Announcement!

Financial Relief Packages for Tourism Service Providers.

Considering the prevailing situation, Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Finance are offering the following Financial Reliefs for Tourism Service Providers.

01. A relief period for capital loans and interest till 31st March 2020.
02. Reduction of VAT component up to 5% for a period of one year from 21st May 2019.
03. A loan for working capital with low interest under "Enterprise Sri Lanka" Loan Scheme.
04. Duty free facility for importing security equipment.

Who are eligible?
SLTDA registered individuals or entities who are serving in the tourism industry are eligible for the proposed financial relief package. In order to obtain the proposed financial facility, you can make a financial request to your bank or finance company via a letter with the valid Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority License for the year 2018/2019.

Tourism Service Providers who are not registered with SLTDA are requested to register, along with the annual trade license issued by their local government authorities. (Pradeshiya Sabha, Urban Council or Municipal Council).

Documents required for the registration are;

- Deed or the lease Agreement of the occupied land.
- Approved Building Plan
- Business Registration Certificate
- Trade License from the relevant Local Authority

You can download the application from www.sltda.gov.lk

Within a few days you will receive a recommendation letter from SLTDA for the mentioned financial relief package and a temporary registration for 3 months.

With the filled application and above-mentioned documents, you can email us at register@srilanka.travel

Following Tourism establishments and services are eligible for the financial relief package,

Tourist Hotels, Guest Houses, Home Stays, Bungalows, Rented Houses, Heritage Bungalows, Rented Apartments, Boutique Hotels, Boutique Villas and Hostels.

and

Travel Agencies, Restaurants, Water Sports Centers, Spa and Wellness Centers, Spice Gardens, Tourist Shops, Tourist Guides (National and Chauffeur), Safari Tour Operators, Adventure Sports Centers (Land, Water, Air), Camping Sites and other relevant Tourist services.

Furthermore, permanent employees of Tourism Service establishments are eligible to obtain No. 01 financial facility as a private loan.

From where to apply?

- Any licensed bank in Sri Lanka
- Any licensed finance companies
- Any specialized leasing companies

For more information,

- You can refer the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Circular No. 7 of 2019 issued on 8th May 2019. Link: https://www.sltda.gov.lk/index.html
- Contact: 011 307 0986 or 011 307 0987

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