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Prognosis for Sri Lankan Ports as a Global Logistics Hub

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Panelists

Romesh David

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Arjun Maharaj

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Moderator

Murtaza Jafferjee

Discussion:

Strategically positioned in the Indian Ocean along the main shipping route that connects South East Asia with the Indian subcontinent, the Middle East and Africa, Sri Lanka possesses the ideal locational advantage for it to develop into a key logistics hub in the region

The Colombo Port was the busiest port in South Asia in 2013. With the Colombo Port Expansion Project and the completion of Hambantota Phase 2, Sri Lanka could become one of the busiest ports in the Asian region. With the physical infrastructure in place, Sri Lanka now needs to create an enabling environment and ensure adequate resources are available so that it can realize its ambition of becoming a global logistics hub.

The panellists are from the logistics and shipping industries and will discuss the prognosis for Sri Lanka in achieving this goal, current impediments and potential solutions.

Panelists

Romesh David heads the Transportation industry group of John Keells where he has been for 35 years during which he also served in the Leisure, Domestic & International Trade and IT sectors. He presently serves as a Vice President of the Indo-Lanka Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Council of the Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport. He is on the Advisory Council of the Sri Lanka Logistics & Freight Forwarders Association, and is a Member of the Executive Committee of the Council for Business With Britain and the Infrastructure Steering Committee of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.

Arjun Maharaj is the Country Manager of Maersk Line's Sri Lanka office. Known as 'Mr Maersk' within the group, he has served for 10 years at Maersk in a wide range of roles across India and China. Having got a BA in hotel management from the University of Huddersfield, He went on to obtain his shipping education from the Maersk Shipping Academy. He also has a Post Graduate Diploma in Urban Environment Management and Law, from the National Law University, Delhi.

Tissa Wickramasinghe is the General Manager of Colombo International Container Terminals' Marketing and Commercial Department. A veteran in the industry, Mr. Wickramasinghe was the former head of commercial and marketing at South Asia Gateway Terminals