**Post-war Sri Lanka story shines in Singapore**

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**CSE-SEC-organised Invest Sri Lanka Program in Singapore concludes successfully with highest-ever participation**

**Minister Amunugama, Governor Monirudin, and Deputy Finance Minister Dr. Sarath Amunugama attended the one-to-one business meetings of the Invest Sri Lanka Program in Singapore.**

**Over 200 fund managers, advisors, and investors got privileged insight**

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**PRIME:** Sri Lanka in Singapore is always a challenge. The Lion City of Asia or the Pearl of the Orient is a very competitive people or an inspiration. Singapore today is an important stopover for every economic and socioeconomic achievement.

As we all know, Sri Lanka's capital markets recently took a fresh upswing and set a new high after the war ended in 2009. An Investment Road Show was held in Singapore, but the outcome comprised only 20 participants. At the event, Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Sarath Amunugama along with 20 corporate representatives participated, numbering 20, comprising from the private sector, institutional investors, financial advisors and prospective investors.

The presentation opened by Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in an investment in Sri Lanka High Commission in Singapore acknowledging that the number was impressive. It was also a record for the new set of CBSL-organized road shows held since 2013 in Mumbai, Dubai and Hong Kong in partnership with the Singapore Business Federation. The overall enthusiasm and confidence that came out was positive for Sri Lanka which was also manifested by the fact that there was a large local delegation.

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**Sri Lanka answers Singapore fund managers’ questions and challenges**

The Invest Sri Lanka 2014 in Singapore organized by the Colombo Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission in partnership with the Sri Lanka High Commission in Singapore and Bloomberg Data Services recently at the Ritz Carlton Millennia in Singapore had a very interactive Q&A session involving the address and panel of experts. The panel comprised Senior Minister for International Monetary Cooperation and Deputy Finance Minister Dr. Sarath Amunugama, Sri Lanka’s High Commissioner in Singapore Monique Adaras, and CEO of DFCC Bank Dr. R. N. Wickremasinghe with Krishan Balendra of Singapore’s Forum Participants.

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The country has been focused on developing a strong and vibrant economy, and the government has been working hard to attract foreign investment and promote economic growth. The recent events in the country have been encouraging, and the future looks bright for Sri Lanka. The government has been working to create a stable and predictable business environment, and the country has been making progress in reducing poverty and improving living standards. The government has been working to improve the country’s infrastructure, and the country has seen a significant increase in investment in recent years. The government has been working to improve the country’s trade and investment relationships, and the country has been making progress in improving its export markets. The government has been working to improve the country’s education and health systems, and the country has seen a significant increase in the number of students and patients. The government has been working to improve the country’s tourism industry, and the country has seen a significant increase in the number of tourists. The government has been working to improve the country’s energy sector, and the country has seen a significant increase in energy production. The government has been working to improve the country’s financial sector, and the country has seen a significant increase in financial investment. The government has been working to improve the country’s transport sector, and the country has seen a significant increase in transport infrastructure. The government has been working to improve the country’s communication sector, and the country has seen a significant increase in communication infrastructure.