

**Message from the Patron-Colombo International Maritime & Logistics
Conference**



As the patron of the Colombo International Maritime & Logistics Conference (CIMC) since its inception in 2015, I am pleased to be able to share a message for the 8th Edition of the Conference, scheduled to take place from, 9th to 11th September 2026 at the Radisson Blu Hotel Galadari Colombo, with the theme: “Building a world around us”. The event coincides with the 15th Anniversary of the Shipper’s Academy Colombo, which initiated this conference.

The conference comes at a critical time when Sri Lanka requires International Investments and support to bolster its economy. I am confident that the event will drive much needed industry reforms, potentially attracting foreign direct investments. I acknowledge the continuous endorsement of the event by the Ministry of Ports and Civil Aviation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The current global environment gives tremendous new opportunities for Sri Lanka to develop a prominent logistics hub in Asia.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the organizers and extend my fullest support and corporation to make this conference a success.

Sri Lankabhimanya Karu Jayasuriya
Former Speaker of Parliament of Sri Lanka