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## Update on discussions regarding ETCA

As you are aware, CSSL has been participating in discussions with ICTA and various Ministries with regard to bi-lateral trade agreements, specifically ETCA, due to be signed with India. Although we have raised our concerns in this regard and made recommendations to protect both IT professionals and the IT industry, we feel that it is necessary to exert further pressure on the relevant authorities (especially policy makers) to ensure that our voice is heard and our recommendations given due recognition.

In the meantime, CSSL has also been working with other professional bodies through the United Professional Movement (UPM) to create a joint front to represent all professionals and raise a strong voice. As one of the initiatives, the Government Medical Officers Association (GMOA), which is part of the UPM, has started collecting 1 million signatures to a petition to be sent to His Excellency the President. The petition requests that a National Policy on international trade be established before signing any new international trade agreements and CSSL is actively supporting this effort.



**Dr. Dayan Rajapakse officially signing the petition to be sent to His Excellency the President Maithreepala Sirisena -An activity supported by United Professionals' Movement (UPM)**

## Membership Promotion at VirtusaPolaris

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) conducted onsite membership drive interviews at Virtusa on 1st June 2016. The executive committee members of CSSL were present to conduct the interviews and 52 membership discussions were completed on the same day out of the 77 applications they received. Subsequently many of these joined as members of CSSL.



## CSSL Exco Meeting at VirtusaPolaris

Following the membership discussions the CSSL executive council meeting was held at VirtusaPolaris premises. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Dayan Rajapakse, President of CSSL. Executive committee of CSSL appreciated the support given by VirtusaPolaris team with the logistic arrangements for making both these events a great success.



## CIO Breakfast Meeting

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) and the Federation of Information Technology Industry Sri Lanka (FITIS), continuing with its new initiative of organizing joint CIO Forum events, organized another CIO Forum event on the 28th June 2016. This event was sponsored by VirtusaPolaris and was held at Kingsbury Hotel as a breakfast meeting. Many resource personal from Virtusa as well as from the industry shared their views on the topic 'Software Robots – Friend or Foe?. The event saw the country's top chief innovation officers gather to learn the latest advancements in the field of Robotic Process Automation (RPA) and its applications.

Mr. Chandika Mendis and Mr. Chamindra De Silva joined as speakers at the event and there was a panel discussion at the end. Chandika was joined on stage by Keith Modder- Chief Operating officer, VirtusaPolaris; Thilak Piyadigama - Chief Operating Officer, Nations Trust Bank; and Dr. Arul Sivagananathan – Managing Director, Hayleys Industrial Solutions, for a lively panel discussion moderated by Fayaz Hudah that explored the applications of RPA and its future.



## Session on "Third Party Information Security and Privacy Oversight"

CSSL ran a successful event themed "Third Party Information Security and Privacy Oversight" on 27th April 2016 at the OPA auditorium which was presented by Mr. Buddhika De Alwis - a Senior Manager from KPMG Sri Lanka. During the session, Buddhika explained how organisations which outsource services of any kind to a third party could be victims of a security breach. He further explained how potential threats could be minimised by adopting an effective risk management framework.

The event concluded with a networking session where members were given the opportunity to network with their peers. The event was sponsored by Lankabell.



## CSSL Membership Session - "Making Things Possible with IoT"

Our July monthly evening was conducted on 14th at the OPA auditorium with a participation of over 40 members from 5.30pm until 8.30pm on the theme "Making things possible with Internet of Things (IOT)". The session featured two industry professionals from Zone 24/7, Mr Asanka Alwis - Director and Mr. Heshan Perera - Technical Project Manager. Asanka presented the key business models behind IoT and described in detail how IoT could be monetized, while drawing examples. Heshan's session was on information security aspects around IoT.

At the end of the session the participants were given a chance to engage with the presenters while making clarifications, and the session concluded with a fellowship.



## CSSL Vice President attends IFIP Board Meeting in Japan

CSSL Vice President, Mr. Yasas Vishuddhi Abeywickrama, who is also a Councillor (Board Member) of IFIP, participated at the IFIP Board Meeting held in Japan recently. He has submitted Sri Lanka as a potential venue for the 2017 IFIP General Assembly and the final decision on this is to be taken by IFIP within this year.



Mr. Abeywickrama was also invited to speak at the 78th National Convention of the Information Processing Society of Japan, alongside IFIP President, Leon Strous. Mr. Abeywickrama made a presentation on "The Role of Young Professionals in the ICT industry" which was very well received by the audience. In his speech, he talked about how it's no secret that technology is changing the world. Asking the audience to think about it, he explained that technology is created by people – often young people who are willing to challenge the status quo and do things differently. He argued that youth have to take a role in educating more senior citizens who are not aware of these benefits and help them to utilise technologies better. He pointed out that we have an industry in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) driven and run by young people, which will continue to grow as today's digital natives find new and innovative ways to apply technology to improve people's lives. "If the industry is young and if the key drivers of that industry are young, then the supporting organisations, government bodies and industry groups should also reflect that. They should have young representation and inclusion", he said.



## CSSL Vice President speaks at 8<sup>th</sup> China Cloud Computing Conference

CSSL Vice President, Mr. Yasar Vishuddhi Abeywickramawas also invited by the Chinese Institute of Engineers (CIE) to make a speech at the 8th China Cloud Computing Conference, held from May 18-20, 2016 at the China National Convention Centre in Beijing. Mr Abeywickrama talked about the impact young ICT professionals are having around the world in driving disruption, thinking outside the box and challenging traditional norms.



## CSSL Member appointed Sri Lankan representative for IFIP TC 14 - Entertainment Computing

Sri Lanka recently appointed CSSL Member Ms. Buddhima Subasinghe as the Sri Lankan representative for IFIP TC 14 - Entertainment Computing. IFIP, the International Federation for Information Processing, is the global professional federation of societies and associations for people working in Information and Communications Technologies and Sciences. Established under the auspices of UNESCO in 1960 and recognised by the United Nations, IFIP represents ICT professional associations from more than 50 countries and regions with a total membership of over half a million. It also brings together more than 3,500 scientists from industry and academia, organising them into over 100 Working Groups and 13 Technical Committees to conduct research, develop standards and promote information sharing. Based in Austria, IFIP organises and supports over 100 conferences each year, fostering the distribution of research and knowledge to academics and industry practitioners alike.





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8<sup>TH</sup> TO 10<sup>TH</sup>  
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## MAIN TRACKS

- Leveraging Cloud
- Quality Assurance
- Internet of Things
- Open Source
- Healthcare ICT
- Smart Payments
- Safety Security
- Affordable Internet

## REGISTRATION FEES

LOCAL PARTICIPANTS	FEES (LKR)
Conference - One Day	10,000/=
Conference - Both Days	18,000/=
Inauguration only	5,000/=
Full Conference with Inauguration	20,000/=
FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS	FEES (US\$)
Full Conference with Inauguration	150

## DISTINGUISHED PANEL OF SPEAKERS

OVER 38 PROMINENT FOREIGN AND LOCAL SPEAKERS



Hon. Prof. Ashu Marasinghe  
Member of Parliament



Ms. Michelle Beveridge (Australia)  
Chief Information Officer  
at Intrepid Group



Prof. Mohan Munasinghe  
Vice-Chair  
Intergovernmental Panel on  
Climate Change (IPCC)



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University of National &  
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