

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS GD- 23

The 11th edition of ‘Galle Dialogue’ International Maritime Conference will be held under the theme of **Emerging New Order in the Indian Ocean**, providing the way for the national and international maritime professionals to make contributions towards maritime security.

The Galle Dialogue International Maritime Conference 2023 is scheduled to be held on **12th and 13th October 2023** at the **Eddystone Conference Hall, Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel** in the historical port city of **Galle**, Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) has the great pleasure in extending an invitation for Chief/ Head of Navies/ Coast Guards in this year’s conference together with spouse and one Staff Officer. SLN will bear the cost of local accommodation, meals and transportation within Sri Lanka for delegation and spouse for the stay during conference (From PM 11th to AM 14th Oct 23). **International air transportation to Colombo and back will be at the expense of the participating nation.**

In case Chief of Navy is not in a position to attend in person, it is requested to nominate a suitable Flag Rank Officer to attend the conference on behalf. **Please note that the invitations for Staff Officer and spouse are entitled to the Chiefs of Navies only.**

Approximately 150 foreign participants including Chiefs of Navies, Ambassadors/ High Commissioners, Flag Rank Officers of the Navies, Intellectuals & Defence Attaches representing about 70 countries and 100 local participants from Defence Forces & Governmental/Nongovernmental agencies related to maritime sector are scheduled to participate at the event.

Venue

Ice breaker Dinner (11th October 2023)

Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel”

Dadalla, Galle.

1900 hrs -2100 hrs

Upon invitation (Will be delivered on arrival)



Conference (12th & 13th October 2023)

Eddystone Hall

Jetwing Light House Hotel

Dadalla, Galle.

www.jetwinghotels.com

Telephone - +94912223744

Official Reception (12th October 2023)

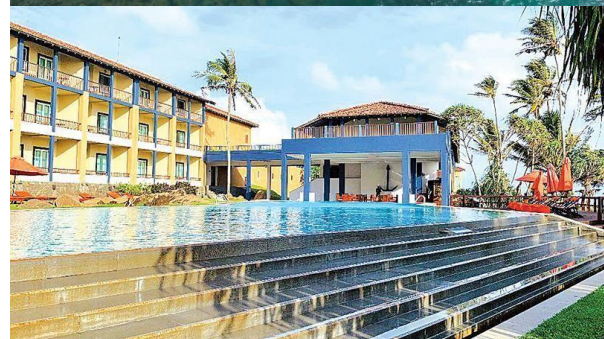
“Cardamom Café”

Jetwing Light House Hotel

Dadalla, Galle.

1900 hrs – 2200 hrs

Upon invitation (Will be delivered on arrival)



Reception at Airport

All foreign participants will be received at the **Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA), Colombo, Sri Lanka** by the Sri Lanka Navy. Liaison officers will be nominated for the invitees and will accompany the delegation throughout their stay in Sri Lanka for the conference. Names and contact numbers of Liaison Officers will be uploaded to Galle Dialogue web site by **01st October 2023**.

Local Transport

Participants will be provided road transport and accompanied to the hotel (**Jetwing Lighthouse and Radisson Blu Resort**) in Galle. For those staying at the Radisson **Blu Resort**, SLN will provide a shuttle service (from Radisson Blu Resort) to and from the conference venue.

(Distance from BIA to Galle is 153 Kms and approx. time taken by road via Southern Express way (E01) is 2 hrs 10 mins).

Food and Hotel Accommodation

Accommodation at Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel will be provided by the Sri Lanka Navy for Chief of Navies/ Heads of organizations / representatives. Delegates are required to pay for additional amenities such as telephone calls, laundry, and extra consumption from the hotel room mini bar, liquor/beverages and extra food ordered from the hotel. **Accommodation will be available from 1400 hrs on 11th to 1200 hrs on 14th October 2023** (Early check-in and late check-out to be notified in advance for reservations).

Details of hotels for participants arranging their own accommodation in vicinity of the conference venue are available at <http://www.galledialogue.lk> (info for delegates nearby hotels).

Meals and refreshments during the conference (12 & 13 Oct) will be provided and accommodation for accredited DA's in India and residential DA's in Sri Lanka will be at own expenses.

Any participant who wishes to continue to stay in Sri Lanka **after 1200/14th October 2023 could be transferred to Colombo on request**. Accommodation and stay thereafter will be at own expenses.

Registration

Registration form is available at <http://www.galledialogue.lk>. Participants are kindly requested to forward the same on or before 31st July 2023.

Dress Code (Please visit <http://galledialogue.lk>)

- **Ice breaker Dinner** - Open collar shirt and trouser
- **Inaugural Session and Session 1 to 5** - National / Lounge Suit / No 5A uniform or equivalent for service officers
- **Official Reception** - National / Lounge Suit / Red Sea Rig uniform or equivalent for service officers

Visa

Please refer visa information at <http://galledialogue.lk> and visit <http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/> for visa information

Useful information (such as Weather, Power supply & currency etc.) please visit <http://galledialogue.lk>

Point of Contact (POC)

The **POC for any clarification is Commander Naleen Perera Senior Staff Officer Foreign Cooperation on 0094-763676412 (mobile); 0094-112421138 (office); 0094-112441454 (fax) and via e-mail gdsecretariat@gmail.com. Further, the Galle Dialogue Secretariat can be contacted on 0094-112421138 or 0094-117192251, and via e-mail gdsecretariat@gmail.com**