



Captain
Daminda
Rambukwella

I am...

Highly Experienced and Decorated Aviation Professional with over 25 years in Military Aviation and Civil Aviation with Administrative and Managerial Skills. Proven Leadership in Flight Safety, Aircraft Operations, Personnel Licensing, Airworthiness, Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones), Aircraft Accident Investigations, Promulgation of Safety Regulations, Aviation Safety Oversight, Instructing Safety Management Systems, Managing Aviation Fuels and Regulatory Compliance Monitoring. Holds Multiple Type Ratings including Airbus A320 and extensive Instructional Credentials. Adept at Leading Multidisciplinary Teams, Policy Formulation, ICAO-Standard Safety Audits, and Representing the State for ICAO, EASA and Other International Forums.

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Referees Available on Request

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Presently holding the position of Deputy Director General (Flight Safety Regulation) and Acting Director Aircraft Operations at Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka
- Over 25 years of distinguished experience in aviation holding the highest Licensing qualifications and ratings (Valid and Current Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL) holder with Airbus Rating)
- Nearly 4000 hours of safe and diligent log on flying (Aircraft types of Airbus A320, MA-60, King Air B-200, Y-12, K-8, Cessna-150 Series, PT-6 etc.)
- Flight Test Examiner, Flight Instructor, VIP and Operational Pilot, Chief Pilot Training and Standards, Designated Check Pilot at Helitours (Pvt) Limited
- University Lecturer (University of Kelaniya and Kotelawala Defence University)
- Safety Management System Instructor (ICAO and EASA Certified)
- Experienced in a wide range of Safety, Operational, Training Management and Administrative Duties
- Policy Making (Team Member who developed the National Civil Aviation Developed the Master Plan, State Safety Programme and National Aviation Safety Plan)

CAREER JOURNEY

Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka (Present Appointment)

- **Deputy Director General – Flight Safety Regulation**
Divisional Head for Aircraft Operations, Airworthiness and Aircraft Registration, Personnel Licensing and Training Organizations, Examinations and Accident Investigations
- **Acting Director Aircraft Operations – Airlines, General Aviation, Helicopters and UAS**

SriLankan Airlines Limited (2023-2024)

- **Type Rated Pilot – Airbus A 320**
 - Exposure to state-of-the-art aviation technologies such as Fly by Wire and Full Digital Cockpit architecture (Valid and Current License with Rating) – Airbus Training

Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka (2021-2023)

- **Civil Aviation Inspector – Aircraft Flight Operations**
 - Oversight and Surveillance of Air Operators Airlines, General Aviation, UAS (Drones)
 - National regulation development & ICAO Compliance
 - Training and Enforcement Procedures
 - Aviation Policy and Plans Developments - National Civil Aviation Master Plan (NCAMP) State Safety Programme (SSP) and National Aviation Safety Plan (NASP)

Red Bird Aviation Pvt Ltd. (2020–2021)

- **Chief Instructor – Training & Standards**
 - Managed Pilot Training Programs
 - Quality Assurance and CAASL Coordination

European Union, EUEOM Sri Lanka (2019-2020)

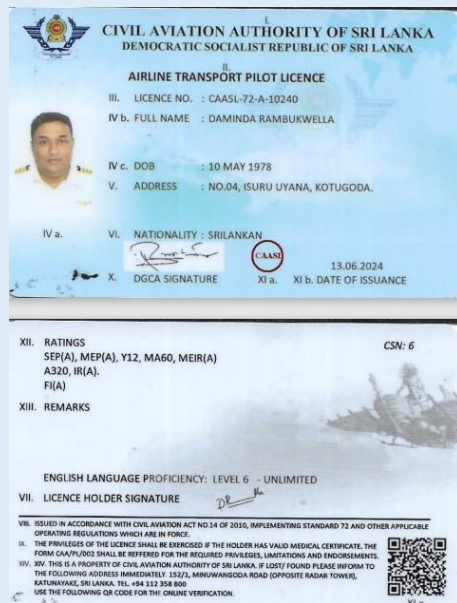
- **Liaison Officer Assistant and SOC Officer**
 - On hand experience in the control, command and communication management system of the Security Operations Centre (SOC) during EU EOM deployment in the country.
 - Assist the Security Expert in finding solutions related to emergency evacuations using air assets.
 - Assist in the protocols to conduct Air Operations.

Sri Lanka Air Force and Helitours (Pvt) Limited (1999 – 2019)

- **Examiner/Flying and Ground Instructor/Office Commander Training/Safety Officer/University Lecturer/Chief Pilot training and Standards - Helitours (Pvt) Ltd.**
 - Achieved the highest grading of Flight Test Examiner, Flight Instructor, VIP and Operational Flying
 - Over 1700 hours of airborne instructional experience and a comprehensive coverage on ground-based instructions over many disciplines of professional interest
 - Qualified on PT 6, Cessna 150, K 8 and Y 12 aircraft
- **VIP/Operational Pilot – Sri Lanka Air Force Helitours (Pvt) Limited (1999 – 2019)**
 - With operational qualifications on
 - PT 6
 - Cessna 150
 - MA 60
 - K 8
 - Y 12
 - King Air B 200
 - Unblemished Record on Safe and Professional Flying

Flying Experience (In hours)

- Total - Nearly 4,000
- Multi Engine - 2,500
- Turbine - Over 3,000
- Command - Nearly 2,000
- Night - Over 500
- Instrument - Over 800
- Instructional – Nearly 1,500



Awards and Distinctions

- Kotelawala Defence University Second Class (Upper) Honours
- Presidential Awards Conduct and Service 07 Medals and Clasps for Conduct, Operational Service and Commemorations, given by the President of Sri Lanka including Purna Bhumi, North and east Operations North Humanitarian, East Humanitarian, Seva and Sevabhimani Medal.

TRAINING – CIVIL AVIATION – ICAO, EASA and Boeing

Global Aviation Training Trainair Plus, ICAO - **Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Regulations**

EU-SOUTH APP, EASA, Sri Lanka - **SSP/SMS Fundamentals Course** and EU-SOUTH APP, EASA, India - **SSP/SMS Train The Trainer Workshop**

International Civil Aviation Organization, ICAO, Nepal - **Civil Aviation Master Planning (CAMP) Training Course**

ICAO Global Aviation Training Trainair PLUS - **National Aviation Safety Plan (NASP)**

ICAO COSCAP SOUTH ASIA - **Audit Technique Course** and **DCP/TRE Recurrent Course**

ICAO COSCAP SOUTH ASIA - **Flight Operations Inspector (FOI) Course**

Human Factors by Boeing Company - **Maintenance Human factors Training**

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Aviation, Flight Safety, Security and Aircraft Operations
- Mentorship, Learning and Development
- Decision Making, Strategy and Foresight
- Managerial, Administrative, Communication and Interpersonal Skills
- Regional / Global Affairs, Diplomacy and Geopolitics

Other Interests

- Digitalization and Digital Transformation

CREDENTIALS

- **Airline Transport Pilot's License (Aero plane) - CAASL**
Rated on Airbus A 320, MA 60, Y 12 and Cessna 150 series
- **Master of Business Administration** - University of Gloucestershire
United Kingdom - 2021-2022
- **Bachelor of Science (Defence Studies)**
General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University
Ratmalana, Sri Lanka - 1999 - 2003
- **Postgraduate Diploma in Management**
University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka - 2010 -2011
- **Human Rights and Humanitarian Law**
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka - 2010
- **Safety Management Systems**
University of South California, USA - 2021

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Member – Royal Aeronautical Society – United Kingdom
- Member – Safety Group - ICAO APAC Regional Office - Thailand
- Vice President – Lions Club International 306 C1, Sri Lanka
- Member – Accreditation Board - Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka

PUBLICATIONS

- **Academic Publications**
Sustainability of General Aviation with Pandemic Challenges – MBA Thesis
- **Regulatory Policy Publications**
National Civil Aviation Master Plan, State Safety Programme and National Aviation Safety Plan