

WiLAT Global Report from November 2019 to January 2020
(In Chronological order)

1. WiLAT Field Visit to Regency Teas (PVT) Ltd, Nov 1st, 2019 - WiLAT Sir Lanka

WiLAT organized a field visit to Regency Teas (PVT) Ltd, on Nov 01, 2019 for a study and experience tour on the supply chain value in the tea sector. It was much awaited experience as Regency Teas opened up their newly built state of the art facility to the CILT students to enhance their experience and knowledge. It was indeed a very informative tour to the students, and Regency Teas management was delighted to have them on knowledge sharing tour. The company history expands up to 22 years and specializes in supplying value added Tea products to the world.

The General Manager Operations, Mrs. Amali Mudunkotuwa Mendis, who is also an Executive Member of the WiLAT Exco 2019/20, gave a brief description about the history of Regency Teas with the product presentation before the factory visit to give some insight about the production and the operation.

Students were taken around the factory. All production points from receiving, finished goods and to loading explained with details by the Factory Manager Mr. Sudesh Nanayakkara. Over 35 students' took part in this tour.



2. Bell ringing ceremony to commemorate the CILT centenary at CSE – 4th November

WiLAT Exco members attended the bell ringing ceremony at CSE to mark the CILT centenary on 4th November at CSE. CILT Chair rang the bell to open trading.



3. Round Table Conference “Enhancing Rail Carrying Share & Assessing Quality of Existing Assets November 5th, 2019 - WiLAT India

Ministry of Commerce & Industry & The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport organized a round table conference which was chaired by special secretary (Logistics), Govt of India. Many distinguished guests from different sectors like rail, waterways transport, automobile, steel etc were present at the event.



4. Mentoring & Beyond November 7th, 2019 - WiLAT Sri Lanka

Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) Sri Lanka the women’s forum of Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) held their flagship “ignite” mentoring program in its 6th edition in grand scale on 7th November at the Winchester, Kingsbury Hotel. The theme of the panel discussion was “Mentoring and Beyond – Paving your way to success”. Major Gen (Rtd) Ubaya Madawala, Head of Compliance & HSES Expolanka Holdings who was the Chief Guest delivered a delightful and appropriate keynote speech on personal values and individual social responsibilities.

The panelists were Eranthi Premaratne, Director Sustainable Business MAS Kreedha, Nilushi Jayathilake, Marketing Director Beauty and Personal Care Unilever Sri Lanka, Kshanika Ratnayake, CEO Great Place to Work (GPTW), Charles Conconi, Project Director, YouLead. All panelists drew from their first-hand experiences on mentoring, coaching and development and contributed to an interesting and informative discussion. Ibrahim Saleem, Director of Haylese Advantis moderated the panel discussion.

Mentoring is one of the main strategic thrusts of WiLAT and Sri Lanka is the lead country for rolling out WiLAT globally. WiLAT has enrolled 32 undergraduates who are following the education stream of Transport & Logistics for Ignite 6. Undergraduates were selected from university of Moratuwa, University of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardenapura, Ocean University, Cinec Maritime Campus and Kothalawala Defense University. Ignite 6 mentoring undergraduates represented 11 male students. 20 of experienced and qualified mentors from the industry is selected for Ignite 6 and for the first time since WiLAT has commenced Ignite, 8 male mentors are included.

Tharushi Galkanda from the University of Moratuwa won the most outstanding mentee of Ignite 2018/19 and was awarded with a scholarship as a token for her good work whilst Hansani Jayasundara from Ocean University won the best poster in the poster competition carried out depicting ones mentoring journey and learning.





5. Asian Logistics and Maritime Conference 17-18th Nov, 2019.

WiLAT HK members including Dorothy Chan, Miriam Lau, Vicky Koo and Cecilia Yeung attended the Asian Logistics and Maritime Conference in 17-18th November 2019. ALMC is the annual industry regional conference organized by the HK Trade Development Council. More than 1000 attendees and WiLAT HK is one of the supporting organization of ALMC.



6. CILT-India Expo 2019 November 21st – 22nd, 2019 - WiLAT India

CILT India Expo 2019 focused on transforming the existing logistics sector, and provide opportunities for new businesses via innovative technology, improved investment, skilling, integrating inter-modal transportation, automation, strategies besides providing single window mechanism for giving clearances, and simplifying processes, and procedures. The overarching objective is to reduce overall costs of logistics in order to make Indian business and industry globally competitive.



7. University of Kelaniya Economics Forum November 26th , 2019 - WiLAT Sir Lanka

Founding Chair was invited to moderate a panel discussion during the investment week at the Economics Forum on 26th November.



8. WiLAT Student members attend a workshop on Entrepreneurship

WiLAT student members were invited to take part in a workshop on entrepreneurship by WCIC. 10 Students attended the workshop



9. Women Entrepreneurship Conference 4th Dec, 2019 -

WiLAT Founding Chair was invited to speak at the Partnership forum of the Women entrepreneurship conference on 4th December 2019.



10. Macau CILT Annual General Meeting 6th December, 2019

WiLAT members including Dorothy Chan, Vicky Koo & Carmen Li joined CILT Macau Annual General Meeting on 6th December 2019. Dorothy given an encouraging speech to all attendees to contribute the development of the industry. Galaxy executive and team were welcomed to be member of CILT Macao.



11. WiLAT SL Year end and Xmas Celebration 13th Dec, 2019 - WiLAT Sir Lanka



WiLAT SL Exco ends the year with having a X'mas celebration . 2019 was a successful year for WiLAT Sri Lanka created 100+ WiLAT members through successful Road Shows and Field Events. WiLAT created significant impact by revamping the Wi LAT SL Mentoring program in 2019.

12. CILT Membership drive/Awareness session at University of Moratuwa 21st Dec, 2019 - WiLAT Sir Lanka

A membership drive was conducted at the Transport and logistics management department of University of Moratuwa on 21st December 2019



13. Mentee Mentor Meet up Jan 14th 2020 - WiLAT Sri Lanka

Women in Logistics, WiLAT SL has held their first mentor-mentee meet up on 14th January at the auditorium of National Chamber of Commerce, Sri Lanka. The event was organized as a part of their flagship event, Ignite 6, a mentoring program for young logisticians.

This event provided a platform for the registered mentoring students and graduates to interact with their mentors and build up a conversation.

Ms. Gayathri Karunanayaka, the chairperson of WiLAT SL welcomed the mentoring community to the event and emphasized the importance of mentoring in current terms. Mr. Niroshan De Silva, the Chief Executive Officer of Retail Hameedia Group addressed the gathering with an energizing guest speech. He reiterated the fact that youngsters joining the workforce need to be equipped with self-confidence and quick thinking. Mr. Ravindu Yapa, an undergraduate of University of Sri Jayawardenapura and a mentee in Ignite 6 entertained the crowd with a mashup of classical music. Mentors and mentees then spent some quality time getting to know each other and building up conversation to pave way for their mentoring journey.



14. Training on “Port Rail Logistics” - 17th -18th January 2020 – WiLAT India

CILT India and Wilat, organised a two day training session for 30 managers of Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation Limited at Mumbai on January 17-18, 2020. All the participants were also awarded CMILT on successful completion of this programme.



15. WiLAT Founding Chair was invited for WiLAT Pakistan conference - 17th - 18th January 2020

Founding WiLAT Deputy Global Chairperson Vicky KOO and Global Vice Chairperson – South Asia Gayani de Alwis was invited to speak at the WiLAT Pakistan conference and at the SZABIST conference as speaker and panelist on 17th to 18th January.

WiLAT Pakistan organized a conference with keynotes and a panel discussion on 17th January at the Regent Plaza Hotel in Karachi. Vicky Koo and Gayani de Alwis attended the event as resource personnel. As a pre-conference event, a half-day SCOR workshop delivered by Vicky Koo at SZABIST with about 40 industry elites. Gayani de Alwis shared her experience with Unilever at the discussion time. Vicky also delivered a speech on Women Empowerment at the WiLAT conference; and then a speech on Data-Driven Regional Supply Chain at the SZABIST conference on 18th. Both of them took part in a panel discussion subsequent to Vicky's speech at SZABIST. WiLAT Global Chairperson Dr. Dorothy Chan donated USD 1,000 for WiLAT Pakistan as a scholarship to encourage young ladies to engage in the logistics and transport industry.

It was an encouraging program to support WiLAT PK to attain new height. CILT PK have confirmed their recognition of WiLAT PK's contribution and welcome Nasreen to join the CILT Executive team going forward. A bank account facility will be setup for WiLAT PK to enable more fund raising and activities to be organized.

During breaks of the conferences, WiLAT have received ample inquiries to become members and collaborative partners to education and train the next generation of professionals for the industry. CILT / WiLAT PK is ready for a growth plan going forward.





16. C-Confluence – 28th January 2020

WiLAT attended the launch of the C- confluence (CILT, CIMA, CIM and CIPM) , the collaborative session on the topic “Developing future ready professional for sustainable businesses ready at Cinnamon Grand on 28th January. The key note speaker was Dr Ravi Fernando.





17. WiLAT visit to FPSO – 30th January 2020

WiLAT members joined CILT to visit on board FPSO, which was on lay up at Hambantota port on 30th January 2020.



18. Personal Grooming workshop, 30th January 2020

WiLAT together with WCIC and Zonta cub II of Colombo organized a personal grooming session for undergraduates at KDU auditorium. Around 200 students attended the session. Well known beautician and personal grooming specialist, Ms Nayana Karuanartane conducted the session.





19. Port City Visit – 31st January 2020

WiLAT members attended the Port City visit field visit on 31st January 2020.



No activities been held and can be reported since January from East Asia due to the Chinese New Year Holidays and the Coronavirus outbreak. The activities planned in first half of 2020 will be paused or cancelled to minimize human contact until the outbreak is under control.