

H M C Nimalsiri

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Mr H.M.C. Nimalsiri is the Director General of Civil Aviation and Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka since its inception in 2002. He functioned as the Assistant Director (Operations) in the Department of Civil Aviation since 1987 and has been a pillar of strength in the CAASL. Mr. Nimalsiri is amongst a few officials who pioneered drafting the new legislative framework in Civil Aviation. He introduced institutional reforms in the former Department of Civil Aviation, which led to the formation of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka and the introduction of the Civil Aviation Bill.

He has followed numerous training courses relating to air transport, aviation safety & security, navigation services, safety auditing, safety management systems etc. and possesses an extensive knowledge and experience in Civil Aviation. He has participated in various regional and international conferences on Civil Aviation and has taken part in many bilateral air services negotiations with foreign States representing the CAASL and the former Department of Civil Aviation. In 2007 he was seconded to ICAO as the Regional Programme Co-ordinator of COSCAP-SA which is under the International Civil Aviation Organization, for a term of three years under a leave of absence granted by the Government of Sri Lanka.

Mr. Nimalsiri has obtained a B.Sc degree from the University of Colombo and has completed a M.Sc. degree in computer science in the same University. He has also obtained a Flight Operations Officer Licence after following a qualifying training course in Ulynovsk, Russia. Mr. Nimalsiri also serves as a visiting lecturer of the University of Moratuwa, which offers a B.Sc special degree on Transport and Logistics Management with aviation as one of the streams of subjects.