

26<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**By Email**

**Letter of Invitation**

Dear Member,

**Global Shippers Forum Annual General Meeting, Colombo – Sri Lanka  
28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

Sri Lanka Shippers' Council (SLSC) and the Global Shippers' Forum (GSF) are pleased to provide this official letter of invitation to attend and participate in the Annual Meeting of the Global Shippers' Forum (GSF) in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in July 2016. The Annual Meeting coincides with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the SLSC. This is an important milestone for the SLSC and all GSF members are invited to take part in the celebration activities which commence on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, see below the outline programme.

The SLSC and GSF are pleased to be the host of this meeting of the GSF. The GSF is a not for profit company incorporated under the laws of the United Kingdom. The GSF is a non-governmental organisation that represents the freight and logistics interests of shippers' organisations internationally.

The event will be held from 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and the Draft programme is as follows;

| <b>Date</b>                          | <b>Time (Hours)</b>            | <b>Event</b>   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Wednesday 27 July 2016               | 17:30 – 18:30<br>18:30 – 21:00 | Registration<br>Welcome Cocktails & Dinner<br>Organised & Sponsored by Sri Lanka Shippers' Council   |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2016  | 09.00 – 12: 00                 | Visit to the Port of Colombo   |
|                                      | 12.00 – 14.00                  | Lunch – by Sri Lanka Shippers' Council   |
|                                      | 14.00 – 18.00                  | Free Time  |
|                                      | 18.00 – 22.30                  | Invitation for Sri Lanka Shippers' Council 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations and Gala Dinner |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2016    |                                | GSF Annual meeting   |
|                                      | 9.00-12.30                     | Session  |
|                                      | 12.30-14.00                    | Lunch  |
|                                      | 14.00-17.00                    | Session  |
|                                      | 18.00- 20.00                   | Cocktails & Dinner, by Sri Lanka Shippers' Council   |
| Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2016 | One day tour                   | Visit to Historical Galle Fort<br>Organised & Sponsored by Sri Lanka Shippers' Council               |

## Hotel Booking Arrangements

Hotel reservation can be arranged through the Shippers' Council Secretariat at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel. Details are included in the registration form and the Sri Lanka Shippers' Council Website; <http://www.shipperscouncil.lk/events/2016/global-shippers-forum-annual-meeting.htm>

## Visa requirements

This invitation is provided for members of the Global Shippers' Forum which we trust may be used by them to obtain any necessary travel documents including a visa for entering Sri Lanka. Visa Requirements for entering Sri Lanka can be found at <http://www.eta.gov.lk>. 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 or double journeys. Application forms can be downloaded from this website and are available in English.

On receipt of your booking we will send you an individually addressed invitation to facilitate your visa application.

Yours faithfully,



Sean Van Dort  
Chairman

Sri Lanka Shippers' Council



Chrish Welsh  
Secretary General

Global Shippers' Forum



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