

**Dialogue on
Towards BIMSTEC-Japan Comprehensive Economic
Cooperation: Sri Lankan Perspective**

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Programme

08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 09:50	Inauguration	
<i>09:00 – 09:15</i>	Welcome & Introduction:	Saman Kelegama , <i>Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka</i>
<i>09:15 – 09:20</i>	Address by:	B.S. Malik , <i>President, Centre for Studies in International Relations & Development, India</i>
<i>09:20 – 09:25</i>	Address by Special Guest:	Akinori Seki , <i>President, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan</i>
<i>09:25 – 09:40</i>	Address by Guest of Honour:	H.E. Kiyoshi Araki , <i>Ambassador of Japan in Sri Lanka</i>
<i>09:40 – 09:50</i>	Address by Chief Guest:	Hon. Milinda Moragoda , <i>Minister of Tourism</i>
		Presentation of Book on BIMSTEC-Japan Cooperation, edited by Dr. Abdur Rob Khan, Research Director, BISS, Dhaka, published by BISS and CSIRD to Hon. Minister
09:50 – 10:10	TEA	
10:10 – 10:30	Group Photograph	

10:30 – 11:10 **SESSION I: BIMSTEC-Japan Cooperation in Trade & Investment: Sri Lankan Perspective**

Chairperson: **Dushni Weerakoon**, *Deputy Director, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka*

10:30 – 10:50 **Presenter:** **Deshal De Mel**, *Research Officer, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka*

Jagath Dissanayake, *Research Assistant, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka*

10:50 – 11:00 **Discussant:** **Saman Udagedara**, *Director of Commerce, Department of Commerce*

Biswajit Nag, *Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi*

11:00 – 11:10 **Discussion**

11:10 – 11:50 **SESSION II: BIMSTEC-Japan Cooperation in Tourism: Sri Lankan Perspective**

Chairperson: **Shigeru Tsumori**, *Professor, Toyo Eiwa University, Japan*

11:10 – 11:30 **Presenter:** **Renton De Alwis**, *Chairman, Sri Lanka Tourist Board*

11:30 – 11:40 **Discussant:** **Prema Cooray**, *Secretary General, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce*

11:40 – 11:50 **Discussion**

11:50 – 12:30 **SESSION III: BIMSTEC-Japan Cooperation in Transport: Sri Lankan Perspective**

Chairperson: **Willie Mendis**, *Senior Professor of Town & Country Planning, University of Moratuwa*

11:50 – 12:10 **Presenter:** **J.W. Chandrasekera**, *Deputy Director Planning, Ministry of Transport*

12:10 – 12:20 **Discussant:** **Prabir De**, *Fellow, Research & Information Systems for Developing Countries, India*

12:20 – 12:30 **Discussion**

12:30 - 14:00 **LUNCH**

14:00 – 14:40 **Session IV: BIMSTEC-Japan Cooperation in Technology: Sri Lankan Perspective**

Chairperson: **Anjan Roy**, *Senior Advisor-Economic Affairs, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry, New Delhi*

14:00 – 14:20 **Presenter:** **C.W. Dheersekera**, *Managing Director, Industry Insight Private Limited*

14:20 – 14:30 **Discussant:** **Chandana Perera**, *Head, Department of Management of Technology, University of Moratuwa*

14:30 – 14:40 **Discussion**

- 14:40 – 15:20** **Session V: BIMSTEC-Japan Cooperation in Energy: Sri Lankan Perspective**
Chairperson: **B.S. Malik**, *President, Centre for Studies in International Relations & Development, India*
- 14:40 – 15:00* **Presenter:** **T.M. Herath**, *Additional Secretary (Technical), Ministry of Power and Energy*
- 15:00 – 15:10* **Discussant:** **Mohan Munasinghe**, *Chairman, Munasinghe Institute for Development (MIND) & Vice Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)*
- 15:10 – 15:20* **Discussion**
- 15:20 – 15:35** **TEA**
- 15:35 – 16:15** **Session VI: BIMSTEC-Japan Cooperation in Fisheries: Sri Lankan Perspective**
Chairperson: **Ruangrai Tokrisna**, *Professor, Department of Agricultural & Research Economics, Kasetsart University, Bangkok*
- 15:35 – 15:55* **Presenter:** **Champa Amarasiri**, *Acting Director (Research & Development), National Aquatic Resources Research & Development Agency*
- 15:55 – 16:05* **Discussant:** **H.S.G. Fernando**, *Director General-Development Planning, Ministry of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources*
- 16:05– 16:15* **Discussion**
- 16:15 - 17:00** **Session VII: Round Table Discussion on Vision of a New BIMSTEC**
Chairperson: **B.S. Malik**, *President, CSIRD*
- Speakers:** **Sarala Fernando**, *Addl. Secretary, South Asia & SAARC Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
Anjan Roy, *Senior Advisor (Economic Affairs), Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry, New Delhi*
Thilak Godamanna, *Senior Council Member, National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka*
Shigeru Tsumori, *Professor, Toyo Eiwa University*
- 17:00 - 17:20** **Session VIII: Closing Remarks**
Saman Kelegama, *Executive Director, IPS*
B.S. Malik, *President, CSIRD*
- 19:00** **Cocktail/Dinner hosted by IPS and CSIRD**
[Sea Spray Restaurant, Galle Face Hotel]