

World Maritime Day Message from the Chairman of Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd.



As the National Sea Carrier, Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd (CSC) has achieved greater heights over the years and continues to sail through the pandemic threats emerged in the year 2020. With a vision to develop a dependable and effective National Fleet of Ships for the Country, CSC contributes to the National Economy bringing in sought after Dollar inflow to the country. CSC also contributes in many ways to save the dollar outflow from the country by way of freight in CIF terms.

With the blessings of the Hon. Minister of Ports and Shipping, Rohitha Abeygunawardane, CSC will pursue its way forward in the maritime industry. CSC's presence in the Maritime field is felt by international and local communities owing to the operation of 02 Bulk carriers owned and managed by CSC.

Commitments of CSC towards the national economy of Sri Lanka is in the following areas:

- Transportation of Coal to Lakvijaya Power Plant.
- Transportation of other cargo (containerized cargo, heavy lift cargo, Break Bulk cargo and vehicles etc.) on NVOCC (Non Vessel Operating Common Carrier) basis.
- Total Logistics Solution/ Door to Door service.
- Chartering and Agency Services.
- Providing Maritime Training on Owned and Third-Party Vessels to the Sri Lankan Cadets.

Trading and training concept of CSC

CSC has proven its potential over the past years handling a wide array of Maritime services and have proven her capabilities particularly facilitating trading and training concept where CSC owned vessels are specially designed and equipped with additional decks each for accommodating 26 cadets together with 52 cadets for both vessels at any given time. This is to nourish the national requirement of serving the maritime educational sector in producing experienced and qualified marine cadets for the country's need as well to secure a considerable inflow of FOREX earnings by engaging these trained seafarers in foreign vessels. This world maritime day would be an ideal opportunity to remember all past seafarers and cadets who have

been nurtured at CSC and now proudly engaged in frontline sea transportation services under many categories from Ship Masters to Seaman, Marine Engineers etc.

CSC is also a proud government organization promoting sustainability through integrating sustainable development practices by promoting people, planet and profit oriented ship operations whilst constantly respecting IMO regulations as well as guidelines and regulations of the flag state. Through honoring IMO protocols and conventions, CSC pursue in achieving UN SGD Goals inter alia by utilizing Low Sulfur fuel, operating sewage treatment plants onboard the vessels, supporting and uplifting quality of life of the Ship's crew providing better facilities and working conditions within the vessels, proper treatment of waste and effective waste management etc.

CSC has a promising line up of future proposals to contribute to country's economy with an objective of enriching the country's most needed FOREX reserves:

- Operating a Floating Banker Storage
- Operating a feeder service between Sri Lanka & Bangladesh
- Purchasing 02 second hand vessels or bareboat charter vessels to employ for the carriage of coal together with CSC owned vessels, Mv. Ceylon Breeze & Mv. Ceylon Princess
- Construction/Building 6 Nos. Self-Propelled Barges for Coal Lightering Operation at Norochholei

With the active leadership of Hon. Minister of Ports and Shipping and our most valuable asset that's the Human Capital of CSC, we are determine to continue our commitment towards the maritime sector of the country.

In celebrating the World Maritime Day, I convey my best wishes to the maritime sector with a pledge of supporting the community and the environment as a whole as the National Sea Carrier of Sri Lanka to become one of the most prominent anchors in the Colombo Port envisioned to be the maritime hub of the South Asian Region.

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