization start to import various vehicles from different countries such as China, India and Korea. Cause to that the demand of rubber bushes which are suitable for spring system has been increased. MAE wisely used this opportunity to gain their local market.

Through many failures and challengers. MAE became an Awarded industry which is conducted by a woman who has strong skills of entrepreneur.

MAE has already won many Awards within this 16 years cause of its business excellence.



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MEMBERS' SUCCESS STORIES

**Union Chemicals Lanka PLC won Merit Award at Geo Responsibility awards 2014**

The third Geo Responsibility awards 2014 was held on 21st March at Mihilakamedhura (BMICH).

First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa was the chief guest with Mr. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of industry and commerce and many distinguished guests representing government, local authorities and the industrial community. The event is taking place for the third time with the cooperate assistance of Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy.



**Mr. Gamini Gunasekera, Managing Director -UCLL receiving the award from Mr. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industries and Commerce**

Union Chemicals Lanka PLC (UCLL) won Excellence in Corporate Environmental Responsibility - Merit Award at this ceremony.



**NEWLY JOINED MEMBERS - MARCH 2014**

**Polypackaging Industries (Pvt) Ltd**

197,Colombo Road,Wanduragala, Kurunegala

**DELMEGE FORSYTH & Co.LTD**

101,Vinayalankara Mawatha, Colombo 10

**Standard Paints (Pvt) Ltd**

45,Fiscition Industrial Zone, Bombuwala Road, Kalutara

**Chandrasekara Group**

80,Kings Street ,Kandy

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**EXHIBITIONS**

- **THE 115TH CANTON FAIR 2014** - Canton Fair Complex, No. 380, Yuejiang Zhong Road, Guangzhou, China  
 Phase 1: 15th-19th April 2014  
 Phase 2: 23rd-27th April 2014  
 Phase 3: 1st May-5th May 2014
- **CHINAPLAS 2014** ,The 28th International Exhibition on Plastics and Rubber Industries - 23-26 April 2014, Shanghai New International Expo Centre, PR China
- **RUBEXPO** -International Rubber Expo (Finished products) , 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at KICC, Nairobi, Kenya
- **Inco - Industrial Exhibition and Trade Fair** ,The Institution of Incorporated Engineers Sri Lanka 27,28,28 June 2014 from 10.00 am to 9.30 pm, BMICH, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- **RUBEXPO** - International Rubber Expo ( Materials, Machines. Technology) ,14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August and BMICH, Sri Lanka

