

SBF Business Mission to Colombo – Sri Lanka

(Includes IMEXPRO 2008 and Networking Session with Ministers)

13 – 17 Feb 08 (5 Days 4 Nights)



Sri Lanka's economy is 59.3% free, which makes it the world's 84th freest economy. It is ranked 14th out of 30 countries in the Asia-Pacific region, and its overall score is equal to the regional average.

According to the government in Dec 2007, Sri Lanka's economy grew in the 3rd quarter by a stronger-than-expected 7.0% from a year earlier, picking up from the annual pace set in the previous quarter. The added momentum from 6.4% in the 2nd quarter was generated by industry and the services sector. D.C.A. Gunawardena, Director of the Department of Census and Statistics, told Reuters that the agriculture growth was 3.7%, 7.5% (growth) for industry and 7.4% for services.

Sri Lanka's economy expanded 7.4% in 2006, its strongest performance since 1978. President Mahinda Rajapaksa forecasts it will grow by 7.5% in 2008.

SBF warmly welcomes you to join this mission to witness the latest developments and evaluate the possibility of investing in Sri Lanka. We will visit IMEXPRO 2008, an International Trade Fair, Ceylon Chambers of Commerce and Networking Session with Ministers during the visit.

Programme

Day 1 Wed, 13 Feb 08
 0705h Depart Singapore on Singapore Airlines Flight No: SQ 466
 0815h Arrive in Colombo and Check-in to Cinnamon Grand Colombo Hotel
 1200h Welcome Lunch hosted by Bandula Somasiri, Minister (Commercial) Sri Lanka High Commission S'pore
 1400h Courtesy Call on Hon. Dr. Sarath Amunugama, **Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment** Promotion at the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka
 1430h Session conducted by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka
 1500h Visit to Export Processing Zone, Katunayake
 1800h Dinner (own arrangement)
Day 2 Thu, 14 Feb 08
 0800h Breakfast
 0900h Depart hotel to IMEXPRO Trade Fair Bandaranaike Memorial International Hall
 1230h Lunch (own arrangement)
 1430h Courtesy Call on Hon. Rohitha Bogollagama, **Minister of Foreign Affairs**
 1630h Courtesy Call on Hon. Prof. G.L. Peiris, **Minister of Export Development & International Trade**
 1800h Dinner (own arrangement)
Day 3 Fri, 15 Feb 08
 0800h Breakfast
 0900h Depart hotel to IMEXPRO Trade Fair Bandaranaike Memorial International Hall
 1230h Lunch (own arrangement)
 1430h Networking Session at the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
 1800h Dinner (own arrangement)
Day 4 Sat, 16 Feb 08
 0800h Breakfast
 1000h City Tour
 1930h Gala Dinner at the Hotel Trans Asia
Day 5 Sun, 17 Feb 08
 0600h Check out from Cinnamon Grand Colombo Hotel
 0930h Depart Colombo on Singapore Airlines Flight No: SQ 467
 1555h Arrive in Singapore

Participation Costs

**Programme given is correct at time of print*

No.	Items	Cost (S\$)
1	Air Fares Ticket: Singapore - Colombo - Singapore (Air Fares is subject to availability)	\$750.00
2	Airport Tax (subject to changes)	\$276.00
3	Accommodation in Colombo, Sri Lanka - Standard Room (per room, per night)	\$115.00
4	*Common costs: SBF / ASME Member Rate Non-Member Rate	\$1,000.00 \$1,100.00

Note: a) Payment on **Item 1 to 3** will be coordinated by the appointed travel agent, **New Shan Travel Service Pte. Ltd**

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b) Eligible participating companies can apply to International Enterprise Singapore (via IE Singapore website) for **double tax deduction for travel and accommodation** costs for up to 2 participants per company.

c) ***Common costs** are inclusive of local transfers, meals, networking sessions, mission brochures, gifts and other miscellaneous expenses. **Cheques should be made payable to the 'SINGAPORE BUSINESS FEDERATION'**

d) For more information, please contact Teo Chi Howe, DID: 6827 6855 or Fifi Rahim, DID: 6827 6849.

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Company: _____

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