

## **Announcement**

### **New CEO at Hambantota International Port Group**

The Hambantota International Port Group Pvt. Limited (HIPG) wishes to announce that Mr. Johnson Liu has been appointed as the new CEO of the Group as of 1st March 2021. His appointment is approved by the Company's board.

Mr. Liu succeeds Mr. Ray Ren, who completed 3 years as CEO and leaves Sri Lanka to take on a senior position in CM Port.

With the onset of a post pandemic world, HIPG is positioning the port to take on new challenges of supply chain disruption and the readjustment of international commerce on shipping lanes. "We are confident that the Hambantota International Port (HIP) will be a major stop on the East West maritime lanes for bunkering, energy services, all port related services and marine services. Our vision is to globalize our operations, where we will look internationally for opportunity, yet act locally. We are firmly committed towards creating opportunities for both local companies and international players, so that they will find synergies in HIP and Sri Lanka. We will offer the best facilities with a view to making HIP a gateway port for the southern regions of Sri Lanka. HIP will always act as a responsible corporate citizen regarding the wellbeing of our employees and adjacent communities, the environment and will continue our good practices in operations and engagement," says the new CEO.

Mr. Johnson Liu brings with him a wealth of experience, counting over 32 years in the port industry and related business investment management. He has held senior positions in CM Port and other business establishments in China. Prior to joining HIPG he was president of the Zhanjiang Port Group Limited for 13 years, where he was instrumental in driving the port's economic strategies, joint venture development and directing the port to achieve a throughput of a 110.2 million tons in the year 2020. Mr. Liu holds a bachelor's degree and a postgraduate degree from the Zhejiang University of China.

The new CEO of HIPG assures all stakeholders of the Hambantota Port and related industries that not only will he work towards developing the port into a world-class destination but into one that will support the Sri Lankan economy in its endeavour for prosperity.

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