

Announcement

New CEO at Hambantota International Port Group

The Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Wilson Qu as our new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective 3rd September 2024. The decision was officially approved by the company's board of directors.

Mr. Wilson Qu takes over from Mr. Johnson Liu, who will continue his role as Chief Representative of China Merchants Group (CMG) in Sri Lanka, overseeing all CMG and CMPort investments. He will take charge of ensuring the smooth operations and long-term growth of CMG interests in the country.

With more than 27 years of experience in port operations, marketing, business development, and safety management, CEO Qu brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his new role. His impressive career record includes key leadership positions at the Dalian Port Authority and other logistics companies in China. He served as the Executive General Manager of Operations and Marketing at CMPort, where he played a vital role in expanding the company's reach and improving operational efficiency.

"I am truly honoured to assume this position at such a pivotal moment for Hambantota International Port, especially as Sri Lanka experiences significant changes," said Wilson Qu, the newly appointed CEO of Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG). "I plan to build upon the excellent foundation established by my predecessor. Together with our talented and dedicated team, I am firmly committed to transforming Hambantota Port into a world-class hub for global trade, while simultaneously contributing to the economic growth of Sri Lanka."

Mr. Qu expressed enthusiasm about the opportunity to lead the port during a time of dynamic development in the region. He emphasised the strategic importance of Hambantota International Port in enhancing connectivity between markets and improving trade efficiencies. "Our goal is to not only to serve as a key logistical centre in the Indian Ocean, but also to foster partnerships that create new opportunities for local businesses and communities," he added.

With a focus on innovation and sustainable practices, Mr. Qu also expressed determination to leverage the latest technologies and trends in maritime logistics to position the port competitively on the global stage. "I believe that by investing in our infrastructure and embracing forward-thinking strategies, we can achieve remarkable growth and ensure that Hambantota Port plays a vital role in the future of international trade."

As he steps into his new role, Mr. Qu is eager to collaborate with various stakeholders, including government institutions, shipping companies, and regional partners to navigate challenges and opportunities ahead. He sees the potential for Hambantota International Port to emerge as a beacon of trade excellence while contributing to the broader vision of economic resilience and development for Sri Lanka.

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