

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

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Tentative Programme

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:00 Inauguration

09:00 – 09:10 Welcome & Introduction: Saman Kelegama, Executive Director,
Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka

09:10 – 09:15 Address by: B.S. Malik, President, Centre for Studies
in International Relations &
Development, India

09:15 – 09:20 Address by Special Guest: Akinori Seki, President, Sasakawa Peace
Foundation, Japan

09:20 – 09:30 Address by Guest of Honour: H.E. Kiyoshi Araki Ambassador of
Japan in Sri Lanka

09:30 – 09:50 Address by Chief Guest: Hon. Milinda Moragoda, Minister of
Tourism, Sri Lanka (tbc)

*Release of Book BIMSTEC-Japan Cooperation, Edited by Dr. Abdur Rob Khan,
Research Director, BIISS, Dhaka, published by BIISS and CSIRD by Hon. Minister*

09:50 – 10:10 Group Photograph

10:10 – 10:30 Tea

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 Presenters: Janaka Wijayasiri, Economist
Deshal De Mel, Research Officer
Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka

10:50 – 11:00 Discussants: Saman Udagedara, Director of Commerce, Department of Commerce, Sri Lanka
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, Colombo

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

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, Sri Lanka

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

12:10 – 12:20 Discussant: Prabir De, Fellow, RIS

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), FICCI,
New Delhi

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

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, CSIRD

14:40 – 15:00 Presenter: T.M. Herath, Additional Secretary (Technical), Ministry
of Power and Energy, Sri Lanka

15:00 – 15:10 Discussant: Mohan Munasinghe, Chairman, Munasinghe Institute
for Development (MIND) & Vice Chair,
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC),
Colombo

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,
Sri Lanka

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: Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, IPS
Anjan Roy, Senior Advisor (Economic Affairs), FICCI
Thilak Godamanna, Senior Council Member, NCCSL
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 Dinner hosted by IPS and CSIRD