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Dear Reader,

This is a very special publication of the LINK Magazine as we commemorate the centennial of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT). All around the world, in every branch of CILT, the hundred years was remembered and celebrated with much pomp and pageantry. Sri Lanka was no different.

In this issue of the LINK we bring you some of the key highlights of the journey CILT has gone through over the last hundred years since its inception. As members of this prestigious organization, we should all remember with pride, the contributions CILT has made for the progress of this industry, without forgetting to reflect and ponder the road ahead. As we gaze into the distant horizon, let us traverse forth with the belief that CILT and the logistics and transport industry would realise the benefits of the endless possibilities the future has in store for us.

On behalf of my team, I welcome you to peruse the pages of this edition of the LINK magazine and join with me in wishing CILT a very happy one-hundredth birthday and a productive, inspirational and successful journey ahead. Also, since this is the last opportunity I get to communicate with our readership for this year, I wish all of you a joyous Christmas season and a blissful 2020.

Until next time...

Editor's Note



Ashan Wickramasinghe, MILT



Message from the Chairperson – CILT Sri Lanka

This year is special and a significant one for CILT as it's our centenary. This is an important milestone in all our lives to be part of the centenary celebration and I consider it a privilege to lead CILT Sri Lanka as the Chairperson in our centenary year. I am happy to pen this message to the first-ever printed edition of the LINK magazine to mark the centenary.

Since the formation on 3rd November 1919 at London's Savoy Hotel, the institute has grown from strength to strength with the objective of promoting the art and science of logistics and transport across the globe in 35 countries with over 35,000 members. Identifying us, CILT Sri Lanka is only 35 years old and is the only Chartered professional body in the country for logistics, transport and supply chain professionals. The main centenary celebration was held at the Savoy Hotel London on 3rd November. Across the world celebrations were held to commemorate our rich heritage and celebrate those who have contributed voluntarily to build our institute to what it is today in the past 100 years. Our local centenary celebration was held with a gala dinner on 24th October and we felicitated the long-standing members of CILT SL at the dinner. We also rang the bell to start trading at CSE to mark the centenary on 4th November. You can revisit our events through these pages of LINK.

In the next few decades we may see more changes than what we saw in the past 100 years. I am excited about the prospects of what our future holds in the 21st century. Let's commemorate and celebrate our centenary and create a CILT which is future ready.



Gayani de Alwis, CMILT
Chairperson CILT



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AN INSTITUTE THAT CHANGED STANDARDS

In January, CILT(UK)'s membership magazine *Focus* published a special interview with Sir Eric Geddes, about his tenure as the President of the Institute of Transport, the role of logistics during the First World War and being Britain's first Minister of Transport.

You were announced as the first President of the Institute of Transport between 1919 and 1920. Could you tell *Focus* a little about this role?

It was my responsibility to create an organisation that would change the perceived standards of transport and set new standards across the country. The war gave the layman a platform to criticise the way this country moves its most valuable goods and they witnessed the failure of trying to move goods and vehicles. In peace time, we had an opportunity to change that.

What were your hopes for the newly formed Institute and what it might bring to transport and logistics professionals?

The war demonstrated the need for a co-ordinated transport system, and for such to exist, a forum such as the Institute is needed to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas. The Institute is here to promote and encourage knowledge of the art for transport and the appliances connected to provide facilities for the study of exchange of information and ideas to raise the status of those engaged in the industry.

It is the duty of this Institute to hold meetings for reading and discussing communications bearing upon traffic and transport and methods or subjects relating thereto and the Institute of Transport must also be the go-to place for the delivery of lectures and promoting education within our sectors and we must investigate the ways we can do that through the holding of classes and examinations, the awarding of certificates, medals, scholarships and diplomas in connection with traffic and transport.

Was transport an industry you wanted to be involved in as a child?

I was not the popular boy of fiction, who came of a poor father and went to work before he was 14 years of age in order to educate himself;

nor was I the earnest worker who made the best of what his parents provided. I was just an ordinary schoolboy who would not study – fond of my family, but, frankly, impossible to guide.

My father was a prominent figure in the survey and construction of Indian railways for almost 30 years until we returned to Scotland in 1880. I attended seven schools and had at least 10 different jobs by the time I was 20, so my route into the industry was very varied. As a boy, I had a determined sense of independence. In 1893, I left home on a passenger liner for New York. I recall I had £10 in my pocket and met family friends in Pittsburgh. For the two-and-a-half years I was in the USA I moved from one job to another. I sold Remington typewriters, tried labouring at Carnegie's steelworks, I was a bartender in Cincinnati and a brakeman on freight trains. I returned home with less money than I had taken, but this was a valuable lesson that work must be hustled for. I began my career with labour work, and that was a good way to begin. It gave me the knowledge and sympathy with the point of view of the working man.

Tell *Focus* a little about your career in logistics and transport.

I owe a lot to my family. My father's career put him in contact with a lot of people around the world and I was fortunate enough to join Carew & Co to manage forest land in the marshy jungle foothills of the Himalayas. With railroad and logging experience, I was put in charge of managing the estate. As an aid to further jungle clearance, I extended the existing light railway and became manager of more than 50 miles of the Powayan Steam Tramway.

In 1904, I organised the transport deployment of military forces on the Rohilkund and Kumaon Railway in the north-west provinces during the refinement of Lord Kitchener's anti-invasion plans. I was then contacted by Sir George Gibb, General Manager of the North Eastern Railway [NER] who offered me a newly created post of Claims Agent.

As part of the NER, I led the plans to deliver North Sea shipping services between Hull and Rotterdam and this led to a 30-year business partnership to improve freight earnings per train mile by increasing volume and reducing mileage. I became Deputy General Manager of NER in 1911. Before the end of the war, I was appointed first Controller of the Navy in May 1917 and then First Lord of the Admiralty two months later. I left the Admiralty in early 1918, but retained my post in Lloyd George's Imperial War Cabinet until the end of the war and was then asked to set up the Ministry of Transport in 1919.



You were Britain's first Minister of Transport in 1919. What challenges did you encounter during your tenure?

The appointment was a real honour. We were responsible for railways, roads, canals and docks. I was one of the class of Lloyd George's 'businessmen in Government' experiment, and, while I was not above politics, there was always that feeling that I was recruited for my technical expertise, rather than parliamentary strength or skills. I remember being coined the 'Napoleon of Transport' and I am proud that I brought an honest and open viewpoint to the benches, despite how that may have been viewed by other peers. By the end, I did not really have the appetite for political infighting and chose to resign from my post in November 1921.



Could you tell *Focus* more about the significant role in shaping logistics during the war?

For 18 months before war broke out, I participated in the preparation of mobilisation timetables, transport plans for the maintenance of food supplies and the development of intercompany telephone communications. During the war, I became known as one of the 'men of push and go' that was brought into government service by the Minister of Munitions. Here, I was responsible for rational goals for rifles, light and heavy machine-guns, and we saw production soar and required a feasible and efficient method of piling these into French docks. I guess you could say that in France we were stockpiling our weaponry, but were unable to distribute these to our troops.

I led a three-man team over to France to advise on transportation and was later appointed Director General of Military Railways and Inspector-General of Transportation with the rank of Major General. We got the ports working efficiently and built light railways to bring materials to the front. I predicted that by March 1916 British industry would be delivering 20,000 rifles a week.

I have always favoured a statistical analysis as a staple business strategy, and I think such an approach endeared me to David Lloyd George. I was brought in to serve in his department as Deputy Director of Supply, before being despatched to France in 1916 as Inspector-General of Sir Douglas Haig's British Expeditionary Force [BEF].

We were dubbed 'The Army behind the Army' and I suppose you could say that we revolutionised the BEF's transport and supply mechanism, dividing transportation into four separate areas to cover docks, light railways, railways and roads. By the time I left this role in 1917, I knew that munitions efficiency had been transformed.

Source : *CLT UK Centenary magazine 2019*

You stepped away from transport in 1922 and joined Dunlop Rubber. What lessons were learned from this role?

I resigned from the government and the Commons in 1922 and chose to become director of Dunlop Rubber. It was nice to venture back to business and, thanks to the stellar work of Harvey du Cros before me and the team, we came to be one of the largest British industrial companies.

On my arrival, we began the manufacturing of tennis balls and really began to diversify the business. We acquired tennis racket manufacturer F A Davis and Charles Macintosh of Manchester, emblazoning the Dunlop name on to footwear and various clothing garments. The move away from tyre manufacturing was gradual, but vitally important as we grew the business. The productive capacity of Fort Dunlop near Birmingham was greatly extended in the years 1925–28 and I was particularly keen to develop the manufacturing layout, time and motion studies, and the exploration of management ideas.



What would you like the Institute to look like in 2019 when it celebrates its centenary?

I believe that the Institute has a huge opportunity to be the leading voice for professionals involved in our sectors. We should use our expertise to influence government – they do not speak the same language as us, so the Institute must do all in its power to get the industry's voice heard. We are already planning to seek chartered status, and I hope this will remain for many years, decades and centuries to come. I hope membership continues to grow and experts in our field and key stakeholders see the Institute of Transport as the home of knowledge, ideas and information to ensure the success of our great profession.

This interview was compiled using extracts from the following books and online sources:

The First 70 Years by Sue Woolley

Sir Eric Geddes: Business and Government in War and Peace by Keith Grieves

Sir Eric Geddes and the British Expeditionary Force's Transportation Network by Michael Duffy



CILT FROM THE BEGINNING



On the afternoon of Monday 3rd November 1919, eight days before the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended the First World War, a group of men attended a luncheon meeting at the Savoy Hotel in London. These men, principally managers, administrators and engineers, were at the Savoy to champion a new and thoroughly modern cause: the formation of the Institute of Transport.

Apart from the promotion of transport interests in general, the three basic aims of the Institute were: the collection and collation of data for the purpose of developing and improving scientific methods to achieve greater transport efficiency; the achievement of a future integrated transport system; and training of logistics talent. One hundred years later, and after the issue of a Royal Charter and a change of name, the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport continues to pursue more or less the same laudable and necessary aims so vital to maintaining and improving the logistics system upon which Britain, Europe and the rest of the world fundamentally depend. The founding of the Chartered Institute of Transport in 1919 coincided with the beginning of modern transport as we know it. The First World War had clearly demonstrated the need for a co-ordinated transport system, and for such to exist a forum such as an Institute was needed to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas.

Despite initial doubts, Sir George Gibb, Chairman, the Government's new Road Board, outlined his ideas for the purpose and objectives of such a body. A clear statement of the principles underlying the Institute's foundation appeared in November of that year: 'It is not an Institution merely to safeguard and promote interests of an industry or a professional class. The main objective should, I think, be by collective and organised effort to widen the boundaries of knowledge in the sphere of transport . . . The most useful work of an Institute would be to organise and facilitate meetings for the reading

of papers and discussion . . . An institution of transport, properly organised and equipped and adequately supported by all the interests that should be represented on it, would bring together, in the pursuit of a common purpose, large and diverse groups of individuals on whose co-operation and combined knowledge and enterprise any great developments must depend.'

Once established, a committee worked fast to transform the idea of an Institute of Transport into a firm reality. Public opinion was behind them; the columns of *Modern Transport* were filled with goodwill messages from many of the leading figures in the transport world.

The aims and the ideas behind them did not spring out of thin air, which begs the question: where did the impulse to set up the Institute come from? The clue is in the names of the men involved and the date of the first Savoy luncheon. Apart from, perhaps, Sir Eric Geddes, Minister for Transport (and the first President of the Institute), Sam Fay, Phillip Nash, Francis Dent, George Gibb, Alexander Gibb, Henry Maybury, Guy Granet, Henry Thornton and Ralph Wedgwood (amongst others) would have been unknown outside of a small, but influential circle of transport specialists connected with an equally unknown wartime organisation known as General Headquarters (Transport).

Those few that did know of them and the organisation they worked with would have been aware of the enormous and vital contribution they had made to Britain's victory in the war of 1914–18. In fact, it would be fair to say that of all those who served in the war, from the most humble soldier to the most exalted commander, those who served in GHQ (Transport) made the single greatest contribution of all, and it was this organisation and the experience of those connected with it that was the driving force behind what we know today as CILT.

Source : CILT UK Centenary magazine 2019

STRONGER TOGETHER: WE ARE CILT

Until the 1980s, the development of the Institute overseas was almost entirely in the hands of the overseas branches themselves. Right from the start they were supposed to be self-supporting financially, a principle established by Council in 1927, because members overseas only paid subscriptions at half rate. Council also proposed that the branches themselves should draw up their own detailed constitutions, broadly in accordance with the regulations, but taking local conditions into account. From Argentina to Zimbabwe, CILT has influenced best practice around the world for the last 100 years.

Today, CILT is established in more than 30 countries worldwide.

WHERE WE ARE TODAY

Australia, Bangladesh, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Macao, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, North America, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tanzania, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Zambia, Zimbabwe



Source : CILT UK Centenary magazine 2019

TACKLING THE ISSUES OF THE FUTURE

CILT is celebrating its centenary this year, and it is interesting to consider how many good organisations started in 1919, following what must have been complete chaos after finishing a world war and trying to reengage with more standard commercial practice. Undoubtedly, there was a real incentive to bring people together to restart global processes.

Today, CILT is all about being open to its members, at any time, to improve access to careers and build on the knowledge and understanding that our businesses and members need.

Around the world, people are not perhaps as mobile in their careers as they could be unless they have access to the relevant coaching and mentoring from within the sector to develop. Lifelong learning is a process that must be applied to all industries, and I think that CILT can really drive that as an attitude; to offer opportunities to those who have left the sector and are now returning, or for those changing careers later in life. You all must be aware that that door remains open and CILT has the ability to support you.

Events such as the CILT International Centenary Convention are very much an opportunity to demonstrate what the Institute was set up to do; which was that all global transport professionals and logisticians should get together from time to time to understand that the issues they may be facing are common, not as competitors, but as people sharing and understanding best practice and gaining from the knowledge available.

The opportunities presented to you through CILT are considerable and I am sure that the Institute will continue to work on those and develop them. The world will change over the next 100 years. We will need slightly different skillsets, slightly different understandings of the jobs that are necessary and how to prepare for them. As a profession, we can do that best when we pool our own understanding of knowledge. The knowledge pool that the Institute provides really is beneficial to our members and the range of connections that CILT delivers for you are unprecedented.

Membership of CILT needs to be a two way process; CILT needs its members to be part of the conversation in order to make the next 100 years just as effective as the previous century. The Institute must also have an awareness and understanding of the whole sector around the world to add value to everything you do as members. CILT is here to help you tackle the issues of the future.

Hopefully you will enjoy the many centenary celebrations CILT is putting on in 2019, but while celebrating the centenary, you recognise the input of all our global members and their long term support for the Institute. I hope you all remain aware of what the Institute has done for the sector over the last 100 years, but also recognise that it has huge potential for the next 100 years as well.

This is an excerpt from the keynote speech given by Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal at the CILT Corporate Member Day on 5th April 2019.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, Patron, CILT



Source : CILT UK Centenary magazine 2019

THE NEXT 100 YEARS

It's an extraordinary achievement for an international organisation to get to 100 years, so it really is quite a special privilege to be the CILT International President for 2019. Having survived 100 years, the Institute deserves to survive and prosper in the next hundred.

Today, we live in a world where international trade, logistics and transport of all modes are the mark of civilisation, and the skills and professions that our Institute represents are absolutely essential for the 21st Century. Everything we can do to develop people in these skills to aid our global economic development and growth, jobs and houses, is really valuable, so the existence of an international institute like CILT to do those things is vital.

It is my job, along with the board, to work alongside Paul Sainthouse, President of CILT(UK), and the wider global Institute to make sure that this great organisation is fit for the 21st Century. The Institute in its entirety is playing in an international world market as a professional body for people in logistics, supply and transport generally, and we both think that we should take the 100th anniversary of the Institute as an opportunity to bring the two parts of it closer together.

One of the reasons for fresh thinking into how the Institute faces the world internationally is that transport and logistics are becoming an international market. Having membership with the Institute that offers you the opportunity to connect with people from around the world is of huge importance.

We need to make sure that our Institute is relevant to those professionals currently working within transport and logistics, so that more people join our Institute at an early age and continue their membership with CILT for the rest of their working life.

Over the coming months, I am looking forward to interacting with our membership from every continent and debating the future of your Institute in a 21st Century world. It is going to be great for us all to reflect on the success of the last 100 years, whilst also looking to the future.

Sir Peter Hendy CBE FCILT, President, CILT International



It was a privilege to be asked to be the Institute's UK President in its centenary year. My hope then was that CILT would be recognised as an increasingly relevant organisation with an ever-more important part to play in upholding professionalism.

Never to be overlooked is the fact that our profession makes societies work. Without the ability to efficiently move people and goods to where they are needed, world economies would be unable to operate and people would be isolated. The impact on society of all that we do as a profession is profound and our contribution to the world economy is very often undervalued.

It is essential then, that the Institute continues to contribute to the ongoing advancements that will be necessary to attract and retain the best possible fresh talent for our profession in the future and ensure that CILT membership around the world is something that is essential for these individuals throughout their working lives.

The centenary year has been a perfect opportunity to review all aspects of CILT in the context of a rapidly changing world and profession, with the overriding objective of ensuring that the Institute is in good shape and fit for purpose for the foreseeable future. Going forward, our Institute needs to be recognised as the leading 'global Institute for a global profession' and deliver ever increasing stakeholder value.

CILT International President Sir Peter Hendy CBE and I have this year been working collaboratively to guarantee an even brighter future for all members whilst accelerating growth in worldwide membership, adding increased value and operating an enhanced institutional structure that is appropriate to its ever-growing needs and capabilities.

This is an exciting time in the long and admirable history of CILT. We all have much to look forward to from both our profession and its Chartered Institute, and I hope you, like I, are excited by the prospect of what our future holds.

Paul Sainthouse FCILT, President, CILT(UK)



Source : CILT UK Centenary magazine 2019

CILT EVENTS: THEN, NOW, FOREVER

1920: Institute of Transport's first annual dinner

The first dinner of the Institute of Transport was held on Friday evening, 25th June 1920, at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall. An attendance of approximately 250 members with a limited number of specially invited guests.

The Right Hon Edward Shortt, Home Secretary, opened the Institute of Transport's first annual dinner. He said: 'It is my privilege this evening to propose the toast of the Institute of Transport. The Ministry of Transport is a new Ministry and I understand that your Institute is a new Institute. Your Institute is a very necessary and very essential complement to the Ministry. It is a new Ministry with new ideals and new methods which were borne of advanced knowledge, advanced experience and advanced ideals of our times.'

'In order for the Ministry to carry out this great work, it must have, growing up, just the very men which this Institute will be able to

produce. We must have your experts, your knowledge and your experience. Transport is a very great industry. Transport is essential, not only to this, but to everything else this country carries. We have come to learn that transport is important and will benefit the existence of this Ministry. In order for a Ministry of Transport that is effective, we must produce and educate the men that will take our place in this industry.'

'I can assure the Institute, that all of your colleagues who know what you have in front of you and what your great vision is, have the greatest possible confidence that it will carry it out [its role] successfully and it will be of the greatest value to the country.'

'We believe, every one of us, that there is a very great future before transport, whether by rail, road, sea or even by air, we believe that you have full appreciation of all that that future means and we have the greatest confidence that you can carry out all that ought to be done.'



Source : CILT UK Centenary magazine 2019

1933: The first conference of a learned society at sea

Every other year from 1929, an overseas tour was undertaken under the umbrella event The Institute's Congress. The Institute arranged something very new and daring for the 1933 Congress. It was held on board the White Star Liner RMS *Homeric* and was believed to be: 'the first conference of a learned society to have been held at sea'. While the ship cruised from Southampton to Madeira, Tenerife, Las Palmas, Tangier and Gibraltar, the usual papers were delivered. Each port of call included a shore excursion, and one of the photographs included in the report shows the *Graf Zeppelin* on its way back to South America, as seen from the deck.

Delegates were shown all over the ship and gained a fascinating insight into the running of a passenger liner – for example, one of the items included in the proceedings was a list of the *Homeric's* victualling department stores requirement for a 21-day cruise with 500 passengers. Items on the list included 10,803lb of beef, 10,567lb of fish, 29,404 eggs and 19,024 oranges, 581 bottles of wine, 4,448 bottles of beer and no fewer than 58,990 cigarettes. This was catering in the grand style.

Delegates were shown all over the ship and gained a fascinating insight into the running of a passenger liner. By a very strange coincidence the electrical officer on board the *Homeric* at that time was Ken Alcock's father. Ken Alcock remembers his father talking about the very interesting professional people they had on that cruise and how keen they were on all sorts of transport. Little did the eight-year-old boy realise that he was destined to become the Director General of that very Institute 55 years later. In fact, he had not realised that those people were from the Institute of Transport until the first draft of this history was written.



1969: The Golden Jubilee

The Golden Jubilee of the foundation of the Institute was celebrated at a luncheon held at the Connaught Rooms, London, on Monday 3rd November 1969, attended by some 550 members and guests.

After welcoming the guests, the President reminded those present that it was on Monday 3rd November 1919 that a luncheon was held at the Savoy Hotel, which must be regarded as the first official gathering of the Institute, and explained that the three courses of the present luncheon were the same as the three principal courses of the original luncheon given by Lord Ashfield (at that time Sir Albert Stanley) who occupied the Chair.

The President announced that the following message had been sent to the Queen:

'On the 50th Anniversary of the foundation on November 3rd 1919, the Institute of Transport, of which Your Majesty is the gracious Patron, the President, Council and Members of the Institute assembled together, with humble duty beg that Your Majesty will accept this expression of their loyalty and devotion.'

Her Majesty had replied to him as follows:

'I sincerely thank you and the Council and members of the Institute of Transport for your kind and loyal message.

'I congratulate you on the Golden Jubilee which you are celebrating today and, as your Patron and as a frequent traveller by land, sea and air, I send my warmest good wishes for the future prosperity of the Institute and for the work of your members which is of such vital importance in the modern world.'



2018: CILT International Convention

Organised under the twin themes of *Linking Central and Eastern Europe to the World* and *The Impact of the Electric Car Revolution*, Convention 2018 featured 22 international speakers offering insight on an array of topics, ranging from the best applications of electric vehicle technology in rural Africa, to a macro-analysis of the technologies and trends shaping Industry 4.0.

Day one was devoted to the Young Professionals (YPs) and Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) Conferences.

On the second day, Robin Proctor, past-President, CILT(UK), challenged delegates to dream big, and highlighted the role of the individual in bringing change.

Then followed Professor Richard Wilding, Chairman, CILT(UK), whose macro-analysis of Industry 4.0 provided expert insight into the forces driving it. Dr Kim Hassall delivered a presentation on the potential impact of advanced machinery, outlining the history and creation of High Productivity in Australia, and asking delegates to consider the benefits of introducing such vehicles to transport systems on other continents.

Professor René de Koster then moved the conference from the road to the warehouse, providing expert analysis of the impact and implications of robotics and autonomous systems in the warehouse environment, saying: 'There's a lot of opportunity here; the robots are really coming.'

On day three, Professor David Cebon, Director, Centre for Sustainable Road Freight, Cambridge University, spoke about the prospects for electrification of road freight, highlighting the importance of new vehicle technologies in the fight against global warming. Phidelia Mwaba, CEO, Hokma Risk, followed, discussing the importance of the electric bike for women in rural areas.

Professor Hugo De Campos, Mike Ilitch Business School, presented a lively analysis of Industry 4.0 logistics, focusing on the supply chain as a structure that 'exists to satisfy customer needs'. Michal Brzozowski, Managing Director of Polish operations for technical consultancy and planning company Metroplan, then provided insight into the technical issues creating battery production facilities in Europe.

After four productive days spent learning from experiences around the world, discussing the challenges facing our profession and laying the foundations for another century of success, delegates said their goodbyes and left for home, confident in the knowledge they are a part of a unique Institute with a significant role to play in the century ahead.

THE INSTITUTE TIMELINE

1919

The Institute of Transport is founded and Sir Eric Geddes becomes its first President



1937

Institute's Annual Congress tours Germany



1944

The Institute announces membership must be made through examination



1947

Institute is granted a new lease to rent 80 Portland Place, London as its new headquarters

1985

The Institute organises the annual World Freight Series of conferences

1988

New legal advisory service becomes available for all members



1994

The Institute launches the Certificate in Logistics, Diploma in Logistics and Advanced Diploma

1997

The Institute of Logistics and The Chartered Institute of Transport begin discussing integration

1999

The Institute of Logistics and Transport forms from the merger of The Institute of Logistics and the Chartered Institute of Transport



Source : CILT UK Centenary magazine 2019

**1920**

First Institute dinner takes place at the Royal Automobile Club, London

1921

The Institute moves its Headquarters to 15 Savoy Street, London

1926

The Institute is granted Royal Charter status and is renamed The Chartered Institute of Transport

**1934**

More than £1,000 spent on refurbishment of Savoy Street offices

**1968**

First Overseas Lecture given by J M Collins, Managing Director, M Collins and Sons, in Sydney, Australia

**1969**

The Institute celebrates its 50th anniversary

1972

CIT merges with the Industrial Transport Association

1980

Associated member grades given to corporate membership individuals

1982

First *Logistics and Transport Focus* is published

**2002**

The Institute of Logistics and Transport headquarters is relocated to Corby

2004

The Institute granted Royal Charter status as the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport

**2010**

HRH The Princess Royal launches the Aspire Careers Foundation

2012

Discussions to launch the NOVUS Trust commence

2013

WiLAT launched to promote the status of women in the profession

2016

CILT integrates with The Institute of Operations Management

**2018**

Women in Logistics(UK) integrates with CILT

**2019**

CILT celebrates its centenary



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and Transport

Source : CILT UK Centenary magazine 2019

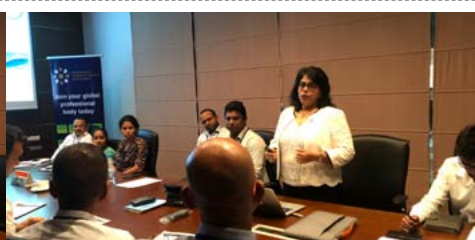
"Road Show"



CILT Sri Lanka held its first 'Road Show' for the month of August at Silvermill in EPZ in Meerigama. The Chairperson of CILT Sri Lanka, Gayani de Alwis, was invited to give a talk on the topic of **"How to create value through supply chain management,"** and introduced CILT and the benefits of being a member to the audience. Thirty-one employees participated at the road show.



The second 'Road Show' for the month was held at Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB). Twenty-six employees participated at the road show. Obtaining a CILT professional qualification has been approved at SLTB as a criterion for promotions, and membership fee for employees are reimbursed. Current Chairman of SLTB mentioned that they are in the process of including the CILT professional qualification into the Standard of Recruitment (SOR). Chairperson of CILT conducted the road show.



CILT SL held another successful "Road show" at Aitken Spence Maritime with fourteen employees participation.





Another Road Show was conducted at Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA). Seventy employees participated at the road show. The Managing Director and senior officials of SLPA as took part at the membership drive.



CILT Sri Lanka conducted another Road Show at NIBM with 50 students taking part.





CILT SL conducted another Road Show at Airtel with fifteen employees participating.



CILT Sri Lanka Road Show was held at Scanwell Logistics group for the month of September with 13 employees attending.



CILT Sri Lanka conducted the first Road Show for the month of October at Hayleys Advantis Limited. CILT Council and YPF Exco committee members participated at the event. The Chairperson of CILT conducted the road show with 35 employees participating.



CILT SL conducted another Road show at Laugfs with the participation of eighteen employees.



The 17th John Diandas Memorial

The 17th John Diandas Memorial (JDM) Lecture was held at LKI Auditorium. Prof. Sirimal Abeyratne, Professor of Economics from University of Colombo delivered the memorial lecture on the theme of "Public Transport and National Economy." The memorial lecture was well attended and the members of the JDM Trust Fund, Prof. Amal Kumaraage, FCILT – Chairman; Namali Siyambalapitiya, CMILT – Secretary; Rohaan Abeywickrama, Hon. FCILT - Committee Member; and Capt. Lasitha Cumaratunga, FCILT – Committee Member, were present at the lecture.



"CILT SL Meet Up"

CILT Council members had a meet-up with YPF and WilAT Exco members at NCCSL Auditorium to share the plans and get to know each other. It was well attended with 50 Exco members taking part at the meet up.



"Colombo International Logistics Conference"

Hon. Secretary of CILT Sri Lanka, Chaminda Perera, addressed the gathering at Colombo International Logistic Conference as a panellist.



Bell Ringing Ceremony at CSE for CILT Centenary

To commemorate the CILT centenary day, a Bell Ringing Ceremony was organised on the 4th of November 2019 at the Colombo Stock Exchange.



CILT SL Expands to the Central Province

After 35 years CILT Sri Lanka moved from being a Western Province centric institute and set up the Central Province branch in Kandy. IVP CILT, Romesh David was invited as the keynote speaker for the launch. He spoke on the topic **"BRI and its impact to Sri Lanka."** Chairperson CILT Sri Lanka, Gayani de Alwis, in her address explained about CILT's history and the process for managing the provincial branches. 46 participants attended the launch. The new Central Branch Committee was formed with five office bearers and five committee members. Dr. Asela Kulatunga was unanimously elected as the Founding Chairman of the CILT SL Central Branch.



The 23rd Annual L. S. de Silva Memorial Lecture

The 23rd annual L. S. de Silva Memorial Lecture was held at the IESL Auditorium. Prof. Amal Kumara, Senior Professor of the Department of Transport and Logistics at the University of Moratuwa was the Memorial Orator and he addressed the gathering on the theme "The Importance of Sustainable Design and Value Engineering to Keep Railway Modernization and Electrification from Derailing." Late Mr. L. S. de Silva was CILT Sri Lanka's Founding Chairman and this year he celebrates his 100th birthday.



A joint brainstorming session was organised for **CILT**, **YPF** and **WILAT** office bearers to discuss matters pertaining to the conversion of student memberships.



CILT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2019



The Chartered
Institute of Logistics
and Transport

The CILT Sri Lanka flagship event, the annual International Conference was held at the Cinnamon Grand Colombo. Over 240 participants attended the conference, where the Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka, Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, FCILT, attended as the Chief Guest. Mr. Mangala Yapa, the Chairman of the Board of Investment (BOI) delivered the keynote address. The theme of the 2019 conference was "Shifts in International Trade – Shaping the Future of Logistics and Transport." Mr. Brendan Richards, Mr. Anushka Wijesinhe, Mr. Dulith Herath, Dr. Azhar Azhari, and Mr. Sameer Bhatnagar were the other speakers. Two panel discussions were moderated by Ms. Kamaya Perera, Partner of KPMG and Mr. Ibrahim Saleem, Council Member of CILT.



CONFERENCE 2019



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and Transport

Centenary Celebration Dinner

A gala dinner was held on the 24th of October to commemorate and celebrate the centenary year of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport at the Cinnamon Grand Colombo with over 230 participants attending the dinner. Dr. Indrajith Cumaraswamy, the Governor of Central Bank of Sri Lanka, was the Chief Guest and Dato Radza Malek, CILT International President-Elect was the Guest of Honour at the dinner. Thirty senior members of CILT were felicitated at the event for their long service of CILT.





YPF Quiz Master 2019

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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS' FORUM
SRI LANKA

Airlines Category

Winner: Sri Lankan Airlines

1st Runner-Up: Forbes Air Services - GSA Emirates Airline

Apparel Category

Winner: Brandix Apparel Limited

1st Runner-Up: MAS Intimates (Pvt) Ltd

Banks and Financial Service Providers Category

Winner: Seylan Bank (Team A)

1st Runner-Up: Seylan Bank (Team B)

Educational Institutes Category

Winner: Royal College

1st Runner-Up: University of Moratuwa (Team Bismarck)

2nd Runner-Up: University of Moratuwa (5 Sharks)

FMCG Category

Winner: Hemas Consumer Brands

1st Runner-Up: Fonterra Brands Lanka

Freight Forwarding and other Logistics Services Providers Category

Winner: GAC Team B

1st Runner-Up: APL logistics Lanka Freight Forwarding Pvt Ltd

2nd Runner-Up: Expolanka Freight (Pvt) Ltd

IT Solutions Providers Category

Winner: 99X Technology

1st Runner-Up: IFS

Manufacturing/ Importers/ Exporters Category

Winner: Siam City Cement (Lanka) LTD

1st Runner-Up: Trelleborg Lanka (Pvt) Ltd

Shipping Lines Category

Winner: CMA CGM Lanka

1st Runner-Up: Maersk Lanka (Pvt) Ltd (Maerskerteers)

2nd Runner-Up: Maersk Lanka (Pvt) Ltd (Safmariners)

Telecommunication Service Providers Category

Winner: Dialog Axiata

1st Runner-Up: Bharti Airtel Lanka (Pvt) Ltd

Terminal Operators Category

Winner: SAGT (SAGT Blue)

1st Runner-Up:

Hambantota International Port Group (Pvt) Ltd (Team Challengers)

2nd Runner-Up:

Hambantota International Port Group (Pvt) Ltd (Team Voyagers)

Warehouse Solutions providers Category

Winner: John Keells TRP Team

1st Runner-Up: Advantis 3PL Plus

2nd Runner-Up: Emergent Cold (Pvt) Ltd

Other (Public Corporations and Other Mercantile Establishments) Category

Winner: Individual Team -

Consists of University of Moratuwa Alumni and Current Undergrads

'CILT YPF Quiz Master 2019', one of the flagship events of CILT Young Professionals' Forum was held on 27th August 2019 for the fifth consecutive time. The event was held at The Kingsbury, Colombo and 45 energetic teams competed for the title of CILT YPF Quiz Master. Apart from the three trophies, six audience question gift packs and 27 sector awards were given to the winners and runners up that emerged in the following sectors; Airlines, Apparel, Banks and Financial Service Providers, Educational Institutes, FMCG, Freight Forwarding and other Logistics Service Providers, IT Solutions Providers, Manufacturing/Importers/Exporters, Other (Public Corporations and Other Mercantile Establishments), Shipping Lines, Telecommunication Service Providers, Terminal Operators, and Warehouse Solution Providers.

'Team Dialog' from Dialog Axiata was the winner, the 'A Team' from Royal College was the 1st Runner-Up, and 'Team SAGT Blue' from South Asia Gateway Terminal was the 2nd Runner-Up of CILT YPF Quiz Master 2019. The sector awardees were as follows:



CILT YPF Quiz Master aimed to provide a platform to develop the knowledge and awareness of the participants in the broad area of international trade, logistics & transport. The table quiz tested the contestants on their knowledge on the relevant subject areas and how much they could recall within the limited time period. Being a team contest, it encouraged teamwork and team spirit among the participants.





6th China International Logistics Development Conference (CILDC) and China International Logistics and Transportation Industry Expo 2019

The 6th China International Logistics Development Conference (CILDC) and China International Logistics and Transportation Industry Expo 2019 were held in the month of October in Shijiazhuang with the CILT International delegation. CILT Sri Lanka Chairperson Gayani De Alwis and WiLAT Sri Lanka Chairperson Gayathri Karunanayake Amilthan were part of the CILT International delegation.



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Field Visit to Regency Teas (PVT) Ltd

REGENCY TEAS (PVT) LTD

WiLAT organized a field visit to Regency Teas (Pvt) Ltd. on 1st November 2019 for a study and experience tour of supply chain value in the tea sector. This tour covered a brief history to Regency Teas, the factory visit and supply chain processes. Explanations were given by the General Manager, Mrs. Amali Mudunkotuwa, who is also an Executive Member of the WiLAT Exco 2019/20. Over 35 students took part in this tour.





Ignite6

Mentoring & Beyond

Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) Sri Lanka held the 6th edition of the flagship “Ignite” mentoring programme on 7th November at the Winchester, Kingsbury Hotel.

The theme of the panel discussion was “Mentoring and Beyond – Paving Your Way to Success.” Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Ubaya Madawala, Head of Compliance & HSES, Expolanka Holdings, who was the Chief Guest, delivered a delightful and appropriate keynote speech on personal values and individual social responsibilities.

The panellists were Eranthi Premaratne, Director Sustainable Business of MAS Kreedaa; Nilushi Jayathilake, Marketing Director of Beauty and Personal Care, Unilever Sri Lanka; Kshanika Ratnayake, CEO of Great Place to Work (GPTW); and Charles Conconi, Project Director of YouLead. All panellists drew from their first-hand experiences on mentoring, coaching and development, and contributed to an interesting and informative discussion. Ibrahim Saleem, Director of Hayleys Advantis moderated the panel discussion.

Mentoring is one of the main strategic thrusts of WiLAT and Sri Lanka is the lead country for rolling out WiLAT globally. WiLAT has enrolled 32 undergraduates who are following the education stream of Transport & Logistics for Ignite. Undergraduates were selected from University of Moratuwa, University of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardenapura, Ocean University, CINEC Maritime Campus and Kothalawala Defense University each. Ignite 6 mentoring undergraduates represented 11 male students. 20 experienced and qualified mentors from the industry was selected for Ignite 6 and for the first time since WiLAT has commenced Ignite, 8 male mentors are included.

Tharushi Galkanda from the University of Moratuwa won the most outstanding mentee of Ignite 2018/19 and was awarded a scholarship as a token for her good work whilst Hansani Jayasundara from Ocean University won the best poster in the poster competition carried out depicting her mentoring journey and learning.



EFL bags the award for Best Exporter of Logistics Services

Expolanka Freight Ltd., one of the top five logistics solutions providers in the Indian sub-continent, won the award for Best Exporter of Logistics Services at the Presidential Export Awards (PEA) 2018/19, held on 19 September at the BMICH. PEA is held to recognise exporters who have excelled in the Sri Lankan export sector, particularly in non-traditional products and services.



EFL received the GPTW certification

Expolanka Freight was certified as a Great Place to Work Organization at the recently held Great Place to Work Conference (GTPW) held on 03 September 2019 at the Hilton Colombo. The theme of this year's GTPW conference was "Culture: A Strategic Imperative."



SAGT winning Merit for Safety and Health

South Asia Gateway Terminals (Pvt) Ltd. was awarded Merit at National Occupational Safety and Health Excellence Awards 2019, held on 22 August 2019 at Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre. This was the second time SAGT won the National Merit Award and first award in Health and Safety.



Diesel and Motor Engineering PLC (DIMO) recently launched its new brand identity along with a new logo as it crosses the 80 year milestone this year. The new logo includes three elements: The geographic shape of Sri Lanka, the DIMO word and the new brand promise: "The Perfect Partner."

DIMO unveils a new Brand Logo

PickME acquires Yamu

PickMe, Sri Lanka's leading technology driven Mobility Solution Network, recently acquired YAMU, a potent content creating platform. Through the acquisition, YAMU will gain access to more data through PickMe which will result in transforming food culture in the country.



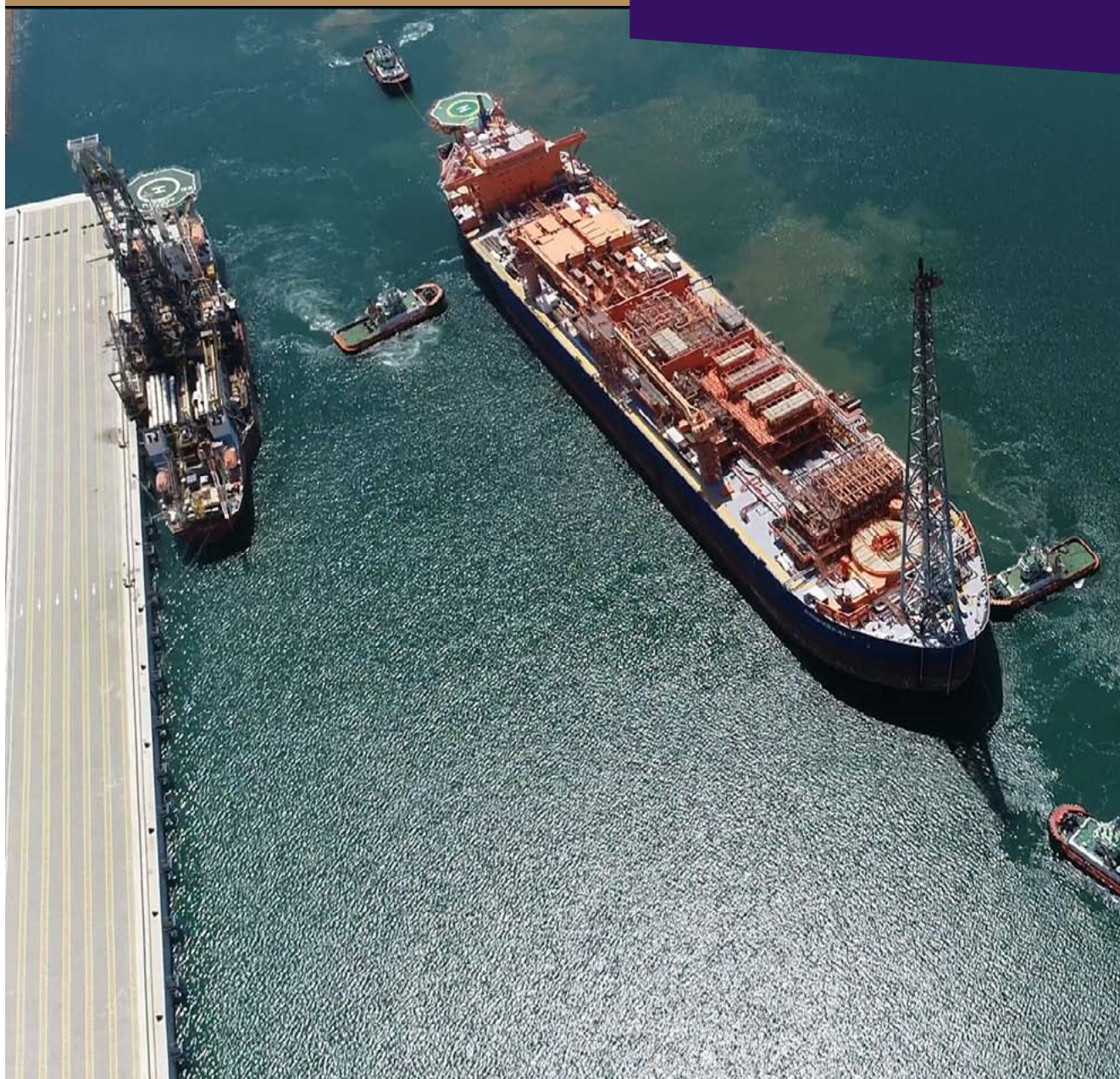
The Projects and Engineering Division of Advantis Secures ISO 45000:2018

Advantis Projects & Engineering adopted the ISO 45001:2018 organisational health and safety standards where the certification was awarded by the DNV.GL classification society. This new development serves to strengthen the company's commitment to the highest standards of safety in their operations.



In collaboration with the Hambantota International Port Group, Advantis' O&G subsidiary, Hayleys Energy Services, ushered in the first Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) asset to ever call Sri Lanka. The FPSO asset – Dhirubhai-1, is expected to be docked at quayside until 31st March 2020.

Advantis ushers in largest oil field production asset to call Sri Lanka



Sri Lanka's Presence in Supplside West 2019 Trade Show in Las Vegas

Seven Sri Lankan companies participated in the 2019 Supplside West Exhibition, the leading ingredients and supply-chain event for the health and nutrition industry. The trade show is the largest gathering of health & nutrition professionals bringing together more than 17,000 ingredient buyers and suppliers from across the industry.

The exhibition offered an opportunity for Sri Lankan companies to promote a range of products from value added spices, flavors, nutraceutical products and coconut kernel and food ingredients. There had been B2B meetings focusing on the US market, and to meet the leading US buyers for the products.

This new initiative allows the apparel exporters in the country to make payments earlier to their suppliers. Considering the entire chain by way of which the business works, early payments almost always result in a smoother operation for all parties. Suppliers who are paid earlier are also eager to make their supplies on time, and hence, the whole process becomes far more efficient. Additionally, the platform from HSBC is expected to reduce errors as well as costs for the apparel exporters significantly.

According to experts from the Global Trade & Receivables Finance for Asia Pacific region at HSBC, by injecting liquidity into the supply chain they can extend supplier networks and enhance strategic supplier relationships.

HSBC Introduced Digital Supply Chain Solution for Clothiers in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka to Develop a Bamboo Supply Chain and Product Industry with UNIDO Backing

The "Bamboo Processing Sri Lanka" project is launched by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Named as "Evergreen Sri Lanka," the forum took place on 26th October at the Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL). The objective of the forum was to build awareness and transfer the necessary knowledge on bamboo as a biomass energy source and to promote bamboo as a substitute for hardwood in an eco-friendly manner.



Unilever's automated shampoo & liquid soap dispensing machine branded as "URefill" saw its first unit being installed at the Cargills outlet in Wattala in October 2019. Unilever has partnered with Vega Design Studio to build the machine. This will reduce plastic usage throughout its supply chain, and will also take necessary steps in protecting the environment. It is Sri Lanka's first liquid vending machine.

Unilever Introduces "URefill" to Reduce the Usage of Plastics in its Supply Chain



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