



International Mineral & Mining Forum

Colombo | Sri Lanka
20th & 21st October 2023



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“ Unveiling Sri Lanka’s Mineral Potential for Future Mining” Promoting Sri Lanka’s mineral potential for future investment by

creating a favourable environment through state facilitation

20 – 21 October 2023, Colombo, Sri Lanka
Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), Colombo 07

Program

Day One of the Forum-20th October 2023 - Opening Ceremony: Plenary & Exhibition	
Time	Event
08.30 – 08.45	Registration
08.45 – 08.50	National Anthem
08.50 – 08.55	The lighting of the Oil Lamp
08.55 – 09.00	Welcome Address by Mr. R. Sanjeepan, Chairman, GSMB, Sri Lanka
09.00 – 09.15	Opening Remarks by Dr. Anil Jasinghe, Secretary of Environment, Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka
09.15 – 09.25	Speech Dr. R H S Samaratinga, Senior Economic Adviser to the President of Sri Lanka
09.25 – 09.30	CULTURAL EVENT
09.30 – 10.00	Keynote Address by Dr Nandalal Weerasinghe, Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka
10.00 – 10.15	Speech by Guest of Honour, Eng. Naseer Ahamed, Minister of Environment, Sri Lanka
10.15 – 10.30	Speech by Honourable Chief Guest, H.E. Ranil Wickremesinghe, The President of Sri Lanka
10.30 – 10.35	Vote of Thanks by CGeol. M.M.J.P. Ajith Prema, Director General, GSMB, Sri Lanka
10.35 – 10.40	Opening of the Exhibition
10.40– 10.50	Official Photo and closure of inaugural session with refreshments and tea
Session 01: Mineral Deposits and Mining Industry of Sri Lanka	
10.50 – 11.20	Overview of Potential Mineral Deposits and Geology of Sri Lanka Dr. N.P. Wijayanda, Project Director of DEOCOM Sri Lanka and Past Chairman, GSMB, Sri Lanka
11.20 – 11.50	Overview of the Current Status of Mining Industry, Sri Lanka Prof. O.K. Dissanayake, Professor, Department of Earth Resources Engineering, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka
11.50 – 11.55	Important sites in Geo-Tourism - Video Presentation



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Session 02: Mineral Deposits of Sri Lanka

11.55 – 12.25	Graphite – Graphite mineralization and graphite Industry in Sri Lanka with special reference to promising areas and current status; Prof. Nanda Balasuriya & Mr Nalin de Silva
12.25 – 12.55	Vein Quarz – Widespread knowledge in Sri Lankan vein quartz deposits; Prof. Nalin Rathnayake & Mr. Nalin de Silva
12.55-13.25	Limestone & Red Earth - Current status and promising areas; Prof. D.G.G.P. Karunaratne and Mr. W.M.R.R. Wickramasinghe
13.25 -14.10.	LUNCH BREAK

Session 03: Mineral Deposits of Sri Lanka

14.10 – 14.40	Mineral Sand (Ilmenite, Rutile, Zircon, Monazite, Garnet) -Distribution pattern along the coastal stretch; promising areas and current status of the industry; Prof. G.W.A. Rohan Fernando and H.P.M. De Silva
14.40 – 15.00	Apatite/Rock Phosphate -Significance of apatite/rock phosphate deposits with special remarks on current status; - Eng. Hemalal Panagoda
15.00 – 15.10	Dimension Stone - Industry and available varieties within Sri Lanka, referring to products, promising localities, current status etc. VIDEO PRESENTATION
15.10 – 16.00	Sri Lankan Gems - Gem and Jewellery Authority
16.00-16.15	Tea and Refreshment
16.15 – 16.35	Marine Mineral Potential of Sri Lanka -National Aquatic Research Agency
16.35-17.00	Closing statement from the Chair and further Q& A Dr Wijayananda, Prof. Dissanayake, Prof. Balasuriya, Prof Rathnayake, Eng. Panagoda, Prof Fernando, Prof Karunaratna & GSMB Team



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Day Two Forum: 21st October 2023 - Plenary Sessions & Exhibition	
Time	Event
08.30	Opening of the Exhibition for Day Two
Session 01: Value Addition to the Sri Lankan Minerals	
09.00 – 9.30	Nano Technology and Sri Lankan Minerals (Noval Research Findings, Marketable Products, etc.) - SLINTEC
9.30-10.00	Value Addition to the Sri Lankan Minerals & Mineral Based Products – Dr. N.D. Subasinghe –National Institute of Fundamental Studies
10.00 – 10.15	Tea and Refreshment
Session 02: Procedures in mine operations and Investment Opportunities in Sri Lanka	
10.15-11.00	Licensing and Regulations -Chairman, Senior Director Mines, Director Mineral Titling of GSMB, Sri Lanka (+Q & A)
11.00 – 11.20	Role of Board of Investment in Mineral Industry; -Board of Investment, Sri Lanka
11.20 - 11.40	Role of the Ministry of Industries -Ministry of Industries, Sri Lanka
11.40 - 12.00	Mineral Export Industry - Export Development Board (EDB) Sri Lanka
Session 03: World Mineral Trends & Investment	
12.00 – 12.30	Guest Speech 1(Foreign): Rare Earth Separation, Gold Mining and Processing- Assoc Prof. Dr. Anwaruddin Hisyam form University, Malaysia
12.30 – 13.00	Guest Speech 2 (Foreign): Sustainability of production of World Minerals and Metals - Mr. Rohitesh Dhawan, President and CEO of ICMM
13.00 – 14.00	LUNCH BREAK
Wrap-Up Session	
14.00 – 14.30	Charting the Way Forward and Recommendations Mr. Rohitesh Dhawan, Assoc Prof. Dr. Anwaruddin, GSMB Team, Dr. Subasinghe, EDB, Ministry of Industries, BOI,
14.30 – 15.00	Closing Ceremony (Plenary & Exhibition) Photo Session & Distribution of Souvenirs
15.00 – 15.30	CULTURAL EVENT
15.30 – 16.15	Tea and Refreshment



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Industrial Visits/Excursion Plan

Date: 22 nd October 2023 (Sunday)

Departure from BMICH at 6.00 am and hope to return back around 7 pm to Colombo

Destinations

1. Visit to Kahatagaha-Kolongaha Graphite Mine at Dodangaslanda, Kurunegala District
(roughly 270 km distance –round trip)

Resource Persons from GSMB: Eng. Kapila Ekanayake and Mr. H.S. Lasantha

2. (a) Visit to Kirinda- Magama coastal area for examine the nature of Garnet Sand accumulations (roughly 500 km via Southern Express Way –round trip)
(b) Visit to quartz deposit at Kotikambokka, Randeniya area
(roughly 600 km via Southern Express Way –round trip)

Both visits can organize jointly as the same root is used up to Mattala and then separate into two

**(Resource Persons form GSMB (a) Mr. H.P.M. De Silva & Mr. C. Jayasuriya and
(b) Mr. Nalin De Silva)**

3. Visit to Gem Museum and gemming area at Ratnapura and surrounding area
(roughly 200 km distance –round trip)

(Resource Persons: Mr. Geeth Sameera (GSMB) & Ms. Uthpala Abeypala (NJGA))

4. Visit to Siam City Limestone quarrying and rehabilitation site at Aruwakkaru, Puttlam District (roughly 400 km distance –round trip)

(Resource Persons form GSMB: Mr. W.M. R.R. Wickramasinghe-& Eng. H. P. Siriwardhana)