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'Colombo South Harbour' - Mid Haven for East, West International Shipping Routes

The ongoing Colombo South Harbour will be located west of the present south-west Breakwater in an area of approximately 600 hectares. The proposed harbour will have 4 terminals of over 1,200m in length each to accommodate 3 berths alongside depths of 18m and provision to deepen to 23m to accommodate deeper draft vessels in future. The channel width of the harbour is to be 560 m and depth of 20m, with harbour basin depth of 18m and a 600m turning circle.



(US\$. 700 Million) with private sector participation. The harbour infrastructure works. i.e., dredging, breakwater construction, and other works, have been already commenced by Hyundai Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd.

The project will promote economic growth by improving Sri Lanka's competitiveness in the port sector by expanding Colombo Port and facilitate economic growth by enhancing national competitiveness in international trade via lower transport costs

and faster delivery times. Container- Handling capacity will be increased by 7.2 million TEUs on completion of all 3 terminals in the Phase-1 of the project.

The development of Phase-1 of the Colombo South Harbour is to be carried out in two stages. The first stage of development involves the infrastructure with public funds (US\$. 300 Million) and the second stage involves terminal facilities

Sri Lankan High Commissioner meets Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif

Sri Lankan High Commissioner to Pakistan Air Chief Marshal (rR) Jayalath Weerakkody met Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif on 23 September 2011.

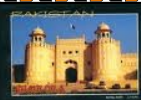


Matters of cooperation in dengue control were discussed in the meeting. The chief minister thanked Sri Lankan president, government and people for their cooperation and sending a medical team to Lahore to cope with the dengue. The chief minister said he would visit Colombo to thank the Sri Lankan president, government and the people for this help.

He said that it had been decided to set up the Punjab Dengue Eradication Control Authority.

He said Public Health Department would be re-organised in the light of the measures taken in Sri Lanka to eliminate dengue virus and other viral diseases. He said doctors and paramedical staff would be sent to Sri Lanka for training while master trainers were being prepared with the consultation of Sri Lankan medical team. He said that local doctors and paramedical staff were also rendering commendable services to the ailing humanity in this hour of need.

He directed the planning and development chairman, additional chief secretary and health secretary to evolve a strategy for soliciting cooperation of the Sri Lankan High Commissioner in eradication of dengue virus.



Sri Lanka, a beacon for Pakistan

"The end of the war and the start of what locals call the 'reconciliation and reconstruction process' has led to Sri Lanka once again being in the limelight. With basic infrastructure in place – in two years time, all parts of the island will have uninterrupted power supply – and with a literacy rate of over 90%, there are numerous opportunities for business and growth here. The general feeling is that Sri Lanka is about to take off. In a symbolic move, the army headquarters on Galle Face, Colombo's most prestigious seafront drive, had been demolished to make way for a five-star hotel. The priorities seem to be in place. The war is over, peace must now be pursued.

The shiny new Bandaranaike airport, much larger and far cleaner than any airport in Pakistan, has seen a surge in tourist numbers. There are many investors lining up too. Many of them are Pakistanis, sick of the lack of facilities and rise in violence at home. South Asia is looking again at the Sri Lankan model".

Sources: <http://tribune.com.pk/story/246022/reconciliation-and-reconstruction-sri-lanka-becomes-a-beacon-for>

Sri Lankan business delegation to visit Pakistan

A Sri Lankan delegation of leading businessmen in the country visited Pakistan to establish direct contacts with Pakistani businessmen to boost the bilateral trade between two countries. Sri Lankan Minister for Industry and Commerce, Rishad Bathiudeen has revealed the plans at a meeting with the Pakistani Senior Minister for Commerce, Makhdoom Amin Fahim who visited Sri Lanka.

Senior Minister Fahim has said that his country believes there is a tremendous opportunity for trade between the two countries and works towards improving the business relationships with Sri Lanka.

Minister Bathiudeen had said that Sri Lankan market provides great opportunity for Pakistani products especially fruits and vegetables, and appreciated Pakistan's support for the Sri Lanka's development.

Pakistan to take on Sri Lanka in UAE

Pakistan will play three back-to-back Tests against Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah in the UAE from October 18, the PCB has announced.

The first three games of the subsequent one-day series in November will be played in Dubai while Sharjah will host the fourth ODI on November 20. The teams will move to Abu Dhabi for the final one-dayer and the only Twenty20 international to be played on November 25.

Pakistan have been forced to play their 'home' series on overseas territory since the terrorist attacks on the Sri Lankan team in Lahore in 2009 and have favoured UAE as their venue of choice.

"We had a choice of neutral venues but we opted for UAE because it allows us to manage things smoothly," Subhan Ahmad, the PCB chief operating officer, was quoted in the Dawn as saying. The third Test of the series will mark the return of Test cricket to Sharjah which has hosted only two one-dayers between Afghanistan and Canada after being ignored as an international venue since 2003.



Cricket

New Defence Adviser to Sri Lanka High Commission in Islamabad, Pakistan



Group Captain V.B Edirisinghe of Sri Lanka Air Force assumed duties as First Secretary (Defence) in the Sri Lanka High Commission, Islamabad.

Group Captain H.S.S Thuyacontha who had been working in Sri Lanka High Commission, Islamabad as First Secretary departed to Sri Lanka after completion of his tour of duty. The High Commission wishes him all success in his future endeavours.



Sri Lanka Mercy Mission to Combat Dengue in the Punjab Province of Pakistan

Punjab Chief Minister, Shahbaz Sharif received the Sri Lanka Expert Medical delegation at Lahore Airport on 14 September 2011. The Expert Medical team arrived in Pakistan as directed by the President of Sri Lanka, Mahinda Rajapaksa.

The Medical Expert team comprised 11 members including Epidemiologists and Pediatricians. The Team shared their knowledge and expertise on combating the Dengue epidemic with Pakistan Medical Officers, Social Workers and created awareness programs for the general public.





The Expert Team is examining the Dengue breeding places, Tyres, water canals, stagnant water vessels in Lahore.



Examination of plants, ponds and flower pots, roof tops.



Readers Comments on Pakistan—Sri Lanka Friendship Magazine

"Let me avail this opportunity to pay special thanks for sending a copy of the Monthly Newsletter entitled "Pakistan Sri Lanka Friendship Magazine" to the Punjab University Library. This is valuable addition to our collection and we are sure that our teachers and students will benefit a lot from this gift.

(Ch. Mohammad. Hanif, Chief Librarian Punjab University)

"We are so happy to see that both the countries are doing the right job and we would love to have a more close friendship." (Member of regional youth club Abbottabad, Pakistan)

"The Magazine offers highly encouraging updates. I am left with no choice but to extend profound gratitude." (Mohammad Bashir, CEO Bisma Pvt Ltd Pakistan)