

People's Bank promotes LankaQR facility in Gampaha

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) launched another LankaQR promotional programme in Gampaha and People's Bank also participated in this programme to raise awareness about the LankaQR payment system via the People's Pay app.

The CBSL introduced LankaQR, a unique payment system, to revolutionise payment culture in the country by introducing a fast, secure, and low-cost digital payment system islandwide.

The event was graced

by Chief Guest Minister of Youth and Sports, Minister of Development Co-ordination and Monitoring, and State Minister of Digital Technology and Enterprise Development Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Tourism Prasanna Ranatunga, Mayor of

Gampaha Eranga Senanayake, and CBSL Assistant Governor D. Kumaratunge. People's Bank Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/General Manager K.B. Rajapaksa, Chief Digital Officer Mangala Kariyawasam, Gampaha Regional Manager G.R.S. Kodagoda; assistant regional managers, branch managers, business promotion officers of the Gampaha region; and the staff of the People's Bank branches participated in this event.



Anverally and Sons Chairman Mohamed Anverally (left) received the ESQR award

Anverally and Sons wins gold for quality achievements from ESQR

In recognition of the company's outstanding performance in quality management, Anverally and Sons (Pvt.) Ltd., one of the largest exporters of Ceylon's finest teas for over a century, won a prestigious international award from the Switzerland-based European Society for Quality Research (ESQR) at the Society's Quality Achievements Awards ceremony held in Dubai in December 2021.

The ESQR Quality Achievements Awards programme takes a comprehensive look at the initiatives and strategies that business leaders implement in their companies and organisations, recognises the efforts of exceptional and talented employers and employees, and provides motivation for continuous progress. Selected organisations from around the globe were recognised for their outstanding results in quality management.

In 2021, Anverally and Sons also won the platinum award in the "Import and Export - Large sector" at the Annual Business World International Excellence Awards presented by the Business World International Organisation (BWIO-USA). This award was in recognition of the company's exceptional business performance and identified the company as a market leader in its industry category.

Established in 1890 by the great grandfather of the present Chairman, Anverally and Sons employs more than 1,000 people and exports to 100 countries.

HNBA produces record-breaking 164 MDRT qualifiers

Setting another new record in the company's history, HNB Assurance PLC (HNBA) has produced 164 Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) qualifiers, including five Court of the Table (COT) and two Top of the Table (TOT) achievers for 2021. This is the highest number of MDRT qualifiers the company has produced in its history. MDRT, the Premier Association of Financial Professionals®, which was formed in 1927, is an independent association with a global count of over 72,000 professionals affiliated to insurance and financial services in over 500 companies, where membership is exclusively to those that surpass the given threshold. HNBA is one of the fastest growing insurance companies in Sri Lanka with a network of 63 branches. HNBA is a life insurance company with a "National Insurer Financial Strength Rating" of "A+" (Ika) by Fitch Ratings Lanka. Following the introduction of the segregation



HNBA Chief Executive Officer Lasitha Wimalaratne

HNBA Head of Sales Training and Development Shiran Fernando

rules by the insurance regulator, HNB General Insurance Ltd. (HNBI) was created and commenced its operations in January 2015; HNBI continues to specialise in motor, non-motor, and Takaful insurance solutions, and is a fully owned subsidiary of HNBA. HNBI has been assigned a "National Insurer Financial Strength Rating" of "A+" (Ika) by Fitch Ratings Lanka Ltd.

SLICCA to hold cake exhibition



The Sri Lanka Institute of Confectionery and Culinary Arts (SLICCA) previously known as Finest Bakes Institute will be hosting the annual exhibition for the fourth time from 29-30 January at Hotel Galadari.

The chief guest will be Minister of Trade Bandula Gunawardena. The sugar show will be open to the public on both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cake artists across the country are taking part in over 20 categories as finalists. There will be over 250 exhibits on display. The "Sri Lankan Cake Award" is all about recognising talent.

SLICCA Founder Dr.



F. Rushda will be among the panel of international judges who will join the show virtually.

Ideal Motors to host 'Mahindra Care Fest' service campaign

Ideal Motors (Pvt.) Ltd., the sole authorised distributor in Sri Lanka for premier vehicle brand Mahindra and Mahindra held its "Mahindra Care Fest" service campaign for all Mahindra customers.

This year's "Mahindra Care Fest" was organised from 24-25 January at the Mahindra Central Workshop in Ratmalana. The mega "Mahindra Care Fest" service campaign is an annual programme held across the world for existing Mahindra customers and a much-looked-forward to and talked about calendar event. To mark this year's celebration in Sri Lanka, Ideal Motors conducted the campaign under several phases.

Ideal Motors' prime aim is to safeguard its customers and ensure they receive superior service. Strengthening its relationship with customers and to increase customer satisfaction, specially trained technicians will inspect all vehicles during the two days and Ideal Motors has also made necessary arrangements to offer free quality inspections as well as special discounts on services and repairs during the campaign period.

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To date, Ideal Motors have completed sales of over 100,000 Mahindra vehicles in Sri Lanka and through an unparalleled after-sales service network provides dedicated and state-of-the-art service and repair facilities to all customers.

To support a wider range of customers, Ideal First Choice (Pvt.) Ltd., a subsidiary of the Ideal Group, is also planning to hold a Mahindra Care Fest at its service and repair centres located islandwide.

Sanjaya Bandara inducted as 26th President of CA Sri Lanka



From left: Outgoing President of CA Sri Lanka Manil Jayasinghe inducting Sanjaya Bandara as the new President of CA Sri Lanka in the presence of India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce Chairman Vish Govindasamy, CA Sri Lanka's newly inducted Vice President Heshana Kuruppu, and CA Sri Lanka Chief Executive Officer Dulani Fernando

A figure in the Sri Lankan accounting fraternity, Sanjaya Bandara was ceremoniously inducted as the 26th President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) on Monday, 24 January 2022 at an event held at the Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo.

Bandara was formally inducted by the outgoing President of CA Sri Lanka, Manil Jayasinghe in the presence of a distinguished gathering including India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce Chairman Vish

Govindasamy, as well as business and industry leaders, regulatory heads and high-profile accounting personalities.

Bandara is a highly respected Chartered Accountant who has extensively contributed to the accountancy profession both locally and regionally. A fellow member of CA Sri Lanka, he commands over 23 years of experience in practice, and at present serves as the Head of Assurance at B.R. De Silva and Co., which is a member firm of Nexia International, apart from serving as a Director of Prime Land Residencies PLC.

Bandara has served as a Council Member of CA Sri Lanka since 2012 and is also a Board Member of the Confederation of Asian Pacific Accountants (CAPA), South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) and the Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board (SLAASMB).

Bandara holds a bachelor of science degree in accountancy and financial management from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and a master of business administration from the University of Colombo.

Oklo upgrades Ceylon Tea e-Auction into digitalised platform



CTTA agreement signing. From left: Sanjaya Herath, Anil Perera, Anil Alwis, Jayantha Karunaratne, Thilanka Withanage, Ishara Gunarathna, and Dushan Kahandagamage

The latest milestone in Sri Lanka's tea auction history, where the Colombo Tea Traders' Association (CTTA) upgraded its online platform to a more integrated state-of-the-art e-Auction platform, is spearheaded by Oklo - a leading Sri Lankan technology partner.

Oklo embarked on a research and development (R&D) project in 2019 to develop a robust and technologically advanced commodity e-Auction platform that would help any industry transform manual outcry auctions into sophisticated online e-Auctions - thereby bringing efficiency and convenience to its stakeholders. Oklo can now customise this core platform

to any industry-specific requirements and go live within a short period of time. More than 70 local and international vendors bid for CTTA's tender for an integrated, robust, and cutting-edge e-Auction upgrade. Following intense scrutiny over a 10-month screening process, Oklo was finally awarded the tender.

Cargills Online becomes first ecommerce platform to integrate LankaQR payments

Cargills Online has become the first and currently the only e-commerce platform in Sri Lanka to integrate LankaQR for delivery, thereby providing greater convenience to its customer base together with its wide merchandise offering. LankaQR is a project initiated by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) to ensure all QR codes and QR-based transactions in Sri Lanka are standardised and interoperable.

Cargills Online has revolutionised the grocery supply chain in Sri Lanka by introducing the dark store to solve this issue. Cargills Online offers some of the freshest produce and a range of products, providing convenient, hassle-free delivery where customers can order weekly groceries in less than two minutes. Deliveries are efficiently carried



Cargills Bank Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Senarath Bandara, Cargills (Ceylon) PLC Deputy Chairman/Group CEO PLC Ranjit Page, CBSL Assistant Governor D. Kumaratunge, CBSL Governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal, Cargills Online Delivery Agent Yohan Samuel, Cargills (Ceylon) PLC General Manager - IT Sanjeewa Premawardhana, Cargills (Ceylon) PLC Senior Manager - IT Asanka Mahanama, and Cargills Online Operations Manager Roshan Dilruk

out by professional delivery agents with consistent on-time delivery.

The dedicated customer experience team ensures high customer satisfaction at all times. In addition to LankaQR, Cargills Online also offers cash and card on delivery and online payments.

Cargills Online can be accessed via the app available on Android and iOS and its website (<https://cargillsonline.com/>). Customers can then select QR as the payment method. When the Cargills team delivers the order, the

customer can use any payment app to make the payment using LankaQR. Even if the payment option is selected as "Card On Delivery" or "Cash On Delivery", the customer can pay via LankaQR once the goods arrive.