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Editor's Note



Ashan Wickramasinghe, MILT

Dear Readers,

I am delighted to have you reading the latest edition of our newsletter, the CILT Link. This issue primarily focuses on CILT and what CILT has been doing in the last few months as well as what you can expect in the not-so-distant future.

The purpose of this Newsletter has always been to inform, inspire and influence our membership to know what CILT is all about and to create opportunities for you to get involved and contribute to the creation of a more vibrant Logistics and Transportation Industry in Sri Lanka.

The Newsletter is an important method of communication for CILT; and, I must emphasise that this communication is not a one-way street. We would like you, our members and readers, to make use of this platform to share significant events and happenings from the industry.

Therefore, I encourage all of you to send in your original research work, constructive opinions and suggestions, technical reports, and short messages on general matters connected with logistics and transportation. You are even welcome to share a joke or anecdote to incite a little humour in our world.

I take this opportunity to thank the editorial team, particularly the Secretary General of CILT Sri Lanka, for the commitment and passion in creating a brilliant Newsletter. Brilliance is the culmination of talent, effort and passion.

We aspire to develop CILT Link as your vital link to the Logistics and Transport Industry.



34th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Chartered
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and Transport

Gayani De Alwis elected as the Chairperson of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Sri Lanka

As you all know we at CILT have three main objectives:

1. *To ensure an adequate supply of qualified personnel.*
2. *To keep qualified individuals up to date throughout their professional working lives.*
3. *To play an active and influential part in shaping transport policies for the future.*

Whatever CILT Sri Lanka engages in, these three objectives should be uppermost in our mind.

Today, in Sri Lanka, there is much interest in logistics, transport and supply chain as a discipline. We have seen many universities and educational institutes venturing into this space both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. We have seen international university study programs launched in Sri Lanka. This in fact is an opportunity for us to develop a continuous pipeline of student and professional members by engaging them with CILT.

Another priority, therefore, is for CILT to continue to accredit more educational service providers and courses run by universities and position CILT qualification and accreditation as a preferred choice for the industry. CILT will continue to assure quality of these programs by developing course curriculum and through the quality assurance process. The Advanced Certificate Program, which CILT, started will be concluded in September this year with the batch completing the program. CILT will also develop tailor made programs for companies and for public through experts from our membership. So we will be reaching out to the membership in due course to enroll them in our faculty.

Logistics and transport landscape has changed significantly in our country and there are many national programs that will rely on logistics, transport and supply chain expertise. As the premier chartered professional body in this discipline, there is so much on offer and so much to contribute. This is an understanding that all of us should have in ensuring delivery of our third objective;

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Sri Lanka held its 34th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 28th March 2018 at the Victorian Hall of The Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo, attended by an august gathering of members. Gayani De Alwis was elected, uncontested as the 21st Chairperson of CILT Sri Lanka. It is the second time that CILT Sri Lanka elected a female Chairperson after 27 years. The three Vice Chairpersons elected were Dr. Namali Sirisoma, Channaka De Alwis and Gihan Jayasinghe. Dr. Lalith Edirisinghe and Upali Gunawardena were elected as the Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

De Alwis is an experienced supply chain professional with over two decades of experience in the profession, locally and overseas. She was the former Director of Customer Service of Unilever Sri Lanka. She was the founding Chairperson of Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) Sri Lanka and had been an active Chartered Member of the CILT Sri Lanka Council since 2011.

The AGM also featured strong representation from the women's forum of CILT Sri Lanka, WiLAT Sri Lanka, and the Young Professionals' Forum (YPF) Sri Lanka. Below are the extracts from the newly elected Chairperson's inaugural address themed '**STRONGER TOGETHER**'.

"We are the only chartered professional body in the country for professionals engaged in logistics, transport and supply chain. Our aim is to develop the science and art of logistics and transport. CILT was setup in 1919 in the UK, and we are celebrating our 100 years of existence next year. Over the years CILT has been led by 20 exemplary chairpersons, bringing the CILT to what it is today. Sri Lanka has been very progressive towards gender diversity with Ms. Mandri Sahabandu, our first female Chairperson appointed in 1991, long before CILT international appointed Dr Dorothy Chan in 2013.

policy advocacy. We must be neutral and play an active role in offering our advice to the government on national issues of relevance to logistics and transport. Already our membership is engaged in this regard and we need to continue this to support the government in their endeavor to make Sri Lanka a logistics hub. National policy for shipping and maritime sector development, national civil aviation policy development, bus priority lane, Megapolis, evaluation committee on the issue of new route permits through tender, and CCC National Agenda Committee on L&T are just some of the areas our members have got engaged with.

The two dynamic groups within our fold – YPF and WiLAT – are assets to CILT. These two groups should be nurtured and guided to make CILT a vibrant place. YPF, which was formed in 2012, has come a long way in the past six years and they are a treat to watch. Their achievements have been recognised globally by CILT by making our YPF Chair an YPF Ambassador for the second time. Two areas I would like YPF to work on this year is engaging more working young professionals and bring them to your fold and encouraging student memberships to upgrade to MILT. WiLAT too, have made great strides in the past five years and the flagship “ignite” mentoring program has received global accolades. WiLAT Sri Lanka is leading this initiative globally now. I extend my fullest support to YPF and WiLAT and look forward to your contributions with more value adding signature programs for the young professionals and women in our industry.

I will also focus on strengthening our institution by reincorporating CILT, redrafting the constitution to completion, and streamlining the secretariat functions for effective service delivery. We need to prioritise these as it takes time for implementation.

I take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Capt Lasitha Cumaratunga for his productive two- year tenure and giving me the opportunity to work with him as a Council Member and a Vice Chair, contributing to the agenda. Last, but not the least, all past and present council members, the members who are present here today for your continued support to take CILT and our industry forward for the betterment of our country.

Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together is success.

**Together we can achieve more. Thank you!
We are Stronger Together!”**



Newly elected Office Bearers of CILT Sri Lanka

Left to Right

Gayani De Alwis (Chairperson), Dr. Lalith Edirisinghe (Secretary), Upali Gunawardena (Treasurer) Ajith Samaratunga (Secretary General)



CILT Sri Lanka Council – 2018/2019

Seated from Left to Right

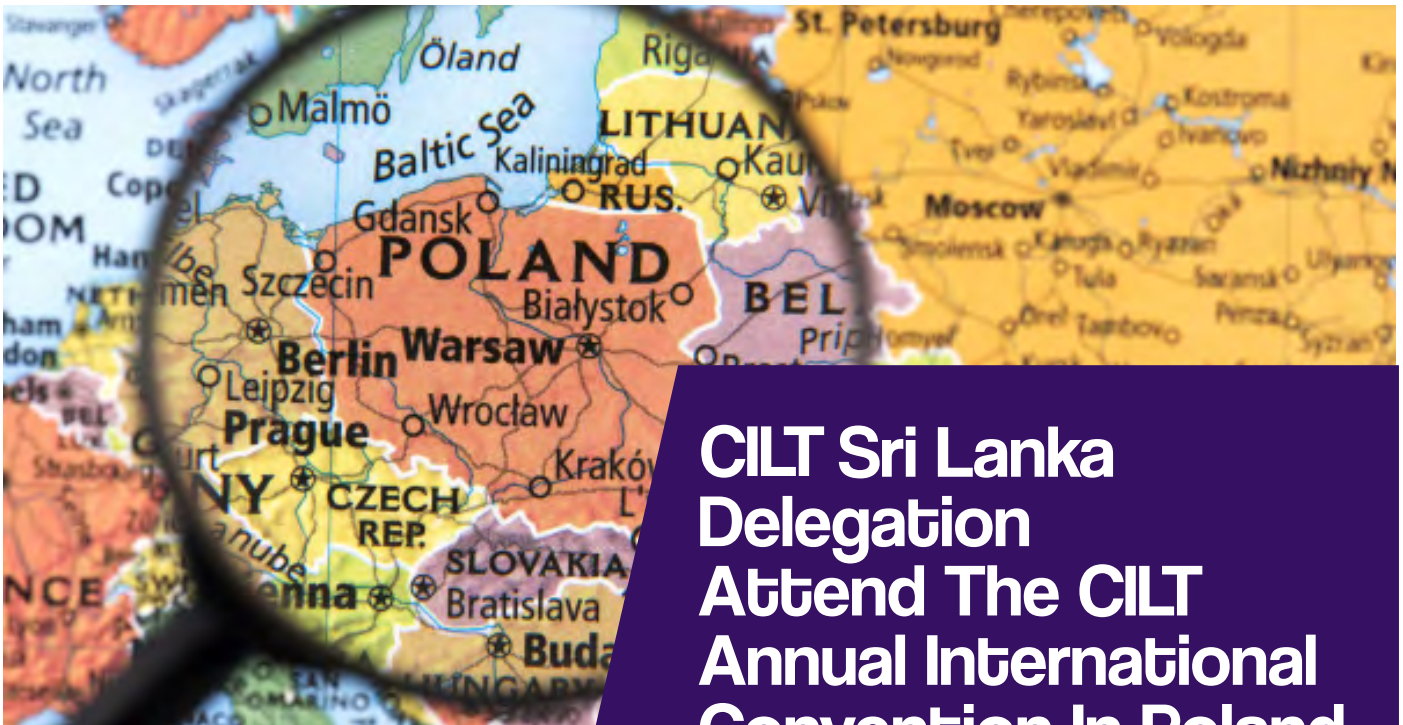
Chaminda Perera, CMILT, Upali Gunawardena, CMILT, (Treasurer), Saliya Senanayake, FCILT, Dr. Namali Sirisoma, CMILT, (Vice Chairperson), Gihan Jayasinghe, CMILT, (Vice Chairman), Gayani De Alwis, CMILT, (Chairperson), Channaka De Alwis, CMILT, (Vice Chairman), Dr. Lalith Edirisinghe, CMILT, (Secretary), Capt. Lasitha Cumaratunga, CMILT, (Immediate Past Chairman), H A Premaratne, FCILT, Nirala Kadawatharatchie, CMILT

Standing from Left to Right

Cumar Rodrigo, FCILT, Chandima Hulangamuwa, CMILT, Dr. Indika Sigera, CMILT, Dr. Priyangani Jayasundara, CMILT, Dr. Yapa Mahinda Bandara, CMILT, Dhashma Karunaratne, CMILT, Agith Ekanayake, CMILT, Chanaka Gunatilake, CMILT, Upali De Zoysa, CMILT

Others who were not present

Henry De Silva, CMILT, Ibrahim Saleem, CMILT, Gayathri Karunanayake, CMILT, J M Thilakarathna Banda, CMILT, Ramal Siriwardena, CMILT, Biman Hettiarachchi, Student



CILT Sri Lanka Delegation Attend The CILT Annual International Convention In Poland

The annual International Convention of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT), which is a much awaited global gathering of logistics and transport professionals, was held from 3rd to 6th June 2018 at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel in Wroclaw, Poland. Wroclaw was selected as the best European tourist destination in 2018 and is considered to be the silicon valley of the automotive industry. The theme of the convention was “Linking Central and Eastern Europe to the World, The Electric Car Revolution and Its Impact on Logistics.” This year’s international convention had 250 participants from 50 countries and a ten-member delegation from Sri Lanka participated in the convention. Representing the Sri Lankan delegation were, Gayani De Alwis (Chairperson CILT Sri Lanka), Dhashma Karunaratne (Chairperson WiLAT Sri Lanka), Romesh David (International Vice President CILT), Niral Kadawatharatchie (Past Chairman CILT Sri Lanka), Chaminda Perera (Council Member CILT Sri Lanka), Upali De Zoysa (Council Member CILT Sri Lanka), Biman Hettiarachchi (Chairman YPF Sri Lanka), Gayathri Karunanayake (Vice Chairperson WiLAT Sri Lanka) and Sammy Akbar, Director at Expolanka Freight.

This year, both Young Professionals’ Forum (YPF) and Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) Forum conventions were spaced out in order for delegates to attend both events. The talk on “How to Put a Zebra on the Moon” by Robin Proctor, former Executive Director at Travis Perkins and visiting fellow at Cranfield University gave a good start to the convention followed by Prof. Richard Wilding, Chairman of CILT UK and professor at Cranfield University speaking about “Industry 4.0 and beyond.” Other speakers at the convention were, Prof. David Cebon, Director at Cambridge Vehicle Dynamics Consortium; Prof. René de Koster, Professor at Rotterdam

School of Management, Erasmus University; Chris Jones of Canalys; Barbara Kaśnikowska, General Manager at Wroclaw Aircraft Maintenance Services; and Jo Brosnan of Northland Port, New Zealand to name a few. In total 16 speakers addressed the gathering.

The Sri Lankan delegation got an opportunity to showcase UN Women HeForShe programme of Sri Lanka for the global roll out at the WiLAT convention and YPF Sri Lanka Chairman and YP Regional Ambassador South Asia, Biman Hettiarachchi did Sri Lanka proud by showcasing YPF Sri Lanka, raising the bar within the international YP community. Founding Chairperson WiLAT Sri Lanka & Chairperson CILT Sri Lanka Gayani de Alwis was appointed as the Vice Chairperson WiLAT South Asia at the WiLAT International Convention.

Highlight of the Convention was the technical visit on the final day where the delegates were given the choice to visit one of four facilities: Volvo Manufacturing Centre, Kuehne Nagel Logistics Operation, Amazon Fulfillment Centre, or Topacz Automobile Museum. The Sri Lankan delegation chose to visit the Amazon Fulfillment Centre in Wroclaw, which was a rare opportunity. They were exposed to their sortable and non-sortable warehouses of which one was managed by robots. The convention gave a good exposure to the delegation for knowledge enhancement and networking with the CILT global family. Delegates were also taken on a boat trip down the iconic river Oder, which gave a different atmosphere for networking among the international delegates.

Next year CILT will be celebrating its centenary year with the international convention in Manchester, UK from 16th – 18th June 2019.



CILT Sri Lanka Delegation with the CILT International President



CILT Sri Lanka Chairperson at the Panel Discussion



CILT Sri Lanka Country Delegation Meeting

CILT Sri Lanka National Logistics and Transport Awards



The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Sri Lanka staged Sri Lanka's much awaited, first ever, National Logistics and Transport Awards ceremony at the Kingsbury on 17th July 2018. The gathering had the opportunity to witness the most colourful and glamorous event in the logistics and transport sector ever to take place in Sri Lanka. The participation comprised of top level government representatives, industry players, policy makers, professionals and academia. The Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The Minister of Transport and Aviation, Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva and the State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs, Hon. Dr. Harsha De Silva were the Guests of Honour.



The Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest stated that "Every rupee you save on logistics and transport make you that much more competitive. We are depending on you to play that important role of making Sri Lanka a high middle-income country." He further added, "Without internal connectivity, the ports and the airports would not bring to us the final benefits. Logistics matters very much. It was the life blood of the ancient times. It is the lifeblood today. You all are playing an important role. You are helping us to create that employment, and its professionalism. It shows your dedication and the fact that your institute has been, from the beginning, committed to building up the professionalism in the industry as the way of expansion. Because of you we will have a higher level of professionalism in the logistics and transport industry."

The Minister of Transport and Aviation, Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, in his address, pointed out that an award ceremony of this nature will bring much strength to Sri Lankan professionals and motivate them. He further stated, "You all are very much superior to many people in the world in this trade. [Whilst] advocating the free market economy, we are there to ensure that the Sri Lankans and the people of the soil are protected, benefited, and enriched."



Dr. Lalith Edirisinghe, the Secretary of CILT Sri Lanka and Chairman of the National Logistics and Transport Awards Organising Committee impressed upon the Prime Minister and subject ministers the need of establishing a statutory body to provide effective and efficient leadership in the logistics and supply chain industry in Sri Lanka. He stressed that "CILT Sri Lanka will move the industry forward. This awards ceremony is yet another milestone in our long journey. We, as professionals and academia in Logistics and Transport, cannot be happy for what we did for the industry during our lifetime unless we rank Sri Lanka in the top 20 countries in the Global Logistics Performance Indicator (LPI) published by the World Bank." He also thanked the Ministry of Education for incorporating twenty periods of logistics lessons in the school curriculum as per the recent revision in Advanced Level syllabus in the Commerce Stream.

There were eight awards in the corporate category and one life time individual award in the ceremony. The awards committee initially called for nominations under three categories: Large, Medium, and Small – considering the financial status of the applicant. The participation from medium and small scale categories was very poor and none qualified to be nominated under the two categories. Accordingly, the panel of judges decided to recognise eight corporate entities (instead of two that were originally planned) in the first ever awards ceremony in Sri Lanka. It constituted, a Platinum, Gold, Silver, two Bronze, and three merit awards.

Mr. Mohan Pandithage, who served the Logistics and Transport industry for five decades, was awarded with the most prestigious, CILT Sri Lanka Pinnacle life time award by the Prime Minister. Mr. Pandithage is the Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC, a Sri Lankan multinational

and diversified conglomerate. Above all, his leadership has attracted thousands of young people in Sri Lanka and facilitated employment in the logistics and transport sector.

Platinum Award of the National Excellence Awards was claimed by South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) having given a close fight with the Gold Award winner Hayleys Advantis. The Silver Award was secured by Unilever Sri Lanka. Recognising the contribution by government institutes, Sri Lanka Transport Board won the Bronze Award. The three Merit Awards were given to CL Synergy, GAC Group, and the Colombo International Nautical and Engineering College (CINEC Campus).



The key focus was to make the most impartial decisions when selecting award winners. There has been no interference from CILT Sri Lanka with the panel of judges, and none of them have had any conflicting interests with applicants or nominees. There were also many sponsoring opportunities, which would have helped in covering costs associated with the ceremony; however, the Organising Committee opted not to accept any offer of sponsorship with the aim of ensuring complete objectivity on the decisions of the panel of judges and avoiding any doubts on conflicting interests





Platinum Award – SAGT
(General Manager Operations, Upul Jinadasa)



Gold Award – Hayleys Advantis Limited
(Managing Director, Ruwan Waidyaratne)



Silver Award – Unilever
(Supply Chain Director, Gerard Irudayaraj)



Bronze Award – SLTB
(Chairman, Ramal Siriwardhane)



Merit Award – CINEC
(President, Capt. Ajith Peiris)



Merit Award – CL Synergy
(Deputy General Manager, Indika Samarawickrama)



Merit Award – GAC Logistics
(Managing Director, Mahesh Kurukulasuriya)

CILT Sri Lanka holds its FIRST LOGISTICS LEADERS' Evening for the Year for the Aviation Industry



The Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport (CILT) Sri Lanka held its first Logistics Leaders' Evening for the year on the 19th of June, themed "Future Challenges in Aviation." The event commenced at 5.30pm at the Victorian Hall of The Kingsbury, Colombo and was attended by over 150 participants from a wide spectrum of the industry.

The eminent speakers for the evening were Mr. H. M. C. Nimalsiri, Director General of Civil Aviation and Chief Executive Officer, Civil Aviation Authority Sri Lanka; Mr. Johanne Jayaratne, Executive Director, Airport & Aviation Services Sri Lanka; Capt. Suren Ratwatte, Chief Executive Officer, SriLankan Airlines; and Mr. Romesh David, Director, Cinnamon Air.

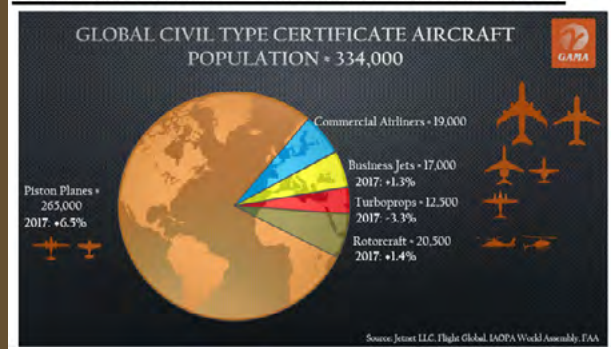
Chairperson CILT Sri Lanka, Gayani de Alwis, CMILT during her welcome address stressed that CILT's

role is both passenger and goods transport in all modes of transport including aviation and urged all aviation professionals to engage with CILT to develop the industry. She also mentioned about CILT's collaborative education offering with SriLankan Aviation College.

Aside from the detailed overviews of the aviation industry as a whole, there were several common topics that were identified as challenges for the aviation industry and specifically Sri Lanka such as the political instability and frequent policy changes, inadequate integration with other institutions for national level strategies, development of airport infrastructure lagging behind, travel growth resulting in traffic at Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) already exceeding planned capacity, ground handling rates at BIA being reported to be higher than those at other regional airports, etc.



Current Status – World's aircraft fleet



However, some positive trends were also shared with global air travel numbers being better than ever-before and that the Asia-Pacific region will dominate that growth (as seen in the below charts). Furthermore, the processing, sharing and distributing of data, be it internally to staff within an airport or direct to consumers, providing real-time updates on the weather, delayed aircraft, or issues in general are allowing for better communication all around and more effective strategic planning moving forward. The theory is that the real-time updates integrated within an efficient management system are enabling reaction methods to real-time challenges to be drastically improved upon.



H. M. C. Nimal Siri



Johanne Jayaratne



Capt. Suren Ratwatte



Romes David



Panel Discussion in action

What was most exciting were the insights into the future of the aviation industry such as Dubai airport to go passport-free with Blockchain Technology where inbound passengers will get off their flight and head to baggage claim, with the process of manual verification through waiting in queues eliminated. Also single token travel, facial recognition technologies, biometrics – whichever name you choose for the topic will have a huge impact. Single token travel looks to become a staple of air travel in the very near future.

The speeches were followed by a very interesting panel discussion moderated by Ms. Kamaya Perera, Principal, KPMG Sri Lanka – Knowledge Partner of CILT Sri Lanka.





CILT Sri Lanka Conducts A Membership Drive At National Transport Commission



NTC Chairman handing over the National Transport Statistics 2016 to CILT Sri Lanka Chairperson



Left to Right

Ms. Vijitha Weerasinghe, CMILT (Director Planning, NTC), Dr. D. M. S. Dissanayake (Director General, NTC), Ms. Gayani de Alwis, CMILT (Chairperson, CILT Sri Lanka), Eng. M. A. P. Hemachandra (Chairman, NTC), Dr. Priyangani Jayasundara, CMILT (Council Member, CILT Sri Lanka), Mr. H. A. Premaratne, FCILT (Council Member, CILT Sri Lanka), Mr. Ajith Samaratunga (Secretary General, CILT Sri Lanka)



The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Sri Lanka held its first membership drive for the year 2018 at the National Transport Commission (NTC) on 28th June. Chairperson, CILT Sri Lanka, Ms. Gayani de Alwis, CMILT, Council Members, CILT Sri Lanka, Mr. H. A. Premaratne, FCILT and Dr. Priyangani Jayasundara, CMILT attended the event. The NTC membership drive was organised by Council Member, CILT Sri Lanka, Ms. Vijitha Weerasinghe, CMILT, Director Planning, NTC.

Chairperson, CILT Sri Lanka, in her welcome address mentioned that, CILT is the only Chartered international professional body in the country for professionals engaged in logistics, transport and supply chain and its main aim is to promote continuous professional education in the sectors to uplift professionalism and create value to the economy. It was a great day for both CILT and NTC due to fact that Eng. M. A. P. Hemachandra, Chairman, NTC took the first step in becoming a Member of CILT Sri Lanka. Dr. D. M. S. Dissanayake, Director General, NTC too attended the membership drive.

The Chairperson, during her address, further emphasised CILT's role is both passenger and goods transport in all modes of transport in terms of road, rail, maritime and aviation, and highlighted that NTC plays a vital role in Sri Lanka's road transport sector and invited all NTC professionals to come forward and work together with CILT Sri Lanka to develop the industry.

Longstanding Fellow Member of CILT Sri Lanka, Mr. H. A. Premaratne shared how his career journey in the transport sector, with added CILT professional qualifications helped him to climb up the career ladder from a graduate executive to General Manager, CTB; Director Planning, Ministry of Transport and Highways; and Competent Authority for Private Bus Transport for Central Province. He urged all those who were present to invest in continuous professional education and become members of CILT.



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CPD for Young Professionals:

By Jon Harris



Mr. Jon Harris, the International Professional Development Coordinator of CILT International conducted a session on "CPD for Young Professionals" for the Young Professionals in Sri Lanka on 14th July 2018. YPFSL Core-Committee and Former YPF Committee members participated at the informative and interactive event.



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YP SESSION WITH JON HARRIS

“YPF Next 2018”

“YPF Next 2018” was held on 8th April 2018 at the Mini Auditorium, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Rathmalana. The newly elected core committee members of YPF gathered to plan the activities for the 2018-year of CILT Sri Lanka Young Professionals' Forum. The brainstorming and planning session concluded successfully after fruitful discussions.



Newly Elected Core-Committee of YPF Sri Lanka for Year 2018/19:

Seated (From Left to Right):

Jayani Sudusinghe (Treasurer), Mareena Fernando (Vice Chairperson -Corporate Relations), Biman Hettiarachchi (Chairman), Dilshan Pasindu Weerasinghe (Vice Chairperson - Membership), Hiroshi Fernando (Vice Chairperson - Education), Hemal Ranadeera (Secretary)

Standing Row 1 (From Left to Right):

Ovini Withanachchi, Pavani Diyawadana, Mahekha Dahanayake, Hasani Gunasekara, Asheni Dissanayake, Pasindu Pathiranage

Standing Row 2 (From Left to Right):

Thakshal Ekanayake, Kavinda Karunanayake, Chethaka Gamage, Upul Welikala, Mavin De Silva, Oshad De Silva, Kethaka Galappaththi, Vipuli Perera

Not in this Photo:

Ishan Jayawardena, Harshani Edirisinghe

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS' FORUM OF CILT SRI LANKA

Setting Benchmarks in the

**CILT INTERNATIONAL 20
CONVENTION 18** in Poland

Young Professionals' (YP) Conference of the CILT International Convention focused on the next generation of the logistics and transport industry. This year the Convention saw a gathering for over 30 YPs representing all continents of the world. Biman Hettiarachchi, YP Regional Ambassador for South Asia and the Chairman of Young Professionals' Forum of CILT Sri Lanka, attended the CILT International Convention 2018 together with the ten-member CILT Sri Lanka Delegation.

The Convention started on 3rd June 2018 with the YP Conference followed by the welcome speech of the YP Global Convener Elliot Price. Biman Hettiarachchi conducted an online quiz competition during the YP Conference by showcasing a part of the CILT YPF Quiz Master, the annual quiz competition conducted by YPF Sri Lanka to enhance the knowledge of the Sri Lankan young professionals in the logistics and transport industry. He also presented the "Key YP Activities in South Asia" while discussing the importance of focusing on events towards young professionals while setting up a benchmark for the young professionals all around the globe. International delegates highly appreciated and valued the efforts of YPF Sri Lanka to uplift the next generation in the logistics and transport industry.

In addition to the YP Conference on 3rd June 2018, a Pre-Convention Session was arranged for YPs to discuss the strategy of YPs for the coming years. CILT International YP Committee Members, together with the YP Chairpersons, conducted an extensive discussion regarding the re-branding of Young Professionals of the CILT.

YPs also got the opportunity to play the "Business on the Move" game during the afternoon session of Day 1. Jo Brosnahan, Founder of LeadersOfTheFuture.org conducted a mini workshop for the YPs on "Planning your future as a leader" on Day 2 of the convention. It was a fruitful session for all YPs participating in the convention to develop their leadership skills in order to guide and nurture local YP groups. The workshop was followed by an inspirational talk by Martijn Gilberts on "Logistics as the Prime Career Choice for YP."



Biman Hettiarachchi, YP Regional Ambassador for South Asia and the Chairman of Young Professionals' Forum of CILT Sri Lanka presenting Key YP Activities in South Asia.



Biman conducting the Online Quiz Competition during the YP Conference



Jo Brosnahan, Founder of LeadersOfTheFuture.org conducting a session for the YPs on "Planning your future as a leader"



YP Conference of the CILT International Convention 2018



Sri Lanka Recognises The “Heforshe” Corporates

In pursuing WiLAT Sri Lanka’s mission to empower women in Logistics and Transport, the 4th year anniversary celebrations saw WiLAT partnering with UN Women “HeForShe” movement to provide an opportunity and framework for corporates in the industry to demonstrate leadership on gender equality.

HeForShe is a solidarity campaign initiated by UN Women for the advancement of women. Its goal is to achieve equality by encouraging men, as agents of change, to act against negative inequalities faced by women. Gender inequality is an issue that affects everyone, socially, economically and politically.

IMPACT 10x10x10 engages key decision makers in governments, corporates, and universities around the world to drive change from the top. IMPACT Champions make gender equality an institutional priority by implementing the HeForShe IMPACT framework and developing the game-changing commitments to advance and achieve gender equality for all. These leaders are committed to changing the world.

Accordingly, WiLAT Sri Lanka took the bold step in Sri Lanka by inviting 10 top corporates to sign-up to the CEO Statement of Support and make a pledge towards this cause.

In celebrating the 5th anniversary, WiLAT Sri Lanka decided to conduct a survey among these corporates and to analyse their initiatives in the work place towards gender equality. An independent panel of judges selected the organisations, that in the view of judges, best demonstrate the commitment of their human resource functions to

support gender equality and non-discrimination. The questions of the survey were based on areas of Recruitment & Retention, Work/Life Balance, Professional Development & Empowerment, Professional Conduct & Due Care, and Mentoring & Recognition.



IMPACT Champion John Keells Holdings PLC - Platinum award



IMPACT Champion Unilever Sri Lanka - Gold award



IMPACT Champion McLarens Group - Silver award

The best corporates that had contributed towards empowerment of women were recognized under the categories of Platinum, Gold and Silver. The Platinum award was won by the IMPACT Champion

John Keells Holdings PLC, while Gold and Silver awards were won by Unilever Sri Lanka and McLarens Group respectively. The awards were given away by Mr. Kevin Byrne, President of CILT International, who was the Chief Guest at the 5th WiLAT Sri Lanka anniversary celebrations.



DHASHMA KARUNARATNE Reelected As WiLAT Sri Lanka Chairperson For 2018

Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) Sri Lanka reappointed its Chairperson, Ms. Dhashma Karunaratne, to serve another term at the 5th Annual General Meeting held on 27th April at the Auditorium of The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka, amidst a large gathering of the industry's eminent personalities.

Thus, Dhashma entered her second consecutive year as the Chairperson of WiLAT Sri Lanka and promised to execute WiLAT's advocacy initiatives, working closely with its parent body, the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Sri Lanka and the Global WiLAT Forum. At present, she contributes towards the execution of the Commercial and Marketing Strategy of South Asia Gateway Terminals of Port of Colombo, Sri Lanka, and drives initiatives for business growth integrating contractual performance monitoring and compliance. During her early professional career, she has held diverse roles, including Corporate Finance, Business Strategy, Management Accounting & Distributor and Project Management.

She is a Chartered Member of CILT and is currently serving as a Member of the CILT Sri Lanka Council. She has been an active Executive Committee member of WiLAT Sri Lanka since its inception in 2013, and has been serving as the Vice Chairperson for Branding and Promotions until her first appointment as the Chairperson in 2017. She has successfully executed effective programmes to promote and position WiLAT as an integral part of the industry and the economy.

Dhashma Karunaratne, as the Chairperson of the previous tenure thanked the outgoing Executive Committee for enabling her to bring WiLAT Sri Lanka under international spotlight through various value adding initiatives and achievements over the year. She also extended her gratitude to the Chairperson of CILT Sri Lanka and the Co-founder of WiLAT Sri Lanka, Gayani de Alwis, for her prodigious advocacy and the exclusive partner of WiLAT for the continuous and promising support.

Addressing as the new Chairperson, Dhashma Karunaratne emphasized that women in Sri Lanka are still not performing and engaging adequately in the corporate world as repeatedly proven by statistics. Hence, she concluded by remarking that it is everyone's duty to incorporate equal women participation to synergize country's performance while empowering them to achieve their full potential.

Dr. Namali Sirisoma, Anoma Ranasinghe and Gayathri Karunanayake were elected as the Vice Chairpersons, bringing in with them a wealth of experience and knowledge in the industry. The newly appointed WiLAT Executive Committee recurrently consists of representatives from all sectors of the industry, and young and fresh thinking students from both private and public educational institutions. The Executive Committee will continue to perform as a leading female advocacy group in Sri Lanka and in the region empowering women in logistics and transport.

The key note speech at the AGM was delivered by Mr. Thilak Piyadigama, Chief Operating Officer, Senior Executive Vice President, Nations Trust Bank on the theme "Blockchain and its Impact to Logistics and Transport." He commenced his speech with a brief introduction to the trending subject Blockchain and how it could be used in several sectors of the industry and especially in providing logistics needs for under privileged communities in several parts of the world more conveniently. He emphasized on the immense cost advantage that this technology brings when linked with other improvements as crypto-currency and "Internet Of Things." Also, during the Q&A session he commented that for Sri Lanka it remains a substantial challenge in adapting to these technologies in terms

of material development as well as building trust and confidence among users. Nevertheless, once access is provided and challenges are overcome, creative and innovative corporates and individuals can certainly utilize it to enhance Sri Lanka's productivity, he added.



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WiLAT Sri Lanka Visits Cinnamon Air Hangar and Terminal

Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) Sri Lanka organized a field visit to Cinnamon Air Hangar and Terminal at Katunayake with the objective of providing an opportunity for young professionals in the logistics and transport fields to get a better understanding of the domestic elements in the local aviation industry. The visit was a major item under the educational category in the 2018/2019 WiLAT agenda. Logistics undergraduates, WiLAT members, and Friends of WiLAT joined the field visit.

Cinnamon Air is a leading domestic air taxi service offering both daily scheduled flights and luxury private charter flights to more than 15 destinations covering all parts of Sri Lanka. The main terminal and hangar of the airline are located at Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake while the commercial office is in Colombo Fort.

The fleet of Cinnamon Air consists of one Luxury Cessna 208B (8 passengers) Grand Caravan and two Cessna 208 (8 passengers), Amphibian Caravans enabling water bodies to be used as runway facilities (Waterdromes). The airline has been in operation for 5 years and all flights operate in codeshare with SriLankan Airlines which enables passengers to book flights through SriLankan Airlines network around the globe as well. The close relationship with the national carrier is further demonstrated by one of the Cessna 208 Caravan Amphibians carrying SriLankan Air Taxi branding on its hull.

The group who joined the visit were able to observe the engineering operations in the hangar, taking off and landing operations at the terminal as well as the control centre operations while they are being carried out, marking the visit as a successful encounter.





International Convention in Poland

The three member Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) Sri Lanka delegation attended the WiLAT International Convention which was held on 3rd of June as part of the CILT International Convention in Poland. This year's conference saw over 100 WiLAT participants attending the convention from Australia, Hong Kong, Nigeria, Zambia, Ghana, Malaysia, UK, Kazakhstan, Egypt and Sri Lanka. Out of the ten member CILT Delegation, the three member WiLAT delegation representing Sri Lanka were Gayani De Alwis (Chairperson, CILT Sri Lanka and Founding Chairperson WiLAT Sri Lanka), Dhashma Karunaratne (Chairperson, WiLAT Sri Lanka), and Gayathri Karunanayaka (Vice Chairperson, WiLAT Sri Lanka).

WiLAT Convention started with Global Convener, Aisha Ali Ibrahim, welcoming the gathering and thanking the global family for their untiring efforts to create gender parity in the industry, which is male dominant. WiLAT Global Advisor, Dr Dorothy Chan, highlighted the strides that WiLAT has made in expanding the global footprint by increasing the coverage to 20 out of the 34 CILT countries of CILT now, with the latest addition being Australia.

Henryka Bochniarz, President of Confederation of Lewiatan; Barbara Kasnikowska, GM of Wroclaw Aircraft Maintenance Services; and Prof Danuta Moron, University of Economics in Katowice Poland delivered the session keynote speeches. Gayani De Alwis showcased UN Women 'HeforShe' programme of Sri Lanka for global rollout at the convention. WiLAT operational guide developed by WiLAT Sri Lanka was adopted with modifications for Global WiLAT Governance. New appointments were made in line with the newly formed structure. Accordingly, Gayani De Alwis was appointed as the Vice Chairperson for WiLAT South Asia.

Next year's WiLAT Convention will be held in Manchester, United Kingdom from 16th to 18th June 2019 when CILT celebrates its centenary year.



WiLAT Sri Lanka Delegation

Left to right: Gayathri Karunanayake (Vice Chairperson), Gayani de Alwis (WiLAT Founding Chairperson and CILT Chairperson), Dhashma Karunaratne (WiLAT Chairperson)



Gayani De Alwis addressing the gathering





Gayani De Alwis Appointed As WiLAT Global Vice Chairperson



Chairperson, CILT Sri Lanka, Gayani De Alwis was appointed as Vice Chairperson and Member of the Global Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) Steering Committee. Her appointment was formally announced at the CILT Global Convention in Poland. De Alwis will be responsible for South Asia. WiLAT Global Vice Chairpersons facilitate regional collaboration by working with individual countries in the respective regions to expand the footprint of WiLAT, actively drive the four strategic thrusts of WiLAT, promote membership growth, and share best practices.



WiLAT Deputy Convenr, Vicky Koo, Global Convenr, Aisha Ali Ibrahim
with Vice Chair Gayani de Alwis at the Convention

Trinco Master Plan Introduces Sri Lanka's Third International Airport



Surbana Jurong, a Singaporean Consultancy group presented the Master Plan proposal for Trincomalee to Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe on 11th July 2018. This plan is expected to enhance the development drive for Trincomalee making it the Eastern Gateway of Sri Lanka.

This is one major factor in realising the vision of bringing up Sri Lanka as a Commercial and Tourism Hub in Indian Ocean.

The Prime Minister is quoted as stating, "When you look back at Sri Lanka's history, we were a hub in the Indian Ocean back then where there were several ports. Today, we have focused on Colombo and Hambantota mainly. Colombo is important with the development of the West, East Africa, Western India and development of Iran, while ships which pass through the Suez Canal to countries such as Singapore go past Hambantota, making the Southern Port important as well. Countries in the Bay of Bengal

region will develop rapidly within the next 20 years. By 2050 the population in this region is expected to reach 3 billion. Therefore, we have to consider Trincomalee as the Eastern Gateway."

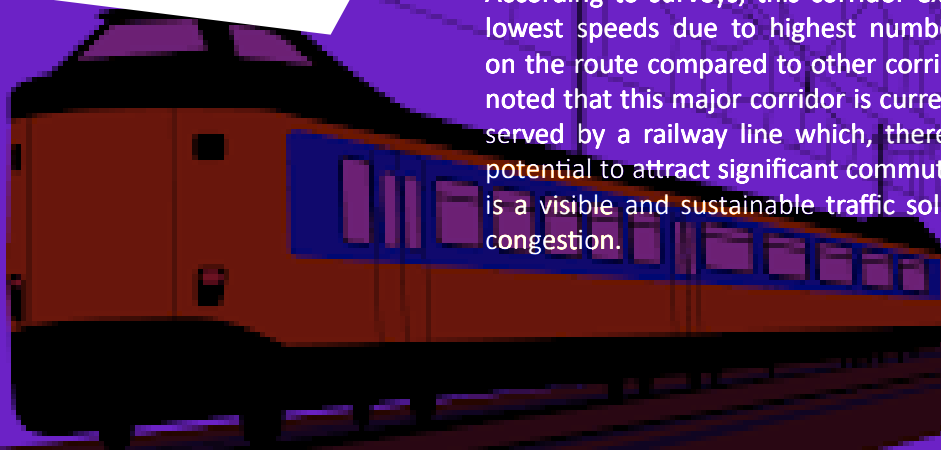
This development is planned to be brought in by increasing the connectivity of Colombo- Trincomalee economic corridor with an international airport to be located in Hingurakgoda. Apart from tourism, Trincomalee will also be enriched as an export hub by creating a clean industrial eco system as well as an Eastern Logistics Center in the region via Free Trade Agreements and abundant regional maritime traffic.

The Trinco Master Plan also includes the development of city centres, multi-story parking centres, a theme/ amusement park, an international cricket stadium, several highways, specialized highways such as dedicated freight highways, a cruise terminal, container terminal at China Bay, an oil refinery and an LNG power plant in addition to the Hingurakgoda Airport.

Colombo Fort to Malabe Light Rail Transit Project Gets Cabinet Approval

An elevated rail transit line from Multi Modal Transport Centre in Colombo Fort to Malabe will be built with the aid of Japanese funding. The proposal got the approval from the Cabinet on 11th July 2018 after several rounds of discussion. This includes 17km long, two light railways connecting the administrative capital to the Colombo business district.

According to surveys, this corridor experiences the lowest speeds due to highest number of vehicles on the route compared to other corridors. It is also noted that this major corridor is currently not being served by a railway line which, therefore, has the **potential** to attract significant commuter traffic. This is a visible and **sustainable** traffic solution for high congestion.





Transshipment Volumes of Port of Colombo to Increase by 19.8%

For the first time in history, the Port of Colombo achieved a transshipment container throughput growth of 19.8% for the first half in 2018 against that of 2017. The Port of Colombo handled 2,733,906 TEUs of transshipment containers during the first half of 2018 and handled only 2,281,636 TEUs in the corresponding half in 2017.

This has enabled a target of 7 million TEUs for the year 2018. According to the Minister of Ports and Shipping, Mahinda Samarasinghe, the Port of Colombo would take new initiatives with regards to international promotions

with all stakeholders while attracting alliances of new shipping lines. An exclusive three-year plan was introduced to develop the entire port sector to make Sri Lanka the most preferred maritime gateway to South Asia. Supporting this, Sri Lanka Ports Authority signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the terminals of the Port of Colombo to operate collectively to promote the Port. The Port of Colombo is positioned as the world's 23rd best container port among global ranking indices and the 13th best connectivity port in the world at present.

Private Sector Provides Consultancy for a Logistics Hub

The Megapolis and Western Development Ministry has consulted all stakeholders regarding a port-related logistics hub and the proposed logistics park in Welisara. The Ministry stated that the support of professional bodies in supply chain, logistics and transport development is vital in order to reach its vision of becoming a regional logistics hub.

An invitation was extended to Institute of Supply Chain and Materials Management, Export Development Board, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka Shipping Council, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Sri Lanka Freight Forwarders Association, Board of Investment, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Sri Lanka Air Cargo Association, Organisation for Professional Association, Ceylon Shipping Corporation, Representation of Armed Forces of Logistics Professionals, Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents, Sri Lanka Logistics and Freight Forwarders Association, and Sri Lanka Customs for a knowledge-sharing discussion.



Huge Opportunity Arises to Encourage Indian Vessels to Change Flag to Sri Lanka due to Cabotage Relaxation

The Shipping Ministry in India sent out an unannounced notification, stating that from May 2018 onwards cabotage rules in India would be relaxed for a variety of cargo segments, opening up India's coastal trade to foreign ships. This puts the Indian Ship owners on the back foot as they have been making heavy investments in the recent years in expanding their fleet of vessels.

Although, cargo carrying capacity of the Indian fleet grew 22% between January 2015 and June 2018, from 7.87 million deadweight tons (dwt) to 9.58 million

deadweight tons, Indian flag vessels were lacking government support throughout. This resulted in higher costs of operations than that of foreign flag vessels. The only benefit was the Right of First Refusal (RoFR) for Indian flag vessels which gave a comparative advantage to secure the Indian cargo on the coast. Cabotage relaxation has enabled a level playing field for Indian ship owners and similarly for foreign flag ships initiating the search for alternate flags of convenience. Hence, Sri Lanka is being looked at as an option which is ideal due to the close proximity.



US Continues to Heat-up China Trade War

Just days after the two countries imposed tariffs of USD 34bn on each other's goods, the US has ramped up its trade war with China, listing USD 200bn worth of additional products which it plans to place tariffs on in September. The products consist of more than 6,000 items including food products, minerals and consumer goods such as handbags.

The US wants China to stop practices that allegedly encourage transfer of intellectual property - design

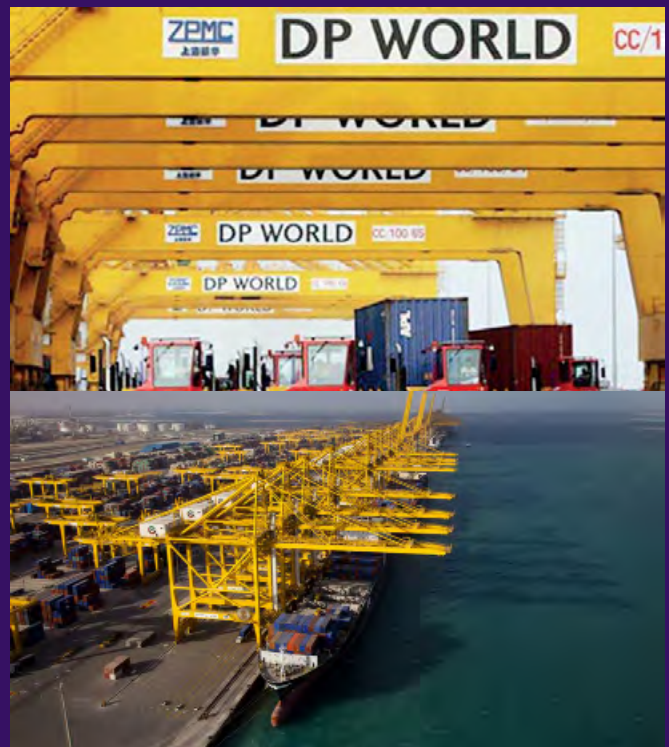


and product ideas - to Chinese companies, such as requirements that foreign firms share ownership with local partners to access the Chinese market. Many companies in the US have shown opposition to the administration's use of tariffs against China, saying they risk hurting business and the economy without being likely to change behaviour. Nevertheless, the new import taxes are almost equal to the value of China's entire goods exports to the US, worth more than USD 500bn in 2017.

A New Logistics Hub for Ethiopia by DP World

"In order facilitate transport of goods to landlocked countries in Africa, DP World is planning to set up a logistics facility in Ethiopia," stated DP World Group Chairman/ Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Ports, Customs and Free Zone Corporation, Sultan bin Sulayem.

"We have signed a number of agreements with Ethiopia that will promote our friendly relationships with them. Business groups in Dubai can always benefit from DP World's presence in different countries including Rwanda and Egypt where re-exporting opportunities are abundant. The world is witnessing rapid changes and developments in trade. There is now more focus on fair trade on the agenda and external policy of countries like the US, which means protective measures, will be taken to curb the flow of goods from the European Union and China into the American market. These developments and changes have put us face to face with new challenges, but we have learnt



from our wise leadership that challenges can be turned into opportunities. We carefully study developments in international trade to always find alternative markets, and this can be sustained through enhancing our strategic partnerships," he added.

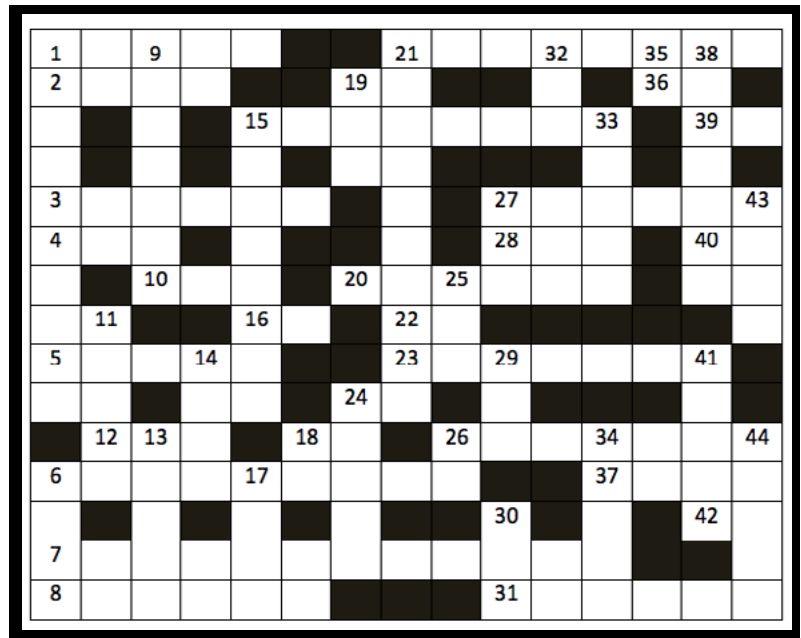
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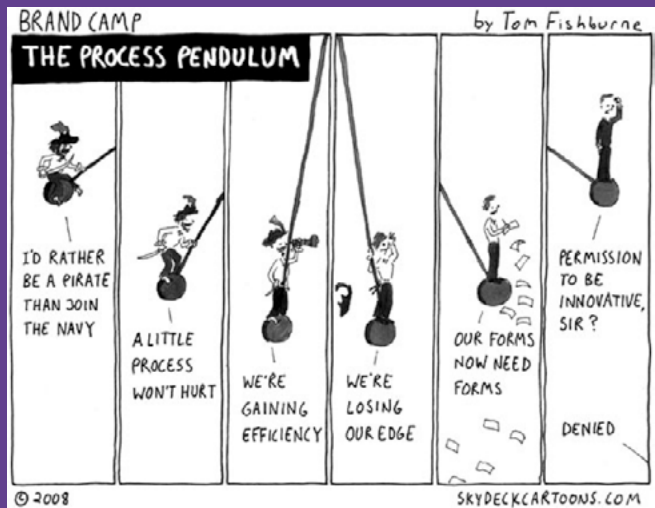
1. A storage facility, particularly a warehouse/ railroad terminal/ transportation station
2. Flat and level
3. A gentle neigh
4. Eternity
5. Excess of something held to provide a buffer against the contingency risks associated
6. The initial forwarding connection from a centralized hub to individual cell points in a network as opposed to backhauling
7. A loss in the utility or value of property that results over time from intrinsic limitations or external factors
8. Become deep
10. Matter in a state intermediate between liquid and plasma that can be contained only if it is completely surrounded by a solid
12. A female sheep
15. An unmarried aged woman
16. In the direction of or arriving at
18. Informal expression of confusion and a filler word in speaking
19. Abbreviation for Value Analysis
20. A combination of two or more carriers into one company for the ownership, management, and operation of the properties previously operated on a separate basis
21. A moving platform for item delivery, storing and eventual retrieval in a series of adjacent bins
22. Abbreviation for assistance given virtually
23. Adverb for objects in transit or heading destination
26. Unethical and disreputable
27. A chamber of a cave or whole
28. Untouched source potential mineral extraction
31. An impressive chair used by a monarch
36. Indicates time before noon
37. Attack with little or no control at once
39. Indicates a deadline or a marginal size
40. Country code top-level domain for a state in America
42. An author's name is listed in a creation followed by this abbreviation

Down

1. The maximum weight a ship can carry
6. Any substance that can be consumed by living organisms, especially by eating in order to sustain life
9. A report to show relationship between demand and manufacturing supply
11. To direct the attention of or cite
13. More than bad
14. A depression between hills
15. Something inauspicious, ominous, illegitimate
17. An account of a true or fictitious circumstance or a rumor
19. Struggle for superiority or to gain something
21. A commonly known support system used in constructing bridges
24. To gather a great quantity of
25. Served/operated/escaped
26. Abbreviation for a term to express logistics that are combined
27. Useful to pass energy across wheels in motion
29. An edge around something, especially when circular
30. Insect and also a little colonist
32. A short poetical composition to be sung, typically on a particular subject
33. Carries water down from higher areas to a lower point
34. Title holder/ proprietor/ landlord
35. Anonymous partnership of a share company
38. A prohibition upon trade either with specific products or specific countries
41. To attempt to escape or to keep at arm's length
43. Records of current events broadcasted via several media channels
44. A reef/ridge of rocks beneath the sea



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