

## Ceylon Chamber of Commerce Organize Business Promotion Mission to Russia and Singapore

The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce recently organized separate business promotion missions to Russia and Singapore aimed at enhancing economic ties between Sri Lanka and the two host countries.

### Mission to Moscow

The Sri Lanka – Russia Business Council of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce organized a trade and investment mission to Russia from 17th to 21st September 2011 with the objective of strengthening trade ties, sourcing suitable business partners for trade, investments, joint ventures, technology transfer and services; and also to assist in expanding existing business contacts of the participants.

The nine-member mission was led by the President of the Sri Lanka-Russia Business Council, Mr. Nimal S. Cooke, Executive Director of the Maharaja Organisation Projects (Pvt) Ltd.

The Chamber of Commerce & Industry of the Russian Federation organized a Business Forum and one-to-one business meetings, thus giving an opportunity to delegation members to meet representatives of Russian companies.

“Russia and Sri Lanka enjoy gradual growth of bilateral trade. Tea Exports to Russia have always been robust and exciting; the time has come for us to seek more comprehensive

efforts to widen our economic co-operation, beyond conventional economic means, in order to create an even more advantageous economic relationship, for both sides.” said Mr. Cooke while addressing the business community.

The Mission coincided with the inaugural direct flight of Sri Lankan Airlines to Moscow on 17th September, 2011.

### Mission to Singapore

A delegation from the Sri Lanka – Singapore Business Council of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce successfully concluded a business mission to Singapore from 27-29 September 2011. The delegation was led by the President of the Sri Lanka – Singapore Business Council of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce; Mr.

Shamil Mendis, Chairman/ Managing Director of Spear Global Holdings (Pvt) Ltd.

The business delegation was organised to coincide the Advisory Seminar on “Doing Business with Sri Lanka”, a business forum organised by the IE (International Enterprise) Singapore in association with the High Commission of Sri Lanka in Singapore. The Seminar educating the participants on investment opportunities in Sri Lanka was attended by nearly 100 Singaporean companies who met with the Sri Lankan delegation.

Mr. Shamil Mendis emphasized on the avenues of enhancing business co-operation between the two countries through exchanging business delegations. He further emphasized on the manners in which the Council could engage in facilitating its members as well as Singaporean companies to further develop their business linkages between both countries. ■



*The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce delegation to Moscow pose with their Russian counterparts.*



*The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce delegation to Singapore pose for a group photo.*