

Gazprom holds talks with President Mahinda Rajapaksa on oil exploration possibilities



President Mahinda Rajapaksa held special discussions with Gazprom International Oil Company chairman Alexi Miller at the Lenexpo auditorium in Saint Petersburg last June 2011, over oil exploration possibilities in the country. The chairman had expressed his interest in helping oil exploration activities.

Subsequently, a team of experts from the gas company arrived in Sri Lanka to discuss relevant matters and to check the possibility of using natural gas in the country.

The team led by Mr. Valery Gulev, Managing Director of Gazprom International arrived in Sri Lanka on 15th August. During the visit to Sri Lanka, Mr. Gulev met with President Mahinda Rajapaksa on 17th August and held fruitful discussions regarding Russian interest in participation in the Oil and Gas exploration in Sri Lanka.

The visit of the high level delegation from Gazprom occurred as a result of the special discussions held during the meeting between President Mahinda Rajapaksa and Mr. Alexey Miller, CEO of GAZPROM on the sidelines of the 15th St. Petersburg International Economic Forum. At the meeting Mr. Miller has expressed interest in taking part in the oil exploration activities in Sri Lanka and promised to send a high level delegation to Sri Lanka for the purpose of holding discussions with the Sri Lankan government authorities.

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Director Assistant of the Branch “Gazprom EP International Services B.V.” and several other high ranking officials of Gazprom International accompanied Mr. Valery Gulev during the visit. Ambassador of Sri Lanka in the Russian Federation H.E. Udaynga Weeratunga and Ambassador of Russia in Sri Lanka H.E. Vladimir Mikhailov were present during the meeting between President and Mr. Gulev. Mr. Gulev also met with Hon. (Prof). G.L. Peiris, Minister of External Affairs during the visit. **(Moscow Puwath)**



සර්ව රාත්‍රික පිරිත් සජ්ජායනාව මෝස්කව්හිදී



ශ්‍රී ලංකා තානාපති කාර්යාලයේ අනුග්‍රහයෙන් රුසියානු සමූහාණ්ඩුවේ දෙවන වරටත් පවත්වන ලද සර්ව පරිත්‍රාන පිරිත් සජ්ජායනාව පසුගිය අගෝස්තු මස 12 වැනිදා රාත්‍රියේ සිට පසුද පහන්වන තුරු පැවැත්විණි. තානාපති උද්යාංග විරතංග මැතිතුමාගේ උපදේශකත්වයෙන් පැවැත්වුණු මෙම පිරිත් සජ්ජායනාවට විශේෂයෙන් ශ්‍රී ලංකාවෙන් වැඩිම කරන ලද ස්වාමීන් වහන්සේලා 12 නමක්ද රුසියානු ස්වාමීන් වහන්සේලා දෙනමක්ද සහභාගි වූහ.



ශ්‍රී ලංකා අමරපුර මහා නිකායේ සම්බුද්ධ ශාසනෝදය මහා සංඝ සභාවේ ගරු අනුනායක ධුරන්ධර ආචාර්ය ගෞරව ශාස්ත්‍රවේදී අති පූජ්‍ය දෙඩම්මල ධම්මරතන නායක හිමිපාණන් සමග ආචාර්ය පූජ්‍ය පල්ලෙකන්දේ රතනසාර හිමිපාණන්, පණ්ඩිත පූජ්‍ය කහටවිලවත්ත හිමිපාණන්, පණ්ඩිත පූජ්‍ය නෙ මිදෙනියේ සිරිවිමල හිමිපාණන්, ගරු පූජ්‍ය වැල්ලම්පිටියේ සුමනධම්ම හිමිපාණන්, පූජ්‍ය කරගල සෝරත හිමිපාණන්, පූජ්‍ය සෙවනගල ජිනෝරස හිමිපාණන්, පණ්ඩිත පූජ්‍ය වටගෙදර විමලසාර හිමිපාණන්, පූජ්‍ය දෙරන්ගල කුසලඤාන හිමිපාණන්, පූජ්‍ය කිරමේ විමලතිස්ස හිමිපාණන්, පූජ්‍ය මිනිත්තලේ සෝමානන්ද හිමිපාණන්, පූජ්‍ය කඩගමුවේ අනුරුද්ධ හිමිපාණන්, පූජ්‍ය ඔමාර් සෝමිස්සර හිමිපාණන් මේ සර්ව රාත්‍රික පිරිත් සජ්ජායනාවට සහභාගි වූහ. කුර්ස්ක් වෙදා විද්‍යාලයේ අධ්‍යාපනය ලබන සිසු සිසුවියන් විසින් ඉදිරිපත් කරන ලද නර්ථන අංග සහ බෙර වාදන වලින් සමන්විත දර්ශණීය පෙරහැරකින් ධාතු කරඬුව පෙරටු කර ගෙන ස්වාමීන් වහන්සේලා තානාපති කාර්යාලය වෙත වැඩිම කරන ලද අතර ඒ සඳහා තානාපති කාර්යාලයේ නිලධාරීන්, රුසියාවේ වෙසෙන ශ්‍රී ලාංකිකයින් සහ රුසියානු බෞද්ධයන් විශාල පිරිසක් සහභාගි වූහ.



බෞද්ධ සම්ප්‍රදායයන්ට අනුව ඉතාමත් දර්ශණීය ලෙස නිමවා තිබුණු පිරිත් මණ්ඩපය කාගේත් සිත් ගත් අතර තානාපති උද්යාංග විරතංග මැතිතුමාගේ පිලිගැනීමේ කථාවකින් උත්සවය ආරම්භ විය. පංච ශිලයේ වැදගත්කම සහ බෞද්ධ දර්ශණය වෙනත් රටවල් වල ව්‍යාප්තිය සම්බන්ධයෙන් සෝවියට් දේශයේ පළමුවන ශ්‍රී ලංකා තානාපති ගුණපාල මළලසේකරයන් විසින් 1957 වර්ෂයේදී සිය අක්ත පත්‍ර භාර දුන් අවස්ථාවේදී කල ප්‍රකාශයක් සිතියට නගමින් තානාපති විරතංග මැතිතුමා කළ කථාව කාගේත් සිත් ඇදගන්නක් විය. ඉන්පසුව දැනැත් වට්ටිය පිලිගන්නා තානාපති විරතංග මැතිතුමා විසින් ස්වාමීන් වහන්සේලාට පිරිත් සජ්ජායනාවට ආරාධනා කරන ලදී.



ආචාර්ය ගෞරව ශාස්ත්‍රවේදී අති පූජ්‍ය දෙඩම්මල ධම්මරතන නායක හිමිපාණන් විසින් පැමිණ සිටි සැදැහැවත් පිරිස පංච ශිලයේ පිහිටවූ අතර ආචාර්ය පූජ්‍ය පල්ලෙකන්දේ රතනසාර හිමිපාණන් විසින් අනුශාසනාව සිදු කරන ලදී. (Moscow Puwatj)



සමාධි බුද්ධ ප්‍රතිමාව



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විවෘත කිරීම



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(Moscow Puwath)



Flight Operations of SriLankan Airlines between Colombo -Moscow



SriLankan Airlines will be flown to Russia for the first time of the county's aviation history from 17th of September 2011. Moscow will be 52nd destination of SriLankan Airlines



This was revealed during a special meeting, held on 03rd of August 2011 at the official residence of Ambassador of Sri Lanka in Moscow. Hon. Minister of Civil Aviation, Mr. Piyankara Jayaratne attended this meeting a special invitation extended by H.E. Mr. Udayanga Weeratunga, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Russia.

Speaking at the function at official residence of the Ambassador, Minister stated that he is confidence of launching of SriLankan Airlines flights would immensely benefit to uplift the tourism industry of Sri Lanka which is gaining momentum after the ending of 30 year long war.

He also stated that this venture will help to achieving the goal of attracting 5 million tourists by 2016 at this stage of steady increase of Russian tourist to Sri Lanka.

Hon. Minister reveals that his Ministry has taken steps to develop domestic airports in Sri Lanka by which infrastructure of those areas providing many job opportunities.

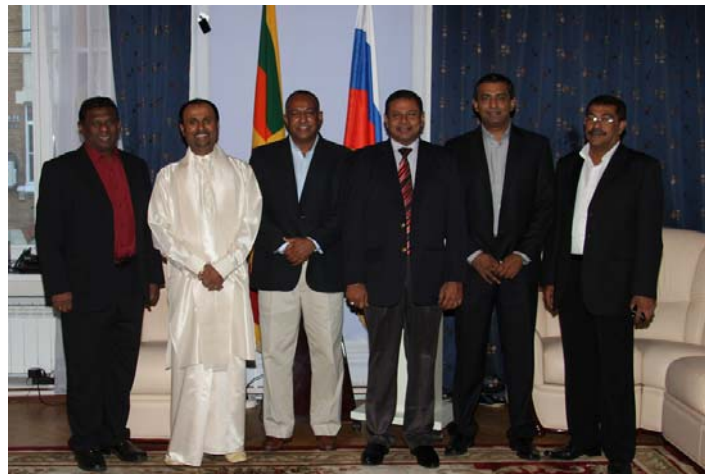


Addressing the gathering the Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Udayanga Weeratunga elaborated the facilities and services which should be provided to the tourists and tour operators by the SriLankan Airlines office at Moscow.



The Ambassador stated that he will offer his experience and advice as and when required to attract more Russian tourist to Sri Lanka through this venture.

Mr. Dhammika Attygalle adviser to Minister of Civil Aviation of Sri Lanka, Mr. Lal Perera, Regional Manager (Middle East), Mr. Dilan Ariyawansa, Senior Vice President (USA, Canada and Russia) and Mr. G.T. Jayaseelan (Chief Marketing Officer) also participated at this occasion.





A regional office of SriLankan Airlines was ceremonially open with religious observances by the Ambassador and CEO of SriLankan Airlines, Mr.Kapila Chandresena in the morning hours of 03rd August 2011.



SriLankan airlines will conduct two flights a week on Wednesdays and Saturdays commencing on 17th of September 2011.

The new route is to be operated with the airline's new fleet of factory fresh Airbus A320 aircraft, which will be configured with 20 Business Class seats and 120 Economy Class seats

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AeroSvit Ukraine Airline commences flights between Kyiv and Colombo



AeroSvit Ukraine Airline will commence flights between Kyiv and Colombo in the near future strengthening of air services between two countries. This was revealed during a discussion held between the General Director of Aerosvit Airlines Mr. Alexander Avdeev and Hon. Minister of Civil Aviation Mr. Piyankara Jayaratne during a recent visit of Minister to Kyiv, Ukraine.

The General Director appreciated the signing of Bilateral Agreement on air services between Sri Lanka and Ukraine, which would immensely benefit the aviation industry in both countries.

He further revealed that Aerosvit Company will increase the frequency of flights 2 to 3 per week considering the number of tourists traveling to Sri Lanka from Ukraine.

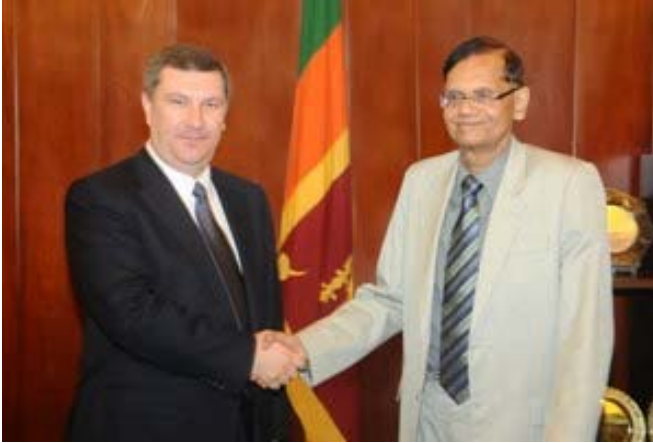
He also mentioned the company exploring the possibility of operating daily flights between the two countries. Though this tourism industry and economy of Sri Lanka will immensely benefit.

The Hon. Minister explained the facilities provided to the tourist arriving in Sri Lanka and also the infrastructural development taking place to achieve the goal of attracting 2 million tourists to Sri Lanka in year 2016. He also thanked the Aviation industry of Ukraine for mark increment of Ukrainian tourists to country.

The General Director of the Company, AeroSvit promised to provide all technical and non technical facilities to SriLankan airlines if the airline commences flights to Borispol Internal Airport in Kyiv. He also stated that the company is willing to commence flights to Europe in collaboration with SriLankan Airlines. Appreciating the offer Hon. Minister Jayartne stated that the matter will be discuss with the Government and the National carrier and agreed to make necessary arrangements in the near future.

The Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Russia (Concurrence accredited to Ukraine) H.E. Mr. Udayanga Weeratunga and Mr. Dhammika Attygalle adviser to Minister of Civil Aviation of Sri Lanka are also attended the meeting.

Delegation from Gazprom meets the Minister of External Affairs Prof. Peiris



Bilateral Agreement on Air Services between Sri Lanka and Ukraine was signed at the Ministry of Transport of Ukraine on 04th of August 2011.

The agreement was signed by Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne, Minister of Civil Aviation on behalf of Sri Lanka and Mr. Anatoli Kolinsnyk, Deputy Minister of Transport of Ukraine on behalf of Ukraine, in the presence of H.E. Mr. Udayanga Weeratunga, Ambassador of Sri Lanka in the Russian Federation (Concurrently accredited to Ukraine) and Mr. Dhammika Attygalle adviser to Minister of Civil Aviation of Sri Lanka.

This agreement will facilitate both the countries to solve difficulties which could arise during commencement of air services between two countries. Speaking the occasion Hon Minister Jayaratne, explained that how the construction of 2nd second international airport at the Hambantota is done without disturbing the environment. He also pointed out that the new eco friendly airport will be constructed with all modern facilities and in accordance to the ICAO standards.

Minister elaborated on the development of Hambantota district for the Common wealth Games, which is schedule to be held in year 2018. Hon. Minister appreciated the commencement of flight operations of Ukraine International Airlines to Sri Lanka, as a result of bilateral talks, conducted during the visit of H.E. the President of Sri Lanka, Mahinda Rajapaksha in year 2010. A special invitation was extended for Hon. Minister to visit to Ukraine for the European Cup Football Tournament, which will be held in year 2012.

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Bilateral Agreement on Air Services between Sri Lanka and Ukraine



Prof. G.L. Peiris, Minister of External Affairs met with an 8-member delegation led by the Managing Director of Gazprom International Mr. Gulev Veleriy at the Ministry of External Affairs in Colombo. Associated with the meeting was the Ambassador for the Russian Federation in Sri Lanka, Vladimir P. Mikhaylov.

Gazprom is one of the world's largest energy companies. Its major business lines are geological exploration, production, transportation, storage, processing and marketing of hydrocarbons as well as generation and marketing of heat and electric power.

Prof. Peiris discussed with the visiting delegation issues connected with Russian cooperation in such fields as oil exploration in the Mannar Basin and the Cauvery Basin, the procurement of liquid natural gas, and technical expertise in respect of refineries.

The Minister underlined the need for economic projects of major magnitude to buttress the strong relationship between Sri Lanka and the Russian Federation. The visiting delegation said that Gazprom would be happy to bear the expenses of training a team of Sri Lankans in one of Russia's leading institutions in the field of oil and gas technology.

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Tourism workshop at the Embassy.

On 24th August, 2011 first workshop devoted to commencing the direct flight of SriLankan Airlines to Colombo took place at the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Moscow in cooperation with the oldest travel company promoting Sri Lanka Connaissance. About 60 agents took part in the event. The Ambassador of Sri Lanka H.E. Udayanga Weeratunga addressed participants and he informed them about the current situation in Sri Lanka Tourism industry, told about the country, main itineraries, heritage, and visa formalities.

The event was concluded with a Sri Lankan lunch and Ceylon tea.

Darusman Report not admissible at UNHCR - Min. G L Peiris



***Dangerous results if entertained
*UNSG sole authority in such decision**

The Darusman Report prepared by the advisory panel to the United Nations Secretary General (UNSG) cannot be submitted to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) since it is neither an official document by any means nor has it any kind of legitimate nexus to any UN organ, said External Affairs Minister Prof G L Peiris.

He was delivering the keynote address at the fourth annual symposium of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) at the university premises yesterday on the theme "Challenges of Post Conflict Sri Lanka".

Minister Peiris said that considering the document or any part of it at the UNHRC will constitute unsound and dangerous results not only for Sri Lanka but also for the whole international community in general. He observed that the advisory panel straying completely out of its mandate had recommended to the UNSG that the report should be submitted to the UNHRC.

"That is not their business at all.

"It is upto the UNSG to decide on it. Neither the panel was asked to prepare a report suitable for publication. They were simply asked to submit a report purely to offer advices for the UNSG. Many features of the report indicate that it is a biased document and prepared for a political purpose," he said.

He also noted that it is the rightly elected government and the population of a country that should be in the driving seat when taking crucial decisions pertaining to the country and external forces cannot intervene in this regard. "International groups which resort to such actions forget that there is a history and social structure which maintain cohesion and stability of that country. They cannot fix things instantly and move out. The law and order of that country and the conditions of the people can be worse then" he observed.



The Minister observed that a segment of the diaspora which is close to the LTTE is now attempting to launch an economic onslaught against the people of this country. He said that these groups, knowing that the terrorist has been vanquished, are now attempting to transmit their mission to the international arena.

He said these groups are determined to prevent the government of Sri Lanka from moving rapidly to bring prosperity and stability, in particular to the people in the North. "Only about 10,000 persons are to be resettled and the government has targets completing the resettlement work before the end of this year. About 95 percent of the schools are functioning and 90 percent of the arable land are being cultivated in the North. Hospital and medical facilities are freely available while fisheries is a thriving industry in the region. These achievements are the results of systematic and structured strategies followed by the government" he explained.

Source: Daily News (19 August 2011)

New Head of the Sri Lanka Tea Promotion Bureau-Moscow



Miss. Tamara Nanayakkara (First Secretary - Tea Promotion) heads this unit. She has several years' experience in the tea industry, having worked with leading tea companies in export, promotion and marketing of Ceylon Tea in international tea brands. With the extreme humanitarian needs that were required after the tsunami

devastation in Sri Lanka, she then volunteered to accept duties in the United Nations as a humanitarian officer and initially worked in various field missions in Sri Lanka, and later joined the UN Country Office in Colombo. She has received extensive training within the UN system, both in Sri Lanka and in other countries. Prior to joining the Embassy, she worked as a Project Analyst at the Asian Development Bank. Miss. Tamara Nanayakkara has studied International Relations at the State University of Kiev, Ukraine and further obtained her Masters Degree in Public Management from the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration. She has also obtained diplomas in subjects such as International Affairs, Conflict Resolution and Marketing during her career.

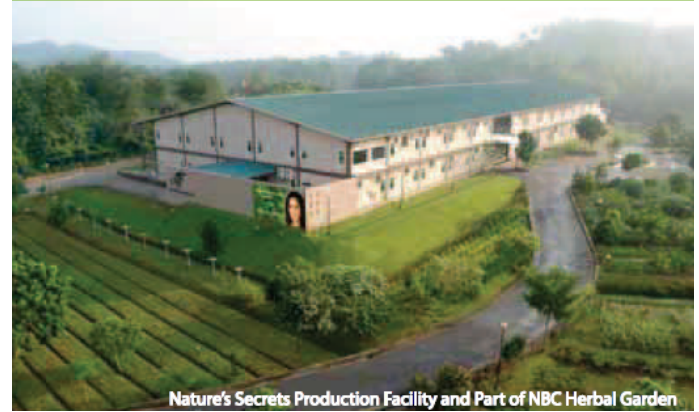
**Facets Sri Lanka-2011,
21st Sri Lanka International Gem & Jewellery Show**



Facets Sri Lanka 2011, the 21st International Gem & Jewellery Show will be organized by Sri Lanka Gem and Jewellery Association collaboration with National Gem and Jewellery Authority and Sri Lanka Export Development Board from 08th to 11th September 2011 at the Sirimavo Bandaranayake Memorial Exhibition Center, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The event held annually in Colombo since 1991, with state and private sector patronage.

Sri Lanka, the world's oldest source of the most spectacular gemstones will showcase a wide variety of sapphires and gemstones from producers and wholesalers from all the main producing areas of Sri Lanka and to give the show an international flavor, producers and wholesalers from the main gemstone producing countries in Africa, Asia, South America and Australia are being invited to exhibit their gemstone products at the show. **(Moscow Puwath)**



The first research centre related to plants for any private sector organization in Sri Lanka, the Nature's Secrets Plant Research Centre and Tissue Culture Laboratory was opened at Horana recently.

Nature's Beauty Creations (NBC) Ltd, Sri Lanka's Largest Herbal Cosmetics Manufacturing Factory Surrounded by a large cultivation of over 350 varieties of time tested medicinal plants.

NBC is the first and only Cosmetics Manufacturer in Sri Lanka to manufacture cosmetics under ISO and European recognized Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) standards. The research centre and laboratory will facilitate to further enhance the products of the company. The company is currently working on development of protocols for medicinal plants such as red sandalwood, venivel and kukum.

The research centre works with local as well as foreign research institutes. It will facilitate students from universities to carry out plant research projects at the fully equipped modern laboratory.

As a further step, the modern plant tissue culture laboratory will use advanced techniques to propagate and conserve rare, endemic and valuable medicinal plants in Sri Lanka.

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Russia launches massive campaign to isolate smokers

Russian Press



An open public debate on the bill of the Health Ministry "On protection of human health from the consequences of tobacco consumption" started in Russia. The project was developed in connection with the accession of the Russian Federation to the WHO Framework

Convention on Tobacco Control. It will also fulfill the government's Action Plan on implementation of the concept of public policy on combating tobacco consumption in 2010-2015.

Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development Yuri Voronin at a press conference on Friday said that the document should become a statutory framework to ensure the health of citizens from the consequences of tobacco use by implementing a set of restrictive measures to reduce tobacco consumption and leveling the effects of tobacco on human health.

Nearly a year ago the State Duma developed a version of the law "On Restriction of Tobacco," K2K reported then. According to the deputy chairman of the Duma's Health Committee Nikolai Gerasimenko, the bill mandated the sale of cigarettes and related products only in special licensed kiosks.

The situation has long demanded government attention. Today there are 43.9 million people in Russia, according to the global survey of adults about tobacco use (GATS). The vast majority of people in Russia support the ban on smoking in public places. 82.5% of Russians favor a complete ban on tobacco advertising.

GATS Research showed that nearly 35% of Russians are exposed to secondhand smoke at work. 90.5% of people who visit bars and 78.6% of people who visit restaurants are forced to inhale tobacco smoke. This violation of rights of non-smoking individuals must be completely eliminated, according to the developers of the law. Tobacco advertising will also disappear completely, and manufacturers of tobacco products will be banned from sponsorship. It is planned that smoking will be prohibited in all films and television shows made after the adoption of the document.

According to Voronin, all proposals made during the public discussion of the bill will be carefully studied. Proposals from the concerned ministries and agencies will also be taken into account in the finalization of the bill, RIA Novosti reported. The chief specialist of the Health Ministry Leo Bokeria has called the bill limiting tobacco consumption a remarkable document, which should have been accepted long ago.

He thinks that the law will have hard time because of the opposition in the Duma. Chairman of the Board of the International Confederation of Consumer Societies Dmitry Yanin added that "foreign tobacco companies that have over 90% of the market share in Russia will oppose the law. They only agreed that kindergartens should not have smoking

areas." It is clear that tobacco companies are also reluctant to ban tobacco advertising and want to continue sponsorship of public events. Thus, the expressed view of the citizens about the new bill may acquire additional weight in the eyes of the government, because the decision is long overdue.

Valentin Vasspard

ARUGAM BAY SURF PRO 2011 OFF TO A KICK START AT THE EAST COAST



Arugam Bay Surfing Challenge 2011 took off to a kick start for the second consecutive year on 30th Aug at the Arugam Bay surf point -Potuvil. The event is organized by Sri Lankan Airlines and Sri Lanka Tourism affiliated with the Australian Surfing Professional's Association (ASP). More than 150 participants are contesting in this event held under two categories this year, under long board for men and short board category for women. Altogether 65 male competitors and 45 female competitors are taking part in this year's event. The special feature of this year's event is that for the first time Sri Lankan local surfer's are taking part alongside the foreign participants. It is also for the first time female competitors are participating under a special category reserved for them.

The event is expected to boost tourism industry in Sri Lanka generating high number of tourists to this unique surfing point which is recognized as among the top ten surfing destinations in the world. The General Manager of ASP stating his thoughts about selecting Sri Lanka for this year's competition said that " The reason why we chose to be here at Arugam Bay is that, Sri Lanka is such a beautiful country ,we are so attracted to Sri Lanka for its people, nice weather, exotic cuisine and conditions here at Arugam Bay is perfect for surfing, one of the best surfing points in the world...we had no second thoughts of choosing this wonderful location for hosting our event this year.. we want to showcase Sri Lanka as the best Island for surfers around the world".

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