



R.G.S Wijesekara

Ambassador / Permanent Representative to WTO

(1) Name : R.G.S WIJESEKARA

(2) Date of Birth: November 30, 1974

(3) Date of assuming Duty as Ambassador/PR to WTO: 12th July 2023

(4) Education:

2000- Graduated from the University of Sri Jayawardenapura, Faculty of Management

2008- Post Graduate Diploma in Economic Development, University of Colombo

2013- Master of Economics, University of Madras, India

2015- Diploma in Advanced Trade Policy, World Trade Organization, Geneva

2016- Mastering Trade Policy-Exc. Education at the Harvard Kennedy School, USA

2021- Reading for Phd in Economics at the University of Colombo

(5) Professional Career:

January	2000	Project Officer Central Bank of Sri Lanka
January	2001	Audit Officer, KPMG
January	2002	Joined the Department of Commerce (DoC)
March	2003	Intern at Sri Lanka Mission in Geneva, Switzerland
January	2005	Assistant Trade Commissioner, Sri Lanka High Commission in London
March	2006	Assistant Director at the Department of Commerce- Multilateral Affairs
April	2010	Counsellor (Commercial), Sri Lanka Deputy High Commission, Chennai
August	2014	Department of Commerce, Deputy Director, Bilateral Affairs
April	2017	Minister (Commercial), Sri Lanka Embassy, Tokyo
May	2021	Director (Research and Training), Department of Commerce
Oct	2022	Member National Trade Negotiation Committee of Sri Lanka
Oct	2022	Co-Chair of Trade in Services Sub-Committee under FTAs
Jan	2023	Deputy Head of Multilateral Affairs Division at DoC

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Mr. Wijeskara obtained his B.Sc Degree from the University of Sri Jayawardenapura, Sri Lanka and completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Economic Development at the University of Colombo. He holds an MA (Economics) from the University of Madras, India. Mr. Wijeskara obtained a Diploma in Advanced Trade Policy conducted by the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland. He has also obtained executive training on 'Mastering Trade Policy' at Harvard Kennedy School in the USA/Boston. Mr. Wijeskara is currently reading for his Phd in Economics at the University of Colombo. Mr. Wijeskara joined the Department of Commerce as an Assistant Director of Commerce in the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in 2002. Since then he served as a WTO (World Trade Organization) Mission Intern at the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka in Geneva, Diplomatic assignments as the Assistant Trade Commissioner at the Sri Lanka High Commission, London, Minister Counsellor, Sri Lanka Deputy High Commission in Chennai and Minister Commercial at the Sri Lanka Embassy in Japan being responsible for Sri Lanka's Trade, Commerce & Investment Promotion work and representing commercial and economic interests abroad.

During his tenure at the Department of Commerce, as a capital-based officer; he worked under the Directorate of Multilateral Trade Relations, Bilateral Trade & Economic Relation Division as well as the Research and Training Division.

As a career commercial officer, Mr. Wijeskara represented Sri Lanka's delegations at various trade negotiations and provided extensive negotiation, technical and analytical support / inputs at various multilateral and bilateral fora.

Mr. Wijeskara also worked as one of Sri Lanka's coordinators for the 3rd WTO Trade Policy Review of Sri Lanka during the year 2010 and as the deputy coordinator for the 4th WTO Trade Policy Review of 2016.

Mr. Wijeskara has been trained in the World Trade Organization (WTO) on multilateral trading systems in the areas of International Trade and participated in various other capacity development initiatives in many countries.

In October 2022, Mr. Wijeskara has been appointed as a member of the National Trade Negotiation Committee by the Cabinet for the negotiation of bilateral FTAs with China, India and Thailand. He also co-chairs the Trade in Services sub-committees under these FTAs.

Mr. Wijeskara married to Mrs. Disala Jayasekera and having two sons and a daughter.