

COLOMBO AIR SYMPOSIUM 2016 – SRI LANKA

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SYMPOSIUM DELEGATES HANDBOOK



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AIR SYMPOSIUM 2016 CREST

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OVERVIEW

Air Symposium 2016 will provide a venue for Senior Military Leadership and other experts to discuss and examine in depth the present and emerging threats in the region, and employment of Air Power in addressing such threats. The Air Symposium is to bring together the knowledge of professionals and experts in various fields in one forum, in order to be better equipped to face present and future Defence and Security challenges in the region.

With a highly successful event that saw the birth of the Air Symposium in 2015, which tapped the academic intellect within the Sri Lanka Air Force, the 2016 gathering is set to soar into greater heights. This year's Air Symposium aims to enlighten the participants, reaching out to defence analysts within the military, as well as outside of it including international participants, through active and intensive deliberations based on the theme of "**Air Power in the Context of Regional Defence and Security**"



His Excellency Maithreepala Sirisena

President of the Democratic Socialist
Republic of Sri Lanka and

Commander-in-chief of Armed Forces

Hailing from Polonnaruwa of North Central Sri Lanka, HE Maithreepala Sirisena was elected into office on 08 January 2015. Prior to being elected he served in various ministerial capacities including Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development, and Health.

He is involved in active politics since 1970. He is an active advocate in the campaign against narcotics and drugs.



Hon Ranil Wickramasinghe

Prime Minister

Hailing of Colombo, Hon Wickramasinghe is a product of Royal College Colombo. He is a lawyer by profession. Hon Wickramasinghe holds the distinction of being selected to this office for a record number of 4 times.

He is involved in active politics since 1977 and has served as the Minister of Youth Affairs, Science and Technology as well as the Leader of the Opposition prior to taking up the present office.



Engr. Karunasena Hettiarachchi

Secretary – Ministry of Defence

Hailing from Polonnaruwa of North Central Sri Lanka, Engr Hettiarachchi is a Highly acclaimed academic professional in the field of engineering. He read for his BSc at the University of Peradeniya and later earned his MSc from the University of Leuven, Belgium.

He has presented a number of academic papers at local and international forums. He assumed duties as the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence on 09 September 2015.



Air Marshal KVB Jayampathy

WWV, RWP, RSP (3 bars), MSc (Int Rel),

MIM (SL), qhi, fndu (China)

Commander of the Air Force

Air Marshal Kapila Jayampathy joined the Sri Lanka Air Force as an Officer Cadet in March 1982 and was commissioned as a Pilot Officer in the General Duties Pilot Branch in April 1985. Following a distinguished career spanning over 35 years he was appointed as the Commander of the SLAF on 13th September 2016. He is a graduate of the RAF Academy, Cranwell and National Defence University, China, and holds a Master of Science degree in International Relations. Air Marshal Jayampathy is a decorated helicopter pilot having received many gallantry awards to his name. He was also awarded with the Desha Puthra Sammanaya for sustaining injuries in combat whilst flying being the first SLAF officer to receive that award.



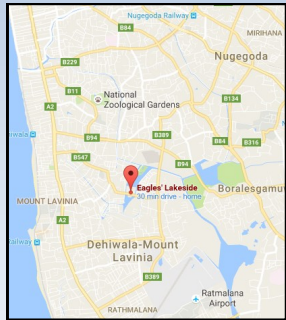
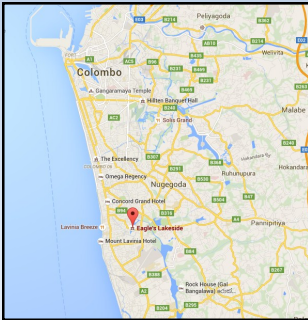
EVENT DETAILS

Date - 02nd and 03rd December 2016

Venue - Eagles' Lakeside Banquet Hall, Attidiya

6°50'28.57"N 79°52'46.06"E

How to get there



AIR SYMPOSIUM 2016 - PROGRAMME

Time	Presentation / Activity	Speakers
0900	Arrival of the Invitees	
0930	Arrival of the Chief Guest— Eng. Karunasena Hettiarachchi— Secretary, Ministry of Defence	
Inaugural Session to Commence with Air Force Song		
0930	Introductory Speech and Video	
0940	Opening Remarks	Commander of the Air Force
1005	Keynote address by the Chief Guest	
1035- 1115	Tea and Photograph	
SESSION – 1 : Surveillance and Reconnaissance		
Moderator : Air Cdre HMSKB Kotakadeniya		
1120	01 st Paper:	Air Cdre MDAP Payoe
1145	02 nd Paper	Gp Capt BAMP Balasooriya
1210	Discussion	
1220	Summary/Final Comments by the Moderator	



Time	Presentation / Activity	Speakers
1230—1330 Lunch		
1335-1415	Speech by Guest Speaker	Dr Adm JC Colombage
SESSION – 2 : Regional Perspective —		
Moderator : Air Cdre Richard Barrow		
1420—1445	03 rd Paper	AVM Haseeb Paracha
1445—1510	04 th paper:	Air Cdre John Meier
1510—1530	Discussion	
1530—1540	Summary/Final Comments by the Moderator	
SESSION – 3 : Smart Power—- Moderator : Air Cdre CB Labrooy		
1625—1650	05 th Paper:	Mr Asanga Abeygunsekara
1650—1715	06 th Paper:	Dr Harinda Vidanage
1715 - 1725	Discussion	
1725-1735	Summary/Final Comments by the Moderator	
1745-2000 Hrs Official reception hosted by the Commander of the Air Force		



Time	Presentation / Activity	Speakers
SESSION – 4 : Impact of Drones —		
Moderator : Gp Capt RAUP Rajapaksha		
0905—0930	09 th Paper:	Air Cdre JA Nanayakkara
0930—0955	10 th Paper:	Mr Nilanthan Niruthan
0955—1005	Discussion	
1005-1015	Summary/Final Comments by the Moderator	
1015 - 1035	Tea	

SESSION – 5 : Air Power in South Asia —		
Moderator : Dr Harindra Vidanage		
1040-1105	07 th Paper:	Gp Capt Mamunur Rashid,
1105-1130	08 th Paper:	Air Cdre Indrapal Walia
1130-1140	Discussion	
1140-1150	Summary/Final Comments by the Moderator	



Time	Presentation / Activity	Speakers
SESSION – 6 : Special Operations through Air Power---		
Moderator : Mr Asanga Abeygoonasekara		
1150-1215	11 th Paper:	Maj Gen Ralph Nugera
1215-1240	12 th Paper:	Miss AB Jahan
1240-1250	Discussion	
1250-1300	Summary/Final Comments by the Moderator	
1310-1330	Concluding Remarks	Air Cdre SK Pathirana
	Awarding of Certificates and Tokens	Commander of the Air Force
1330-1340	Vote of Thanks	Air Cdre PDKT Jayasinghe
National Anthem		
1340-1420	Lunch	



MODERATORS

1. Air Cdre HMSKB Kotakadeniya
2. Air Cdre Richard Barrow OBE
3. Dr Harinda Vidanage
4. Air Cdre CB Labrooy
5. Gp Capt RAUP Rajapakse
6. Mr Asanga Abeygoonasekara

INTERNATIONAL PRESENTERS

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|----|---------------------------|---|------------|
| 1. | Air Cdre Meier | - | Australia |
| 2. | Gp Capt MD Mamunur Rashid | - | Bangladesh |
| 3. | Air Cdre Indrapal Walia | - | India |
| 4. | AVM MH Paracha | - | Pakistan |

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

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| 1. | Col Mark Dussaault | - | Canada |
| 2. | Air Mshl S Neelakanthan | - | India |
| 3. | Col Kazuhiro Hashida | - | Japan |
| 4. | Gp Capt Kalitut Kamutchat | - | Thailand |



NATIONAL PRESENTERS / CO AUTHORS

1. Maj Gen Ralph Nugera
2. Mr Asanga Abeygoonasekara
3. Mr Niruthan Nilanthan
4. Ms Anzul Bhanu Jhan
5. Air Cdre MDAP Payoe
6. Air Cdre RP Liyanagamage
7. Air Cdre JA Nanayakkara
8. Gp Capt BAMP Balasooriya
9. Sqn Ldr RMCJK Ratnayake
10. Sqn Ldr KHDP Kasagala
11. Sqn Ldr BMDA Baddewela
12. Sqn Ldr KGRI Perera
13. Sqn Ldr MMCS Maheepala
14. Sqn Ldr KEND Gunaratne



DRESS FOR THE SYMPOSIUM

SLAF Dress No 2A

Blue Gray Bush Jacket
with gold buttons, slack
and leather shoes

Members of sister services,
and foreign delegates are
requested to be attired in
similar / equivalent dress.



PLACES OF ATTRACTIONS AROUND YOUR HOTEL

1. Dutch Hospital Shopping Precinct, Hospital street, Colombo 1.
2. Odel Department Store, 5, Alexandra Place, Colombo 7
3. Colombo Racecourse, Philip Gunawardena Mawatha, Colombo 7.
4. Arcade Independence Square, 30, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7.
5. Crescat Boulevard, Cinnamon Grand Hotel, Colombo 3.
6. House of Fashions, No 101, DS Senanayake Road, Colombo 10.
7. Laksala, No 60, York Street, Colombo 1. / No 215, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7
8. Lakmedura, No 113, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 7
9. Lakpahana, No 14, Philip Gunawardena Mawatha, Colombo 7.
10. Majestic City, No 10, Station Road, Colombo 4
11. Air Force Museum, SLAF Base, Ratmalana



TRAVEL TIPS

With effect from 1st January 2012, all Holiday or Business travelers to Sri Lanka must have Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) for entering in to Sri Lanka. Please visit www.eta.gov.lk for more information. When applying ETA by third parties payments are to be made through the arrangement made in our website www.eta.gov.lk and obtain acknowledgement of ETA application. Any payments made to other websites or agencies are not valid to process a valid ETA. Therefore, always ensure that the payments made by accessing to Sri Lanka ETA website and avoid making repayment at the port of entry to Sri Lanka

What is a Sri Lankan Visa?

A Sri Lankan visa is an endorsement on a passport or a similar document to facilitate the legal entry of non Sri Lankans into the country and to regulate the period of their stay and the conditions governing such stay.

What are The Types Of Sri Lankan Visas?

There are four kinds of visas which permit a person to enter and/or stay in Sri Lanka.

Visit Visa

A Visit Visa is an entry permit signifying the consent of the Sri Lankan Government for the admission of a foreign national to the country. The Visa contains details of the period of time and the condition/s of the stay. There are two sub-categories which come under visit visas –



Tourist Visit Visa

A Tourist Visa is issued to bona-fide tourists who want to enter Sri Lanka for sight seeing, excursions, relaxation, visit relatives or yoga training for a short period of time.

Business Visit Visa

A Business Visa is issued to foreign nationals who visit Sri Lanka for business purposes for short periods of time. This visa may be issued for single, double or multiple journeys.

Custom Imports

You are allowed to bring into the country duty free 1.5 litres of spirits, two bottles of wine, a quarter-litre of toilet water, and a small quantity of perfume and souvenirs with a value not exceeding US \$250. The import of personal equipment such as cameras and laptop computers is allowed but must be declared on arrival. However, personal equipment must be taken out of the country upon the visitor's departure. The import of non-prescription drugs and pornography of any form is an offence.

Custom Exports

On leaving the country you are allowed to export up to 10kg of tea duty free.

No Antiques

Antique. defined as anything more than 50-years-old - rare books, palm-leaf manuscripts and anthropological material can be exported without permission from the Director, National Archives, and the Director General, Department of Archaeology,



Purchase and export without licence of any wild animal, bird or reptile, dead or alive . also the export of parts of animals, birds or reptiles, such as skins, horns, scales and feathers is prohibited. Occasional exports are, however, permitted exclusively for bona fide scientific purposes. It is prohibited to export of 450 plant species without special permits. The export of coral, shells or other protected marine products is also strictly prohibited.

Applications for special permission to export fauna should be made to the Director, Department of Wildlife Conservation, And flora should be made to the Director, Forest Department,

Foreign Currency Regulations

Visitors to Sri Lanka bringing in more than US\$10,000 should declare the amount to the Customs on arrival. All unspent rupees converted from foreign currencies can be re-converted to the original currency on departure as long as encashment receipts can be produced.

Sri Lanka's Currency

The local currency is the Sri Lankan Rupee, divided into 100 cents (you rarely come across cents today). Currency notes are Rs.5,000, Rs2,000, Rs1,000, Rs500, Rs100, Rs50, Rs20 and Rs10. Beware of mistaking the Rs500 note for the somewhat similar Rs100 one. To check whether notes are genuine when not given at a bank, look for a lion watermark. Coins, should you have receive them, will be in denominations up to Rs10.



Make sure you have plenty of lower denomination notes (Rs50, Rs100, Rs500), especially when travelling and you need to buy small items, fruit, and eat cheap meals, because change is often hard to come by apart from at hotels and big shops.

Banks—Banks are open from 0900 hrs to 1500 hours Monday to Friday. While some are open on Saturday mornings. It's easy to withdraw money across the island at ATMs using international credit cards or debit cards. There are however some reputed private banks that operate during late working hours and holidays.

More details can be obtained through the following links

www.boc.lk www.peoplesbank.lk
www.sampath.lk www.combank.net
www.ndbbank.com www.hnb.net

Credit Cards

Most hotels, restaurants and shopping centres accept credit cards. Some establishments may try to add a surcharge, which is illegal.

Time Difference

Sri Lanka Standard Time is five and a half hours ahead of GMT. (Allowance should be made for summer-time changes in Europe.)

Electricity—230 . 240 volts, 50 Hz AC.

Language—Sri Lanka has two official languages . Sinhala and Tamil - with English as a link language. Most people have some knowledge of English, and signboards are often in English.



IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Air Force Headquarters	-	+94112-441044-
	-	+94112-343970
Nearest Police Station	-	+94112-738351
Police Emergency Line	-	119
National Hospital, Colombo	-	+94112-691111
General Hospital, Kalubowila	-	+94112-763261
Railway Station, Mt Lavinia	-	+94112-712271
Railway Station, Colombo Fort	-	+94112-434215
Emergency ambulance services –		
Durdans Hospital Ambulance Service		+94112-564566
Lanka Hospitals Ambulance Service		+94115431088-9
Hotline		1566
MediQuick Ambulance Service		+94773-885388
Nawaloka Hospitals Ambulance Service		+94115-577208
		+94115-577111
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