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ITDFC Strengthens India–Sri Lanka Economic Partnership Through High-Level Delegation Visit

The International Trade & Delegation Federation of Chambers (ITDFC) led a high-level Indian business and institutional delegation to Sri Lanka from March 24 to 27, 2026, with the objective of advancing bilateral trade, investment, and strategic cooperation between India and Sri Lanka. The visit reflects a shared commitment to strengthening economic diplomacy and fostering sustainable, long-term partnerships.

The delegation, led by **Mr. Bency George, Chief Operating Officer, ITDFC**, comprised distinguished Indian industry leaders representing key sectors including healthcare, infrastructure, trade, and investment. The mission was designed to facilitate structured engagement, strengthen institutional linkages, and identify new avenues for economic collaboration.

During the visit, the delegation engaged with senior leadership across the Government of Sri Lanka and key institutional stakeholders. A key highlight of the visit was the delegation's engagement with the Secretary to the Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka, underscoring the importance of the interaction at the highest institutional level. The delegation also held substantive discussions with senior leadership including H.E. Mr. Hanif Yusoof, Governor of the Western Province; Dr. Tilan M. Wijesooriya, Secretary General and CEO of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCISL); Dr. Anil Jasinghe, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Mass Media; Mr. Nishantha Jayaweera, Deputy Minister of Economic Development; and Mr. B.K. Kolita Kamal Jinadasa, Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries.

The engagements reflected a strong convergence of priorities in advancing economic cooperation, facilitating investments, and strengthening sectoral collaboration. Particular emphasis was placed on healthcare, pharmaceuticals, wellness, infrastructure, and trade, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to building resilient, future-ready partnerships that contribute to sustainable economic growth and regional integration.

Perspectives from Sri Lankan Leadership

Senior leadership from Sri Lanka appreciated ITDFC's initiative and its structured approach to advancing economic diplomacy and cross-border collaboration. **H.E. Mr. Hanif Yusoof**, Governor of the Western Province noted that ITDFC's approach aligns with Sri Lanka's vision for investment-led growth, while **Dr. Tilan M. Wijesooriya, Secretary General and CEO** of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCISL) emphasized the importance of such platforms in strengthening institutional cooperation and trade relations.

Mr. Anil Jasinghe, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Mass Media highlighted the relevance of healthcare collaboration in the current global context, and **Mr. B.K. Kolita Kamal Jinadasa**, Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries described the engagement as a progressive step towards enhancing bilateral economic cooperation and investment partnerships.



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Mr. Nishantha Jayaweera, Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Government of Sri Lanka further acknowledged that such initiatives open new avenues for sectoral collaboration and sustainable development between the two countries.

In addition to high-level government interactions, ITDFC facilitated focused business-to-business and institutional engagements, creating a dynamic platform for direct dialogue between Indian and Sri Lankan stakeholders. These interactions enabled the identification of actionable opportunities in medical value travel, cross-border healthcare services, infrastructure development, and trade expansion.

As a key outcome of the visit, ITDFC extended a formal invitation to Sri Lankan government representatives and industry stakeholders to participate in **SEHAT 2026 – Global Medical Value Travel & Healthcare Investment Summit**, to be held in Kerala, India, on July 14–15, 2026. The summit is envisioned as a premier global platform connecting governments, healthcare institutions, investors, and industry leaders, further strengthening international collaboration in the healthcare sector.

Mr. Bency George, Chief Operating Officer, ITDFC, stated:

“This engagement reflects ITDFC’s commitment to advancing structured economic partnerships through high-level dialogue and actionable collaboration. Sri Lanka remains a key strategic partner, and this visit has laid a strong foundation for long-term, high-impact cooperation across trade, investment, and healthcare sectors.”

The visit reinforces ITDFC’s role as a global enabler of economic diplomacy—transforming dialogue into partnerships and partnerships into measurable outcomes. It is expected to open new avenues of cooperation and further strengthen the economic relationship between India and Sri Lanka.



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