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MEDIA RELEASE- LAW SOCIETY LEGAL MISSION TO SRI LANKA
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Next week, Singapore lawyers will be calling on their Sri Lankan counterparts.

They will be travelling as part of a contingent of the Law Society of Singapore under its “Lawyers Go Global” programme. The 24-strong contingent comprises Singapore practitioners as well as representatives from the Law Society of Singapore, Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Singapore Business Federation and Enterprise Singapore. They are keen to explore bilateral collaboration and business opportunities with legal practitioners from Sri Lanka.

This will be the third overseas mission since the Lawyers Go Global programme was launched on 31 January 2018. The first Mission took place from 8 April 2018 to 12 April 2018 to Guangzhou, China. The second mini-Mission took place from 30 July 2018 to 2 August 2018 to Sydney, Australia.

Significantly, this will be the first mission from Singapore’s professional services sector to visit Sri Lanka after the signing of the Free Trade Agreement between Singapore and Sri Lanka on 23 January 2018 (“FTA”). Our lawyers will meet the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, National Agency for Public Private Partnership, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Bar Association of Sri Lanka, and law firms and conglomerates.

Mr Gregory Vijayendran, the President of the Law Society of Singapore, said: “Sri Lanka is a fast-growing and strategic trading hub of the Indian Ocean region. Singapore has been an important foreign investor in Sri Lanka for the past two decades. There continues to be much potential for great economic growth. We are hopeful that the FTA will yield business opportunities for both countries. This in turn will entail valuable cross-border legal services from lawyers in both the Bar Association of Sri Lanka and Law Society of Singapore. Through this Mission, we will build on our warm bilateral relationships with Sri Lanka and seek win-win opportunities and closer collaboration in international deals and disputes between legal practitioners from both countries.”

Mr Ho Meng Kit, Chief Executive Officer of Singapore Business Federation (SBF), said: “This business mission to Sri Lanka represents a growing interest within the Singapore business community to engage the Sri Lanka market, following the Sri Lanka-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (FTA) entering into force on 1 May 2018. SBF is optimistic that this visit will assist Singapore-based lawyers and legal professionals to understand first-hand the dynamics and environment of Sri Lanka’s economy and enterprises. This will in turn enable them to better support their clients both in Singapore and from Sri Lanka; as businesses from both countries increase their trade and investments, leveraging on our FTA agreement.

Another area of interest is Sri Lanka’s significant infrastructure development plans, some of whose projects are of a scale compatible with our companies’ appetite. As Singapore is strengthening its position as a key infrastructure centre for Asia, it is essential for our legal professionals to better understand Sri Lanka’s infrastructure development strategies and partnership models as many of these projects can be structured and financed out of Singapore.”

Dates of the mission: 10 to 14 September 2018

More Information about 'Lawyers Go Global' can be found [here](#).

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