

Tentative Programme
Panel Discussion entitled “Business Opportunities between
Thailand and Sri Lanka: Food, Agriculture, and Health for
Sustainable Prosperity and Well-being”
4 February 2025, 13.30-16.00 hrs.
At Activity Hall, Banjurd Cholvijarn Building, Board of Trade of Thailand

13.30 Opening Session

Welcome Remarks

Mr. Sanan Angubolkul, Chairman of the Thai Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade of Thailand

Opening Remarks

H.E. Mr. Paitoon Mahapannaporn, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Republic of Maldives

H.E. Wijyanthi Edirisinghe, Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the Kingdom of Thailand and Permanent Representative to UNESCAP

Remarks

Mr. Duminda Hulangamuwa, Chairman of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce

13.45 Panel Discussion

1. Presentation on Potentials of Sri Lankan Food, Agriculture and Health Sectors

By Discussants from Sri Lanka (3 Sri Lankan companies in food, agriculture and health sectors + BOI of Sri Lanka) 5-7 min each

2. Presentation on Opportunities and Future Collaboration of Business Sector in Food, Agriculture and Health Sectors

- Mr. Santi Abakaz, Vice Chair of the Committee on Future of Food and Food Processing Development and CEO & Co-Founder of Tastebud Co., Ltd.
- Thai Side (TBC)
- Mr. Sranyoo Chanate, Committee Member of the Committee on South Asia, Middle East and Africa and Vice President of Kluaynamthai Hospital

Moderator

Ms. Prangtip Kongridhisuksakorn, Counsellor, Royal Thai Embassy

14.30 Questions and Exchange of Views on Possible Cooperation between Thailand and Sri Lanka

15.00 Business Networking and B 2 B Meetings

16.00 End of Programme

Exposure Programme to Thailand - 2nd to 6th February 2025
List of delegates

	Company Name/Organization	Name	Designation	Web	Company Profile	Exports from Sri Lanka	Imports from Thailand	Joint Venture Interest
1	Royal Thai Embassy, Colombo	H.E. Mr. Paitoon Mahapannaporn	Ambassador	https://colombo.thaiembassy.org/th/index				
2	Thai Trade Center, Chennai	Mr. Chek Jeenaphan	Director	https://thaitradechennai.in/				
3	Royal Thai Embassy, Colombo	Miss Prangtip Kongridhisuksakorn	Counsellor	https://colombo.thaiembassy.org/th/index				
4	Royal Thai Embassy, Colombo	Mrs. Bunpa Petchkanokpraw	Second Secretary	https://colombo.thaiembassy.org/th/index				
5	Alliance Finance Company PLC	Mr. Athula Bandara	Manager - Agri Solutions	www.alliancefinance.lk	Alliance Finance Co. PLC (AFC) is the oldest finance company in Sri Lanka with a legacy of over 65 years of serving its loyal customers, supporting financial inclusion and sustainability. Incorporated in 1956 as a licensed finance company registered under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, it now operates with an island-wide network of 90 points of presence and a dedicated, performance driven team of 1,740 employees. AFC has a shared vision to foster growth and prosperity of its customers whilst building trust and long-lasting relationships with the company. Environmental and sustainability initiatives are at the center of AFC's sustainability agenda, which embodies the company's drive towards supporting local and global sustainability priorities.	Processed Coffee / Fresh and Processed Fruits, Spices, Vegan products	Renewable Energy Solutions, Climate Adoptive Agricultural Technologies, Food Processing Technologies	Fruits and Vegetable Processing, Logistics of Agri product, Modern Agri Technologies, Direct Foreign Investment
6	Ayu Ventures (Pvt) Ltd.	Mr. Dushyanta Basnayake	Chairman	www.ayuventures.com	Supply of Pharmaceutical Raw material, Machinery and providing services on Pharmaceutical product formulation and related services		Pharmaceutical Products	Interested to establish a Pharmaceutical Manufacturing facility
7	Board of Investment of Sri Lanka	Mrs. Renuka Weerakone	Director General	www.boi.lk	Established in 1978, under the name Greater Colombo Economic Commission, the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka is one of the foremost investment promotion agencies in South Asia. As the apex agency for foreign direct investment in Sri Lanka, there are over 1,600 enterprises under the purview of BOI in the span of its 40 years in operation. In carrying out its primary function of investment promotion, the BOI aims at sector based investor targeting, while specializing in aftercare, navigating and regulating investor operations to reach its true and highest potential throughout the lifespan of the enterprise.			Inward investments to Sri Lanka

8	Ceylon Chamber of Commerce	Mr. Buwanekabahu Perera	Secretary General/CEO	www.chamber.lk	<p>We're here to support businesses and be their collective voice in Sri Lanka. Our diverse membership includes everyone from large corporations to small businesses, and we work closely with government institutions to help businesses thrive. We harness our extensive networks to provide a wide range of services to help businesses grow. This includes promoting international trade and investment, sharing valuable market insights, offering educational sessions and workshops, advocating for businesses with the government, and providing essential business services like issuing Certificates of Origin, all aimed at boosting the country's economy.</p>			
9	DIMO Agribusinesses (DIMO PLC)	Mr. Priyanga Dematawa	Chief Operating Officer (DIMO Agribusinesses)	www.dimolanka.com	<p>DIMO diversified its businesses into the agriculture sector in 2017 with the expectation of becoming the top three market players in Sri Lanka's agriculture industry. DIMO Agribusinesses has established itself as a top corporate player in fertilizer (DIMO Fertilizer), seeds (Plantseeds (Pvt) Ltd) and plant protection (Plantchem (Pvt) Ltd) within a short period of 5 years. These businesses are supported by a dedicated research & development unit, a 1000-strong outgrower network, 3 Agri Technology Parks, own distribution network, island-wide dealer network, 3 product-specialist sales teams and separate market development officers. DIMO has expanded its way forward in the coconut industry by entering into coconut charcoal production. DIMO is currently working with many international business partners for seeds, fertilizer, agro chemicals, crop growth stimulators and fruits & vegetables. Some of them are Advanced Seeds Co. Ltd, Eurochem Group, Pengergetic International AG, Dedebio International and many more.</p>	Value Added Coconut Products, Value Added Fruit Products, Cinnamon and other Spices	Seeds, High end Fertilizers, Small scale Agriculture Machinery, Protected Agriculture Items, Trading Fruits and Coconut Products to Europe	Coconut Oil and Coconut Oil and related value-added coconut products, Value added Fruits

10	John Keells Holdings	Mr. Vidhumin Grero	Head of New Business Development	www.keells.com	John Keells Holdings Plc (JKH) is the largest diversified listed conglomerate in Sri Lanka, with an operating history of over 150 years and a market capitalization of US\$ 1.3 bn. The Group has 7 industry groups and sectors, namely Leisure, Property, Transportation, Consumer Foods, Retail, Financial Services, IT and plantations. JKH is a member of the World Economic Forum and a participant of the United Nations Global Compact Initiative. International Finance Corporation (IFC), Asian Development Bank (ADB) and HWIC Asia Fund (HWIC) a subsidiary of Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited, Canada, have invested in JKH.	Beverages - Carbonated Soft Drinks, Processed Meats, Confectionary - Ice Creams	Confectionary - Chocolate bars, Candy, Cookies, Layer Cakes, Breakfast Cereals, Protein bars, Oven baked ready to eat products - Croissants, Samosa, Mini Pizza, Waffles, Instant Noodles	Setting up of a chocolate bar/enrobing manufacturing facility, instant noodles factory , a protein / breakfast cereal bar manufacturing facility and a facility that manufactures oven baked products in Sri Lanka. Setting up a Quick Service Restaurant (QSR) franchise in Sri Lanka The required certifications for the beverage and ice cream manufacturing and processed meat facilities are available. Please refer https://www.elephanthouse.lk/corporate/our-company/quality-certifications.html
11	E & Y (to be confirmed)	Mr. Duminda Hulangamuwa	Chairman of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce		We're here to support businesses and be their collective voice in Sri Lanka. Our diverse membership includes everyone from large corporations to small businesses, and we work closely with government institutions to help businesses thrive. We harness our extensive networks to provide a wide range of services to help businesses grow. This includes promoting international trade and investment, sharing valuable market insights, offering educational sessions and workshops, advocating for businesses with the government, and providing essential business services like issuing Certificates of Origin, all aimed at boosting the country's economy.			
12	Farm's Pride	Mr. Shafeek Samad	Director	www.crysbro.com	Crysbro Group of Company has started in 1972 with 100 chicks and a strong motivation to become the market leader in quality and innovation. We are a fully integrated company with many branches in operation, such as grandparent and parent farms, hatcheries, broiler farms, feed mill and fully automated processing plant.			
13	Leslie's Agro Products (Pvt) Ltd.	Mr. Leslie Perera	Managing Director		We manufacture Vermicomposting, Bio Char, Vermicomposter Units and provide training on Vermicompost, Country Chick rearing, Black Solider Fly Farming and Bee Keeping	Vermicompost, Fresh and dried Vegetables and Fruits	Seeds, Agricultural Machinery and Equipment	
14	Maiya Cheese (Pvt) Ltd.	Mrs. Maia Donadze	Chief Executive Officer	www.maiacheese.lk	Leading Cheese and Dairy Food manufacturer in Sri Lanka	Cheese, Herbs, Oils and Piperine	Joint venture for distribution	

15	Pharma Consultants Pvt Ltd.	Mr. Saranga Wijerathne	Managing Director		We specialise in importing and marketing Pharmaceutical products while diversifying into IT/Digital solutions, agriculture and consulting projects focused on pharmaceutical and investment promotions, delivering innovative and reliable solutions across industries.	Spices	Pharmaceuticals, IT/Software, Medical Devices, Agri/Rice	Pharmaceutical manufacturing
16	Pussalla Meat Producers (Pvt) Ltd.	Mr. K.C. Chamara	Production Manager	www.pussalla.com	Pussalla Meat Producers (Pvt) Ltd is the largest full integrated poultry manufacturer in Sri Lanka from grandparent farms, feed mills, hatcheries, processing plants, further processing facilities and own brand shops chain. Further Pussalla engages in agricultural produces such as Organic Banana, Organic Spices etc.	Ceylon Cinnamon, Organic Banana, Poultry Products, Sausages	Tapioca, Corn Starch, Spice blends, Processing Machinery, PVD Salt	
17	Rainbow Foods (Pvt) Ltd.	Mr. Jerome de Silva	Director	www.rainbowfoods.lk	Rainbow foods (Pvt) Ltd exports Fresh and Frozen Tuna with other varieties of Seafood. It also manufactures and distributes salmon, frozen & dry fruits, vegetables, spices & agriculture products. The incorporation of Rainbow Group of Companies has broad in depth Seafood experience is gained through the decades by its proprietor and managements in related trades and develops a diverse line of top quality products for human consumption, focusing on tuna and other Seafood an also value added ready to eat Seafood appetizers this experience has taught us what our suppliers and customers must do to succeed.	Durian, Chicken Feet, Canned Foods, Value Added Seafood products utilizing Thai Technical Know how and recipes	Raw materials for related products	We are looking for a partner to set up a joint venture company to develop our well-equipped factory premises at Dankotuwa to start a new venture as per buyer's proposal factory modification can be done accordingly. We have 12900 sqft office with premises for the proposed project.
18	Ruhunu Foods (Pvt) Ltd.	Mr. Rushan Muthumala	Managing Director	www.ruhunufood.com	Ruhunu Food (Pvt) Ltd. is the largest and longest standing spice manufacturer in Sri Lanka with over 4 decades of industry expertise. We have a diverse and authentic range of products to offer from Seasoning spices to refreshing tropical drinks to particular ingredients for a special recipe we are capable of supplying. Our manufacturing processes comply with the Global Food Safety Standards. We are exporting to 15 markets at present.	Ceylon Spices and Spice Mixtures, Rice and Cereal products, Flour Products and Mixtures, Natural Frit Juices, Jams king Coconut Water, Ceylon Tea and Coffee	Desiccated Coconut. Labels, Pouches and Printed Packaging Materials, Fruit Pulps (Aseptic)	Open for discussion
19	Silvermill Group of Companies	Mr. Waruna Rupasinghe	Sector Head - Food Solutions	www.silvermillgroup.com	Silvermill is a preferred strategic manufacturing partner for many Global Food & Beverage Brands, catering to their coconut and non-coconut related requirements covering food ingredients and beverage sectors. We also continue to innovate in our industrial solutions and renewable energy offerings.	Desiccated Coconut - Bulk & Retail, Value Added Coconut (Snack, Cluster) - Bulk and Retail, Coconut Milk, Spices - Ceylon Spices - Retail and Bulk	Dried Fruits - Bulk, Freeze Coconut (White Meat) - Bulk, Coconut Milk - Bulk Freeze Form	Interested in establishing a Joint Venture business with Thailand Business Partners. We are already equipped with operations in key business hubs such as Indonesia and India with willingness to further expand.
20	Sunshine Holdings	Mr. Infiyaz Ali	Chief Executive Officer - Healthguard Pharmacy	www.sunshineholdings.lk	Sunshine Holdings PLC is a diversified conglomerate in Sri Lanka, committed to enriching lives through its operations in key sectors such as healthcare, agribusiness, consumer goods, and renewable energy. With a strong focus on innovation, sustainability, and social responsibility, the company aims to drive economic growth while contributing to the well-being of communities. Sunshine Holdings is widely recognized as a leader in its industries and aspires to be the most admired company in Sri Lanka.	Tea, Cinnamon	Pharmaceuticals, Wellness Products, Medical Equipment and Devices	