**DIMO Introduces Mercedes–Benz Vito**

Diesel & Motor Engineering PLC (DIMO), the Authorised General Distributor for Mercedes-Benz in Sri Lanka, officially launched the next generation Vito van at a ceremony held recently.

The first Mercedes–Benz Vito Van was ceremoniously handed over to Shangri-La’s Hambantota Resort & Spa Sri Lanka and Diethelm Travel Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.

Manufactured in Spain, the new Vito comes with a completely remodelled body design and is available in both passenger and dual purpose options. Similar to other Mercedes-Benz passenger car counterparts, the Vito is a Rear Wheel Drive vehicle that offers the highest power in its class of 163BHP.

The Vito’s powertrain is coupled with a 7-speed forward transmission (7-G tronic), which can be operated via steering-mounted F1-style paddle shifters. The new Vito boasts the highest GVW in its class of just 3 tonnes, and a higher loading capacity compared to competitor models in the category. The Vito also comes equipped with a new generation Euro 4 Grade III engine, which delivers a fuel efficiency of 17.2 km/l* (combined/average).

The latest Vito boasts a unique set of state-of-the-art features and gear that guarantees a combination of the highest safety, comfort and luxury to users. These include Attention Assist, which detects drowsiness in the driver and alerts him/her; Cross Wind Assist, which reduces accident risk at high wind conditions, front and rear disc brakes, tyre pressure monitoring and ESP (Electronic Stability Program) for better traction control and road stability. The Vito also stands out with a better noise-insulated interior and aircraft-like driver cockpit, independent seats for driver and passenger as well as comfort suspension with independent shock absorbers.

Among notable exterior features are a chromed radiator grille, electrically foldable exterior mirrors, the most advanced headlight technology available for vans in Sri Lanka - the LED ILS (Intelligent Lighting System), LED tail lamps, brake lamps and indicators, child safety locks and electrical sliding doors. Other standard features include dual (front/rear) air conditioning, a multifunction steering wheel with trip computer, rain sensor, daylight sensor, cruise control, reversing camera and Audio 15 multimedia stereo system.

The new Vito debuts at a special introductory price, which is inclusive of free first year maintenance and service. While providing best-in-class fuel efficiency, the Vito also offers a longer service interval of 15,000km, coupled with extended operating life for its engine and powertrain. DIMO’s reputed after sales services in Colombo and Siyambalape, which boast ample spare parts and fully-equipped service bays, will provide comprehensive service and support for owners of the new Mercedes-Benz Vito.

In keeping with its corporate expansion footprint, DIMO has outlined plans to expand operations to a number of regional locations for both servicing and maintenance in the future, adding convenience to Vito van owners across the island.
Diesel & Motor Engineering PLC (DIMO) together with Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.'s Farm Equipment Sector (FES), launched the new range of tractors – Mahindra YUVO, in Sri Lanka recently.

Built on a completely new platform with a unique 12F+3R Full Constant-mesh Gearbox, an industry first in the category, Mahindra YUVO is extremely versatile and can be used across more than 30 different farming applications. It boasts of more coverage, faster operations and better quality of work. Moreover, YUVO’s advanced technology helps serve the diverse needs of rural and local farmers - from land preparation to harvesting, as well as post-harvesting requirements, and helps them do more, faster and better.

The Mahindra YUVO is designed to set a new benchmark in style, operator comfort and convenience. Its advanced transmission offers a choice of multiple speeds to farmers while using any implement, while an ergonomically designed, car-like side shift gear system makes driving effortless. Planetary reduction in Yuvo makes it a very robust tractor. The operator platform & deluxe seat, levers and pedals designed for easy reach and minimum effort, will allow long hours of fatigue free operation.

DIMO is the sole authorized distributor for Mahindra Tractors in Sri Lanka, spanning a relationship of 27 years. For more than two decades Mahindra Tractors have become a household name among farmers, delivered along with the DIMO promise of exceptional customer care. As at today, DIMO has over 40 sales centres in Sri Lanka, along with a strong islandwide dealer network.
DIMO introduces the newest edition of the legendary Mercedes-Benz SL

Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts can once again revive their fascination with the iconic two-door Mercedes-Benz sports coupé – the SL, with the launch of the latest version of the automotive icon in Sri Lanka at the Mercedes Trophy Sri Lanka Country Finals 2017 held at Shangri-La’s Hambantota Resort & Spa.

Born as a vehicle inspired by the W194 race car, the first ‘sport lightweight’ Mercedes-Benz SL introduced in 1954 was noted for its gullwing doors and the first use of fuel injection in a production car. Through decades, the SL-Class has existed as a two-door coupé as well as a convertible.

The SL-Class has been Mercedes-Benz’s longest and most prestigious icon, that blends accomplished motoring at the highest level with exquisite style. The new roadster, manufactured almost entirely from aluminium, sets the bar for luxury roadsters with its numerous technical innovations making it the all-rounder amongst sports cars.

The Mercedes-Benz SL has been enhanced with a new hard top, which can now be operated at up to speeds of 40km/h when starting off. Extensively technical and visually optimised the new SL comes to you with a more powerful engine, 9G-TRONIC automatic transmission, DYNAMIC SELECT with five transmission modes and Active Body Control with the curve tilting function.

A refreshed front fascia now sports a unique diamond radiator grille extending downwards, complemented with the new standard-fit LED Intelligent Light System with headlamp housing extending far to the outside. The sporty silhouette is emphasised by the enlarged cosmetic air outlets with wing-like chrome inserts and the exterior mirrors positioned on the beltline.

The base model comes as the SL 400 with a V6 engine uprated to 270 kW (367 HP) as standard, with power transfer handled by the new 9G-TRONIC nine-speed automatic transmission. With DYNAMIC SELECT the vehicle characteristics can be adjusted in seconds at the touch of a button, as the system modifies the set-up of the engine, transmission,
suspension and steering at the driver's behest. Safety is at the forefront of all Mercedes-Benz designs. And the Mercedes-Benz SL is no exception. Similar to its predecessors, the new SL features Active Brake Assist (COLLISION PREVENTION ASSIST PLUS), radar-based proximity warning and braking assistance by Adaptive Brake Assist, which applies autonomous braking to reduce the danger of rear-end collisions.

For optimum visibility on country roads and motorways, when cornering and on bends, the standard-fit LED Intelligent Light System automatically adapts to all light and driving conditions. The five functions of the LED Intelligent Light System include Motorway mode, Cornering Light function, Camera-based Active Light function, Roundabout Light function and the enhanced Fog Light function. The anti-dazzle continuous high beam comes courtesy of the optional Adaptive High Beam Assist Plus, which automatically adjusts and delivers the optimum headlamp range available, allowing the driver to concentrate on the traffic and not have to continually switch between low and high beam.

The new SL occupies a niche it has carved at the heart of Mercedes-Benz. An iconic name and an iconic acronym, the SL series has captured the hearts and minds of many automobile aficionados. The new SL is now available from DIMO, the sole authorised distributor for Mercedes-Benz in Sri Lanka at the ultra-modern DIMO 800 center. Mercedes-Benz 24 hour road side assistance and DIMO's renowned customer care will ensure that your star will be well looked after.

Asanga Ranasinghe has been appointed to the Board of Diesel & Motor Engineering PLC as a Non-Executive Director with effect from 27 July 2017.

Ranasinghe is currently the Group Marketing Director and Sector Managing Director of Consumer and Retail of Laugfs Holdings. Previously he was a CEO at Brandix Lanka Ltd., based out of Sri Lanka (since January 2016). Before joining Brandix, he was attached to Unilever since 1993. His last assignment at Unilever was an International Assignment (since October 2013) as the Vice President of Unilever Pakistan heading marketing based out of Karachi. Previously he was the Marketing Director of Unilever Sri Lanka. He was also one of the four statutory directors of Unilever Sri Lanka.

Ranasinghe is a Chemistry Special Hons. graduate from the University of Colombo. He holds an MBA from the Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayawardenepura and a Professional Post Graduate Diploma in Marketing from the Chartered Institute of Marketing.
DATS conducts training for German Tech

A special five day training program on Advanced Vehicle Technology was conducted by DATS for the automobile instructors of Sri Lanka German Training Institute’s (SLGTI) newly established branch in Kilinochchi.

The five day intensive course, conducted at DATS Weliweriya, covered many aspects of the modern day automobile, including electrical and electronic systems, multiplexing and networking, as well as emission control.

This program was conducted under the ‘consulting’ arm of DATS, where technical knowledge is shared among other institutions while generating revenue. DATS Jaffna has also embarked on similar revenue generating courses. DATS is capable of providing tailor-made technical training solutions for internal, as well as external clients.

The training program was conducted by Mr. Nandun Amarasinghe (Senior Instructor), Ms. Tharangani Kulathunga (Instructor) and Mr. Hasanka Senanayake (Instructor).

DIMO and Jeep® power adventure in the wilds of Habarana

The hallmark of ultimate adventure – Jeep®, together with DIMO, organised a trek into the wilds of Habarana for the ultimate off-road adventure. With a number of selected proud owners of the world’s number one 4x4 being taken through various exciting getaways, it no doubt left cherished memories in all those who partook in the two-day excursion that tested their limits and the limits of their 4x4s.

The excursion began with a convoy of Jeeps leaving Colombo from DIMO
A refreshing lunch at the Lodge, the convoy began kick-started the adventure with an educational excursion to Minneriya National Park, for elephant and bird watching.

Returning to the Lodge, participants were treated to a presentation on off-roading and the basics of maintaining and driving a 4x4. Cocktails by pool followed by diner ended the day's activities, prior to Day 2 and the challenging off-road trek that lay ahead.

Navigating over rocks, mud and jungle on varied dry and wet terrain, the Jeep owners discovered the thrill of off-road motoring; overcoming obstacles, as they tested the limits of their Jeeps. Three specially prepared obstacle courses that included water crossings, mud pits and sand, allowed participants to put their vehicles through the paces testing the limits of their Jeeps. A break for lunch followed by a lake and in true village style with the indigenous lotus leaf used as plates that added an extra dimension to the feel of outdoor life.

Having ended Day 2 on a high, the group returned to Cinnamon Lodge, where a gala dinner hosted by Mr. Ranjith Padithage - Chairman & Managing Director of DIMO, awaited them. A fitting end to the two-day encounter, the dinner was the culmination of the trip. Day 3 saw the group prepare for the return to Colombo.

Cementing DIMO’s 75-year legacy as the nation's foremost purveyor of powerhouses and automobile solutions, the ‘Jeep,’ adventure outing proved a success with proud owners of ‘the world’s number one 4x4’.

DIMO’s partnership with the icon brand continues with more adventures and sights planned for enthusiastic adventurers in the future.
“A Great Place to Work” Five Years in a Row

DIMO was feted for delivering its Employee Value proposition - “Making Work Enjoyable and Rewarding” - by being featured in the listing of ‘Top 25 Best Companies to Work for in Sri Lanka’ for the 5th consecutive year. As a result of the significant achievement, DIMO was presented with ‘Laureate’ status by the Great Place to Work Institute. At the Awards night held in March 2017, DIMO bagged four special awards, including the Gold Award as the Best PLC to Work for in Sri Lanka and Silver for Best in the Large Sized Enterprise category.

As a responsible and ethical organisation, DIMO treats all stakeholders with empathy and care. This is especially evident from the security and support provided to all employees through medical facilities and a series of health and wellness programs. These initiatives were also recognised at the awards night with DIMO receiving the Cube Award for Best Wellness Program.

DIMO was also the recipient of the ‘Excellence in People Initiatives – Training and Development’ award due to the commitment it has made to develop its Tribe Members. Employees are motivated to be experts and professionals in whatever capacity they function through job-specific training and certification programs offered by DIMO. With a special focus on developing leadership talent from within the organisation, all learning is made enjoyable and rewarding through a blended learning approach that includes digital learning.
DIMO wins Silver at HCM Awards 2016

DIMO was recognised for excellence in Human Capital Management at the ‘SHIFT 2020’ Sri Lanka HCM Awards 2016, held in March this year. A total of 10 awards, including four Golds and six Silver, were presented at the ceremony. In competition with other blue-chip local and multinational companies, DIMO bagged one of the six silver awards, elevating DIMO to the Top 10 ranking of companies with best human capital management practices in Sri Lanka. The HCM Awards, which are considered as a prestigious accolade in Sri Lanka is organised biennially by The Association of Human Resource Professionals (HRP).

“We at DIMO are of the view that increasing employee equity, delivering a great value proposition and building high stakeholder perception creates value for the organisation. With the diverse needs and expectations of the different business sectors and groups of employees, HR keeps constantly re-inventing, re-aligning and re-positioning its practices to achieve the above goals. This continued commitment to shape its human capital has placed DIMO among the best in relation to HR practices,” a spokesperson said.
Anantaya Resort and Spa, Passikudah gets state-of-the-art solution

DIMO Lighting Solutions recently facilitated Anantaya Resort and Spa, luxury accommodation located in Passikudah on the East Coast of Sri Lanka, through the commissioning of a state-of-the-art interior and exterior lighting solution and lighting control system.

The solutions and control systems provided under this project were designed to ensure the comfort and elevate the star class experience of the property.

DIMO with its expertise and global partners such as Osram, Fosnova, RZB, Disano and JUNG offered a comprehensive solution to the luxury property, while identifying the correct project requirements.

Lights shine on Victoria Dam

DIMO had the privilege of lighting up Victoria Dam - the tallest dam in Sri Lanka, through a refurbishment project initiated by Indo East Engineering and Construction Lanka Pte.

When designing the lighting system for Victoria Dam, the DIMO Lighting Solutions team focused specially on weather conditions, efficiency and ease of maintenance as being significant factors for the dam which was developed for irrigation and hydroelectric power generation.

With its global partners RZB (Germany), Disano (Germany), Siteco (Germany), DIMO has ensured continuity and beautification of Victoria Dam.

DIMO Lighting Solutions goes to Maldives

DIMO Lighting Solutions was selected as the ‘lighting control solutions provider’ for Vakkaru Island Integrated Resort project in the Republic of Maldives.

This project includes 125, five-star luxury villas consisting of both beach villas and ocean villas on Vakkaru Island, Maldives. Launched in 2016, the project was designed by EFZY Holdings Ltd., with Nawaloka Construction as the primary contractor, while Venora International Projects was chosen as the electrical contractor. DIMO provided a lighting control systems solution and electrical interfaces from the JUNG range for the villas and public areas of the resort, with lighting fixtures from RZB, YLI and Osram’s product ranges. The project is expected to be completed by end 2017, adding further value to Maldives tourism industry in the years to come.

Keells Super goes eco with LV installation from DIMO Lighting Solutions

Keells Super is one of the leading super market chains in Sri Lanka owned and operated by J. K. Marketing Services Pvt Ltd. DIMO was selected to design, supply and install low a voltage power distribution system, including interior and exterior lighting for six Keells Super units located in Welisara, Kalalgoda, Kiribathgoda, Kalebana, Kelaniya and Beruwala townships.
Diesel & Motor Engineering PLC (DIMO) the authorised distributor for TATA Genuine Parts for TATA Commercial Vehicles recently held their Annual Dealer Awards at Waters Edge, Battaramulla.

TATA has been dominating road transportation in both passenger and cargo in Sri Lanka since its introduction in 1961. TATA Genuine Parts (TGP) plays an equally important role in maintaining and keeping its line of commercial vehicles on road. Through the years, TGP has proven that there is no better way to maintain the investment and optimise a TATA Commercial vehicle’s performance than by using quality and genuine parts.

Apart from the main dealers who were recognised at the awards ceremony, DIMO was represented by Mr. Ranjith Pandithage (Chairman & Managing Director), Mr. Gahanath Pandithage (Group CEO), Mr. Vijitha Bandara (Director – TATA Division), Mr. Navin Seneviratne (General Manager – TATA Genuine Parts), Directors, General Managers and staff of TATA Genuine Parts. TATA Motors were represented by Mr. Avinash Gupta (Global Head - Spare Parts & Aggregates), Mr. Sateesh Machiraju (Regional Manager – South Asia), Mr. Jaideep Matkar (Head of Spare Parts - International Business), Mr. Anshuman Samanta (Regional Manager Customer Care, SAARC) and Mr. Madhu Singh (Country Manager - Sri Lanka).

The colourful and glamorous event saw several dance acts and other entertainment items which kept the event alive, and the guests entertained. Whilst many awards were given region wise across the country, the best dealer award was won by Pathman Motors of Batticaloa (formerly Thaya Motor Stores), with Vijaya Motors and Spares of Digana taking 1st runner-up and Amila Motor Stores of Kottawa winning the 2nd runner-up trophy.

TATA Genuine Parts ensures that every part is not only specifically designed for TATA vehicles but also has to pass strict quality control checks to ensure that every vehicle remains as safe and reliable as when first purchased.

DIMO’s expanding network and modern customer contact points across the island manages a comprehensive stock of genuine parts. In addition, DIMO’s extensive country-wide network of authorised dealers, service stations and retailers ensure that Tata Genuine Parts are available for consumers at all times. DIMO takes pride in making available the entire range of commercial vehicles’ genuine parts from the latest to the oldest models, from a washer to a complete engine, bumper clip to a front panel.
Mercedes-Benz, the number one luxury car brand in the world, celebrated its fellowship in Sri Lanka with the Mercedes-Benz Pageant, at the BMICH in Colombo. Held on April 30th, the gala pageant was organised by the Mercedes-Benz Club of Sri Lanka and sponsored by DIMO – the sole authorised distributor for Mercedes-Benz in Sri Lanka.

The showcase event set a new record for Mercedes-Benz Sri Lanka with 753 ‘three-pointed stars’ in attendance.

The arrival of Mercedes-Benz owners from across the island signalled the start of the day’s festivities. Attendees were greeted at the gate with a commemorative mug, while children were given Mercedes-Benz caps. The stars of the pageant – the automobiles received top billing, with a flamboyant display showcasing the evolution of intelligence in Mercedes-Benz, spanning the pre-war era to the latest models.

The pageant was spread across three venues: Hall A was dedicated to Mercedes-Benz, Hall B for Mercedes-Benz AMG, and Hall C for a kids with fun and games. Reaffirming its status as the most exclusive gathering of precision automobile enthusiasts, the event saw 750 cars paraded in full pomp, circumstance and colour.

Two discernible highlights of this year’s pageant were the AMG line and the Vito Corner. Mercedes-Benz AMG, which has come to symbolise the ultimate blend of power and performance, celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year, with a range of F1 technology powered automobiles.

The AMG corner which was the star attraction at the pageant showcased a number of iconic models including: A45 AMG, GLA45 AMG, CLA45 AMG, C63 AMG, GLE43 AMG, SLS AMG, SLC 43 AMG, ML 55 AMG, S63 AMG and the AMG GT.

The Mercedes-Benz Vito, a powerhouse van that combines comfort and luxury, was featured in its own Vito Corner. This particular vehicle was branded with Shangri-La Hotel’s beautiful design.

Through all this, guests were handed and gifted various souvenirs, including a participation certificate, along with
AMG branded posters for children.

The pageant was more than just a display of the finest automobiles on the market—many fun activities enthralled and entertained visitors. Social media competitions and a Lewis Hamilton photo corner for kids, among many other activities were part of the entertainment organised.

The event built up to the finale which was judging of over 750 cars in various categories, where winners received awards and certificates.

An unparalleled hallmark of elegance and excellence, Mercedes-Benz in Sri Lanka has withstood the ravages of time and come through as the most customer-oriented luxury automobile brand in the country. This year’s pageant reaffirmed the status of ‘the three-pointed star’ as the ultimate in precision engineering and mobility.

**Mercedes-Benz Colombo Jazz Festival**

DIMO together with Mercedes-Benz was the title sponsor for the second Colombo Jazz Festival, which took place on the 18th and 19th of February, 2017. As the ultimate luxury lifestyle brand, Mercedes-Benz aims to create unique experiences for its customers that elevate its brand value and offering. Hosted at the historic Galle Face Hotel, with a mix of curated foods and a selection of the best wines, the event showcased over 64 local and international artists.

Special invitees to the festival were feted at the exclusive Mercedes-Benz Lounge offering an added dimension of luxury. A unique networking and social meeting amongst like-minded individuals, including one-on-one time with Mr. Ranjith Pandithage - Chairman & Managing Director, Group CEO Mr. Gahanath Pandithage and other members of the DIMO tribe ensued.
DIMO introduces the new Jeep, Renegade: The latest addition to the off-road icon

The 2017 Renegade puts a new spin on iconic Jeep, Brand styling. It combines great looks with outstanding capability and smart technology, all in a smaller city-friendly package. Diesel & Motor Engineering PLC (DIMO) recently introduced the latest addition to the legendary Jeep family – Jeep, Renegade at an event held at Waters Edge, Battaramulla. Jeep owners, off-road enthusiasts and like-minded individuals were in attendance at the ‘all-American’ celebration.

From the iconic seven-slot grille to its masculine stance, the Renegade bears the distinctive DNA of a Jeep. For exploring new trails or heading out on the city, the 2017 Jeep, Renegade is ready, willing and able. Jeep, Renegade puts this kind of freedom well within one’s grasp, backed by authentic Jeep brand engineering and legendary style. It’s about going the distance, without losing ground. It’s about seeking what one intends to find, and finding something more. It comes packed with a 1.4L MultiAir petrol engine and a 9-Speed automatic transmission that delivers truly benchmark performance.
Two new and advanced 4x4 systems: Jeep, Active Drive and Jeep, Active Drive Low, along with a category-exclusive rear axle disconnect system, help the discerning driver to seamlessly switch between two-wheel and four-wheel drive and optimise on efficiency. The Jeep, Renegade is designed for thrill seekers, ensuring minimal loss of energy. A host of easy-to-use features add to maximising the driver’s convenience.

The Jeep, Renegade also comes packed with a Jeep, Select-Terrain system, giving the driver the power to master nature in whatever form. The Select-Terrain dial offers up to five selectable settings that deliver ultimate stability through various vehicle systems.

In terms of looks, its butch, square profile leads with a remarkably upright windshield and a vertical tailgate, coupled with a stylish, roomy interior and a boxy, attractive exterior. With enough head and hip room, a dual-zone automatic climate control system and leather-trimmed seats, the Renegade defines true comfort in adventure.

Jeep, has always stood for freedom, authenticity, adventure and passion, all of which are reflected in the Renegade’s combination of spaciousness and compactness, suitably tailor-made to those who seek both off-road and on-road adventure.

As the sole authorised distributor for Jeep, in Sri Lanka, DIMO has come up to the forefront not only through its range of top-notch luxury vehicles, but also through its genuine after-sales services. These services extend to Jeep, including the 24-hour islandwide roadside assistance, which is unparalleled to other competitors. DIMO has been representing the iconic and authentic Jeep, brand for more than a decade in Sri Lanka, and the introduction of Jeep, Renegade, the long-awaited addition to the Jeep, family is set to carve a new, exciting path.

DIMO achieves overall runners-up status at ACCA Sustainability Awards 2016

Diesel & Motor Engineering (DIMO) PLC was recognised as the Runners-up at the ACCA Sustainability Reporting Awards 2016, held on 28th February, 2017 at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel. The annual awards recognise Sri Lankan companies for transparency, accountability and responsibility of action as reflected in their Sustainability Reporting. In addition, DIMO was adjudged the Winner in the ‘Retail and Trading’ category.

Mr. Ranjith Pandithage, Chairman & Managing Director of DIMO speaking on the win said, “While the pursuit of awards has never been a priority in our reporting process, we are delighted with recognition received for this year’s annual report. These accolades validate our commitment to transparency and honesty in reporting – both the positives and negatives of our impacts, operations and strategies.”

“Reporting is the last cog in a series of actions that are embedded in how we work at DIMO – cascading from our vision to corporate planning and strategy, and therein to our operations. We have over the years, formalised the practice of evaluating the value we create or deplete in every decision and action taken across the organisation; the benefits of this process – whether tangible or intangible, financial or otherwise - have been immense,” he added.

DIMO’s corporate philosophy revolves around being responsible for its actions and has been among the first corporate entities in Sri Lanka to publish a Sustainability Report, winning its first ACCA Award for Sustainability Reporting a decade ago in 2005. The company was also the first company in Sri Lanka to publish an Integrated Report.

The DIMO Annual Report for the year ended 31st March, 2016 under the theme “What you see is what you get”, was the company’s sixth integrated report.

The Overall Runners-up award was received by Mr. Gahanath Pandithage – Group CEO, while the Winner award in the Retail and Trading category was collected by Mr. Suresh Gooneratne – Director.
Tata Prime Mover Delivery

DIMO Colombo delivered 11 Tata LPS 4018 prime movers to Speed Link Logistics International (Pvt) Ltd., recently at the DIMO Weliweriya Logistics Centre.

Mr. Jayalath De Seram (Chairman - Speed Link Logistics International (Pvt) Ltd) and Mr. Dinuka De Seram (Managing Director - Speed Link Logistics International (Pvt) Ltd) accepted the vehicles from Mr. Nalinda Kurukulasooriya, Mr. Sampath Kumarasinghe, Mr. Prasanna Mapatunagamage, Mr. Gihan Opatha, Mr. Roshan Ihalamullage, Mr. Suraj Chularathna and Mr. Manoj Wewagedara of DIMO.

DIMO Polonnaruwa Branch Delivers 16 Tata Tippers

DIMO Polonnaruwa Branch delivered 16 Tata LPK 1615 Tippers to KMC Constructions (Pvt) Ltd recently.

Mr. Chaminda Sirisena (Chairman - KMC Constructions (Pvt) Ltd) and Mr. Shantha De Silva (General Manager - KMC Constructions (Pvt) Ltd) accepted the keys from Mr. Nawaz Marikkar and Mr. Kushan Cabral of DIMO. Members from Lankaputhra Development Bank were also present at the ceremony.
DIMO Colombo delivered 15 Tata LPK 1618 tippers to MAGA Engineering recently.

Capt. M. G. Kularatne (Chairman & Managing Director MAGA Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd.), Mr. Piyadasa Madarasinghe (Chief Executive Director - MAGA Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd) and Mr. Nihal Chandrasiri (Asst. General Manager - MAGA Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd). accepted the keys from Mr. Gahanath Pandithage (Group CEO-DIMO), Mr. Chaminda Ranawana (Director-DIMO), Mr. Nalinda Kurukulasooriya (General Manager-DIMO) and Mr. Madhu Singh (Country Manager – Tata Motors Limited).

Mr. Abhijeet Das (Product Manager – Tata Motors Limited), Mr. Nawaz Marikkar, Mr. Prasanna Mapatunagamage, Mr. Anushka Bandarigoda and Mr. Malan Fernando of DIMO were also present.
Tata ULTRA Bus Handing Over Ceremony

Nine Tata ULTRA buses were handed over to the Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare at the Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre premises recently. Accepting the vehicles on behalf of the ministry was Hon. S. B. Dissanayake (Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare). The new buses will be distributed among nine district offices of the Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare. Mr. Gahanath Pandithage (Group CEO), Mr. Rudrarup Maitra (International Business-Commercial Vehicles Head – Tata Motors Limited), Mr. Vijitha Bandara (Director-DIMO), Mr. Sateesh Machiraju (Regional Manager - SAARC - Tata Motors Limited), Mr. Nalinda Kurukulasooriya (General Manager-DIMO), Mr. Madhu Singh (Country Manager Sri Lanka - Tata Motors Limited), Mr. Sampath Kumarasinghe, Mr. Prasanna Mapatunagamage, Mr. Lasantha Jayawardena, Mr. Shanaka Gamage, Mr. Krishnajith Wajirajeewa, Mr. Sanjeewa Sooriyaarachchi and the Tata team of DIMO graced the occasion.
Mercedes-Benz Actros creates history with landmark delivery

Offering high efficiency, high torque and low maintenance intervals between services, the Mercedes-Benz Actros is regarded as the 'ultimate and most powerful of trucks'. With a fleet of powerhouses ranging from small-scale tractors to large-scale haulers, the Actros has symbolised the fusion of intelligent design and unhindered performance, extending from the smallest to the most ambitious operations involving construction, haulage and transport.

Diesel & Motor Engineering PLC, together with Mercedes-Benz Sri Lanka, recently delivered three of a total fleet of five Actros units to help in the most critical operations of Melwire (Pvt) Ltd. All three units are 6x4 Prime Mover Semitrailer Tractors, used extensively in steel haulage. The sale also marks the first ever sale of a fleet of Actros Trucks in South East Asia using Daimler Financing.

In general the Prime Mover, as with the entire range of Actros trucks, is powered up and activated via high tonnage and torque. The Prime Mover boasts of a capacity of 33 tons and a 12,000 cubic centimetre, 313 horsepower Mercedes-Benz engine operating at 1,530 pound-feet of torque and a low engine speed of 1,080 RPM. Moreover, the Prime Mover engine is the Euro 2 engine, which offers high fuel efficiency and low maintenance intervals of 25,000 km between services: all in all, the perfect semitrailer for some of the world's most critical haulage operations.

The Actros line has been designed to be ultra-driver-friendly, with a host of amenable features like luxury bed, suspension seats, comfort cab mountings and pop-up roofs, buttressed by an intelligent and digital interface for the ultimate in comfort to meet the requirements of specialist drivers.
Mercedes-Benz concludes the most exclusive tee off in the nation

Mercedes-Benz, the world’s number one luxury automobile marque, concluded the Mercedes Trophy Sri Lanka Country Final 2017, the most exclusive tournament of its kind in the island, organised by the sole authorised distributor for Mercedes-Benz in Sri Lanka, Diesel & Motor Engineering PLC (DIMO).

The three-day prestigious event was held at Shangri-La’s Hambantota Resort & Spa on June 9, 10 and 11, 2017.

Signifying the fusion of power and exclusivity, performance and intelligence, Mercedes-Benz has been at the forefront of many of the biggest strides in luxury automobiles in the world. So it was with the Country Final, which provided an opportunity for owners of the three-pointed star to play their masterstrokes and witness the evolution of intelligence.

The tournament was divided into four main handicap divisions, with Division A, B and C being won respectively by Mr. Ivor Maharoof, Mr. Sunil Udalagama and Mr. S. Jegatheeswaran and Division D, which was reserved for female players, being won by Mrs. Usha de Silva. In addition, winners from two other categories were also recognised with awards and accolades: Mr. Chandima Rodrigo (nearest to the pin or 14th hole) and Mr. Sheron Fernando (longest drive at the 13th hole).

Tournament attendees were also treated to an ultra-exclusive preview of the new Mercedes-Benz SL, the new generation touring roadster. Representing over 60 years of high power, performance and pedigree, the new SL is the ultimate in Germany precision engineering.

Mercedes-Benz also exhibited its patented #PerfectDrive, with a special exhibit and test drives of the most exclusive SUV range from Mercedes-Benz, including the Mercedes-Benz GLA, the ultimate compact SUV from the luxury automobile marque.

With a history of over 78 years, Diesel & Motor Engineering PLC has risen to the top, unparalleled and unmatched in its range of powerhouses and automobile solutions catered exclusively to the individual customer. The customer is always the primary focus at DIMO. Combining a customised solution that meets their desire, and unmatched after-sales services and perks DIMO delivers the ultimate prestige package.

The exclusive tournament culminated with a gala dinner for eminent Sri Lankan golfers, patrons and the most exclusive automobile fellowship in the nation.
Business Meet for DIMO Consumer Products Dealers

A Business Meet for DIMO Consumer Products Dealers took place recently, at the DIMO 800 Auditorium. The purpose of this meet was to build dealer confidence by presenting the department plan for the current financial year. The event was attended by 20 dealers from across the country who were much enthused about upcoming plans. The Business Meet was followed by dinner and cocktails.

DIMO launches Tyre and Battery Mobile Service

Diesel & Motor Engineering PLC (DIMO) recently introduced another initiative to bring added convenience to its growing list of customers. ‘DIMO Tyre & Battery Mobile Service’ is a solution that caters to those who are in need of Roadside Assistance within Colombo municipal areas. This hassle-free, convenient service is available around-the-clock and on all days of the week. A fully-equipped service vehicle and a driver/technician are always on hand to assist motorists needing roadside assistance. The staff has been trained on all types of tyres and batteries.

Services available through the DIMO Tyre & Battery Mobile Service includes: battery jump start, battery testing, air inflation, replacement of spare wheel in the event of a tyre puncture, sale of car batteries and tyre puncture repairs. Customers call reach the DIMO Tyre & Battery Mobile Service through the dedicated, 24-hour hotline – 0112 449727.

The launch of the DIMO Tyre & Battery Mobile Service took place on 28th February 2017 at DIMO 800 Mercedes-Benz Centre with the participation of Mr. Ranjith Pandithage (Chairman & Managing Director-DIMO), Mr. Gahanath Pandithage (Group CEO-DIMO), Dr. A. M. Jameel (Chairman of State Trading Corporation), Mr. Channa Weerawardena (Director-DIMO) and Mr. Roshan Serasinghe (GM – DIMO Tyres).

Membership to the DIMO Tyre & Battery Mobile Service includes: free 24-Hour Roadside Assistance, special discounts on DIMO tyres, batteries and a range of other products marketed by DIMO. Customers who require membership are encouraged to call 0777537036 for more information.
DIMO Tyre Mart opens in Jaffna

The opening of a new DIMO Tyre Mart outlet was held in Jaffna recently. The new unit was opened at a simple ceremony.

The main objective in setting up the facility was to ensure customers have access to tyre solutions to tyre related issues, reliably and conveniently, while developing and enhancing awareness of tyre brands marketed by DIMO among customers in the Jaffna peninsula.

The branch offers sales of tyres and tubes, Bosch power tools, spare parts and accessories, as well as providing a complete range of tyre related services by an in-house team of well-trained technicians using modern equipment.

Mr. Roshan Serasinghe, Mr. Achira Kekunadola, Mr. Dinesh Kumar and the DIMO Jaffna Branch staff were present at the event.
DIMO Power solutions undertakes its largest LV installation at Brandix Apparel Batticaloa

DIMO Power Solutions Department successfully completed its largest LV installation ever undertaken. This was carried out as a turnkey project at the upcoming largest factory in Sri Lanka owned by Brandix Apparel Solutions (Pvt) Ltd in Baticaloa. Project included supply installation, testing and commissioning of complete LV distribution system including Cable, Management System, Distribution Panels, Cabling, Light Fittings, lightning/Earthing products of our own brand “klnqsrnl” from UK and Yard lighting system. This project also was comprised of supply, installation, testing & commissioning of 33kV Medium Voltage (MV) System and Balance of Plant of 1.6MW Solar PV System.
CGITT establishes state-of-the-art diesel fuel injection training center with DIMO

DIMO recently undertook a turnkey project to establish a state-of-the-art Diesel Fuel Injection Training Centre at the Ceylon – German Technical Training Institute (CGTTI) in Katubedda, Moratuwa.

All training models, simulators, workbenches, pneumatic tools and power tools were supplied, installed and commissioned by DIMO in addition to civil, air conditioning, electrical and plumbing.

A complete diesel fuel injection curriculum from single cylinder pumps to common rail diesel technology is covered under this project. The trainers will receive training from BOSCH at the company’s overseas training facility. This project was handled by a team of professionals from DIMO.

The opening ceremony was held at the institute with the participation of many guests including Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe as the Chief Guest. Mr. Ranjith Pandithage (Chairman & Managing Director) and representatives from the Bosch Department took part at the event.
DIMO equips NSWMP with GEHL Skid Steer Loaders

DIMO, the sole distributor for GEHL in Sri Lanka, concluded the supply of nine GEHL R135 Skid Steer Loaders to the National Solid Waste Management Project (NSWMP) under the Ministry of Provincial Council and Local Government at a ceremony held recently.

The specialty machines have been earmarked for distributed among the Pradeshiya Sabhas of Beruwala, Kundasale, Thalawa, Ampara, Nattandiya, Valikkaman South, Haputale, Dehiowita and Galle.

Originating from the USA and equipped with an all-new Yanmar Tier IV naturally-aspirated diesel engine, the latest GEHL R135 Skid Steer Loader were introduced to the Sri Lankan market in 2016 by DIMO.

The R135 features a new, state-of-the-art, fully-adjustable, standard air-conditioned operator’s cab, while sound reduction material within the cab suppresses outside noise for a quieter operator environment. A front-lifting restraint bar with integrated armrests provides personalised comfort and increased safety.

DIMO Auto Parts holds promotion in Galle

DIMO Auto Parts together with Wasantha Motors—Galle, organised a product awareness programme for 220 garage mechanics recently. The objective of the programme was to re-introduce the two-wheeler product range and outline DIMO’s future expansion plans. Public awareness was also created on WD-40 Automotive Specialist Range, highlighting the multiple uses of the product. An outlet branding exercise was conducted the following day to increase brand visibility for DIMO.
A SIEMENS Artis Zee Cath Lab installed by DIMO Medical Engineering at the Cardiology Unit in the National Hospital has brought about an imaging system that enables delivery of care with greater speed, efficiency, and precision.

The Artis zee, is a major advancement in interventional imaging, as its C-arm can be conveniently positioned around the table for head-to-toe coverage of the patient.

The largest teaching hospital in Sri Lanka, the National Hospital has expanded its capacity to 3,300 beds, while being the primary training centre for undergraduates and postgraduates of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo. In addition to installation, testing and commissioning the above equipment, the DIMO Medical Engineering team also designed the examination room. The Team will also be providing 24-hour support services if and when required to ensure uninterrupted operation of the system.

DIMO Medical Engineering team installs a SIEMENS Artis Zee Cath Lab at National Hospital

33rd Annual Academic Congress of the College of Anaesthesiologists and Intensivists of Sri Lanka and 13th SAARC-AA Congress

DIMO was the proud sponsor of the 33rd Annual Academic Congress of the College of Anaesthesiologists and Intensivists of Sri Lanka and 13th SAARC-AA Congress, which was held at the BMICH from 24th to 26th February, 2017. Our high-tech trade stall was well attracted and one of the most visited stalls by the Professionals, in which we created a platform for Anaesthesiologists in the SAARC region to share their experiences of the brand DRAGER. Furthermore, it was evident that the brand penetration, both for DIMO and DRAGER,
DIMO facilitates SIEMENS 3 TESLA MRI at Lanka Hospitals

The SIEMENS 3 TESLA MRI is an advanced state-of-the-art MRI scanner with dedicated coils that can project accurate imaging in border spectrum of medical specialties. The new installed 3T MRI is now available for patients at Lanka Hospitals, which provides greater patient comfort as a result of a shorter scan time and a broader tunnel that it will ease claustrophobia.

The low-noise unit delivers high accuracy in diagnosis with high quality imaging. The 3T MRI machine is also equipped with a dockable table, which can transport ‘transit trauma patients’ straight from the ambulance to the MRI suite. This unit has the anaesthesia capability so that critical and paediatric patients can be taken into MRI imaging under anaesthesia.

Highly qualified and trained DIMO engineers handled the entire process from supply to installation, testing and commissioning of the project.

More than 800 Anaesthesiologists and Intensivists of the region were registered for this congress.

It was mainly focused on introducing the new developments in products and technologies, which was innovated by our principal - DRAGER and to increase awareness amongst the medical fraternity. Thereby to elevate existing loyalty of the brand whistle addressing the potential new markets.
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