

## Massive response for 4th intake of CA Sri Lanka's BSc. degree in applied accounting

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The fourth intake of the BSc. Degree in Applied Accounting of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) received a massive response with a significant number of students joining the latest intake.



Chairman of the Board of Management of the School of Accounting and Business of CA Sri Lanka Ganaka Amarasinghe addressing the new undergraduates said, “Today, you begin an era in your life by choosing to be an undergraduate of this degree programme.”

He assured the new students of the degree programme that they will enjoy success in their professional journey as graduates of the School of Accounting and Business.

“With the business world becoming more complex, professionals are not only expected to possess theoretical knowledge but also develop skills in presentation, communication, and also be privy to the importance of team work, and the degree programme by CA Sri Lanka educates students on all these important aspects,” he said.

Although many institutions conduct degrees in Sri Lanka privately, most of them are affiliated to foreign institutes and lectures are only conducted locally, Mr. Amarasinghe said, adding that CA Sri Lanka is one of the handful institutes which has been approved by the University Grants Commission to grant independent degrees in the country.

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Director of the School of Accounting and Business of CA Sri Lanka Dr. Tikiri Andarawewa said that graduates should be employable in any country, and the CA Sri Lanka degree programme was developed to ensure it produces employable graduates.

“As graduates, we will not teach you, we can’t teach you, but we will guide you as teachers, and you will have to learn, because in universities we encourage learning and not teaching,” he said.

Dr. Andarawewa pointed out that what students study today may not be of use tomorrow due to a constantly evolving world. “So, you should learn to learn,” he said.

Meanwhile, the first batch of students following the CA Sri Lanka BSc. Degree are currently serving as interns at leading organizations including Brandix, WNS and KPMG. Student internship is part of the Applied Accounting degree curriculum.

The multi-disciplinary degree programme of CA Sri Lanka consist modules in Business communication, Economics, Project Management, Corporate law, Human Resource Management, Information & Communication technology and is conducted by a fully-fledged faculty comprising of qualified professors, senior university lecturers and industry professionals who are experts in the area.

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The CA Sri Lanka degree is also recognized internationally with CPA Australia, one of the

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world's largest accounting bodies recognizing the degree as an entry qualification to follow the CPA Programme, while one of Australia's top universities, La Trobe University also allows students following CA Sri Lanka's BSc. Degree in Applied Accounting the opportunity to transfer into La Trobe University's Accounting Degree programme in Australia.

During the third intake, the degree programme also attracted foreign students who chose the degree based on its contemporary curriculum.