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### Sri Lanka delivers aid to Pakistan flood victims

As instructed by the President of Sri Lanka, Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa, 2 Sri Lankan Air Force C—130 flights delivered consignments of food aid to Pakistan's flood victims on 8 and 22 August 2010.

Sri Lankan High Commissioner in Pakistan Air Chief Marshal Jayalath Weerakkody immediately handed over the 36 metric tons of aid to Mr Naimat-Ullah, the Additional Secretary for Flood Relief Operations of the Pakistan Prime Minister's Secretariat. The donations included dry rations, tea, rice, sugar, dhall, chick peas and 250 cabin tents. In addition, a 16 member Medical Team from Sri Lanka arrived in Islamabad on 18 August 2010, with medicines and surgical equipments to the value of approx. Sri Lankan rupees 13 million.



During the handing over, the Additional Secretary, Mr Naimat-Ullah mentioned that Sri Lanka had been a very special country for Pakistan and their relationship had always been exceptionally good, and both countries have been there for each other in the hour of need. He profusely thanked the Government of Sri Lanka for the kind gesture at this needy hour.

### Sri Lanka wishes to enhance trade relations with Pakistan



Sri Lankan High Commissioner to Pakistan, Air Chief Marshal Jayalath Weerakkody said that Sri Lanka is willing to enhance the trade relations with Pakistan. He said that both the countries were enjoying deep political relations and it is the need of the hour to promote bilateral trade relations between the two countries.

Sri Lanka is keen to invest in Pakistan and the business community of Pakistan must visit the Sri Lankan markets to further enhance the relations, he said.

While addressing the business community during his visit to the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) on 26 July 2010, he stressed the continuous business dialogue between the communities of Sri Lanka and Pakistan.



## Pakistan-Sri Lanka friendship cricket encounter

The High Commission of Pakistan in Colombo has organized a Sri Lanka-Pakistan Friendship Cricket Festival on Sunday, 1st August at Stanley Jansz ground, Alwis Place, Colombo 3.



This festival is organized in collaboration with Sri Lanka-Pakistan Friendship Association and will play limited overs cricket matches between ladies, gents and children teams. In addition, various other recreational and cultural activities including music has been organized on the sidelines.

## Economic Summit in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka Economic Summit held in July 2010 in Colombo has provided an opportunity to Pakistan business leaders to discuss future challenges on bilateral trade.



The participants will also have the opportunity to be faced by economies in the Asian region. It helps to identify priorities on which countries and companies in the region need to focus that can contribute to their competitiveness, and recommend some policy responses to the changing conditions at home and abroad that governments, international financial organizations and private sector participants can adapt to ensure growth and macroeconomic stability in Asia over the medium term.

In this Economic Summit Chairman, Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI), Razzak Hashim Paracha has been invited to deliver a keynote address on "The New Dynamics for Economic Development at the 24thCACCI Conference and Sri Lanka Economic Summit.

## Fairytale ending with 800th Test wicket

Muttiah Muralitharan celebrates taking his 800th Test wicket for Sri Lanka against India in Galle. When the

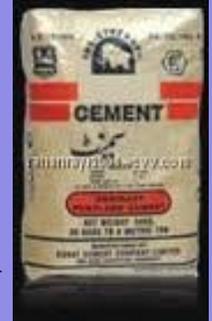


moment came, it was so perfect that it might have been choreographed by Nijinsky himself. [Muttiah Muralitharan](#) bowled around the wicket, an off break that zipped off the pitch, a tentative prod from Pragyan Ojha, and a superb catch from Mahela Jayawardene.

The textbook dismissal, from a man whose methods transcended it. Murali and the thousands who consider him Sri Lanka's favorite son would not be denied.

## Thatta Cement of Pakistan Plans to Double

Thatta Cement Co., Pakistan's smallest maker of the building material, plans to double capacity to take advantage of rising demand at home and overseas. Pakistani cement makers are benefiting from a growth in sales in their domestic market and from exports because of lower capacity in markets such as Sri Lanka, Africa and the Middle East. Sri Lanka's \$41 billion economy may grow 7 percent in 2010, Sri Lankan Deputy Finance Minister Sarath Amunugama said in his budget speech last month.



"We are more focused on exports to Sri Lanka where we get a better price for the product," said Shariff. "Almost half of our exports go to Sri Lanka." According to Thatta Cement's estimates, there is an annual shortfall in cement supply of about a million tons in Sri Lanka. Demand may increase by as much as 25 percent a year. Lucky Cement Ltd. is the country's biggest producer by capacity and sales, and D.G. Khan Cement Ltd. is the second biggest.

Thatta Cement will also build a power plant within fifteen months, Shariff said.



## 'Nuwara Eliya' The Little England of Sri Lanka

Blessed with a salubrious climate, breathtaking views of valleys, meadows, mountains and greenery; it's hard to imagine that Nuwara Eliya is only 180 Km from the hot and humid Colombo.

Nuwara Eliya (City of Lights), also known as 'Little England', was the favourite hill station of the British who tried to create Nuwara Eliya into a typical English Village. The old brick Post office, country house like hill club, with its hunting pictures, mounted hunting trophies and fish, and its strict formal dinner attire; the 18 hole golf course, race course etc., all remind you of 'England'.



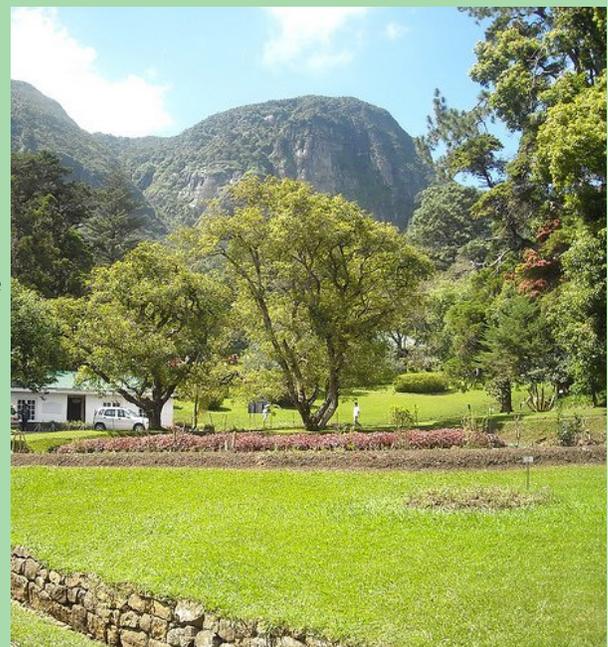
### Breathtaking Scenery Around Nuwara Eliya

#### Gregory's Lake - Nuwara Eliya

This lake was fashioned under orders of British Governor Sir William Gregory in 1873. A boat yard now allows visitors to go boating and rowing.

#### Hakgala Botanical Gardens

The Gardens was first established in 1861 under the curatorship of three Britishers of the same name - William Nock, JK Nock and JJ Nock. It lies under the Hakgala Peak, between 5000 - 6000 feet in elevation - the highest set Botanic Gardens in the world. It boasts 100 year old Monetary Cypress trees from California, Japanese Cedars, Himalayan Pines and English Oak.





### Horton Plains

Horton Plains is a National Park and the highest plateau in the island consisting of grassland interspersed with patches of forest, with some unusual high altitude vegetation. The Plains are a beautiful, silent, strange world with some excellent walks.

The most stunning place is the World's End, where the southern Horton Plains suddenly ends, and drops off to nearly 700 Metres, which is an awesome sight indeed. This is a favourite place for trekkers, as there are plenty of soft and hard trails.



### Devon Falls

Devon Falls drops 97 metres and is named after Devon, a pioneer coffee planter. It is 6 Km west of Thalawakelle and there is a special parking and viewing spot at the 20th mile post.

### Oliphant Estate - Nuwara Eliya

A visit to this estate, entrance from the road at the Ramboda end of Nuwara Eliya, is significant because it was here that the first thirty tea plants sent from China to Sri Lanka were planted by Mr. Laurence Oliphant, increasing his tea acreage to 100 acres.

The brewing of beer was started in Nuwara Eliya by Sir Samuel Baker in 1881 at Lover's Leap. It is an interesting visit, for the brewery is one of the finest in the island. It has been in business since 1884.

### Adam's Peak - The Pilgrim Path

This is through Gampola and Ginigathena and you will find the story of this old path carved on two rocks off the 28th milestone on the Nawalapitiya - Ambagamuwa road. The spot is called Akuruketupana and the inscription dates to around 1100AD. Today there are four other roads to the peak, the shortest being via Maskeliya and the most popular. Other roads are on the Sabaragamuwa side.

