



Rear Admiral DMB Wettewa, RSP, USP, psc, MPhil, MSc (DS)Mgt, MA(SSS)

Rear Admiral Dharmendra Wettewa is presently assigned to the Sri Lanka Embassy in USA as the Minister Defence. He functioned as the Director General Operations of the Sri Lanka Navy since May 2015 until he joined the present assignment.

Rear Admiral DMB Wettewa joined the Sri Lanka Navy as an Officer Cadet in January 1984. Specialized in long communication in India in 1992 and obtained his Staff Course qualification at the Naval Staff College New Port, RI, USA in 2002, where he graduated with a Distinction. He obtained his Masters in Management from the Kotalawala Defense University (KDU) in September 2005 with a Merit pass and stood first in order of merit. In 2009 he successfully completed the MA degree in Strategic Security Studies as a Distinguish Graduate from the National Defense University, Washington DC, USA and stood first in order of academic merit, among 32 international Officers.

In 2014 he attended the prestigious National Defence Collage, New Delhi, India where he completed his Master of philosophy degree in Strategic Security Studies with a First class Distinction

He has Commanded Coastal Patrol Craft (CPCs), Fast Attack Craft (FAC), Fast Passenger Craft, Off shore Patrol Vessel, and a Sub Chaser. He has also commanded four shore establishments and has served as Contingent Commander Manner (NW of Sri Lanka) and as the Naval Officer in Charge of Islands in the Northern Peninsular. He has functioned as the Deputy Area Commander in several Naval Commands and as the Commander Southern Naval Area. He has held Director General, Director and Senior Staff appointments at Naval Headquarters. In the Year 2011 he was entrusted to establish and function a new Directorate for Monitoring /Management of Naval procurement to ensure greater transparency.

He also has served as the Commandant of the Advanced Naval Training Centre, in the staff of the Kotalawala Defense University (KDU), Colombo, and has been the Training Commander of the Naval and Maritime Academy, Trincomalee, the primary officer training institution in the Sri Lanka Navy.

He has been awarded with Ranasura Paddakkama for his performance during the conflict, Medals for unblemished conduct and Campaign and Service Medals during 34 years of service.

Rear Admiral Wettewa has delivered papers on many international forums representing the Sri Lanka Navy including the US Special Operation Command in Hawaii, National Defence University Alumni conference in Thailand, Pakistan Naval Staff Collage, Lahore, Defence Symposium and other conferences in Colombo. He has been a regular member in the KDU/Centre for Naval Analysis (CNA -USA) Defence Dialogue in Colombo and Hawaii. He was a member of the Institute of National Security Studies, which functions under the Ministry of Defence and has contributed to the inaugural journal of the institution.