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Pakistan And Sri Lanka Agree to Promote Bilateral Relations

During the SAARC Summit held in Bhutan in April 2010, Prime Minister of Pakistan, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani called on President of Sri Lanka, Mahinda Rajapaksa and the two leaders agreed to promote the relations in all fields, especially in defence, trade and commerce. During the meeting, which was also attended by Foreign Minister, Shah Mahmood Qureshi, both the leaders also emphasized the need to strengthen the SAARC organization for the betterment and more development in the region.

Pakistan Prime Minister said Pakistan greatly values its traditionally close, cordial and mutually supportive relationship with Sri Lanka adding that both the countries have always stood by each other in difficult times.



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Prime Minister Gilani said both the countries shared commonality of views on numerous issues of

mutual interest.

The Leaders also agreed to adopt joint strategy and initiate joint ventures to overcome the

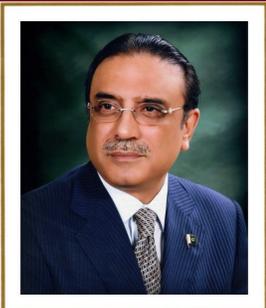
PRESIDENT MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA ASSIGNS

MR D M JAYARATNE AS PRIME MINISTER

AND OTHER MINISTERS

PRESIDENT ZARDARI CONGRATULATES HIS SRI LANKAN COUNTERPART ON THE VICTORY AT THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTIONS IN APRIL 2010

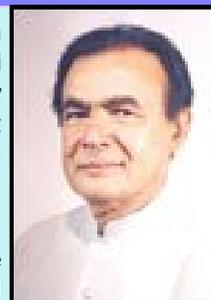
President Asif Ali Zardari felicitated President of Sri Lanka Mahinda Rajapaksa on the resounding victory of the United People's Freedom Alliance in the recently held parliamentary elections.



President Zardari in a message conveyed congratulations to his Sri Lankan counterpart and said the election results testify to the great trust the people of Sri Lanka repose in his able leadership.

He expressed confidence that the traditional close relations between the two countries would continue to gain strength in the days to come.

Hon. D M Jayaratne was sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, after the landslide victory obtained by the UPFA Government led by President Mahinda Rajapaksa.



The UPFA Government obtained 144 seats out of 225, including the national list. The party received 60.33 percentage over 4.8 million votes.

D M Jayaratne is a prominent politician. He was a Member of Parliament since 1970 and he has also held various ministerial portfolios since 1994.

The President has assigned Prof. G L Peiris, MP, as the Minister of External Affairs and Mr Geethanjana Gunawardena, MP, as the Deputy Minister of External Affairs of Sri Lanka.



Pakistan to learn military tactics from Sri Lanka

A delegation of senior military officers of Pakistan Army, Navy, and Air Force from National Defence University (NDU) of Pakistan visited Sri Lanka on a study tour from April through May 01.

The Pakistani military team headed by Air Commodore Nadeem Anjum of Pakistan Air Force was in Colombo to learn about the anti-insurgency operations conducted by the



Sri Lankan Army against the LTTE.

The visiting delegation met the Army Commander Lieutenant General Jagath Jayasuriya at Army Headquarters and had discussions on bilateral interests and explored possibilities of further promoting healthy relations between Sri Lanka Army and Pakistan Defence Services. The Pakistani delegation held talks with Sri Lanka's Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapaksa and discussed the security challenges in both countries.

Delegation of P.N.D University calls on the Commander of the Navy



ral Thisara Samarasinghe at the Naval Headquarters-Colombo in April 2010.

A Military delegation of Pakistan National Defence University (PNDU), who are in an educational tour in SAARC countries, called on the Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy Vice Admiral

The Delegation and the Commander of the Navy had a friendly discussion on mutual interests. The Commander of the Navy and the Head of the delegation exchanged mementos as a gesture of the comradeship among the military personnel of Pakistan and the Sri Lanka Navy.

Prior to the call on the Navy Commander the Pakistani Delegation visited the Trincomalee Naval Base.

Pakistan Sri Lanka Navy have been enjoying excellent bilateral relations in the military arenas since 1949.

Lankan Consul General invites Pakistani delegation to business exhibition

Consul-General of Sri Lanka in Karachi, Mr V S Sidath Kumar called on Sindh Minister for Tourism, Shazia Marri at her office, in April, wherein both sides discussed the bilateral issues including cooperation in the field of tourism.



The Consul General of Sri Lanka was accompanied by President of Pakistan-Sri Lankan Business Forum (PSBF) Abdul Rauf Tabani and Re-

han Boja while the Secretary Tourism Sindh, Rabia Javeri Agha was also present.

On the occasion, the Consul General of Sri Lanka informed the Minister that his consulate has invited a delegation of Pakistani businessmen and professionals, with the collaboration of PSBF, to participate in INTRAD Expo-2010 International Exhibition, to be held in Sri Lanka, next month. He requested the Minister to lead the delegation.

Marri appreciated the efforts taken by the Sri Lankan Consul General to pro-

mote friendship and trade between Pakistan and Sri Lanka and hoped that the participation of Pakistani delegation will help to grow the bilateral relations between both friendly nations.

Meanwhile, the High Level Business delegation by Pakistan Sri Lankan Business Forum is scheduled to visit Sri Lanka in May 2010, to increase bilateral trade relations between Pakistan and Sri Lanka under the Pakistan Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement.



Arugambay

The Excellent Surfing Beach in Sri Lanka

The sunny golden beaches of Arugambay in Sri Lanka's East Coast, which was almost devoid of tourists for the last 20 years due to the ethnic conflict, has come alive again.

It is back to sun, sea and sand for both foreign and local tourists in their numbers in the wake of the Government's peace initiative.

Chairman, Arugambay Beach Resort, Dr. Param Sothi, who built the resort over 20 years ago, but was unable to even visit it for over 10 years due to the ethnic war, was all smiles and showed signs of relief.

The resort has already begun operations, and a massive refurbishment is under way to cater

said with much relief. In addition to the beautiful beach, Arugambay Beach Resort offers tourists a host of attractions. Aru-



gambay combines several features of tourist interest but was left unnoticed by the tourist and travel trade for almost 20 years and tourist guide and

travel magazines have sadly almost forgotten Arugambay, one of the three popular East Coast beach resort destinations in Sri Lanka, others being Trinco-

re-discovering the East Coast, particularly Arugambay. Hotels, resorts and restaurants are coming up everywhere in the area. Tourists both foreign and local began flowing in large numbers for which the resort village was unprepared.

Arugambay Beach Resort is only a two hours drive from the cool climes of the Bandarawela mountains and is 1 1/2 k.m. from Pottuvil town on the road to Panama, overlooking the sea. The resort offers 10 guest rooms in chalet type bungalows. This unique family resort in cooled by the lush vegetation surrounding it and the cool breeze from the sea.

The chalets are cozy, comfortable, roomy, airy, well furnished with tiled bathroom and elegant fittings. The guest rooms have spacious verandahs overlooking the garden and the Arugambay beach. The resort has a few cabanas too. The service is homely. The food delicious, offering the catch of the day from the Arugambay beach, seafood, fish, prawns, crabs, cuttle fish and tiger prawns make up the mouth watering menu in addition to the usual Western and Eastern cuisine. Guests are also offered pure curd made of fresh milk available in plenty at Arugambay



to the influx of tourists to Arugambay. 'I am certain that the sunny golden beaches of Arugambay will soon be another 'Hikkaduwa' Dr. Sothi

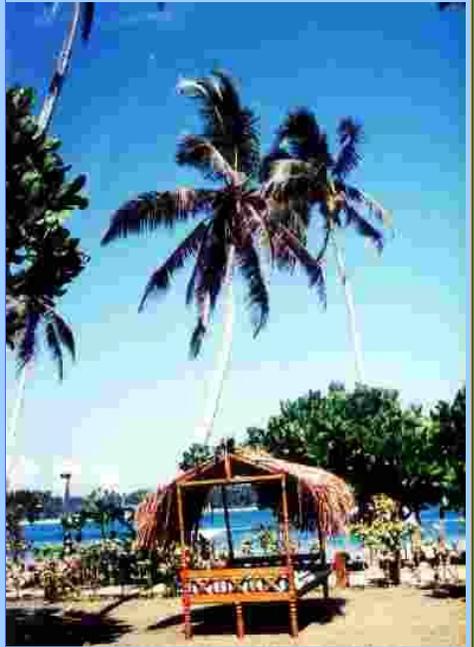
malee and Pasikudah. With the cessation of hostilities following the demise of the LTTE, new interest and enthusiasm are very evident in



Arugambay Beach Resort of-

They are Magul Maha Viharaya (also known as Ruhunu Maha Viharaya, Mudu Maha Viharaya and Dudumbi Gala Hermitage, the Oakande Rock and Hindu temple, which is said to be the spot where Sindbad the Sailor ended up after a ship wreck, as stated by Richard Boyle in a historical article.

aged and marketed by Orient Ho-



fers a host of tourist attractions. It lies midway between two popular National Parks, Lahugala National Park and Kumana Bird Sanctuary, which is the eastern border of Yala National Park. Lahugala is only 13 k.m. and Kumana Bird Sanctuary is only 23 k.m. from Arugambay Beach Resort.

One of the main attractions for tourists visiting Arugambay Beach Resort, is the herds of 20 to 50 elephants seen at the Lahugala tank, Sasthri Veli, on the Panama Road and also on the road to Okanda and Kumana, on the way to the resort.

tel, Bandarawela which has embarked on a scheme to market and manage a number of resorts in Bandarawela and Arugambay under the Orient umbrella, General Manager Orient Hotel, Bandarawela, Rewatha Hettiarachchi said.

A host of heritage sites and ruins dating back to the 5th century are in close proximity to the resort.

There is a range of special packages for Sri Lankans and expatriates, for picnics family and company outings for which the resort offers a host of facilities, including delicious seafood.

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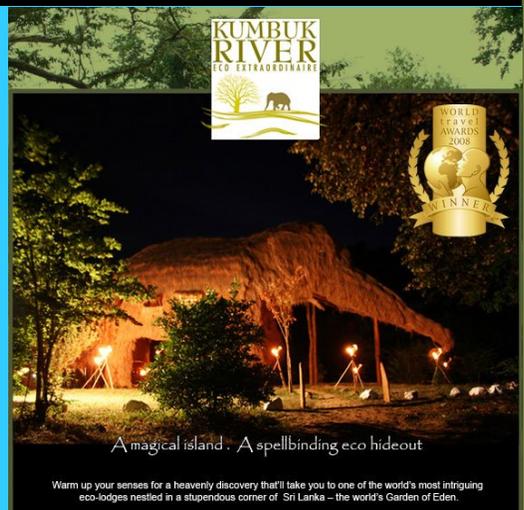
Kumbuk River' ' wins yet another nomination award

Sri Lanka's highest awarded resort Kumbuk River Eco Extraordinaire has received yet another World Travel Awards nomination this year in the category of World's Best Eco-Lodge.

This is the 4th consecutive nomination for Kumbuk River at the travel Oscars. The trailblazing eco resort won the World's Best Eco-Lodge award in 2008, putting Sri Lanka on the world map of tourism.

Located in Okkampitiya, Buttala, on the banks of the lively Kumbukkan Oya, KumbukRiver is a one-of-a-kind eco hideaway nestled in 16 acres of lush greenery.

As a single-party resort, the gorgeous resort with all its down-to-earth rural charm is entirely private, and its centre piece is the world-famous Elephant Villa, a 40ft high, 2-story villa in the shape of an elephant which adds a touch of class to eco holidaying.



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