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Message from Hon. Ali Sabry, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka

It is indeed a pleasure to extend my warm wishes for the 7th Edition of the Colombo International Maritime & Logistics Conference 2024, hosted in Colombo.

Colombo International Maritime & Logistics Conference 2024, co-organized by CIMC Events and Shippers' Academy International is a key maritime and logistics conference in South Asia which provides a platform to discuss regional developments in the shipping, ports and logistics sectors.

It is opportune for Sri Lanka to host the event this year in light of the country's achievements in the Ports & Logistics sector. Colombo Port is a rapidly growing maritime hub of the South Asia Region. In 2025, Sri Lanka expects to increase the container capacity of Colombo Port to 15 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) with the developments and improvements of the Colombo West Terminal and Colombo East Container terminal, making Colombo one of the largest transshipment hubs in the Indian Ocean. Sri Lanka, strategically located in the Indian Ocean is currently expanding its logistics facilities with new investments and collaborations.

I am hopeful that the countries in the region will utilize this opportunity to share best practices in the maritime and logistics sector and identify the way forward for future collaborations to make the South Asia Region more competitive and significant in the global maritime and logistics Industries.

I wish the event all success

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